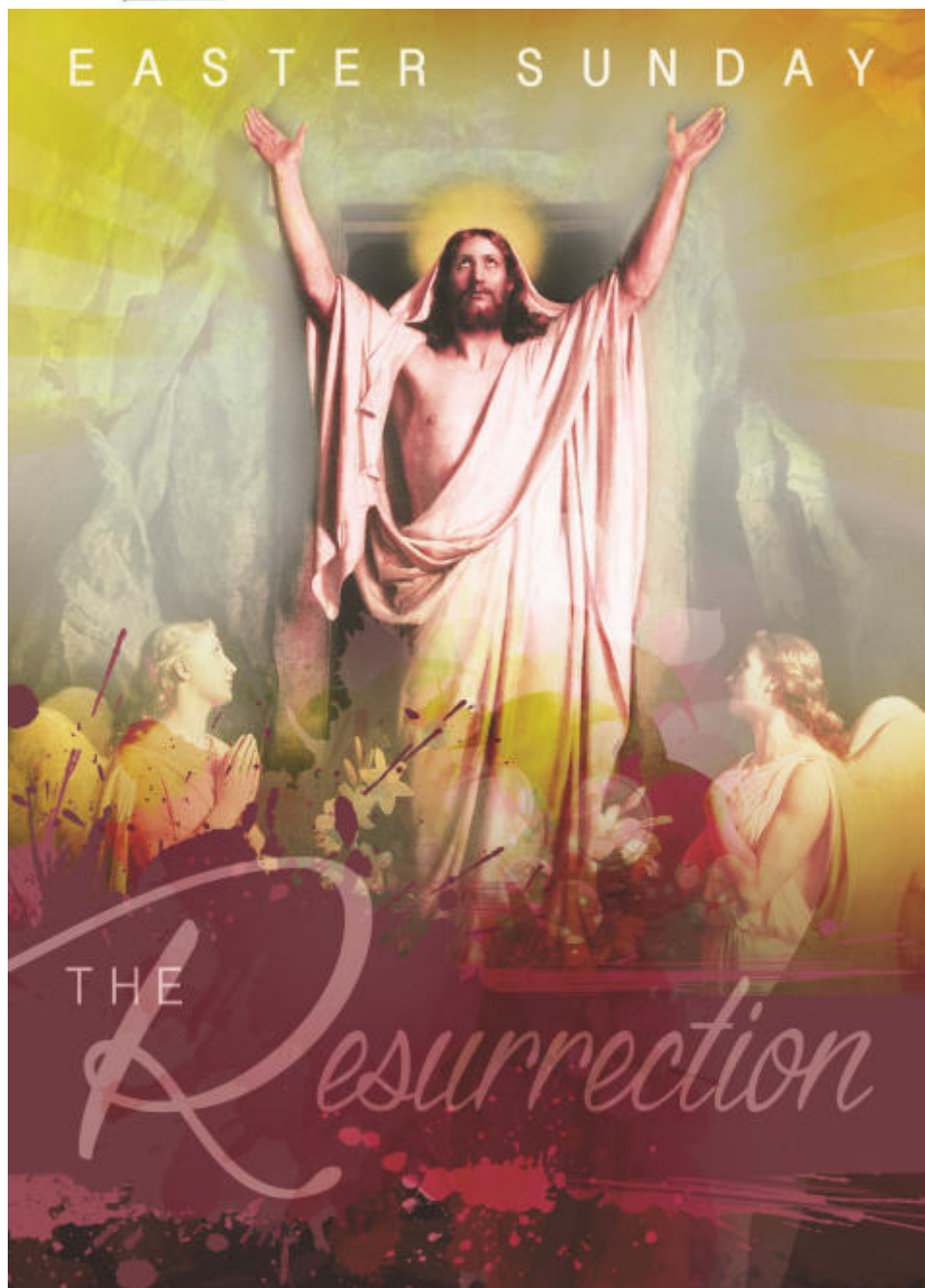




# Church of ST. PATRICK

## Mission Statement

Saint Patrick's Church welcomes all into our community of Catholic faith and worship. We celebrate the Word of God, proclaim His Word by our daily actions, foster hope, and commit to justice in service to others.



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## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### Weekend Masses

Saturday 5 PM & Sunday 10:30 AM

Or online at [www.churchofstpatrik.com](http://www.churchofstpatrik.com).

