St. Patrick Catholic Church Pastor – Fr. Eric Filmer

Deacon James Roberge 478-953-8032 / Deacon Emeritus Ralph McAtee

CONFESSIONS:

4 p.m. Saturday – March 25th MASS TIMES:

Saturday: 5 p.m. Mass on March 25th Sunday: 10:30 a.m. Mass on March 26th Sunday: 5 p.m. Mass on March 26th Weekday Masses: See calendar on page 8

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OFFICE HOURS:

9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday —Thursday March 27th through March 30th

!!! <u>Please note</u>: the Church office is closed <u>every</u> Friday !!!

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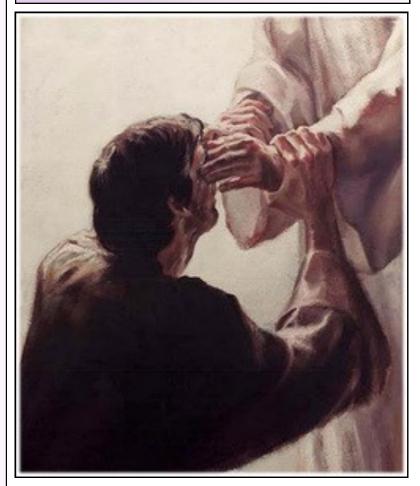
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Sunday – March 26, 2017 Fourth Sunday of Lent



The Gospel Reading is: John 9:1–41

As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him. We have to do the works of the one who sent me while it is day. Night is coming when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, "Go wash in the Pool of Siloam" — which means <u>Sent</u> — So he went and washed, and came back able to see...

Our Prayer List:

Elizabeth Alvarez Jessica Bischof John Bishop **Carie Bulin** David Crowe Lisa Danforth Susan Davenport "Pops" Drescher Dean Dow Patricia Edwards Irma Fitzgibbon Linda Frisch

Stephanie Guimond Jim & Eleanor Hamel Melinda Schroeder Martha Hartwell Lillian Hellberg Deacon Ken Hutnick Rosalie Joerger Dorothy Kelly Deanna Kercheval **Roland Lallier** The Martin family Aidan McAtee Alice Miller **Richard Rosebrock**

Jean Sanborn Joyce Scott **Aimee Sears** Noriko Selle Fr. Mike Smith Leo Spielman Mary Ann Steele Henry Sumner Aidan Wilson Alfonsina Yates Lydia Zammit Jeannie Zimmermann

Millie & Larry Baker Fr. Patrick Cunningham Kari Ann Hanks-Byrd Larry & Chris Hart families Arlene and Dennis Knebel Chris & Jackie Lyons Eddie and Carol Mann Mel & Faye Pereski **Ricky & Rosemary Potenziani** Cathy & Michael Purnell Bob & Kathi Seeger Pamela & Matt Smagner Vicky Austin & Frances Story the Williamson family

This is the **NEW** QR code for ConnectNow Online Giving. Go to http:/ www.stpatrickga.org/ and look on the bottom right of the home page for "Online Donations."



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 your history tied to your account.

An Account of our Stewardship: Debt Reduction principal balance as of February 28, 2016 is: \$136,759.24!!!

Please pray for our military men and women:

WO₂ Cory Bischof Frankie Bulin, Jr. Jonathan Buzhardt SN Trevor J Chastain Frank Eighmey Capt. R. Zachary Frisch AWR2 Adam Fusinato Major Chris Hoffman

Capt. Maura Hughes Hoffman LTJG Brendan Hughes Legion Jester Sgt. Philip Johnson 1Lt. Jason Lesak SPC Christopher A. Mattusch PO3 Vanessa Perniciaro **Garret Purnell**

Send bulletin submissions to Lyn Gavel at saintpataa@stpatrickga.org, call the church office 478-987-4213, or put a note in the office box by Monday at Noon.



2017 Bishop's **Annual Appeal**

"Our Return to the Lord" The 2017 goal for St. Patrick is \$40,821.

"Please Help with Our Building Debt"

We are a very blessed community in that (among other things) we have some wonderful buildings and a sizable plot of land, but we have not vet finished paying for them. We still have future projects in mind, but we first have to payoff what we owe before we can proceed with any future building plans. In light of all this, I humbly ask that each family please prayerfully consider donating \$25 or more each month to our second collection for the alleviation of our building debt. On behalf of the entire parish, and on behalf of the future parishioners of St. Patrick Church, I sincerely thank you for your consideration and generosity in this matter. God bless you, Fr. Eric

> SP5 Brian M. Saul PFC Douglas A. Slee Major William Sautter PO1 Ben Steele Jennifer Swinvard Sgt. Dylan J. Willette Capt. Jamie Zimmermann Capt. Ronnie Zimmermann AWV3 Kristopher Zelenak

Our Lenten Journey

Fasting and Abstinence Rules:

Ash Wednesday & Good Friday are mandatory days of **fasting** for Catholics within the age range of 18 through 59.

