St. Patrick Catholic Church

Pastor – Fr. Eric Filmer

Deacon James Roberge / Deacon Emeritus Ralph McAtee

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Confession: 4 p.m. Saturday

Mass Schedule: See pg. 8 Calendar

Office <u>open</u> 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday – January 8th through Thursday – January 11th

The office is **closed** every Friday

CHURCH STAFF

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Wisdom Books of the Old Testament:

Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, the Song of Songs, Sirach (a.k.a., Ecclesiasticus) and the Book of Wisdom. The Epiphany of the Lord Sunday – January 7, 2018 Gospel Reading: Matthew 2:1—12

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel." Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word,

that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with



Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way. 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

<u>Text Giving</u>: 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.

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

<u>Spiritual Director</u>: Rev. Eric Filmer, Pastor of St. Patrick Catholic Church, Kathleen. GA

Group Coordinator: Deacon Jim Roberge

Pricing, Color Brochure, and Registration coming soon

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/and look on the bottom right hand side of the home page for "Online Donations."



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

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

Reborn

Is Baptism anything more than a rite of passage?

Discover the deeply personal and sacred relevance of Baptism in *Reborn*. With a step-by-step explanation of the rite itself, including its profound place in Scripture and Tradition, *Reborn* shows how Baptism reveals the heart of God's love for His children.

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





"There was so much I didn't know about Baptism, and the cinematic style of Reborn was the perfect way to learn all about it."

-Ross, PA

Our Church Prayer List

Michael Alvarez
Jessica Bischof
Amy Bobbit
Fr. John Brown
Richard Carter
Connie Cutlip
Susan Davenport
Irma Fitzgibbons
Mark Funke
Debbie Gallion
Len Gregor
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



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.



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

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 how things are done.

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.



Wise Men still seek Him

<u>Christmas flowers</u> In Memory of:

Jeanne Zimmerman and Chris Lyons by Lisa King

Conrad & Lee Guimond, and Jeff Pearce by Steve & Stephanie Guimond

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

Mary Murray & Eugene Murray, and 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 Betty Robinson and family



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

Deceased members of the Cabahug and Cabasares families by Dr. & Mrs. Cabasares

Ed Deschamps by Louise Deschamps

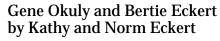
Joseph, Dorothy, and P. J. Roberge by Ellen Poynter

Marge & Dick Frosch by Jeannie Cersosimo

The Schroeder family, The Ninni Family, The Keller family, Bobby Krinner, and Herb 'Bo' Case by Bob & Joan Schroeder

Ronald Johnpiere, William Johnpiere, Sr., and William Johnpiere, Jr. by Elizabeth Johnpiere

Anacleta & Nicalio Jarquio Amada & Gerry Guirero by Dan and Tess Jarquio





In Honor of:

Mrs. Mary Abraham by Susan Abraham

Chalking the Door: An Epiphany House Blessing

"Chalking the door" is a way to celebrate and literally <u>mark</u> the occasion of the Epiphany, and God's blessing of our lives and home. The family gathers to ask God's blessing on their home, and on those who live in or visit the home. It is an invitation for Jesus to be a daily guest in our home, our comings and goings, our work and play, our conversations, our joys and sorrows.

A traditional way of doing this is to use chalk to write above the home's entrance, 20 + C + M + B + 18. The letters C, M, B have two meanings. They are the initials of the traditional names of the three magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. And, they abbreviate the Latin words *Christus mansionem benedicat*, "May Christ bless the house." The "+" signs represent the cross, and 2018 is the year.

Blessing the Chalk

- V. Our help is the name of the Lord:
- R. The maker of heaven and earth.
- V. The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in:
- R. From this time forth for evermore.

Let us pray: Loving God, bless this chalk which you have created, that it may be helpful to your people; and grant that through the invocation of your most Holy Name that we who use it in faith may receive health of body and protection of soul for all who dwell in or visit our home; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Instructions for Blessing the HomeUsing the blessed chalk mark the lintel of your front door (or front porch step) as follows:
20 + C + M + B + 18 while saying: *The three Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar followed the star of God's Son who became human over two thousand years ago. May Christ bless our home and remain with us*

throughout the new year. Amen.

Then, offer the following prayer: Visit, O blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who live or visit here with the gift of your love; and grant that we may manifest your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort, and strengthen us in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.

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 childyouthprotection.

To report abuse <u>locally</u>, 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

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:

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

Music Director:

Arlene Roberge 478-953-8032 acroberge@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 <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 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.

<u>Please remember</u> 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 <u>before</u> preparation.
- * Parents must attend <u>a</u> Baptism Prep Class 2nd Sunday of the month at 11:45 a.m. (depending on Deacon Jim's schedule).
- * Call office to <u>register</u> for class!
- * Godparents are invited to attend.
- 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 **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.



