



# THE SHELL

Saint James the Greater Episcopal Church

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## Save the Date

03/01/2020

Sunday Service – 8:30am

03/08/2020

Sunday Service – 8:30am

03/10/2020

Vestry Meeting – 6:30pm

03/15/2020

Sunday Service – 8:30am

03/17/2020

Happy St. Patrick's Day

03/22/2020

Sunday Service – 8:30am

03/25/2020

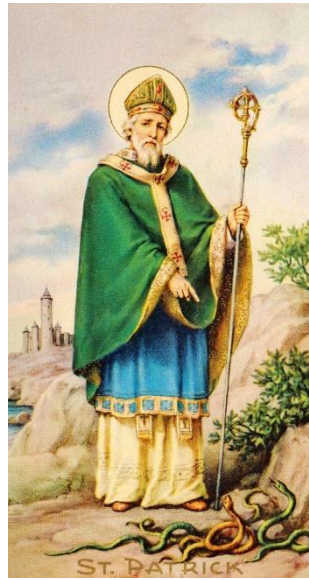
S.O.M.E. Dinner - 6:00pm to 7:00pm

*(Volunteers Needed)*

03/29/2020

Sunday Service – 8:30am

## Saint Patrick



### Feast Day March 17<sup>th</sup>

*Saint Patrick* (Latin: *Patricius*; Irish: *Pádraig*; Welsh: *Padrig*) was a fifth-century Romano-British Christian missionary and bishop in Ireland. Known as the "Apostle of Ireland", he is the primary patron saint of Ireland, the other patron saints being Brigit of Kildare and Columba. He is venerated in the Catholic Church, the Anglican Communion, the Lutheran Churches, and the Old Catholic Church, and in the Eastern Orthodox Church as equal-to-the-apostles and Enlightener of Ireland.

The dates of Patrick's life cannot be fixed with certainty, but there is broad agreement that he was active as a missionary in Ireland during the fifth century. Nevertheless, as the most recent biography on Patrick shows, a late fourth-century date for the saint is not impossible. Early medieval tradition credited him with being the first bishop of Armagh and Primate of Ireland, and referred to him as the founder of Christianity in Ireland, converting a society practising a form of Celtic polytheism - and he has been generally so regarded ever since, despite evidence of earlier Christian presence in Ireland.

Saint Patrick's Day is observed on 17 March, the supposed date of his death. It is celebrated inside and outside Ireland as a religious and cultural holiday. In the dioceses of Ireland, it is both a solemnity and a holy day of obligation; it is also a celebration of Ireland itself.

(Sources: catholicdictionary.com; Wikipedia.com)



**03/05 Gene Porter**

**03/06 Scott Whaley**

**03/29 Betsy Schmidt**



**03/21 Pam & Ron  
Bergey**



## Beyond the Days

There is a beautiful hymn that is typically sung during the season of Lent titled Beyond the Days by Fr. Ricky Manalo. This song contains a very powerful message and one that I often think about during this special time of the year. My hope is that the words in this song touch your heart the way that they have touched mine and that they will bring you closer to the Lord as you walk on your Lenten journey with him.

Beyond the days of hope and mystery we see a light of faith renewed, and in our longing we thirst for guidance to walk with you day by day.

1. Forty days and nights, you guide the steps of our journey. May your presence be felt in the whisper of your voice.

Beyond the days of hope and mystery we see a light of faith renewed, and in our longing we thirst for guidance to walk with you day by day.

2. Not on bread alone are we to walk on this journey. Speak the words that give life to the yearnings of our hearts.

Beyond the days of hope and mystery we see a light of faith renewed, and in our longing we thirst for guidance to walk with you day by day.

3. In your hands, O God, we feel the touch of your guidance. Keep us safe in your care: may your gentleness be there.

Beyond the days of hope and mystery we see a light of faith renewed, and in our longing we thirst for guidance to walk with you day by day.

4. On our Lenten path we see the dawn of a new day. Be our vision of hope; be the promise of our lives.

Beyond the days of hope and mystery we see a light of faith renewed, and in our longing we thirst for guidance to walk with you day by day.

Source: Musixmatch

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## March's Announcements

**Lent Madness Returns** – Join the thousands of people who play Lent Madness online every year! Lent Madness is a fun, engaging way to learn about the saints. The format is simple: 2 saints are placed into a tournament-like single elimination bracket. Each pairing remains open for a day and you can vote online for your favorite. Sixteen saints make it to the Sound of the Sainly Sixteen; eight go on to the round of the Elate Eight; for make it to the Faithful Four; two advance to the Championship; and the winner gets the coveted Golden Halo. To play, just log onto [www.lentmadness.org](http://www.lentmadness.org) each weekday during Lent.

**Something to Look Forward To** – Daylight Savings Time begins on March 8<sup>th</sup>. Spring is coming, yay!!

**Designer Purse Bingo** – It's never too early to think ahead...our annual purse bingo event is scheduled for Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Tickets are now available! Please see Betty Dougherty. The cost is \$30.00. Also, please be thinking of what you might like to contribute to the raffle baskets.

**Bingo's Foundation** – There is a plastic container on the table behind the pews for soda/beer pull tabs to help support Bingo's foundation, a non-profit, all volunteer cat adoption and rescue organization. They are a NO-KILL shelter and the cats are roam free. Soda/beer tabs aid in the cost of their electric bill. They can use all of the tabs that they can get. Bingo's Foundation is outside of Boscov's on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every month with a bake sale and showcasing cats and kittens looking for a home. The tabs will be delivered each month by Cat Amos Schaumberg.

**Property Maintenance** – In order to help with the cost of maintenance for our large and aging property, buildings and cemetery, we are kindly asking that you consider making a donation to our Property Maintenance Fund. You can use one of the envelopes that are provided in the weekly bulletin or send your check to the parish office. Any size donation that you can give will be greatly appreciated by our Property Maintenance Committee as the work to maintain and restore our historic property.

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