Minimum requirements for fasting:

One full meal is permitted. In addition to this, two smaller meals are permitted but these smaller meals should not add up to a full meal. Snacks between meals are **not** allowed.

Water, coffee, and tea may be consumed throughout the day. People are free to engage in stricter forms of fasting if they choose. On the other hand, people may be excused from fasting for appropriate health reasons.

Furthermore; Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, as well as <u>all</u> Fridays in Lent are days of **abstinence.** This means abstaining from eating meat (although seafood and eggs are permitted). This rule applies to Catholics age 14 and over.

Mom's Bible Study

Fridays during Lent from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at St Patrick. **Please link to order materials**: <u>http://</u> <u>www.shopmercy.org/Consoling-the-Heart-of-Jesus-Retreat-Participant-Packet/CJPPWB/</u> <u>itm/27270502/SM-SEARCH</u>

Hearts Afire website: <u>https://</u> <u>www.allheartsafire.org/the-program/</u> <u>overview.html</u>

Lenten Prayer Service of Consolation

The Diocese of Savannah invites all victims of abuse, their families, friends and the community to gather for a Lenten Prayer Service of Consolation

Please join us at 7 p.m. on Wednesday – March 29th at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Savannah.

Bishop Gregory J. Hartmayer, OFM Conv. will preside over the service. (Service ends at 8:30p.m..)

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





Don't forget to pick up a CRS Rice Bowl for Lent. They're on the main table in the Narthex.

Go to: http://www.crsricebowl.org/ for more information on how you can help those in need.

Each	e ry Penance Se service starts at 7 <u>Peter Claver – se</u>	7 p.m.
Date	Church	Location
March 27 th	Immaculate Conception	Dublin
March 30thHoly SpiritMaconApril 3rdSt. PatrickKathleen		

Lenten Food Drive



The Knights of Columbus and the Ladies Auxiliary will sponsor a *Lenten Food Drive* through April 2nd. Marked tubs are in the Narthex.

Food collected will go to disadvantaged families in our Parish. Any remaining items will be donated to the Christian Service Center. Please be generous in your support.

6:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross 7 p.m. Lenten Meal

Date	Providing food	On the Menu
March 24 th	Girl Scouts & Boy Scouts	Soup & Sandw.
March 31st	Knights of Columbus and Ladies Auxiliary	Soup & Sandw.
April 7 th	RCIA & Choir	Soup & Sandw.

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It's That Time of Year Again!

Would you please consider donating Plastic Easter eggs, baskets, prizes, and individually wrapped candy for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday – April 16th?



Tubs for your donations are

in the Narthex. Thank you! Donated chocolate will be used as prizes and in Easter baskets.

Celiac Disease or Debilitating Gluten Allergy

We have special hosts, approved by the Vatican, with a very low wheat gluten content.

Please let Fr. Eric or a deacon know if you need this type of host.



Attention Mass Servers

Sign up sheets are in the Narthex for Holy Week and Easter Services.

Please sign up to be a Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Usher, Lector, or Gift Bearer. Thank you for your service.

Holy Week Schedule for St. Patrick

<u>Holy Thursday</u> (April 13th): There is <u>no</u> 10 a.m. Mass on this day *12 p.m. Noon* Ecumenical Prayer Service followed by a luncheon

7 p.m. Mass followed by Eucharistic Adoration

Good Friday (April 14th):

12:10 p.m. Stations of the Cross

7 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy (Deacon Jim)

Holy Saturday (April 15th):

There are <u>**no**</u> Confessions on this day

8:30 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday (April 16th):

10:30 a.m. Mass

12:30 p.m. Mass

There is <u>**no**</u> 5 p.m. Mass on this day

VIRTUS

If you completed the VIRTUS training class more than 5 years ago, please take a Refresher Training Packet from the Narthex (they're on the Lighthouse CD table).

Read the material, sign the acknowledgment page (the last page), and drop the <u>signed page</u> <u>ONLY</u> in the office box.

A Note of Appreciation

Dear Friends of Catholic Education,

Your generosity overwhelms me! The **2016** *Christmas Collection for Catholic Schools* was more than \$90,000. Did you know that is about \$18.00 per child? You contributed about 60% of the daily tuition rate for each child in our Catholic schools.

