

St. Patrick Catholic Church

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Deacon James Roberge / Deacon Emeritus Ralph McAtee

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Confession: 4 p.m. Saturday
December 30, 2017

Mass Schedule: See pg. 8 Calendar
Christmas & New Year Schedule:
pg. 7 (detailed) and pg.8 (calendar)

Church Office will be CLOSED
Monday – December 25th
through Monday – January 1st

Office **Open** Tuesday – January 2nd
through Thursday – January 4th
9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The office is **closed** every Friday.

CHURCH STAFF

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Bill McCarthy

Bulletin and Records: Lyn Gavel
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Christmas Day – The Nativity of the Lord
Monday – December 25, 2017
Gospel Reading: [John 1:1-5, 9–14](#)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be. What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race; the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came to be through him, but the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, but his own people did not accept him. But to those who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to those who believe in his name, who were born not by natural generation nor by human choice nor by a man's decision but of God. And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth.

The Word Became Flesh



New Year's Day – The Octave Day of Christmas
Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
the Mother of God
Monday – January 1, 2018
Gospel Reading: [Luke 2:16–21](#)

The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told to them. When eight days were completed for his circumcision, he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.



**An Account of our Stewardship:
Debt Reduction principal balance as
of December 2017 is: **\$39,100.20!!!****

Building Fund envelopes are
available in the Narthex.

You may put your Building fund offering
in at **any** Mass.

TEXT Your Donation

Text Giving: Text your donation dollar
amount to number 478-217-7615.

Messaging rates may apply The first time
you text you will be prompted for a one-time
registration which will allow you to choose
a bank account or credit card where your
donations are withdrawn from.

All subsequent donations will simply involve
texting the amount to the parish number
above. You will receive a text confirmation
your donation was successful.



•**Note:** all donors who text
donations and donate online
(or through the mobile web
interface) will have all of their
history tied to their account.*

Parish Goal for Celebration 2018

As of December 2017 our remaining building
loan balance is now less than **\$40,000**. Thank
you for your generous donations!

There is a terrific opportunity to accelerate the
rate to pay off the remaining debt by
St. Patrick's Day 2018. If every family
contributes just \$10 a week (or \$40 a month)
we can meet our goal for Saint Patrick
Celebration 2018. We'll also mark this notable
occasion with a mortgage burning ceremony.

Please prayerfully consider what is fiscally
responsible and appropriate for your family's
budget.

In Christ, Bernie Marino & Dick Morris
Celebration 2018 Co-chairs

This is the QR code for
ConnectNow Online
Giving. Go to: [http://
www.stpatrickga.org/](http://www.stpatrickga.org/)
and look on the bottom
right hand side of the
home page for "Online
Donations."



Stewardship Verse for December 31, 2017

*Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This
child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel,
and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts
of many will be revealed."* **Luke 2:34-35a**

As part of his blessing over the Holy Family, the holy man Simeon
makes these prophetic comments about Jesus. Obviously this little
infant's life is to become one of struggle and conflict, and we know
it ends on the cross. But not really... the real ending is not on the
cross but in Jesus' resurrection and exultation. Christmas invites
us into the deeper mystery of Jesus, the one truly a baby, but also
the saving presence of God.

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

The True Meaning of Christmas

by Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

Experience the Wonder of Christmas

For decades, Archbishop Fulton Sheen has captivated Americans with his
wit, insight, and deep faith. Beautifully remastered and mixed with beautiful
seasonal music, reflect in this talk with Archbishop Sheen on the true
meaning of the Incarnation of Jesus.

Go to: **FORMED.ORG** and use
St. Patrick Parish Code **384DDG**
to access this free content!



"This is an absolute **MUST** for every year!
Archbishop Sheen has a beautiful way of
explaining the miracle of Christmas!"

—Phyllis, Bangor, ME

NOTE: Due to FORMED
Office closures for the Christmas
holiday, the bulletin inserts for
the Pick of the Week for
December 31st are available for
download, but 'The True
Meaning of Christmas' **will not**
be updated with the blue Pick of
the Week banner on formed.org.
However, **it will be** in the front
of the Featured section of the
FORMED home page for easy
access. Have a blessed
Christmas.



