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ST. PATRICK'S NEWSLETTER

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Hello St. Patrick's, I pray that all of you are and will continue to remain safe during this COVID-19 pandemic. Though we are physically distanced from one another, our love and care for one another and our neighbor has not diminished.

Welcome to our first newsletter which is designed to inform you of our parish's re-gathering status, the current state of our parish and general Diocesan news that affects us.

Olen Taylor, Senior Warden

There is no question that these past few months have been challenging! The threat of COVID-19 to public health has turned our norms for daily living upside down. For us at St. Patrick's, it completely eliminated our ability to gather as a family. But, we are blessed to be able to use online technology to join services from sister churches locally, in other states and literally around the world.

Our Diocesan Bishop gave explicit requirements of and guidance to parishes on what is required to open our churches and re-gather for in-person worship. The foremost requirement is to form a Re-Entry Planning Committee: St. Patrick's Re-Entry Committee members are Janice Ellis, Jennifer Haynes (Chairperson), Jacquelyn Knowles, Delphine McDonald and Letitia Sharry. This committee will develop the Re-entry Plan. This plan will cover how our parish buildings and grounds will be sanitized, our service schedule, all aspects of how we worship in-person, church office operation, non-worship activities and technology enhancements. The key is to ensure that re-gathering at St. Patrick's is as safe and reverent as possible. The Plan will be submitted to the Bishop's office for review and approval. Once approved, the plan will be shared with you so that you can anticipate what will be required for safe re-entry.

Everyone is asked to complete the Congregational Re-Entry Survey and return it no later than Friday, June 26, 2020. You may access and submit it via our parish website (www.stpatricksepiscopalchurch.org) or fill the survey included with this Newsletter and use the enclosed envelope to mail it to the church. Your survey submission is anonymous. We must submit the survey results to the Diocese.

A document from the Diocese named "On Being Faithful" gives all of the requirements of and guidance to parishes, church schools and special ministries on what is required to resume its activities. As required by the Diocese, you can access a summary of and a PowerPoint presentation of "On Being Faithful" via our parish website. If you received this Newsletter by mail, the summary and PowerPoint presentation are included. Please read the documents.

A brief synopsis: Right now, because there continues to be spread of the virus in the West Palm Beach area, church buildings remain closed and services and meetings are being held online. Once there is a sustained reduction in new COVID-19 local cases for at least 14 days (and some other requirements are met), we can re-gather and worship at St. Patrick's. The Diocese calls this "Season 2". Please take a look at the "On Being Faithful" documents to see all of the requirements that have to be met for us to worship in-person as well as changes to how we worship. This way, you'll be prepared for our re-gathering in ways we could not have envisioned but which will become new ways of being in community.

If you have any questions, please contact any of us.

Yours in Christ,
St. Patrick's Vestry

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Wishing a Blessed and Happy Birthday to June Birthdays

Gregory E. Bradshaw, I	6/6
Jacqueline A. Marshall	6/10
Olen W. Taylor	6/11
Adrian Harry	6/13
Lydia Fox	6/15
Towond Jones	6/15
Corliene A. Marshall	6/15
Oriana Gordon	6/19
Olga Ferrer	6/20
Horatio Bunch	6/25
Ja'Kerria Bunch	6/26
Silvia W. Davis	6/27
Olga Wright Hazel	6/30

Your Prayers are asked for those who are Sick and Shut-In

Our next newsletter will have a complete list of sick and shut-in parishioners as well as those requesting prayer for other reasons.

We have two members currently in rehabilitation centers:

Ted Martin
Hubert Earl Threats

Death Announcement

Mrs. Olga Wallace Gidion, former member for St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, entered into eternal rest. She is the beloved aunt of Ignatius Wallace, Ralph and Jennie Little. Mrs. Gidion was a faithful attendee of St. Patrick's Senior Activity Center until her health failed.

Livestream Sunday Services

Through the end of June, Bishop Eaton leads a worship service at Trinity Cathedral each Sunday at 5PM. Join the service through the Diocese's Facebook page.

The Washington National Cathedral has a livestream Sunday service at 11:15AM. Access through YouTube, Facebook or their website.

Several of our sister churches in the area livestream or Zoom Sunday services. Check individual websites.

Ways to Give to St. Patrick's

We are so grateful that during this difficult and unprecedented period, you understand the need for funds to operate and maintain our parish. There are 3 ways that you may give:

- Online using the Tithe.ly app. Go to the church's secure website (stpatricksepiscopalchurch.org) and click "GIVE Online". Detail instructions are given.
- Download the Tithe.ly app from the App Store for your phone. Find St. Patrick's in West Palm Beach and tap "Give Now" to complete your gift.
- Mail your offerings to the church office.

If you haven't already done so, Please Respond to the 2020 Census

Census results shape the future of communities, as census data informs how billions of dollars in federal funds are distributed for health clinics, School lunch programs, disaster recovery initiatives, and other critical programs and services for the next 10 years! So, you see why it is so important that you and your household are counted.

You can respond by mail, online or by telephone. You should have received an invitation to respond by mail. If per chance you didn't, call the Census Bureau at 844-330-2020. Go to my2020census.gov to respond online.