

ST. PATRICK'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH & DAY SCHOOL

A WORD FROM FATHER ASHLEY

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I pray your Easter season has been one filled with God's peace and grace. As you know, the end of the school year is fast approaching, which can be a hectic time for many. With this in mind, I wanted to let you know about some schedule changes for the summer.

First, our Wednesday night, 3 Course Meals, will continue through May 23rd. We will celebrate the end of the program year on May 23rd. The meal on the 23rd will be free, so bring a friend and RSVP [HERE](#).

We will be having hamburgers and hot dogs with all the fixings. You are invited to bring a dessert potluck. Our Wednesday evening, 3 Course Meals will resume on August 15th with new programming. You will be hearing more about Wednesday evening 3 Course Meals this summer, so be on the lookout.

Second, our Sunday morning Adult Education will continue through May 27th. Although, the children's Sunday School has finished for the year, there will be childcare available during the Adult Education until May 27th. Children's Sunday school and Adult Ed will resume on August 5th.

Third, please mark your calendars for the celebration of St. Patrick on July 15th. As you are aware, St. Patrick's Day was on March 17th. Since our patron saint's day is always during lent, I decided to observe this celebration during the summer. The festivities on July 15th will begin with our Sunday service, which will include a children's choir made up of students from the school, and a St. Patrick's Church and School picnic afterwards. We will have activities for the kids, food, and lots of fun. We will need some help organizing and planning for this event, so if you would like to help let me or Jessica know.

As we move into the summer season, I offer you this prayer:

Father, Creator of all, thank You for summer!

Thank you for the warmth of the sun and the increased

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daylight.

Thank You for the beauty I see all around me and for the opportunity to be outside and enjoy Your creation.

Thank You for the increased time I have to be with my friends and family, and for the more casual pace of the summer season.

Draw me closer to You this summer.

Teach me how I can pray no matter where I am or what I am doing.

Warm my soul with the awareness of Your presence and light my path with Your Word and Counsel.

As I enjoy Your creation, create in me a pure heart and a hunger and a thirst for You.
Amen.

Faithfully yours,



Fr. Ashley Freeman+

RELAY FOR LIFE

A special thank you to Mrs. Reva Cook, our St. Patrick's Relay for Life Team Captain! With your help, we were able to raise \$600 for Relay for Life!




Relay for Life
Cancer: not here, not there,
not anywhere



BUDGET AT A GLANCE

Tithes and Offerings through April 26	\$11,418.00
Budget for April	\$13,784.00
Year to Date Tithes and Offerings	\$47,641.50
Budgeted YTD Tithes and Offerings	\$55,137.00
Budget Variance	-\$7,495

STATUS OF BUILDING FUND

Building Loan Balance	\$187,583.43
Armstrong Building Fund	\$9,979.20
Pledges Outstanding	\$13,585.00
Total Indebtedness	\$164,019.23
Monthly Building Note	\$2,989.72
Day School Contribution	\$1,500.00
Church Obligation to Building Note	\$1,489.72

ST. PATRICK'S 3 COURSE MEALS: FOOD FOR THE MIND, BODY, & SOUL

Join us Wednesday Evenings for Food, Fellowship, Adult Education, and Compline service!

5:30 P.M. Meal and Fellowship

6:20 P.M. Adult Ed., *Nursery provided*

7:20 P.M. Compline, *a short, casual prayer service*

\$5 donation per person, no more than \$20 per family

Upcoming Menus

May 2: Pulled Beef on a Kaiser Bun with Cheesecake & Cookies for dessert

May 9: Spaghetti & Meatballs with Cheesecake & Cookies for dessert

May 16: Taco Night with Key Lime Pie for dessert

May 23: END OF THE PROGRAM YEAR SUPPER— Meals this night will be free, so bring a friend! We will be having hamburgers and hot dogs with all the fixings. You are invited to bring a dessert potluck.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL & ADULT EDUCATION

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KITCHEN FUND: NEW OVEN AND INSTALLATION

Your help is still needed! We have reached the first part of the goal for a new commercial grade range! It was delivered Tuesday and cost \$2,200. We now have to do some rewiring to accommodate the additional wattage (approx \$500) and some cabinet work (approx. \$300) to make room for the new stove. The current balance is \$2,532.00 so we are closing in on the final goal of \$3,000. Thank you for your past support. If you would like to donate to the kitchen fund, please place a marked offering in the offering plate, donate online through REALM, or visit Jessica in the Church Office.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

2—Fr. Ashley Freeman
4— Jimmy A. Spiller
5— Carolyn Whetstone
5— Henry Stewart
5— Charles Stewart
5—Andrew Peterson
7— Charles Melvin
8— Peyton Jarreau
8— Christian Herget
9— Zoe Woodroffe
9— Kira Woodroffe
9— Sarah Edel
10— Fr. Stewart Cage
11— Grant Lea
12— Joshua Fry
16— Mary Martin
18— Matt Canning
19— Candy Thornton
27— Jessica Leet
27— Shawn Cage
29— Benjamin Larisey
30— Lillian Cassagne



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

6— Keith & Tracy Gauff
15— A.C. & Sandy Bailey
23— Henry & Caroline Stewart

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Mae, Maw Mac, Sally, Carolyn, Gene, The Richie Smith Family, Charlene, Becky, Lisa, Christian, Emilie, Beth, Ron, Mike, Betty, Don, Wade, Sean, Colby, Lee, Jesse, Doug, and The Smith Family

FOR ALL IN THE SERVICE OF OUR COUNTRY

Christian Fuller, Dale Thomas Granier, Tanis Granier, Denise Marr, Edward Mills, Austin Leake, Matthew Peterson, Denver Pierce, Jamie Turner, Chance Vicellio, & D.J. Wyatt



THE CHURCH'S SPRING PICNIC & CRAWFISH BOIL

A special thank you to the Foyer Groups along with Drew & Teresa Boatner for hosting this year's Church Spring Picnic and Crawfish boil. Everyone enjoyed wonderful fellowship, friends, and good food!



