



# The Shamrock

*Newsletter of St. Patrick's Anglican  
Church Port St. John, Florida*



**January 2025**  
Volume 8 Issue 01

## Father Michael's Musings January 2025

The calendar changes from 2024 to 2025, and the New Year rings in with great hope for good health, prosperity, peace, and love. Though the Christian New Year begins in December, with the beginning of Advent, we join with the world in our prayers for a Happy New Year. One of the traditions that Christianity continued and adapted from our Jewish heritage is establishing January 1 as the Feast of the Circumcision, commemorating the bestowing of our Godly, name, character, and destiny.



To modern minds, circumcision is a quaint and seemingly unnecessary cosmetic surgery. To the Jews, it was the outward and visible sign of the unique relationship that they shared as the people of God, through whom His Name and blessing would flow into the world. That is why babies were named at the time of their Circumcision. They were formally introduced as a child of God and introduced to the responsibilities to God and to their neighbors that accompanied their new identity.

As the successor to Jews as the people of God, Christians don't mandate circumcision as the outward and visible sign of their inheritance under the New Covenant. We do, however, have Baptism as our sacramental heir to circumcision. At our Baptism, we are dedicated to our new name, character, and destiny. Traditionally, we also impose a baptismal name to mark the reception of our new identity.

It is very fitting that we celebrate the Feast of the Circumcision, when Jesus officially received His name, on January 1. We enter the New Year under the protection and blessings of His name and "baptize" the New Year to praise God, thank Him, and most especially become obedient to his great commandments. I hope we will all dedicate our 2025 to loving God with all our heart mind and strength and loving our neighbors as ourselves. I wish you a blessed New Year and hope you join us for services this year.

God bless you.

Father Michael +



## PARISH.LIFE.

Parish Life is open to all members of St. Patrick's Anglican Church. Parish Life plans and executes all parish events.

### Veterans, Veteran Spouses, and First Responder Breakfast

*On the last Saturday of the month we hold our Veterans, Veteran Spouses, and First Responder Breakfast.*

Next scheduled breakfast is **Saturday January 25th at 9:00 AM** (last Saturday of the month). Flyers are available to distribute in Dorman Hall. A sign up sheet for Breakfast items is in the Hall as well. Please see **Fr. Chet or Andrea Mustafa** for items needed.



### Ladies Fellowship & Craft Group

**Meets the 3rd Monday of the Month.** Next meeting is **Monday January 20th at 6:00 PM.** Bring a craft or project or come to learn a craft. Light snacks provided.

Please see **Mandy Valko** if you have questions, 317-601-3216.



### Church Work Day

*On the 3rd Saturday of every month we have a Parish Work Day.* The facilities inside and out are maintained by the hardworking people of St. Patrick's with the exception of Lawn Cutting. On **Saturday January 18th from 9am-12pm** we will continue with some indoor projects and general maintenance. —Come for an hour or the entire time.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. Contact **Linda Simmen 321-480-0927** or **Patrick Valko** or **Greg Spak** if you have questions.



### Ladies Lunch Out & (Gentleman too)

Our next lunch out will be Sunday January 19th at Champs Steakhouse (old Applebee's) on Merritt Island following the 10:00 AM Service. Please let Carolyn Kerouac know if you plan to attend; 203-500-9098



### Volunteers Needed

*Do you have a gift and or some time on your hands that you can share with St. Patrick's? We are seriously in need of some help in the following areas outside of the monthly workday.*

- General cleaning of the church, library, bathrooms and parish hall. Wednesday's 8am (see Linda or Andrea).
- Greeters and Coffee Hour hosts.
- Readers and Acolytes for 10:00 AM Service.

Please See: **Fr. Michael Kerouac**



### Sunday Adult Teaching

Sunday Adult Teaching will resume on Sunday January 12th at 9:00 AM—9:40 AM as Fr. Mike resumes the study on the Psalms. Come join us for great fellowship, teaching, and coffee.





### Student Sunday School

During January we will be following the lessons of the lectionary in Sunday School for Epiphany. On the 2nd Sunday of the month we will continue to do Children's Church in the St. Brigid chapel with a mini sermon by Fr. Mike. All children and teens (1st-8th grade) are welcome to join us for bible study and crafts. See Linda Simmen for more information.



