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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



SAINT PATRICK

MARCH 17

St. Patrick had managed to explain the Trinity, the essence of Christian Doctrine, to the High King of Ireland using a simple shamrock.

“Do you not see how in this wildflower three leaves are united on one stalk, and will you then believe that there are indeed three persons and yet one God?”



Saint Patrick's birth name was Maewyn Succat. He was born near the end of the fourth century and took on the name Patrick or Patricus, after he became a priest.

At the age of sixteen, Maewyn Succat was kidnapped from his native land of Britain by pirates and was sold into slavery in Ireland. He worked as a shepherd and turned to religion for solace. After six long years of slavery, he escaped to the northern coast of Gaul.

When in Gaul, Maewyn became Patrick (a more Christian name) and studied in the monastery under St. Germain, Bishop of Auxerre for twelve years. He came to believe that it was his calling to convert the pagans of Ireland to Christianity. St. Palladius was appointed to go to Ireland first but transferred to Scotland two years later opening up the door for Patrick. Patrick was about 60 years old when he arrived in Ireland and it is said that he had a winning personality that helped him win converts. He used the shamrock, which resembles a three-leafed clover, to help explain the concept of the Trinity (Father, Son, Holy Spirit).

Patrick was arrested several times, but each time was able to escape. He traveled throughout Ireland, establishing monasteries and

setting up schools and churches to aid in converting the Irish country to Christianity.

Legend has it that Saint Patrick drove all the snakes out of Ireland. It is said they all went into the sea and drowned. The snake is a pagan symbol and perhaps this is a figurative tale explaining that he drove paganism out of Ireland.

Patrick's mission in Ireland lasted for thirty years. He then retired to County Down and died on March 17 in 461 AD. That day has been commemorated as St. Patrick's Day ever since. The first year St. Patrick's Day was celebrated in this country was 1737 in Boston, Massachusetts. St. Patrick used the shamrock leaf to symbolize the Trinity, and today many people wear a shamrock to commemorate Saint Patrick's Day.

ST PATRICK'S DINNER
THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WILL COOK A ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER IN THE HALL THIS TUESDAY, MARCH 17TH 5-7 PM. TICKETS ARE \$7 PER PLATE. BRING YOUR LEPRECHAUN STORIES, IRISH GAGS, GOOD LUCK STORIES, AND COME ENJOY THE IRISH FOOD FARE! HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

On vacation in Europe, Bob noticed a marble column in a church in Rome with a golden telephone on it. As a young priest passed by, Bob asked who the telephone was for. The priest told him it was a direct line to Heaven, and if he'd like to call, it would be a thousand dollars. Bob was amazed, but declined the offer. Throughout Europe Bob kept seeing the same golden telephone on a marble column. At each, he asked about it and the answer was always the same: a direct line to Heaven and he could call for a thousand dollars. Bob finished his tour of Europe with a stop in Ireland. He decided to attend Mass at a local village church. When he walked in the door he noticed the golden telephone, but underneath it there was a sign stating: "Direct Line to Heaven - 25 cents" "Father," he said, "I have been all over Europe and in all the cathedrals I visited, I've seen telephones exactly like this one but the price is always a thousand dollars. Why is it that this one is only 25 cents?" The priest smiled and said, "Son, you're in Ireland now. It's a local call."

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

OFFICE HOURS

Mon / Tue/ Wed 8 am— 4 pm
Thursday & Friday 8 am—Noon
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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday Vigil Mass 5 pm
Sunday Mass 9 am; 1 pm Español
St. Mary in Geneva, Saturday Mass 7pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon, Tue, & Thu, Mass at 9 am
Wed 5:30 pm Benediction Service with
Mass to follow
Friday 9 am Para Liturgical Service

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00 – 4:45 pm or by appointment

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

In the Day Chapel:
Wednesday 9:00 am– 5:30 pm
Benediction at 5:30 pm with Mass to follow
Rosary in Spanish 7pm on 3rd Fri of Month

GIFT SHOP

Open after Saturday 5 pm Mass and
Sunday 9 am Mass or by appointment

BECOMING CATHOLIC Contact the church office for information on the RCIA program.

BAPTISM CLASS is held the last Tuesday of each month at 6 pm in the church. Call the office to register.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION Please consult with the priest at least 6 months before the planned wedding date.

HOMEBOUND & ILLNESSES If you, or someone you know, would like to be visited at home or in the hospital/nursing home, please contact the office.

NEW PARISHIONERS Welcome! Please fill out a Parishioner Registration Card (in the church foyer) and place in the collection basket or return to the church office.

OFFERING ENVELOPES If you would like offering envelopes, please contact the office or fill out a Parishioner Registration Card (in the church foyer) and check the appropriate box on the back.