### Weekday Masses

See Page 5.

### Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

The 1st Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM  
Mass or by appointment.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4 to 4:30 PM or by appointment.

### Eucharistic Adoration

No adoration will be held until further notice.

### Infant Baptism Preparation

A preparation class is required. Please contact the Parish Office.

### Baptisms

The 3rd Sunday at the Masses or by appointment. Dates for Baptism may be set after you have attended instruction. We encourage you to attend instruction before the birth of your child.

### New Parishioner Registration

Is available during office hours Monday thru Friday OR on-line: [www.churchofstpatrik.com](http://www.churchofstpatrik.com).

### Marriages

Contact the Parish Office a minimum of six months prior to the wedding date.

### Office Hours

8:30 AM - 4:30 PM ~ Monday thru Thursday

8:30 AM - Noon ~ Friday

### Bulletin Notices

Submit in writing at the Parish Office or to [bulletin@churchofstpatrik.com](mailto:bulletin@churchofstpatrik.com) by noon on Monday. Occasionally deadlines vary due to holiday schedules. Please contact the parish office with questions.

\*\* Notary services available upon request.

## Teresa Neuman, Director of Faith Formation

### **“I am the resurrection and the light.” John 11:25**

As I started to write this article, I reflected on what I wrote for the Easter article last year. We had only just begun our journey into this pandemic. I don't think any of us realized at that point how drastically our lives would be changed by this virus. We lost people we loved. As I gave the eulogy for my father-in-law, who lost his fight with this virus, I thought how sad that such a great man was brought down by a virus we cannot even see. At this point in time, most of us have been touched or know someone whose life has been altered because of this virus.



This reflection brought me full circle to the connections between the events of the suffering and passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, his Resurrection and our own individual journeys during this pandemic.

In our current world, prayer is often looked upon as a gesture of the weak. It is seen as a support system we use when we can no longer help ourselves. We often fall into the trap of thinking this way especially when we feel that God has somehow forgotten us. That God did not care enough to listen. That a kind and loving God would not have let the current circumstances we find ourselves in happen. When this happens we are creating a God within our minds that is adapted to our own image with supposed limits. We are trying to meet God on our own terms not on His. We are selling God short. Truly, prayer should be the greatest adventure. When we reach out in prayer it should pull us away to a place that cannot be contained by the narrow boundaries of our minds and hearts. It can be scary to let go in that way, but if we allow it to happen, to freely state: “I am going to trust that you will lead me Dear Heavenly Father, come to me My Precious Savior Jesus, guide me Holy Spirit” then the equation can change from easy support system to a surrender that can give us deep peace even in the chaos of our world.

My hope is that all of us know that prayer is as individual as each of us. There is no wrong way to pray. The great mystery of our lives is that Jesus wants to meet and have an abiding friendship with each of us. Jesus wants to free us from our deepest fears and make us all understand that we are loved. The more we reach out to a loving Trinity, the more we learn to cherish and love ourselves with all our flaws and supposed limits.

This is the truth that Jesus willingly died on the cross for us to recognize. When Jesus was dying on the cross he looked to the crowd surrounding him like the ultimate failure. He had nothing left. Everything including his dignity had been taken from him. But the hidden truth is at the moment when Jesus looked to have lost everything, he had gained everything for us. At the moment of his death, he set us free from sin and death to have the opportunity of everlasting life by his loving sacrifice. So as we celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ today, there is reason for hope.

We still have fear, we are still sinful but we recognize especially as we celebrate today, that we can have joy and tranquility among the chaos and uncertainty. It reminds us that God is present even when His presence is not directly noticed. Easter reminds us that even though we are preoccupied with so many things, the Trinity walks among us inviting us to cast away our shadows and come into the presence of the Divine one who created us, the Savior who died for us and the Spirit that is present to guide us. We need to lift up our faces, open up our eyes and celebrate the one who is patiently waiting for us to reach out in our current circumstances and let Him show us the light. May we all help to build the kingdom.

### **Do you know someone who is interested in becoming Catholic or finishing their initiation journey?**

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) and the Rite of Christian Initiation of Children (RCIC) begins a new journey each September. Adults who are seeking entrance into our faith from a different faith tradition or who have never finished their initiation sacraments of baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation, join with their peers to journey together to learn about our shared Catholic Faith, grow in their spirituality and form a prayer life rich in understanding of the scriptures and diverse prayer forms. If your child is older than 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and has not been baptized and/or received their First Eucharist, then RCIC is the place for them. If you would like to know more about this journey, please contact Teresa Neuman.