Mass	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers	Ushers	Altar Servers
Saturday 5 p.m. January 6 th	C. Jourden	M. Milush/J. McCabe J. & B. Marino	R. Milush/B. Sautter K. & N. Eckert	J. Niskoch T. Vorse
Sunday 10:30 a.m. January 7 th	0:30 a.m. V. Campbell C. Punch/R. Ratta		M. Kane/	E. Davies S. Guimond
Sunday 5 p.m. January 7 th	K. Phillips	F. Story/R. Margetson C. Bulin/V. Wassermann * (*standby)	S. Pumel/J. Margetson	A. Pumel S. Pumel

Mass Intentions	January 6th	5 p.m.	Saturday	† Jeanne Zimmermann	by the Drescher's	
	January 7th	10:30 a.m.	Sunday	Missa pro Populo	by Fr. Eric Filmer	
	January 7th	5 p.m.	Sunday	† Rafaela Chavez Barragan	by Rosa Barragan	
	January 8th	10 a.m.	Monday	† Danny Kaplan	Fr. Nicholas Mansell	
	January 9th	10 a.m.	Tuesday	All Souls in purgatory	by Rosa Barragan	
	January 10th	10 a.m.	Wednesday	Intention of Fr. Eric	by Fr. Eric Filmer	

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 <u>www.mountdesales.net</u> or call the admissions office at (478) 751-3240 for more information.





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

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www.sjsmacon.org 478-742-0636

Grades 3K-6th

OPEN HOUSE

Sunday - January 28, 2018 Drop In Noon — 2:30 p.m. Accredited by AdvancED



Ladies Auxiliary Annual Valentine Spaghetti Dinner and Mega Dessert Bar

Save the Date! Friday – February 9th!

Menu: spaghetti, salad, and garlic bread, iced tea, water, and coffee **and** unlimited trips (dine-in only) to our Mega Dessert bar.

Take out dinners may be picked up starting at 5 p.m. (on 02/09) and include a gracious serving of dessert (servers choice).

NO tickets will be sold at the door.

BYOB if you desire.

Tickets go on sale after Mass on Saturday – January 27th! Cost per ticket is \$12 for adults, ages 5 — 9 are \$5 each, **and** ages 4 & younger EAT FREE.

Stroke Scan Plus

Ruth Wedderman will be speaking after all Masses this weekend (January 6th & 7th) about an ultrasound screening event scheduled for Saturday – January 20, 2018.

<u>Pre-registration</u> will be held after each Mass. Questions? Contact Melonee Soto by email: melonee@strokescan.com; by phone: 832-437-7355; or try: <u>www.strokescan.com</u>.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Worldwide	Marriage Er	counter	4 JANUARY	5	6	
Married Cou know a coupl go to http://v nomination f the page. En National win 2018 and the winners. No husband and of religious a For more infe for 2018 WW GATN-wwme	ormation or to /ME Weekend e.org or call 678	n! If you 70 years, fill out the the top of 2018. February 50 state open to all egardless apply dates 8-242-9963.	10 a.m. Mass 6 p.m. Social K of C & Lds. Aux. (SKH) 6:30 p.m. Adult Choir practice 7 p.m. K of C meeting (SKH - step-side) 7 p.m. Lds. Aux meeting (SKH - step-side) 7:30 p.m. Cursillo (in Library)	OFFICE CLOSED	4 p.m. Confessions 5 p.m. Mass	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Feast of the Epiphany 3 p.m. WHIM practice 3 p.m. R. E. 5 p.m. Mass 6 p.m. LifeTeen	10 a.m. Mass	6 p.m. to 9 p.m. ACTS (Library)	5:30 p.m. Children's choir practice 6:30 p.m. R. E. (K — 5) 6:30 p.m. RCIA (CR) 6:30 p.m. Fr. Eric's class 'Forgiven'	6:30 p.m. Adult Choir 7:30 p.m. Cursillo (in Library)	LifeTeen Lock-In moved to Sunday – January 14 th after the 5 p.m. Mass OFFICE CLOSED	Second Collection for Building Debt 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Girl scouts (SKH) Mrs. Wills 4 p.m. Confessions 5 p.m. Mass
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Second Collection for Building Debt 10:30 a.m. Mass 3 p.m. WHIM practice NO R. E. 5 p.m.	NO Mass NO Communion Service 8 a.m. Please pick-up your LifeTeen Child Martin Luther King, Jr.	10 a.m. Communion Service	5:30 p.m. Children's choir practice 6:30 p.m. R. E. (K – 5)	10 a.m. Mass 6:30 p.m.		9 a.m. to 3 p.m. First Reconciliation Retreat (1 p.m. Sacrament Begins) 4 p.m. Confessions
Mass LifeTeen Lock-In begins after Mass	OFFICE CLOSED		6:30 p.m. RCIA (CR) 6:30 p.m. Fr. Eric's class 'Forgiven'	Adult Choir 7:30 p.m. Cursillo (in Library)	OFFICE CLOSED	4:40 p.m. Rosary 5 p.m. Mass