Our Church Prayer List

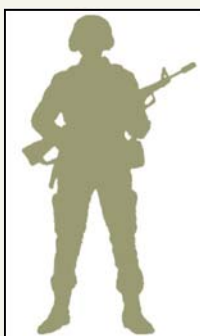
Michael Alvarez
 Jessica Bischof
 Amy Bobbit
 Fr. John Brown
 Richard Carter
 Connie Cutlip
 Susan Davenport
 Lyle Fineis
 Irma Fitzgibbons
 Mark Funke
 Debbie Gallion
 Rosalie Joerger

Rebecca Johansen
 Roland Lallier
 Cathy Langhoff
 Noli Mariano
 Aidan McAtee
 Michael Moniz
 Annette Patterson
 Mrs. Flora Rider
 R. P. Rider
 Aimee Sears
 Ashley Tanner
 Aidan Wilson
 Cita Zelenak

Mimi & Noe Acosta
 Vicky Austin & Frances Story
 William Joseph Campbell, IV
 Fr. Patrick Cunningham
 Jim & Eleanor Hamel
 James, Michelle, and Jr. Harris
 Larry & Chris Hart and families
 Dolores A. G. Noel
 LeBlanc, Cyr, & Wilson families
 C. J., Callie, and Dani Ann Light
 Eddie and Carol Mann
 Mel & Faye Pereski
 Matt & Pamela Smagner

Our Military Prayer List

WO3 Cory Bischof
 A1C Frankie Bulin, Jr.
 QM (SN) Trevor J. Chastain
 Capt. R. Zachary Frisch
 RCT Nicholas Harkins
 1SG Grant Miller
 Garret M. Purnell
 Joseph "Ronie" Pioquinto
 Capt. Jamie Zimmermann
 Capt. Ronnie Zimmerman

**Christmas flowers****In Memory of:**

Jeanne Zimmerman by Lisa King

Chris Lyons by Lisa King

Conrad & Lee Guimond
 by Steve & Stephanie Guimond

Jeff Pearce
 by Steve & Stephanie Guimond

Carolynn Jasper, Joseph Dromsky,
 Rita Martorana, and Mayme Udovich
 by the Dromsky family

Mary Murray & Eugene Murray
 by Don & Pat Lamberth

Dot & Terry Lamberth
 by Donald & Patricia Lamberth

Henry Sumner by Kim Guidry

Mr. & Mrs. R. E. Stein and
 Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Patout
 by Joseph & Angie Stein

Joe Camp and Tracey Camp
 by Sylvia Camp and family

Mrs. Rosita Gallego by Susan Abraham

John Robinson by Mrs. Betty Robinson

Deceased family members of the Flournoy &
 Marchese families by Rosanna Flournoy

Deceased members of the
 Cabahug & Cabasares families

In Honor of:

Mrs. Mary Abraham
 by Susan Abraham

**Business Opportunity to Help Defray
 Cost of Weekly Bulletin**

Beginning the weekend of February 3rd/4th of 2018, our weekly Saint Patrick bulletin will have a new look. The spiritual and communication tool for all our families and visitors will include full color ads on the back cover. If you are a business owner or professional and would like to get your message out to our loyal parishioners and visitors (while helping to defray the costs of the weekly bulletin) please prayerfully consider placing an ad in our new bulletin.

Rob Kennedy, of our new publisher Liturgical Publications, Inc. (LPi), will be here the week of January 8th to meet with anyone interested in learning more. In the meantime, if you have any questions, email Rob at: rkennedy@4LPi.com or call anytime 804-366-4838.

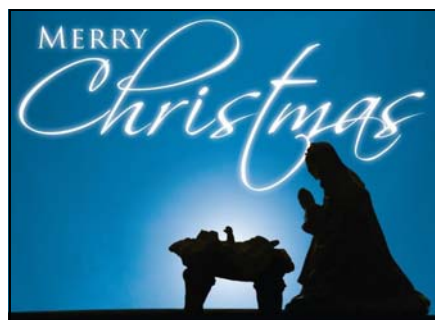
Parish
 Bulletin

Thank you for your
 consideration and continued
 support of St. Patrick
 Catholic Church.

Mass	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers	Ushers	Altar Servers
Sunday 5 p.m. December 24 th	D. Moorehead	J. Lyons/R. Margetson V. Campbell/D. Venable D. Moorehead/V. Wasserman	J. Margetson/F. Bulin, Jr. H. Spruill/I. Spruill	R. Brady A. Pumel S. Pumel
Sunday 11 p.m. December 24 th	K. Phillips	M. Fischer/S. Guimond _____/_____ _____/_____	M. Kane/M. Connelly _____/_____	E. Davies S. Guimond D. Sears
Monday 11 a.m. December 25 th	J. McCabe	K. Drescher/J. Krumwiede C. Punch/_____ _____/_____	_____/_____ _____/_____	J. Drescher _____ _____

