

St. Patrick Catholic Church

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Deacon James Roberge / Deacon Emeritus Ralph McAtee

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Confession: 4 p.m. Saturday

Mass Schedule: See pg. 8 Calendar

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

CHURCH STAFF

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Church Office Hours:

9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

December 18th – December 21st
(Monday – Thursday)

The office is **closed every Friday.**

Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday – December 17, 2017

Gospel Reading: [John 1:6–8, 19–28](#)

A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light. And this is the testimony of John. When the Jews from Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to him to ask him, "Who are you?" He admitted and did not deny it, but admitted, "I am not the Christ." So they asked him, "What are you then? Are you Elijah?" And he said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" He answered, "No." So they said to him, "Who are you, so we can give an answer to those who sent us? What do you have to say for yourself?" He said: "I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, 'make straight the way of the Lord,'" as Isaiah the prophet said." Some Pharisees were also sent. They asked him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ or Elijah or the Prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." This happened in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.



Christmas Flower Donations

Would like to donate money for the Christmas flowers "In Memory of/In Honor of" a friend or loved one? Put your cash **or** check in a 'Christmas Flower Donation Envelope.' (Make checks payable to St. Patrick Catholic Church and write 'Christmas Flowers' in the memo line.) Put your envelope in the collection basket or the Office Box. **Please print clearly** on the front of the envelope. Names will be listed in our Christmas and New Year bulletins.



**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 October 31, 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 17, 2017 the Third Sunday of Advent

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring
good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor. **Isaiah 61:1—2a**

These familiar words of the prophet are welcome during Advent... really, at any time. For God's
spirit has fallen upon each of us, and in our own way, each of us has been anointed to bring good
news, to bind up, to proclaim liberty and release. Think of those who will experience the Lord's
favor through our faith and our actions.

As a special
consideration for
December 23rd, (the
last Saturday before
Christmas) **Confessions**
will be from 3 p.m.
(rather than the usual
4 p.m.) **until 4:45 p.m.**



FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

Mary of Nazareth

Who was Mary, Mother of the Messiah?

Experience life with Christ through the eyes of his mother in this
beautiful film capturing Mary's special role in God's plan for our
redemption, her unique relationship with Jesus, and the mysterious joys
and sufferings she encountered with deep love, profound humility, and
unwavering faith.



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

"This is a spell-binding and touching
representation of the life of the Blessed
Mother...Highly recommended and praise
God for the gift of His mother!"



—Alfredo N. Buda, TX

Our Church Prayer List

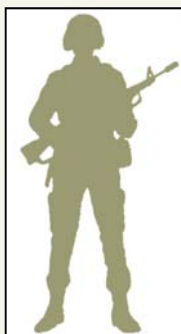
Ashley Tanner
 Jessica Bischof
 Fr. John Brown
 Richard Carter
 Connie Cutlip
 Susan Davenport
 Lyle Fineis
 Irma Fitzgibbons
 Mark Funke
 Debbie Gallion
 Rosalie Joerger

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

Mimi & Noe Acosta
 Vicky Austin & Frances Story
 William Joseph Campbell, IV
 Fr. Patrick Cunningham
 Jim & Eleanor Hamel
 Larry & Chris Hart and families
 LeBlanc, Cyr, & Wilson families
 Callie Light and (baby) Dani Ann
 Chris & Jackie Lyons
 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



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 at 804-366-4838. Thank you for your consideration and continued support of Saint Patrick Catholic Church.

The Knights of Columbus Church Affairs committee and the Ladies Auxiliary will sponsor a ***Keep Christ in Christmas*** Poster Contest.



Official rules, entry forms, and poster paper are on the Knights of Columbus table in the Narthex. Children ages 5—14 are invited to participate.

The Knights of Columbus and Ladies Auxiliary are sponsoring a **Winter Coat Drive** through Sunday – December 17th. Donation tubs are in the Narthex.

New or gently used **coats** (for children and for adults) will be distributed by our Religious Education department to disadvantaged families in our Parish.

Any remaining items will be donated to the Sacred Heart Christian Service Center. Thank you for your generosity!



Family Promise

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.

A Journey into the Heart & Soul of Ireland/ 12 Days: October 16 to 27 of 2018

Spiritual Director: Rev. Eric Filmer, Pastor of St. Patrick Catholic Church — Kathleen, GA

Group Coordinator: Deacon Jim Roberge
 Pricing, Color Brochure, and Registration available after December 27, 2017

Mass	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers	Ushers	Altar Servers
Saturday 5 p.m. December 16 th	B. Marino	J. McCabe/J. Lyons L. Gavel/_____	M. Gavel/J. Gavel _____/_____	J. Sigmon _____
Sunday 10:30 a.m. December 17 th	H. K. Hyatt	A. Hunter/R. Rattary L. Cabasares/P. Smagner K. Corsentino/_____	M. Kane/_____ _____/_____	E. Davies A. Weimer M. Weimer
Sunday 5 p.m. December 17 th	B. Johansen	V. Wasserman/F. Story D. Moorehead/C. Bulin *R. Margetson (*standby)	S. Pumel/_____ J. Margetson/_____	R. Moorehead A. Pumel

Mass Intentions	December 16 th	Saturday	5 p.m.	† Jeanne Zimmermann	by Rosalie and Bernie Joerger
	December 17 th	Sunday	10:30 a.m.	Missa Pro Populo	by Fr. Eric Filmer
	December 17 th	Sunday	5 p.m.	† Esteban Barragan Barajas	by Rosa Barragan
	December 18 th	Monday	10 a.m.	† Jim McMann	by Fr. Eric Filmer
	December 21 st	Thursday	10 a.m.	† Kathryn Whitehead	by Linda Lester
	December 23 rd	Saturday	5 p.m.	† Todd Cieboter	by the Nolan family
	December 24 th	Sunday	10:30 a.m.	Missa Pro Populo	by Fr. Eric Filmer
	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

