



The Shamrock

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Father Michael's Musings

March 2025

March is a busy and important month for St. Patrick's this year. Tuesday, March 4th is the Celebration of Shrove Tuesday, and the next day, March 5th, is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of our Lenten season. On Saturday, March 15th, we celebrate our Patronal feast with a St. Patrick's Day traditional Irish corned beef and cabbage meal. Sunday, March 16th will also include Confirmations for several members of the Church and a visit from our Bishop, the Right Reverend William Bower.



Shrove Tuesday is more commonly known as Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday). That day, we feast in anticipation of the Fasting we will exercise during the season of Lent. For St. Patrick's, that means our traditional pancake dinner, including blueberry pancakes, strawberry pancakes, and even crepes. The dinner will also include fresh fruit, bacon, sausage, and other home-cooked sides. The pancakes are cooked by Father Michael and Father Chet, two seasoned flippers who know their way around the griddle. Please come and join us for dinner.

Please also join us the following day for Ashes and the beginning of Lent. We will have services at 7:00 AM and 6:00 PM. For those of you unfamiliar with the Ash Wednesday practice, ashes are placed by the priest on the forehead of the worshippers in the Sign of the Cross. These ashes serve to remind us that a life dedicated to our selfish and material desires is pointless. It reminds us also that the sacrifice made by Jesus during his Passion and Crucifixion redeems us from our sinful and self-centered lives. We set aside these 40 days of Lent to pray and dedicate our lives to a Godly and Holy purpose, with deep appreciation for our Redemption and reconciliation with God, and for a destiny of eternal Life and Love.

We do take dispensation from our Lenten Fast to celebrate the life of our patron, St. Patrick, at 6 o'clock on Saturday, March 15th. It will be a time of fellowship, music, and traditional Irish food. Many of us think about St. Patrick as we hold a 3 leaf clover, which he used to teach about the Trinity. A few of us know the story of St. Patrick driving the snakes out of Ireland, which is an allegory for his overcoming the Druid religion, symbolized by a snake. Some even know that the church established in Ireland was the source of missionaries to Scotland, Britain, and even France. But only a small number know that St. Patrick was originally an English boy captured by pirates near his hometown and taken to Ireland where he was sold into slavery. After a decade, he escaped and made his way to freedom back in England, where he became a priest. God called him to respond to the trauma and suffering of his youth by calling him to return to Ireland where he founded a church that would convert his captors and change the destiny of Ireland and much of the world. That willingness to forgive those who did him terrible wrong, to dedicate his life to establishing a new church, and to serve the same people who had enslaved him is the greatest of his accomplishments and the reason we are proud to be members of a church that honor his sacrifice and strive to imitate his holiness and kindness.

God bless you.

Father Michael



Saturday March 15th

St. Patrick's Traditional Irish Dinner with all the Fixings. 6:00 PM

Tickets go on sale now!! Please see a vestry member or clergy for tickets (Adults \$20.00 & \$10.00 Children under 14)

**There will be raffles and prizes!! *Music by Campbell & Cross*



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 March 29th 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 March 17th 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

The facilities inside and out are maintained by the hardworking people of St. Patrick's with the exception of Lawn Cutting. On **Saturday March 8th from 9am-12pm** we will be getting ready for our St. Patrick's Dinner by completing some outside and inside projects.. —Come for an hour or the entire time. Fr. Chet's Gourmet Hot Dogs will be served. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. We are looking for a donation of a leaf blower. Contact **Linda Simmen 321-480-0927 or Patrick Valko or Greg Spak** if you have questions.



Ladies Lunch Out & (Gentleman too)

No Ladies Lunch out in March as we have our St. Patrick's Dinner.

Sunday Adult Teaching

Sunday Adult Teaching will continue Psalms on Sundays in March at 9:00 AM—9:40 AM beginning March 9th **Fr. Mike will start a Lenten Study..** Come join us for great fellowship, teaching, and coffee.