Our Parish offers prayers daily for people on the Prayer List. To add a name to the Prayer List please contact one of the clergy of the church or call 321-802-1311 or add on our website: [www.stpatrickspsj.org](http://www.stpatrickspsj.org)

**JANUARY 2025**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 O GOD, who by the leading of a star didst manifest thy only-begotten Son to the Gentiles; Mercifully grant that we, who know thee now by faith, may after this life have the fruition of thy glorious Godhead; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.			1 Happy New Year <u>THE CIRCUMCISION OF CHRIST</u>	2 Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed)	3 Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed)	4
5 <i>Epiphany (celebrated)</i> 8:00 AM Eucharist (Live) <b>NO Teaching</b> 10:00 AM Eucharist (Live & Streamed)	6 <u>THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD</u> Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed)	7 Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed)	8 Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed) Eucharist 6:00 PM Live & Streamed	9 Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed)	10 Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed)	11
12 <i>Epiphany 1</i> 8:00 AM Eucharist (Live) <b>Sunday Adult Teaching</b> 10:00 AM Eucharist (Live & Streamed) Student Sunday School <b>Vestry Meeting</b>	13 Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed)	14 Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed)	15 Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed) Eucharist 6:00 PM Live & Streamed	16 Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed)	17 Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed)	18 Church Workday 9:00am–12:00 pm Lunch Provided 
19 <i>Epiphany 2</i> 8:00 AM Eucharist (Live) <b>Sunday Adult Teaching</b> 10:00 AM Eucharist (Live & Streamed) Student Sunday School <b>Ladies Lunch Out</b>	20 Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed) <b>Ladies Fellowship &amp; Craft Group</b> 6:00 PM	21 Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed)	22 Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed) Eucharist 6:00 PM Live & Streamed	23 Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed)	24 Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed)	25 <u>CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL</u> Veteran's & First Responder Breakfast 9:00 AM
26 <i>Epiphany 3</i> 8:00 AM Eucharist (Live) <b>Sunday Adult Teaching</b> 10:00 AM Eucharist (Live & Streamed) Student Sunday School	27 Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed)	28 Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed)	29 Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed) Eucharist 6:00 PM Live & Streamed	30 Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed)	31 Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed)	February 1st

**Missy Simmen**  
**Lelu Taylor**

**Leon Taylor**  
**Allen York**

**Fr. Tim & Heidi Gouge**  
**Martin & Maria Martinez**

*"O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."*

**St. Patrick's Anglican Church**  
**4797 Curtis Boulevard**  
**Port St. John, FL 32927**

**Phone:** 321-802-1311

**E-mail:** stpatrickspsj@gmail.com

**Web:** https://

www.Stpatrickspsj.org

**Facebook:** https://www.facebook.com/  
 StPatspsj



**St. Patrick's Anglican Church is a caring loving community. Please join us for one of the Sunday or Weekday Services.**

The Diocese of the Eastern United States is a vibrant and growing family of parishes serving our Christian family from Pennsylvania to Florida. As members of the worldwide Traditional Anglican Church, The Anglican Church in America, we are part of Christ's One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. Our teaching and practice are based soundly on the Holy Bible and the traditional Book of Common Prayer.

**Archbishop Juan Garcia**

**Bishop William Bower, SSC**

**Rev. Fr. Michael Kerouac, Rector**

**Rev. Fr. Tim Gouge, Vicar**

**Rev. Fr. Chester O'Brien, Curate**

**Service Times**

**Sunday Communion Service**

8:00 AM Service – Live

10:00 AM Service –Live & Streamed

*5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Healing Service and Fellowship –Next March 30th, 2025*

**Wednesday Communion Service**

6:00 PM Service—Live & Streamed

**Morning Prayer Services**

Mon.-Tues.-Wed.-Thurs.– Fri.

8:00 AM—Streamed

**Vestry:** Senior Warden: Andrea Mustafa;; Junior Warden : Linda Simmen, Treasurer: Lea Malarae; Secretary: Donna McFall, Vestry at Large: Lionel Felix, Georgia Weston, & Mike Brady

PLEASE  
 PLACE  
 STAMP  
 HERE



<b>Tuesday</b> <b>March 4th</b>	<b>Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner—6:00 PM</b>
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>March 5th</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday: 7:00 AM &amp; 6:00 PM</b>
<b>Saturday</b> <b>March 15th</b>	<b>St. Patrick's Traditional Irish Dinner - 6:00 PM</b>
<b>Sunday</b> <b>March 16th</b>	<b>Confirmation with Bishop Bower—10:00 AM</b>
<b>Sunday</b> <b>March 30th</b>	<b>Healing Service with Potluck to follow—10:00 AM</b>
<b>Week of</b> <b>4/15-4/18</b>	<b>Holy Week Services</b>
<b>Sunday</b> <b>April 20th</b>	<b>Easter Sunday Services: 7:00 AM &amp; 10:00 AM</b>
<b>Saturday</b> <b>May 3rd</b>	<b>Cinco de Mayo Potluck—6:00 PM</b>