THE DAY SCHOOL'S TEA PARTY (GIRLS) & SPORTS DAY (BOYS) WAS A HUGE SUCCESS



CUB SCOUT PACK 46 UPDATE

The St. Patrick's Church Cub Scout Pack 46 Garage Sale was a success. They collected \$3,000 from the garage sale and jambalaya sales. Proceeds will be used to furnish a trailer (given to them by Troop 46) with camping supplies (tables, chairs, cooking equipment and more) for pack campouts.



GIRL SCOUT JUNIOR TROOP 10252 UPDATE

The St. Patrick's Church Girl Scout Junior Troop 10252 was able to donate 3 cases of Girl Scout cookies to the Zachary Food Pantry using GS Cookies funds they earned during the 2018 Cookie Sale. They will also use a portion of the cookie proceeds to go on their first camping trip and end of the year party. They've just completed their Simple Meals and Junior Camper Badges. On June 11 they will begin work on the Junior Bronze Award, the highest award a Junior Girl Scout can earn.



APRIL 17, 2018 VESTRY MEETING SUMMARY

Attending: Fr. Ashley Freeman, Don Leese, Beth Kimmell, Bob Hathaway, Jesse Noble, Dianna Bonaventure, Delores Jenkins, Jean Woodside, Monica Dugas, Catherine Thornton, John Gifford - Treasurer, Sandy Bailey - Accountant

Reported a March deficit of \$5,695.79 and Year to date deficit of \$19,495.22 for the church.

Approved a building fund loan with a 5 year balloon/amortized for 15 years at a rate of 5.5% and payment of \$1,552.46 with the Bank of Zachary.

Reported a March balance of \$3,918 and Year to date balance of \$1,834 for the school.

Video cameras on the entire church grounds are live.

An average of 55 people have been served every Wednesday night. Suppers will be served through May 23 and then the teams will take a break until August.

The two Foyer Groups will host a Crawfish Boil on Sunday, April 29 at the home of Drew and Teresa Boatner that will be open to everyone and especially anyone interested in joining a Foyer Group.

Rocking Ministries Church would like to start a community garden and they have been offered space on St. Patrick's grounds.

The school is at capacity and is doing well. The annual Tea Party and Sports Day went well. Registration for the 2018-19 school year has begun. Chapel is held every Wednesday and graduation will be held May 2.

Catherine Thornton, Chair of the School Advisory Committee reported that the Summer Camp program is on the website but they would like to see this information available sooner. Fundraising activities were discussed such as a Parent's Night Out and a Silent Auction. They recommended adopting a new curriculum called *Frogstreet* at a cost of \$6,400 that would be supported by a Christian based curriculum called *Godly Play*. They would like better communication with parents and suggested using a module available on the current ProCare software that would cost \$50/month.

Jesse Noble will lead the Stewardship Committee with the assistance of John Gifford, Treasurer, and members of the congregation. The church will be using the New Consecration Sunday program that runs for 10 weeks for the pledge drive this year.

Beth Kimmell reported that the kitchen fund is at approx. \$2,500 and the range will cost \$2,200 with additional expense for wiring for the higher wattage and carpentry work to make room for it in the kitchen for a total of approximately \$3,000.

The vestry approved the annual Diocesan Assessment of \$20,267.

Respectfully Submitted,
Beth Kimmell
Vestry Secretary

IMPORTANT DATES

5/2: Preschool Graduation

5/4: St. Luke's Special Lecture and Dinner Event

5/4: Benefit Lunch for Fallen Officer & Deputy Chief Chris Lawton

5/7-11: Teacher Appreciation Week

5/10: Teacher Appreciation Luncheon

5/13: Mother's Day

5/18-19: ECW Annual Gathering

5/28: Closed for memorial Day

5/29: Summer Camp Begins

7/15: The Celebration of St. Patrick

First Thursday of the Month: School Advisory Meeting

VESTRY

Don Leese, Warden ('19)

Bob Hathaway, Jr. Warden ('19)

John Gifford, Treasurer

Sandy Bailey, Accountant

Delores Jenkins ('20)

Jean Woodside ('20)

Catherine Thornton ('20)

Beth Kimmell ('21)

Jesse Noble ('21)

Dianna Bonaventure ('21)

Monica Dugas ('21)

MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE

The Church Office and Day School will be closed on Monday, May 28 in observance of Memorial Day.

EDUCATION & FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES AROUND THE DIOCESE IN MAY

18-19

Episcopal Church Women 131st Annual Meeting

Christ Episcopal Church, 120 S. New Hampshire St, Covington

Please see Jessica within the church office for a registration packet.

18-19

Deacon's Conference

Solomon Episcopal Conference Center

More information: <http://www.solomoncenter.org/Events-and-Registrations>

THE CELEBRATION OF ST. PATRICK

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Sunday Mornings

9:00 AM— Holy Eucharist at St. Augustine's
(12954 Joor Road)

9:30 AM—Adult Ed, Sunday School, & Nursery
at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church

10:45 AM— Holy Eucharist at St. Patrick's

Wednesdays at St. Patrick's

5:30 PM— Meal & Fellowship

6:30 PM— Bible Study

7:20 PM—Compline

Childcare available