WELCOME

ST. JOHN PARISH IS A COMMUNITY OF BELIEVERS UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT THAT PROCLAIMS THE GOOD NEWS AND SERVES OTHERS IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST. MAY YOUR TIME AT ST. JOHN BE A BLESSED ONE.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS It will soon be time to select new council members. Please contact **Manny Andino at 347-7896** with the names and contact number of a person you would like to submit for this council. St. John depends on members for their time, talent, and treasures.



ELIJAH CUP CHANGE IN FORMAT Due to the lack of participation of this program a new format will be implemented. A roster system will be utilized. A sign up sheet is in the vestibule to register for this roster where the names will be used to create monthly schedules. You may also call or email Linda DeOrian at 393-6118 — lfd101@roadrunner.com to join in this important program of Prayers for the Priesthood.



LENTEN SERVICES: STATIONS OF THE CROSS EVERY FRIDAY during Lent at 6 pm. A children's Stations of the Cross will be done on Friday, March 20th, at 6pm. **PENANCE SERVICE WILL BE MARCH 25TH AT 6 PM.**

COOKIES, CAKES, AND PIES NEEDED! St. John's Ladies Guild will have a Bake Sale after each Mass on Palm Sunday weekend, April 4th & 5th. The funds from the Bake Sale are used for the altar care here at St. John. Please contribute or purchase baked goods. Your baked items can be brought to the Hall on Saturday, April 4 after 2:30 pm. **TWO EASTER BASKETS**, (one for a girl and one for a boy) will also be raffled. The Ladies Guild thanks you for your support!



THE BURSE CLUB Anyone can purchase **Memorial and All Occasion Cards** for (minimum) \$5 each. You can also join the club for the small dues amount of **only \$1 a month (or \$12 for a year)**. The money is used to help educate men for the priesthood. In return, you will be remembered in daily prayers and Masses of all who were educated with these dues. **Contact Pat Schrand at 347-7216 for more information.**

THANKS MOM...FOR LIFE! The Wiregrass Emergency Pregnancy Service (WEPS) will be taking names of mothers on the **weekends of March 21-22 and March 28-29** for the Mother's Day ad. The ad will appear in the Southeast Sun the Wednesday before Mother's Day, May 10th. **A donation of \$3 per name** is suggested. It is a time to pay tribute to mother, living or dead, and time to speak up for LIFE. The money from this ad will be used to continue the work that WEPS does in saving babies.

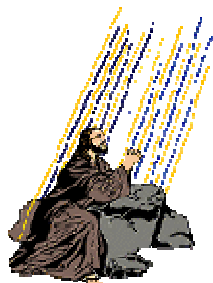


THE MARY MARTHA GROUP is a prayer and service group. Contact us with your prayer request. It is then forwarded to an email listing of people who will pray for the intended needs. An upcoming project of the Mary Martha Group is its **yearly preparation and delivery of Easter baskets to the elderly and shut-ins in our Parish**. If you have a prayer need or would like more information in joining this ministry please contact **Mary Henson at 347-2111 or email hoca@roadrunner.com**.

CHURCH CLEANING PLANNED: Please come out to help clean the Church for the preparation of Easter. Bring any cleaning supplies you have on hand. Scheduled date is **Thursday, April 2nd following the morning 9 am Mass**.

BLESSED TRINITY SHRINE RETREAT in Ft. Mitchell, AL is offering a "Holy Week Retreat" **April 6-12**. This year's Holy Week Retreat will simply be a time for joining the retreat house community in a silent retreat with the option for spiritual direction and prayer times in common. There will be daily Eucharist at the retreat house on Tuesday and Wednesday and liturgies of the Triduum Thursday through Sunday at St. Joseph's. All are welcome to come for all or part of the week. The fee is \$50 per overnight (includes a \$40 non-refundable deposit). For registration information, **call 334-855-4474**.

FORECLOSURE? For legal advice due to foreclosure, regardless of income, call toll free 877-393-2333. Sponsored by the Alabama Bar Association.



PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Lois Applegate, Berry Beadles, Bob Bailey, Bert Baxter, Bob Brookshire, Thomas Carney, Mike Chase, Ida Dixon, Patrizia Frenda, Steve Fullerton, Fr. William Gorman, Margaret Greenwood, Francis Guili, Fr. James Havens, Eldon Krantz, Ron Krantz, Sybil Lolley, Fr. Francis Messing, Michelle Proctor, Paul Ridgway, Earl Robinson, Cathy Spillane, Helen Walters, and Judy Yanik

CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE TO REMOVE OR PLACE SOMEONE ON THE SICK LIST

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CALL ROSE ROBKE AT 347-3630 OR
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SPECIAL COLLECTIONS
BLDG FUND 12 APRIL

 **PARISH SUPPORT** REGULAR: \$5,492.68
BLDG FUND: \$17,877.17

Rest in Peace
George Colton 
Uncle of Carole Allen

SENIOR CITIZEN'S PROM 2009 A RIP ROARIN' WESTERN ROUNDUP ON MARCH 27 5:30 PM AT COFFEE COUNTY FARM CENTER IN NEW BROCKTON, AL

The Coffee County 4-H, Alacare Home Health and the Extension Office are sponsoring this free event. All Coffee County senior citizens are invited to enjoy an evening of music, dancing, entertainment, food and fun! Shine your boots and mark that date now! Call 334-894-5596 to RSVP or for and more information.



IT IS EASY TO LOVE THE PEOPLE FAR AWAY. IT IS NOT ALWAYS EASY TO LOVE THOSE CLOSE TO US. IT IS EASIER TO GIVE A CUP OF RICE TO RELIEVE HUNGER THAN TO RELIEVE THE LONELINESS AND PAIN OF SOMEONE UNLOVED IN OUR OWN HOME. BRING LOVE INTO YOUR HOME FOR THIS IS WHERE OUR LOVE FOR EACH OTHER MUST START.
~MOTHER TERESA~



**THERE WILL BE
NO CCD CLASS
APRIL 05 & 08,
APRIL 12 & 15**

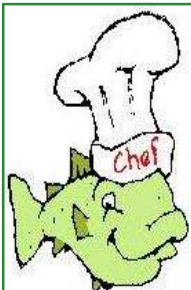


THE DAILY MASS SCHEDULE IS NOW PERMANENTLY SET

MON, TUES, & THURS 9 AM
WED 5:30 PM BENEDICTION
SERVICE WITH MASS TO
FOLLOW
FRIDAY 9 AM PARA
LITURGICAL SERVICE

CHILDRENS STATIONS ON FRIDAY MARCH 20TH

The Stations of the Cross on March 20th will be a Childrens' Stations of the Cross format. Please bring your children at 6pm and encourage and teach them this beautiful devotion reflecting on our Lords journey to the cross. You can download a free Stations of the Cross coloring book to help them in learning this devotion. http://www.catholicmom.com/stations_booklet.pdf



LENTEN FISH FRY ON APRIL 3RD

Mark your Calendars for April 3rd from 5-7 PM in the Church Hall! The Knights of Columbus will be frying fish for your Friday's day of Abstinence. Buy your tickets after Masses for \$7 per plate. Although there isn't a drive thru, you can come in and get your plates to go or stay and enjoy fellowship with fellow parishioners!



In Our Parish	<p>SUN MAR 15 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT</p> <p>RCIA SCRUNITY 9 AM, MASS ULTREYA 4-6 PM HALL JR HIGH YOUTH GROUP 6PM, HALL EX 20:1-17 OR 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17; Ps 19; 1 COR 1:22-25; JN 2:13-25</p>	<p>MON MAR 16 ST FRANCES OF ROME</p> <p>FINANCE MTG 5:30 RM 9 2 Kgs 5:1-15B; Ps 42 AND 43; Lk 4:24-30</p>	<p>TUE MAR 17</p> <p>LADIES GUILD CRAFTS HALL 10 AM-2PM KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ST. PATRICK DINNER HALL 5-7 PM RCIA 6PM RM 9 SAINT PATRICK, BISHOP DN 3:25, 34-43; Ps 2; MT 18:21-35</p>	<p>WED MAR 18</p> <p>ADORATION IN CHAPEL SAINT CYRIL OF JERUSALEM, BISHOP, DOCTOR DT 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147; MT 5:17-19</p>
	<p>THU MAR 19</p> <p>PASTORAL COUNCIL MTG 7PM HALL SAINT JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 2 SM 7:4-5A, 12-14A, 16; Ps 89; ROM 4:13, 16-18, 22; MT 1:16, 18-21, 24A OR LK 2:41-51A</p>	<p>FRI MAR 20 DAY OF ABSTINENCE</p> <p>CANASTA, 1PM, RM 9 CHILDRENS STATIONS OF THE CROSS 6PM CHURCH HISPANIC ADORATION 7PM CHAPEL Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81; Mk 12:28-34</p>	<p>SAT MAR 21</p> <p>Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51; Lk 18:9-14</p>	<p>SUN MAR 22 FORTH SUNDAY OF LENT</p> <p>RCIA SCRUTINY 9 AM MASS HS YOUTH GROUP 6PM HALL 2 CHR 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137; EPH 2:4-10; JN 3:14-21</p>