

# ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

&

## ST ANN MISSION



## The Holy Family

**DECEMBER 30, 2018**

**FATHER GERARD P. STAPLETON, PASTOR**

**ALGIERS - PLAQUEMINES DEANERY**

**VERY REVEREND JOHN F. TALAMO V.F.**

### Administration of the Sacraments

#### Baptism

To schedule Baptisms, please call the church office. Godparents and parents must attend a Baptismal Seminar prior to the Baptism.

#### Penance

The Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation is offered before every mass.

#### Marriage

Arrangements for Christian Marriage should be made at least 6 months prior to the planned date of the wedding, by the couple, in person. Please do not set your date without first checking with the St Patrick Parish Office to be sure that date is available.

#### Ministry to the Sick

Please contact the Parish Office concerning hospitalized and homebound parishioners wishing to receive sacraments or parish visits. Contact the Rector @564-6792.

#### Funerals

Family of the deceased should contact the rectory prior to making any arrangements. We realize that this is a very emotional time for the family, but the time that Church is available for the service must be taken into consideration.

We wish to accommodate everyone and welcome all ministers. All family member and ministers must address the family prior to the start of mass.

#### Cemetery

Proper license, insurance, permits and contracts needed prior to work performed in cemetery.



### Nativity Scene At Vatican's St. Peter's Square Was Sculpted Out Of Sand

Rich Varano, a professional sand artist from Florida was asked by the Vatican to produce a sand Nativity Scene. He guided three sculptors from the Netherlands, Russia, and the Czech Republic for two weeks crafting the 5.5 meters high by 16 meters wide sculpture (18 feet high by 52 feet wide).

Varano, 60, the artistic director of the massive work, doesn't mind if you call him "Mr. Sandman." Sand is his life and love. The American from Florida divides his time between the United States and Italy. It's very special to be making one here in a place with so much history, so much culture, so much art and in the shadow of such masters," "It is an incredibly humbling experience to be here," he said.

A large overhead canopy will protect the scene from any heavy rain and plastic curtains will be lowered in case of storms or strong winds before it is dismantled in January. "It's an ephemeral art in the sense that it is not intended to last forever," he said, "even though we could make it last indefinitely if we wanted to." —excerpt from the Huffington Post



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday** Sirach 3:2-7, 12-14; Colossians 3:12-21; Luke 2:22-40  
**Monday** 1 John 2:18-21; John 1:1-18;  
**Tuesday** Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21  
**Wednesday:** 1 John 2:22-28; John 1:19-28  
**Thursday:** Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 1:18-23  
**Friday:** 1 John 3:7-10; John 1:35-42  
**Saturday** 1 John 3:11-21; John 1:43-51

### Mission Statement

We, the Parish Family of St Patrick, which includes former parishioners of St Jude, St Joseph, St Ann, St Anthony, and Our Lady of Good Harbor, joyfully celebrate around the table of the Lord Jesus Christ the love and the beauty of our God and who we are as people on a faith journey. Conscious of our baptismal call, we proclaim God's word, in fidelity to our tradition, to believer and non-believer alike. We seek to give prophetic witness to our faith by striving to be a servant community of welcome and hospitality, of reconciliation and forgiveness, of compassion and hope.

<b>Parish Staff:</b>	<b>Pastor</b>	<b>Father Gerard P. Stapleton</b>
	<b>Director of Religious Education</b>	<b>Clara Frelich</b>
	<b>Administrative Assistant</b>	<b>Doreen Davis</b>

### Our Sacrificial Offerings

*We offer unto you, O Lord, our sacrificial giving.*

Last Week's Collection .....unavailable



**Sanctuary Lights** burn by the Tabernacle to show the real presence of Jesus (Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity) in the Eucharist. You may request that a sanctuary light burn in memory of a deceased loved one, in honor of a birthday, anniversary or any special event. The light burns for a 7 day period (Saturday-Friday) and a donation of \$10.00 is suggested.

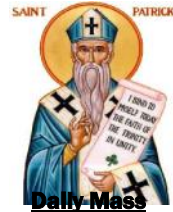
The Sanctuary Light will burn this week in loving memory of **Pauline Gleason**.

The **Sacrament of the Mass** is a beautiful prayer that can be offered up for a deceased loved one or friend. For more information, please contact the church office.

### PRAYER FOR PEACE—(By Blessed Pope John XXIII.)

Lord Jesus Christ, who are called the Prince of Peace, who are yourself our peace and reconciliation, who so often said, "Peace to you," grant us peace. Make all men and women witnesses of truth, justice, and brotherly love. Banish from their hearts whatever might endanger peace. Enlighten our rulers that they may guarantee and defend the great gift of peace. May all peoples of the earth become as brothers and sisters. May longed-for peace blossom forth and reign always over us all.

Please visit us on the Web at: [stpatrickportsulphur.com/](http://stpatrickportsulphur.com/)



**Daily Mass**

### Schedule

Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
9:30 A.M.

Tuesdays 5:00 P.M.  
Mass & Novena to  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Thursdays 5:00 P.M.  
Mass & Hour of Prayer

**Weekend Mass**  
Saturday  
4:30 P.M.  
Sunday  
8:00 A.M.  
10:00 A.M.

**St Ann Church**  
Saturday  
6:30 P.M.

**Confessions 30 minutes before all Masses**

**Rectory:**  
(504) 564-6792  
Fax: (504) 564-9760

Second Collection  
1st  
Sunday of every Month.



## MASS INTENTIONS

Dec 29	4:30pm	Malinda Barthelemy Farrell Barthelemy Walker & Marie Solis Cecelia Solis Keith & Hester Broussard
	6:30pm	For the People

Dec 30	8:00am	For the People
	10:00am	Donna Santos Pauline Gleason Maria Noi T. Nguyen Phero Ty Nguyen Gaynell & Catherine Hue Betty Cosse Lydia St. Ann



The church office will be closed December 21st through January 1st. We will resume our regular office hours on January

2nd.

- There will be no CCD Classes on December 30th. Classes will resume on January 6th from 9-9:45am.
- Rosary will resume on January 2nd at 5:00pm.
- Bingo resumes on January 8th.

### New Year's Mass Schedule

#### New Year's Eve

Vigil St. Ann Church 5:00pm  
Vigil St. Patrick Church 6:00pm

#### New Year's Day

St. Patrick Church 9:30am



*Retreat Center*

### Upcoming Retreats

**January 11-13, 2019**  
Legends of the Soul:  
Stories of Transformation on  
the Journey of Faith  
**Rev. Joseph Nassal**

**January 18-20, 2019**  
Crossing the Street to Heaven:  
Stop – Look – Go!  
**Rev. Anthony Rigoli, OMI**

**January 23 Day of Prayer**  
The Story of the People of  
Appalachia and the Francis  
Impact  
**Rev. Doug Doussan**

**January 25-27, 2019**  
In HIS way: An Inner Look at  
the Journey of the Baptized  
**Rev. Sidney Speaks**

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