Mass Intentions	December 24 th	Sunday	5 p.m.	† Dinh Nguyen	by Van Nguyen
	December 24 th	Sunday	11 p.m.	† Jeanne Zimmermann	by Tom & Sharon Smoot
	December 25 th	Monday	11 a.m.	Missa Pro Populo	by Fr. Eric Filmer
	December 30 th	Saturday	5 p.m.	Betty Oesterling (Special Intention)	by Fr. Eric Filmer
	December 31 st	Sunday	10:30 a.m.	Missa Pro Populo	by Fr. Eric Filmer
	December 31 st	Sunday	5 p.m.	† Elena Barragan Garcia	by Rosa Barragan
	January 1 st	Monday	10 a.m.	-----available-----	-----
	January 1 st	Monday	6:30 p.m.	Missa Pro Populo	by Fr. Eric Filmer

Mass	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers	Ushers	Altar Servers
Saturday 5 p.m. December 30 th	J. McCabe	M. Johnson/T. Colvin J. & D. Venable	M. Gavel/_____ J. Gavel/_____	J. Sigmon _____
Sunday 10:30 a.m. December 31 st	C. Punch	S. Guimond/R. Rattary S. Camp/P. Smagner	_____/_____ _____/_____	S. Guimond A. Weimer M. Weimer
Sunday 5 p.m. December 31 st	C. Punch	V. Wasserman/_____ _____/_____ *_____*(*standby)	S. Pumel/_____ _____/_____	A. Pumel S. Pumel
Monday 10 a.m. January 1 st	B. Johansen	B. Swain/_____ _____/_____	_____/_____ _____/_____	James S. _____
Monday 6:30 p.m. January 1 st	_____	_____/_____ _____/_____	S. Pumel	A. Pumel S. Pumel



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Fr. Eric, Deacon Jim, Bill McCarthy Veganda Wasserman, Mary Pangborn, Tina Davidson, and Lyn Gavel.
May God bless you and keep you.
Thank you to everyone who dropped off baked goodies and treats for us in the church office. Yummo!

*Happy New Year
2018
Start your year
off right
with Jesus!*

Proper Disposal of Sacramental Items

The Knights of Columbus will collect your worn out or broken sacramental items and dispose of them in a reverent manner, according to church teachings. Collection jar is on the Knights of Columbus table in the Narthex. Please **do not** leave family heirlooms in the jar. Rosaries will be inspected (then repaired and reused if possible).



The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People

The Charter is a comprehensive set of procedures established by the USCCB in June 2002 for addressing allegations of sexual abuse of minors by Catholic clergy.

The Charter also includes guidelines for reconciliation, healing, accountability, and prevention of future acts of abuse. <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/child-and-youth-protection/charter.cfm>.

VIRTUS Refresher

If you completed the VIRTUS training class more than five years ago, take a *Refresher Training Packet* from the CD table in the Narthex.

Read the material then sign the "acknowledgment" page (the last page). Drop the signed page ONLY in the office box outside the church office. Thank you for helping to keep our children safe.



Abuse Hotline Number To report sexual abuse of a minor by a Diocese of Savannah employee call the Abuse Hotline Number 888-357-5330 or The Office for the Protection of Children and Young People 912-201-4073/4

Catholic Pastoral Center 601 E. Liberty Street Savannah, GA 31401

Toll-free Hotline: (888) 357-5330 Fax: (912) 201-4101 www.diosav.org/chilyouthprotection.

To report abuse **locally**, contact the police or the Houston County Department of Family and Children Services 478-988-7600 <http://dfcs.dhs.georgia.gov/houston-county-dfcs-office>.

State of GA Hotline: 1-855-442-4453 [State of Georgia DFACS](http://www.dfs.ga.gov)

St. Patrick Ministries and Organizations

Adult Choir:

Arlene Roberge
478-953-8032
acroberge@cox.net

Celebrate Recovery:

478-731-5203
Rebecca Johansen
brjacjoh@yahoo.com

Children's Choir:

Carol Strandburg

Cub Scouts:

Chris Delcourt
603-502-2310

Family Promise:

We need a new organizer!