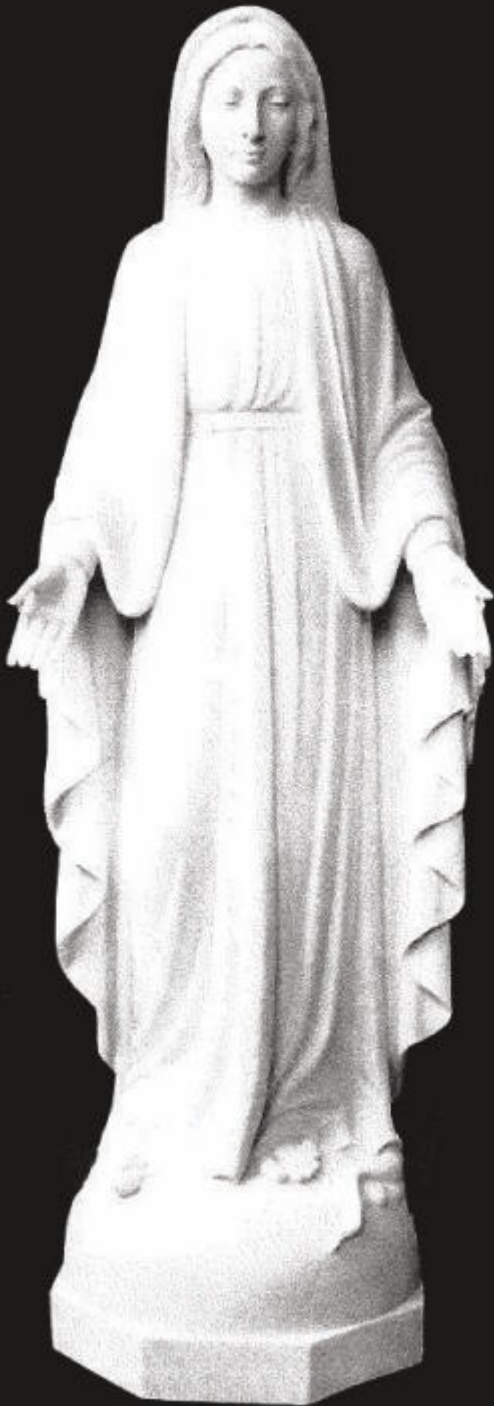
**Holy Water is Available:** The Easter season is traditionally a time to bless your home. Need holy water? Bring your container to the parish office during office hours.

**Family Fun Night is Coming, Wednesday, June 16, 4:30-7:30 PM:** Events currently scheduled include a petting zoo, snack walk, food trucks, ice cream making, giant Jenga, corn hole, snack walk and much more. All activities will be outside with social distancing. Tickets are available in the parish office and during faith formation. Cost is \$7 per person, \$35 family cap. Food truck purchases are not included in the ticket price. Beverages are provided. Sponsorship information coming soon.

## Marian Garden Project—Teresa Neuman

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Our Lady of Grace

Church is a place where we should be able to come and have our greatest joys. It should be a place where we can lay down our deepest sorrows and know we will find comfort.

Church should be home but not just for those people who enter our doors. It should be a beacon for those seeking comfort but not sure in which direction to turn. Because I oversee the Rite of Christian initiation at this church, I hear the stories of how individuals decide out of nowhere to seek St. Patrick's as their home. They drove through the parking lot and saw the light of the tabernacle shining in the upper windows from the chapel. They parked their car in the lower parking lot and viewed the pictures in our gathering space windows. They sat on the bench in the community garden and prayed with the statue of the Virgin Mary next to them.

Comfort can be found in not only the inner sanctuary of our church but in the grounds surrounding the church as well. We are working on renaming the community garden. It will be dedicated to the Virgin Mary. We have purchased a beautiful statue of the Virgin Mary that will be placed outside the lower doors of the church with benches and a small garden surrounding the statue. It will be a place where individuals and families can pray the rosary. Where young children can come and honor our Virgin Mother on her Holy Days. Where people who are lost and trying to find a spiritual home can come and find peace. Our Holy Mother is a powerful intercessor.