With the average daily tuition rate about \$30.71, your donation provides about 3 ¹/₂ hours of instructional time for each child. That is almost half the cost of a workbook for each child. Wow!

I am grateful for your continued financial support and most importantly your continued prayers.

If you would like to learn more about our Catholic schools, please visit our website <u>www.CatholicSchoolsGA.net</u>.

May God's blessings be returned to you one-hundred fold.



In His Service, *Michelle C. Kroll* Superintendent of Catholic Schools

Holy Week Schedule for St. Juliana

Holy Thursday (April 13th):

7 p.m. Communion Service with Washing of Feet (Deacon Ken)

Good Friday (April 14th):

6 p.m. Stations of the Cross (outdoors in Spanish)

7:15 p.m. Bilingual Good Friday Liturgy (Fr. Eric & Deacon Ken)

Holy Saturday (April 15th):

8 p.m. Spanish Easter Vigil Mass (Fr. Juan Carlos)

Easter Sunday (April 16th): 8:30 p.m. English Mass (Fr. Samuel)

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International and Georgia State Awards for Knights of Columbus

St. Patrick's Council #14488 and the Ladies' Auxiliary have received the 2016 International First Runner-Up Trophy for Church Service from the Supreme Council of The Knights of Columbus. This is in



recognition of the St. Michael Rectory Project (Montezuma) that was completed in 2016.



St. Patrick Knights and Auxiliary also received the Supreme Council Double Star Council Award for achieving over 200% of their membership growth goal, goals in insurance, and offering over 8,000

hours of voluntary service during 2016.

State Deputy Mark McMullen and District Deputy Mike Furman will formally present the awards at the end of the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday – March 26, 2017.



Because these milestones could not have been achieved without the generous support of our pastor and the congregation, we hope that all parishioners will attend this ceremony.

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

Celebrate Recovery

Women's 12-step meetings. Each Monday' at 6 p.m. Sacred Heart Church in room 221 of the PAC. Point of Contact is: Rebeca Johansen 478-731-5203.

Estate and Personal Planning

Workbooks are available in the Church office for (Catholic) Estate and Personal planning. This does <u>NOT</u> take the place of a will. It's a guide to help you make final plans. Although it may be difficult to confront our own mortality, we can make it easier for our survivors if we by plan ahead.

Useful Websites

Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Savannah

Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Macon

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church (Dublin)

Our Lady of the Skies Chapel at Robins AFB

Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Warner Robins

<u>St. Joseph Catholic Church in Macon</u>

<u>St. Juliana Catholic Church in Fort Valley</u>

St. Michael Catholic Church in Montezuma

St. Patrick Catholic Church in Kathleen

<u>St. Peter Claver Catholic Church in Macon</u>

<u>St. Theresa Catholic Church in Cordele</u>

Diocese of Savannah <u>https://diosav.org/</u>

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) <u>http://www.usccb.org/</u>

Family Promise of Houston County

This month Family Promise could really use: <u>Cleaning Supplies</u>. The donation tub is in the Narthex. If you donate gift cards, please put them in the <u>Office Box</u> (outside the church office door.)

Stewardship March 26, 2017 Fourth Sunday of Lent

"As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth." **John 9:1**

Jesus seems to have always been on the lookout for people in need, people he could care for, people he could lovingly touch, people he could encourage. Lent is a great time for us to follow his example.

From the Knights of Columbus

Flu season is now "year-long" and the flu vaccine distributed last fall is still effective. The vaccine will either prevent you getting the flu or reduce its symptoms.

This flu is disproportionately affecting younger adults and kids. For those not yet immunized, the Department of Public Health has flu shots and will make them available during business hours M—F. The address is:

98 Cohen Walker Drive in Warner Robins 478-218-2000.

If your health insurance covers flu shots, they will file for you. If you are uninsured the cost is \$21.93



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Time/Date	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers	Altar Servers
Saturday 5 p.m. March 25 th	B. Marino	J. Marino/ J. & M. Zimmermann	M. Connelly/R. Francisco J. Dominick/R. Frisch	J. Sigmon G. Fischer
Sunday 10:30 a.m. March 26 th		C. & R. Rattary S. Guimond/S. Camp K. Corsentino/	J. Haimbaugh/	S. Guimond A. Weimer
Sunday 5 p.m. March 26 th	B. Johansen	R. Margetson/F. Story A. Bunkers/S. Pichette *C. Bulin (*standby)	J. Margetson/	