Finance Committee:

Pat Filholm
478-397-3178

Knights of Columbus:

Grand Knight Mike O'Brien
Fr. Michael A. Burke Council
#14488
mobrien110@cox.net

LifeTEEN:

Veganda Wasserman
478-987-4213

Ladies Auxiliary:

Kathy Eckert
478-971-3389
eckertk2@juno.com

Men's Group:

Bernie Marino
985-807-4862

Men's Group:

Dick Morris
678-428-9630
rjmmorris@comsouth.net

Music Director:

Arlene Roberge
478-953-8032
jdroberge@cox.net

Parish Council:

Ann Kane
478-396-2987

RCIA

(Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults):
Deacon Jim & Arlene Roberge
478-953-8032

Visitation:

(for St. Patrick Church)
Bill Johansen 478-218-5885

Wedding Coordinator:

Cheryl Punch 478-273-7077

WHIM (With Him in Music):

Mark Funke 660-553-8444

St. Patrick Family Database

Our family database "ConnectNow" is:
<https://connectnow.parishsoft.com/savannah/>

When the **Welcome** page loads, select one:

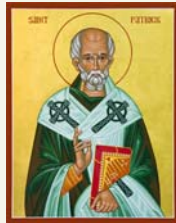
NEW USER the first time you go onto this site you must register and create your username/password. Once approved, you will be able to sign in and make changes.

OR

SIGN IN if you are a registered user.

Questions? Call Veganda in the church office.

We welcome all visitors to our church. We are glad you are here worshipping with us. If you are attending Mass at St. Patrick Catholic Church on a regular basis, please consider making us your home church. Registration forms in the Narthex under the office box.



Special Hosts We have special hosts, approved by the Vatican, with a very low wheat gluten content. Call the church office and let us know if you need this type of host.

Bulletin Submissions and...

If you have something to go in the bulletin, send it to Lyn Gavel at: saintpataa@stpatrickga.org, call the office 478- 987-4213, or put a note in the office box by **Monday** at Noon.

Please remember all notices, ads, signs, etc... must come through the church office for Fr. Eric's approval.

Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church

The Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church is available for purchase at St. Patrick. It covers the essential aspects of our Catholic Faith in a "question and answer" format (used previously in the Baltimore Catechism). The book is available for \$5. To purchase a copy see Fr. Eric, Deacon Jim, (or in office) Veganda, or Lyn.

Updates and Information

Please call 478-987-4213 or email Lyn Gavel At saintpataa@stpatrickga.org and let the church office know: of any changes in your email, phone, address, or military status; if you have moved or joined another parish; if you are homebound or in a nursing home and would like to receive Holy Communion; if you need to be added to our church prayer list or our military prayer list; or if a parishioner is in the hospital.

St. Patrick Catholic Church Sacramental Policies

Baptism

- * Parents must be registered at St. Patrick and attend Mass for **3 months** before preparation.
- * Parents must attend a Baptism Prep Class 2nd Sunday of the month at 11:45 a.m. (depending on Deacon Jim's schedule).
- * **Call office to register for class!**
- * Godparents are invited to attend.
- * Ensure at least one Godparent is Catholic.
- * Out of town Godparents must provide a letter from their pastor as to their suitability to exercise this office.

Marriage – Couples must:

- * Contact the pastor at least 6 months prior (preferably more) to desired wedding date.
- * Complete FOCCUS inventory
- * Participate in a pre-Cana course or marriage-prep weekend.
- * **NO** wedding date is guaranteed until **ALL** Diocesan and Parish requirements are fulfilled.

First Communion and Confirmation

- * Family must be registered at St. Patrick.
- * Preparation – two years of classes.
- * Children must be at least **7 years old** to receive First Communion **and** at least **13 years old** for Confirmation.

Mission Statement

We are a Community of Word and Sacrament, Called by CHRIST to grow in Faith, Hope, and Love; Foster Community; and Evangelize.



Detailed Mass Schedule for Christmas and New Year at St. Patrick Catholic Church

Saturday	December 23 rd	5 p.m.	Mass – Fourth Sunday of Advent
Sunday	December 24 th	10:30 a.m.	Mass – Fourth Sunday of Advent
Sunday	December 24 th	5 p.m.	Children's Pageant then Christmas Vigil Mass
Sunday	December 24 th	11 p.m.	Christmas Mass at night – The Nativity of the Lord
Monday	December 25 th	11 a.m.	Christmas Mass in the day – The Nativity of the
Saturday	December 30 th	5 p.m.	Mass – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
Sunday	December 31 st	10:30	Mass – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
Sunday	December 31 st	5 p.m.	Mass – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
*Monday	January 1 st	10 a.m.	Mass – The Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
*Monday	January 1 st	6:30 p.m.	Mass – The Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God.

(*January 1, 2018 is **NOT** a Holy Day of Obligation this year because it falls on a Monday.)