Student Sunday School

During March we will be following the lessons of the lectionary in Sunday School for Lent and prepare for Easter.

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



SHROVE TUESDAY

Tuesday March 4th—6:00 PM



- Bring non-perishable items for Church/Community Food Pantry. Such as soup, peanut butter, and jelly.
- We always need toilet paper, paper towel, plates, coffee cups, drink cups, and coffee for the church.



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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Collect for every day in Lent:						
ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent; Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.						
<div>2</div> <div>Quinquagesima</div> <div>8:00 AM Eucharist (Live)</div> <div>Sunday Adult Teaching</div> <div>10:00 AM Eucharist (Live & Streamed)</div> <div>Student Sunday School</div>	<div>3</div> <div>Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed)</div>	<div>4</div> <div>Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed)</div> <div>Shrove Tuesday 6:00 PM</div>	<div>5</div> <div>Ash Wednesday 7:00 AM</div> <div>Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed)</div> <div>Ash Wednesday 6:00 PM</div>	<div>6</div> <div>Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed)</div>	<div>7</div> <div>Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed)</div>	<div>8</div> <div>Church Workday 9:00am–12:00 pm Lunch Provided</div> <div>WORK DAY</div>
<div>9</div> <div>Lent 1</div> <div>8:00 AM Eucharist (Live)</div> <div>Sunday Lent Teaching</div> <div>10:00 AM Eucharist (Live & Streamed)</div> <div>Student Sunday School</div> <div>Vestry Meeting</div>	<div>10</div> <div>Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed)</div>	<div>11</div> <div>Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed)</div>	<div>12</div> <div>Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed)</div> <div>Stations of Cross 5:30 PM</div> <div>Eucharist 6:00 PM Live & Streamed</div>	<div>13</div> <div>Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed)</div>	<div>14</div> <div>Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed)</div>	<div>15</div> <div>St. Patrick's Traditional Irish Dinner 6:00 PM</div> <div>SHAMROCK</div>
<div>16</div> <div>Lent 2</div> <div>8:00 AM Eucharist (Live)</div> <div>Sunday Lent Teaching</div> <div>10:00 AM Eucharist (Live & Streamed)</div> <div>Confirmation</div> <div>No Sunday School</div>	<div>17</div> <div>St. Patrick</div> <div>Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed)</div> <div>Ladies Fellowship & Craft Group 6:00 PM</div>	<div>18</div> <div>Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed)</div>	<div>19</div> <div>Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed)</div> <div>Stations of Cross 5:30 PM</div> <div>Eucharist 6:00 PM Live & Streamed</div>	<div>20</div> <div>Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed)</div>	<div>21</div> <div>Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed)</div>	<div>22</div>
<div>23</div> <div>Lent 3</div> <div>8:00 AM Eucharist (Live)</div> <div>Sunday Lent Teaching</div> <div>10:00 AM Eucharist (Live & Streamed)</div> <div>Student Sunday School</div>	<div>24</div> <div>Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed)</div>	<div>25</div> <div>Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</div> <div>Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed)</div>	<div>26</div> <div>Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed)</div> <div>Stations of Cross 5:30 PM</div> <div>Eucharist 6:00 PM Live & Streamed</div>	<div>27</div> <div>Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed)</div>	<div>28</div> <div>Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed)</div>	<div>29</div> <div>Veteran's & First Responder Breakfast 9:00 AM</div> <div>VETERANS Breakfast</div>
<div>30</div> <div>Lent 4</div> <div>8:00 AM Eucharist</div> <div>Sunday Lent Teaching</div> <div>10:00 AM Eucharist (Live & Streamed)</div> <div>Healing Service/ Potluck</div>	<div>31</div>	<div>Happy Birthday and Anniversary to...</div>				
	Melody Harmon	Amia Patterson	Sean & Becky Simmen			
	Fr. Chester O'Brien	Sean Simmen	Christie Stacey			
	Fr. Robert Fredrickson	Lee Brady	Amanda Dutton			

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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

5th 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

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