We are looking for donations to finish paying for the statue and the installation of benches, flowers and concrete work that will make the Virgin Mary statue and her garden handicap accessible. If you would like to donate to help this beautiful garden become a reality for generations to come, please make your donation out to St. Patrick's and place "Marian Garden" in the memo. Check out the information board in the gathering space for drawings and a picture of the statue. Prayer is appreciated if a monetary donation does not fit in your budget. Please pray for the success of this project.



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Parish Councils/Commissions: See Page 7



1,000 Registered Families | 571 out of 1000 families have contributed.  
80 Family Envelopes & 94 Electronic deposits through March 21, 2021.

Weekly Collection	\$15,655	Year to Date: 07/01/2020 - 03/21/2021	
Electronic Giving	\$6,554	Sunday Giving	\$674,402
Total for the Week	\$22,209	Sunday Budget Needed	\$761,329
Total Revenue Needed Weekly	\$20,146	<b>Year to date shortfall</b>	<b>-\$86,927</b>
<b>Weekly Surplus</b>	<b>\$2,063</b>	Weekly Youth Collection	\$0

Please consider making a charitable gift to the Church of St. Patrick in your will or trust. Thank you.

**Please Note:** Due to holiday bulletin deadlines, updated collection numbers will be available next week.

### We need your financial support!!!

In order to maintain parish operations, we need everyone to continue their financial contributions.

#### We have four ways to contribute:

1. Bring your offering to Mass;
2. Mail in your offering;
3. Visit [www.churchofstpatrik.com](http://www.churchofstpatrik.com) and click on the secure link for "Online Giving";
4. Drop your donation at the parish during normal business hours, or after hours in the secure drop box near door # 1.

**Together we will continue the Lord's work as the Church of St. Patrick**

**Prayer Shawl Blessing and Distribution:** Members of our parish are engaged in a prayer shawl ministry where the individual shawls they knit or crochet are stitched with prayer and care for the recipients. Fr. Brian then blesses the shawls at the Mass. Although they can be picked up at the parish office at any time, we do have two weekends a year when the shawls are blessed and distributed at the Mass. The next blessing and distribution will take place at all Masses the weekend of April 24/25. Blessed shawls will be available in the sanctuary after Mass either for yourself or for giving away to someone who is in need of some love and care. If you miss the blessing and distribution, blessed shawls can be picked up at the parish office.

**Attention Prayer Shawl Ministers:** If you are a member of this ministry and are working on a prayer shawl, please plan to wrap up your work and have your finished shawls individually bagged and dropped off at the parish office by April 21.

*Please Remember in Prayer*

Mary Swanson  
*Psalm 31:2 "In you, LORD, I take refuge."*

## Upcoming at St. Pat's

## Mass Intentions

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>6th</b>
7:00PM	Worship Commission
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7th</b>
4:30PM	Faith Formation, Emerald Hall
6:30PM	Parish Life Commission
7:00PM	Faith Formation, Emerald Hall
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8th</b>
4:30PM	Administration Commission
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>10th</b>
9:00AM	Confirmation 2 Retreat Church, Chapel Shamrock Hall, Emerald Hall
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>11th</b>
9:00AM	Faith Formation, Emerald Hall
11:30AM	Mystagogy, Emerald Hall
7:00PM	Men's Club, Emerald Hall

**Reminder that Gather Hymnals are Available for Check-out:** Blue Gather hymnals are available in the office for check-out. Families are invited to use them to participate more fully in the songs and acclamations when viewing online Masses. You are welcome to bring a hymnal with you to church when you attend the week-end Masses.

### READINGS

<i>for the week of April 4</i>	©Liturgical Publications
<b>Sunday:</b>	Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/ Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or Lk 24:13-35
<b>Monday:</b>	Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Mt 28:8-15
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [5b]/Jn 20:11-18
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [3b]/Lk 24:13-35
<b>Thursday:</b>	Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2, 5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Lk 24:35-48
<b>Friday:</b>	Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-24, 25-27 [22]/Jn 21:1-14
<b>Saturday:</b>	Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1, 14-15, 16-18, 19-21 [21a]/Mk 16:9-15
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-3