Family Promise Needs Your Help!

St. Patrick Catholic Church partners with Andrew United Methodist Church by providing food and assistance for Family Promise. (This happens about three to four times a year.) Due to health reasons, Rebecca Johansen is having to step down as the organizer for St. Patrick.

Primary Duties:

- Organize volunteers from St. Patrick Church
- Help Andrew United Methodist provide food, hospitality, and overnight hosting for families
- Read newsletters from Family Promise to assist with Wish List needs
- Deliver collected Wish List items to Andrew United or the Family Promise Day Center in Warner Robins

St. Patrick Church's first week to assist in 2018 is January 28th through February 4th. It would be wonderful if someone would step forward to work with Rebecca that week to learn the work.

Please contact the church office
478-987-4213 or Rebecca Johansen at:
478- 218-5885 (H) **or** 478- 731-5203 (c)
for more information.

This month Family Promise needs:
gift cards (to Walmart). Please put gift cards in the Office Box located outside the office door.

They are also in need of: wash cloths,
Laundry Detergent, paper towels,
and bath towels.



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3K—6th

OPEN HOUSE

Sunday - January 28, 2018


Drop In Noon — 2:30 p.m.

Accredited by AdvancED

Prayer for Vocations

O God, hear our prayer and let our cry come unto You. Bless our Diocese of Savannah with many vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life. Give the men and women you call the light to understand Your gift, and the love to follow always in the footsteps of Your priestly Son.

Amen

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
<p>Special Collection for Diocese of Savannah Catholic Schools at all Masses</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Mass Fourth Sunday of Advent</p> <p>NO R. E. NO WHIM NO LifeTeen</p>	<p>Special Collection for Diocese of Savannah Catholic Schools</p> <p>11 a.m. Christmas Mass</p> <p>The Nativity of the Lord</p> <p>Holy Day of Obligation</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>NO Mass/ NO Communion Service</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>NO Mass/ NO Communion Service</p> <p>NO Children's choir practice</p> <p>NO R.E. NO RCIA NO Fr. Eric's Bible Study</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>NO Mass/ NO Communion Service</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Adult choir practice</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Cursillo (Library)</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>4 p.m. Confessions</p> <p>5 p.m. Mass</p>
<p>5 p.m. Children's Christmas Pageant then Vigil Mass The Nativity of the Lord</p> <p>NO LifeTeen</p> <p>11 p.m. Midnight Mass The Nativity of the Lord</p>						
31 December 2017	1 January 2018	2	3	4	5	6
<p>10 a.m. Mass</p> <p>New Year's Eve</p> <p>NO R. E.</p> <p>NO WHIM</p> <p>5 p.m. Mass</p> <p>NO LifeTeen</p>	<p>10 a.m. Mass</p> <p>Happy New Year</p> <p>Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, The Mother of God</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Mass</p> <p>Not a Holy Day of Obligation in 2018 because it falls on Monday</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p><i>10 a.m. Communion Service</i></p>	<p>10 a.m. Mass</p> <p>NO Children's choir practice</p> <p>NO R.E. NO RCIA NO Fr. Eric's Bible Study)</p>	<p>10 a.m. Mass</p> <p>6 p.m. Social K of C & Lds. Aux. (SKH)</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Adult Choir practice</p> <p>7 p.m. K of C meeting (SKH - step-side)</p> <p>7 p.m. Lds. Aux meeting (SKH - step-side)</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Cursillo (in Library)</p>	<p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>Feast of the Epiphany</p>  <p>4 p.m. Confessions</p> <p>5 p.m. Mass</p>
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<p>10:30 a.m. Mass</p> <p>3 p.m. WHIM practice</p> <p>3 p.m. R. E.</p> <p>5 p.m. Mass</p> <p>6 p.m. LifeTeen</p>	<p>10 a.m. Mass</p>	<p>10 a.m. Mass</p>	<p>10 a.m. Mass</p> <p>5:30 p.m. Children's choir practice</p> <p>6:30 p.m. R. E. (K – 5)</p> <p>6:30 p.m. RCIA (CR)</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Fr. Eric's class 'Forgiven'</p>	<p>10 a.m. Mass</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Adult Choir</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Cursillo (in Library)</p>	<p>LifeTeen Lock-In moved to Sunday – January 14th after the 5 p.m. Mass</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p><u>Second Collection for Building Debt</u></p> <p>9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Girl scouts (SKH) Mrs. Wills</p> <p>4 p.m. Confessions</p> <p>5 p.m. Mass</p>