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Mass atentio	Sunday – March 26 th	10:30 a.m.	Missa pro Populo	by Fr. Eric
In	Thursday – March 29 th	10 a.m.	† Thomas W. O'Day	by Veganda Wasserman

Time/Date	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers	Altar Servers
Saturday 5 p.m. April 1 st	J. Breyer	J. & D. Venable M. Milush/K. Drescher	R. Milush/B. Joerger N. Eckert/	J. Drescher J. Sigmon
Sunday 10:30 a.m. April 2 nd	L. Gregor	P. Smagner/J. Krumwiede S. Guimond/L. Cabasares K. Corsentino/B. Swain	S. Pumel/	A. Pumel S. Pumel A. Weimer
Sunday 5 p.m. April 2 nd	J. Lee	R. Margetson/S. Pichette F. Story/J. Krumwiede */(*)	M. Kane/J. Margetson /	

St. Patrick Ministries and Organizations

Adult Choir: Arlene Roberge 478-953-8032 jdroberge@cox.net Altar Guild: Celebrate Recovery: 478-731-5203 Rebecca Johansen brjacjoh@vahoo.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

Ladies Auxiliary:

Margaret Molyson 478-929-4318 mmolyson@hotmail.com Men's Group: Bernie Marino 985-807-4862 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 (St. Patrick Church): Bill Johansen 478-218-5885 WHIM (With Him in Music): Mark Funke 660-553-8444

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 childyouthprotection.

To report abuse locally, contact the Houston County Department of Family and Children Services at: 478-988-7600.

<u>http://dfcs.dhs.georgia.gov/houston-county-dfcs-office</u>.



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

St. Patrick/St. Juliana Family Database

In order to join the 21st Century, our family database "ConnectNow" is available online!

https://connectnow.parishsoft.com/ savannah/

When the ConnectNow <u>Welcome</u> page loads, select either:

NEW USER The <u>first time</u> you go onto this site you must register and create your username/password. Once approved, you will be able to sign in and review your family information and make any needed data changes.

<u>OR</u>

<u>SIGN IN</u> (if you are already a registered user) Please review your family/member information and edit/add any pertinent information. You may also add family and/or individual photos.

Call Veganda in the church office at 478-987-4213 if you have any questions, problems, or concerns.

<u>St. Patrick Catholic Church</u> <u>Sacramental Policies</u>

Baptism

- * Parents must be registered at St. Patrick and attend Mass for **3 months** <u>before</u> preparation.
- Parents must attend Baptism Preparation Class (second Sunday of each month at 11:45 a.m.). Godparents invited to attend. Please schedule with the church office.
- * Ensure at least <u>one</u> 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 <u>at least</u> **6 months** <u>prior</u> (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 <u>ALL</u> 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 <u>and</u> at least 13 years old for Confirmation.

Please call 478-987-4213 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 your are homebound and would like to receive Communion, if you need to be added to our prayer list, or if a parishioner is in the hospital.

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 Ralph, Deacon Jim, (or in office) Veganda, or Lyn.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Abbreviations Key: DC = Double Classroom HSCC = Holy Spirit Catholic Church (in Macon) ICC = Immaculate Conception Catholic Church (in Dublin) K of C = Knights of Columbus LC = Little Chapel Lds. Aux. = Ladies Auxiliary MdSA = Mount de Sales Academy (in Macon) N = Narthex RCIA = Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults R. E. = Religious Education	_	 S.H. = Sacred Heart Catholic Church (in Warner Robins) SKH = St. Kevin's Hall SPC = St. Pater Claver Catholic Church (in Macon) St. J = St. Juliana Catholic Church (in Fort Valley) St. Jos = St. Joseph Catholic Church (in Macon) St. Jos = St. Joseph Catholic Church (in Macon) St. PC = St. Peter Claver Catholic Church (in Macon) St. PC = St. Peter Claver Catholic Church (in Macon) TBA = To Be Announced TC = Triple Classroom WHIM = With Him in Music 	22 10 a.m. Mass March 2017 2017 Softren's choir practice 6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. R. E. (K-6 th) 6:30 p.m. Fr. Eric's class 6:30 p.m. RCIA (LC)	23 10 a.m. Mass 6:30 p.m. Adult choir	 24 <u>NO</u> Daily Mass 6:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross 7 p.m. Soup and Sandwiches (Girl Scouts & Boy Scouts) OFFICE CLOSED 	25 10 a.m. Mass Solemnity of the Annunciation 4 p.m. Confessions 5 p.m. Mass
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