### FOOD SHELF NEEDS (Neighbors Inc.)

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|---------------------------|--|
| • <b>Canned Meat</b>      | • Soups with Meat                      |
| • Pancake Mix& Syrup      | • <b>Tuna-Chicken-Hamburger Helper</b> |
| • Tuna                    | • Paper Bags                           |
| • <b>Hygiene products</b> | • Non-sugared Cereal                   |
| • <b>Canned Fruits</b>    | • Tomato Products                      |
| • Toothpaste/Mouthwash    | • Granola Bars                         |
| • Fruit Juice             | • Canned Vegetables                    |
| • Jelly                   |  |

<b>Online Weekend (4/3 &amp; 4/4)</b>	†/0 Intentions from Spiritual Bouquet Cards
<b>Saturday (4/3) The Easter Vigil</b>	8:00PM †/0 Intentions from Spiritual Bouquet Cards
<b>Sunday (4/4) Easter Sunday</b>	8:00AM †/0 Intentions from Spiritual Bouquet Cards
	10:30AM †/0 Intentions from Spiritual Bouquet Cards
<b>Tuesday (4/6)</b>	6:30PM † Roy Unten
<b>Wednesday (4/7)</b>	8:00AM † Jon Kosiak
<b>Thursday (4/8)</b>	8:00AM † Margaret Seipel
<b>Friday (4/9)</b>	8:00AM † Jeanne Matczynski
<b>Online Weekend (4/10 &amp; 4/11)</b>	† Gordon Carlson
<b>Saturday (4/10)</b>	5:00PM 0 Confirmation 2 Learners
<b>Sunday (4/11)</b>	10:30AM † Jerry Speldrick
	0 - Living † - Deceased
	Rosary is prayed Monday-Friday at 7:30AM


### OTHER MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Woodlyn Heights S/C: April 8 at 10:30AM  
Timber Hills: April 9 at 10AM - 0 Pope Francis

### Music for Online Masses

**Holy Thursday, April 1:**  
Gathering Song: Glory in the Cross  
Glory to God: # 323  
Psalm 116: Our Blessing-Cup #78  
Gospel Acclamation #209  
Preparation of the Gifts: We Come to Your Feast #938  
Mass Acclamations: Holy #375, Save Us #376, Amen #377, Lamb of God #378  
Communion: *Ubi Caritas* #696  
Transfer of the Most Blessed Sacrament: Pange Lingue #509

**Good Friday, April 2:**  
Psalm 31: Father, I Put My Life Into Your Hands  
Gospel Acclamation #209  
Veneration of the Cross: Were You There #511  
Communion: O Sacred Head #512  
Recessional: Jesus, Remember Me #510  
**Easter Sunday, April 4:**  
Gathering Song: Jesus Christ is Risen Today #540  
Psalm 118: This is the Day  
Sprinkling Rite: Sprinkling Song #316  
Communion: O Taste and See #917  
Recessional : Life High the Cross #881



# End of Life Workshop

Topics include: estate planning, funeral planning and current church teaching on end of life

**Thursday, May 20 at 7:00 PM**

**please pre-register by May 13** by calling 651-455-6624 or emailing [rsvp@churchofstpatrik.com](mailto:rsvp@churchofstpatrik.com)

**Presenters:** Catholic United Financial, Jamie Roberts from Roberts Funeral Home, Fr. Brian Fier - Pastor

Attendees will be eligible to take advantage of current St. Patrick's Cemetery grave and columbarium rates

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## ST. PATRICK'S COUNCILS & COMMISSIONS MEETING SCHEDULES

If you want to attend a meeting or possibly join parish leadership, opportunities are listed below. Please contact the parish office at least 2 days prior to a scheduled meeting date. We are all responsible for building community here at St. Patrick's; therefore, we invite you to consider serving on one of the many commissions or councils. All commissions and councils are available to active registered parishioners. Details on how to attend a meeting will be provided to parishioners upon request. Together we are the Church!

Commission or Council	Meeting day and time
Worship Commission	1st Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm
Pastoral Care Commission	1st Thursday of the month at 5:30 pm
Parish Life Commission	1st Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm
Faith Formation Commission	2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm
Social Justice Commission	2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm
Administration Commission	2nd Thursday of the month at 4:30 pm
Finance Council	3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm
Parish Pastoral Council	4th Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm

### Liaisons for St. Patrick's Councils/Commissions Parish Pastoral Council

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