

St. Patrick Catholic Church

Pastor – Fr. Eric Filmer

Deacon James Roberge / Deacon Emeritus Ralph McAtee

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Confession: 4 p.m. Saturday
(Exception: December 23rd at **3 p.m.**)
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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DeaconJim@stpatrickga.org

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saintpatre@stpatrickga.org

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Bill McCarthy

Bulletin and Records: Lyn Gavel

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Fourth Sunday of Advent
Sunday – December 24, 2017
Gospel Reading: [Luke 1:26-38](#)

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. "Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." But Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?" And the angel said to her in reply, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God." Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Christmas Flower Donations

Would like to donate money for the Christmas flowers "*In Memory of/In Honor of*" a friend or loved one?

Put 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 during Mass, or in 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 24, 2017
the Fourth Sunday of Advent**

*(The angel Gabriel said), "for nothing will be impossible with God." And Mary answered, "Here am I,
the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word."* **Luke 1:37 & 38**

The mother of Jesus is held up to us as the example of a faithful servant who put her life totally into
God's hand. This can be a difficult choice, for we often have no idea what God's plan for us will be. We
do however have the promise of Mary's son that God is a loving parent, the one who will always be with
us and carry us into God's kingdom.

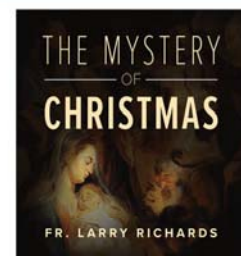
FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

The Mystery of Christmas

By Fr. Larry Richards

Unwrap the Greatest Gift Ever Given with Fr. Larry Richards

With humor, compassion, and clarity, Fr. Larry illuminates the true joy of
Christmas and inspires us to better recognize, receive and respond to
God's immense love for us.



*"Fr. Richards challenged me to enter into
the Christmas story with my eyes opened
... not just by celebrating Jesus' birth, but
by participating in his life!"*

—Maureen, Spencer, NY

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St. Patrick Parish Code **384DDG**
to access this free content!



Our Church Prayer List

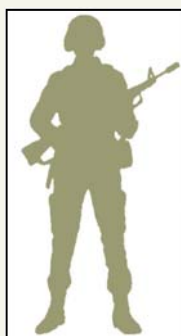
Ashley Tanner
 Jessica Bischof
 Amy Bobbit
 Fr. John Brown
 Richard Carter
 Connie Cutlip
 Susan Davenport
 Lyle Fineis
 Irma Fitzgibbons
 Mark Funke
 Debbie Gallion
 Rosalie Joerger

Rebecca Johansen
 Roland Lallier
 Cathy Langhoff
 Noli Mariano
 Aidan McAtee
 Michael Moniz
 Dolores A. G. Noel
 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
 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.

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).

We are sad to share the news that St. Patrick parishioner, Christopher (Chris) Lyons, passed away on Sunday – December 17th. He will be greatly missed. His Funeral Mass, at St. Patrick and Burial, at Andersonville National Cemetery, took place on Wednesday – December 20th. Our condolences go out to his family. May he rest in the peace of the Lord.



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.

Thank you for helping!

Club 247

For as little as \$2.47 a week, you can help put an end to homelessness. Information on the bulletin board in the hallway.

Mass	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers	Ushers	Altar Servers
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	D. Moorehead	J. Lyons/R. Margetson V. Campbell/D. Venable D. Moorehead/_____	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 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
	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	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

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

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
#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:

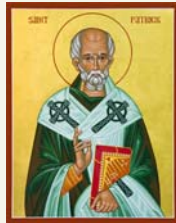
NEW USER the first time you go onto this site you must register and create your username/password. Once approved, you will be able to sign in and make changes.

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.)

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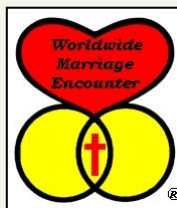
Sunday - January 28, 2018
Drop In Noon – 2:30 p.m.
Accredited by **AdvancED**
www.sjsmacon.org
478-742-0636

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!



Worldwide Marriage Encounter



WWME is searching for the Longest Married Couple in the nation! If you know a couple married over 70 years, go to <http://wwme.org> and fill out the nomination form linked at the top of the page. Ends 01/10/18.

National winners named in February 2018 and there will also be 50 state winners. Nominations are open to all husband and wife couples regardless of religious affiliation.

For more information or to apply for 2018 WWME Weekend dates GATN-wwme.org or call 678-242-9963.

Sacred Heart Catholic School

Accredited K3— 8 school
<https://www.shswr.org/>
If you would like a tour call
478-923-9668



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>Family Promise Needs Your Help</p> <p>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.</p> <p><u>Primary Duties:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <p>St. Patrick'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 478- 218-5885 (H) or 478- 731-5203 (c) for more information.</p>				<p>21 December</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>22</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>23</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</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.</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>
<p>31 December</p>	<p>1 January</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>
<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>10 a.m. Communion Service</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>10 a.m. Mass</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>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>4 p.m. Confessions</p> <p>5 p.m. Mass</p>