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Saturday 5 p.m. December 23 rd	H. K. Hyatt	J. McCabe/J. Lyons L. & M. Gavel	J. Dominick/J. Gavel A. & S. Baughman	M. Zimmermann _____
Sunday 10:30 a.m. December 24 th	D. Moorehead	S. Guimond/_____ _____/_____ _____/_____	J. Haimbaugh/_____ _____/_____	A. Weimer M. Weimer _____
Sunday 5 p.m. December 24 th	_____	J. Lyons/R. Margetson V. Campbell/_____ _____/_____	J. Margetson/F. Bulin, Jr. H. Spruill/I. Spruill	_____ _____ _____
Sunday 11 p.m. December 24 th	K. Phillips	M. Fischer/S. Guimond _____/_____ _____/_____	M. Kane/_____ _____/_____	_____ _____ _____
Monday 11 a.m. December 25 th	J. McCabe	K. Drescher/J. Krumwiede C. Punch/_____	_____/_____ _____/_____	_____ _____ _____

Wreaths Across America

St. Patrick Life Teen will be helping lay wreaths at Andersonville National Cemetery on Saturday — December 16, 2017. The ceremony begins at noon. If you would like to volunteer to lay wreaths after the service, please be there by 11:30 a.m.. This is a great opportunity to remember and honor the service and sacrifice of our military members who have passed away. This event is open to everyone. Contact Mary Pangborn 478-987-4213 or Veganda Wasserman 808-343-4001 for more information. To sponsor a wreath, go to: www.donate.wreathscrossamerica.org.

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:

Rebecca Johansen
478-218-5885

Finance Committee:

Pat Filholm
478-397-3178

Knights of Columbus:

Grand Knight Mike O'Brien
Fr. Michael A. Burke Council
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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:

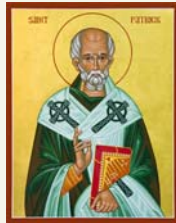
NEW USER the first time you go onto this site you must register and create your username/password. Once approved, you will be able to sign in and make changes.

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.)

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www.sjsmacon.org

478-742-0636

Sacred Heart Catholic School

Accredited K3– 8 school

<https://www.shswr.org/>

If you would like a tour call 478-923-9668

Mount de Sales Academy is now accepting applications for the 2018-2019 school year. Come visit campus, take a tour, have your student shadow, and see what it is like to be part of the Cavalier Family! Visit www.mountdesales.net or call the admissions office at (478) 751-3240 for more information. We look forward to seeing you soon!

The Most Reverend Gregory Hartmayer, OFM Conv., Bishop of Savannah

Invites all couples celebrating their Silver or Gold (25th or 50th)

Wedding Anniversaries in 2018 to join him in celebrating the

Gold & Silver Wedding Jubilee Anniversary Mass

in your honor at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Savannah, GA on **Sunday – February 11, 2018**

Those wishing to attend should

contact the parish office

or register online

<https://www.diosav.org/familylife-marriage-jubilee>


by December 18, 2017

in order to receive a formal invitation with detailed information.

Questions?

Contact the Diocesan Office of Family Life 912-201-4068

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
<p>The Vocation Office of the Diocese of Savannah will sponsor a discernment retreat for men ages 18 to 40 from Friday - December 29th to Saturday - December 30th at Little Ocmulgee State Park & Lodge in Helena, GA.</p> <p>To register, please go to: www.diosav.org/vocations and click the retreat icon.</p> <p>There is no cost for the Retreat.</p> <p>Registration will close on Christmas day.</p> 			<p>13</p> <p>10 a.m. Communion Service</p> <p>5:30 p.m. Children's choir</p> <p>6:30 p.m. R.E. (K – 5th)</p> <p>6:30 p.m. RCIA (Cry Room)</p> <p>NO Fr. Eric's Bible Study</p> <p>8 to 8:30 p.m. Confessions at St. Peter Claver</p>	<p>14</p> <p>10 a.m. Mass</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Adult choir practice</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Cursillo (Library)</p>	<p>15</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Movie Night "Polar Express" Snacks and Drinks provided Compliments of K of C and Lds. Aux.. Wear your pajamas!</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Be seated by 11:30 a.m. for 12 noon Wreaths Across America at Andersonville</p> <p>4 p.m. Confessions</p> <p>4:40 p.m. Rosary</p> <p>5 p.m. Mass</p>
<p>17 Third Sunday of Advent</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>10:30 a.m. Mass</p> <p>3 p.m. WHIM</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>7 p.m. Penance Service (at St. Joseph)</p>	<p>10 a.m. Communion Service</p>	<p>10 a.m. Mass</p> <p>Rehearsal for Christmas Pageant</p> <p>NO R.E.</p> <p>NO RCIA</p> <p>NO Fr. Eric's Bible Study</p> <p>8 to 8:30 p.m. Confessions at St. Peter Claver</p>	<p>10 a.m. Mass</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Adult choir practice</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Cursillo (Library)</p>	<p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>(Special Time) 3 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. Confessions</p> <p>5 p.m. Mass</p>
<p>24 Fourth Sunday of Advent</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>
<p>Special Collection for Diocese of Savannah Catholic Schools at all Masses</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Mass</p> <p>NO R. E. NO WHIM practice</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>	<p>Special Collection for Diocese of Savannah Catholic Schools</p> <p>11 a.m. Christmas Mass 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.</p> <p>NO RCIA</p> <p>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>