



Parish Survey and Profile

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church

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Saint Johns, FL

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About St. Patrick's & Our Rector Search

- St. Patrick's is a parish family that worships God together, shares the Eucharist and responds to God's call to serve the community.
- We are committed to seeking and serving Christ in all persons, striving for justice and peace among all people, and respecting the dignity of every human being.
- We are located in St. Johns County, FL, the 10th fastest-growing county in the United States. Amid this growth, **we seek a Rector who will share in our mission and support us in touching more lives with Christ's love.**
- St. Patrick's has a dedicated Vestry and wonderful volunteers leading our outreach programs.
- We are blessed with a talented Music Director who elevates our worship and engages parishioners of all ages.



St. Patrick's seeks a new Rector who believes in the **transformative power of worship.**

When we asked our parishioners the top priorities they want St. Patrick's to achieve in the coming years, our shared wish is for **growth** – for more lives to be touched by the worship we cherish.



Do you see
yourself here?



The ideal candidate to minister to our parish will:

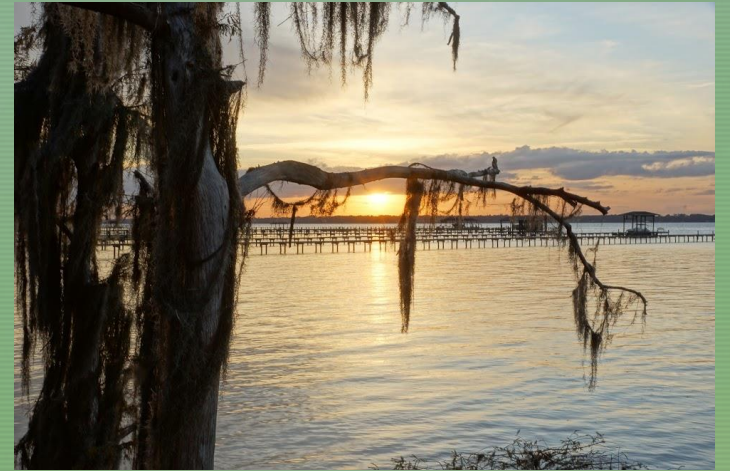
- ❖ Have a passion for celebrating worship
- ❖ Preach with clarity, energy and sincerity
- ❖ Be relatable, a good listener, and open-minded
- ❖ Bring a high level of integrity
- ❖ Connect well with young people and parishioners of all ages

Our new Rector's additional responsibilities will include:

- ❖ Providing pastoral care for the congregation
- ❖ Serving as our executive leader, building a compelling and uniting vision for our parish
- ❖ Equipping committees and ministries with the guidance and support that will enable us to grow in membership and impact

Location

- St. Johns County, FL, is bordered by the St. Johns River (1 mile west of our church location) and the beaches of the Atlantic Coast.
- St. Patrick's is located about 28 miles from historic St. Augustine and about 25 miles from St. John's Cathedral of the Episcopal Diocese of Florida in downtown Jacksonville.
- In our community, the St. Johns County School District has earned an overall "A" rating from the Florida Department of Education every year since 2008.
- The area's population growth is strong, with a 40% increase in the past 10 years.
- We are passionate about welcoming all as we celebrate God and family in our growing area, and we look forward to calling a Rector who will further this mission and our parish growth.





Parish Survey Results

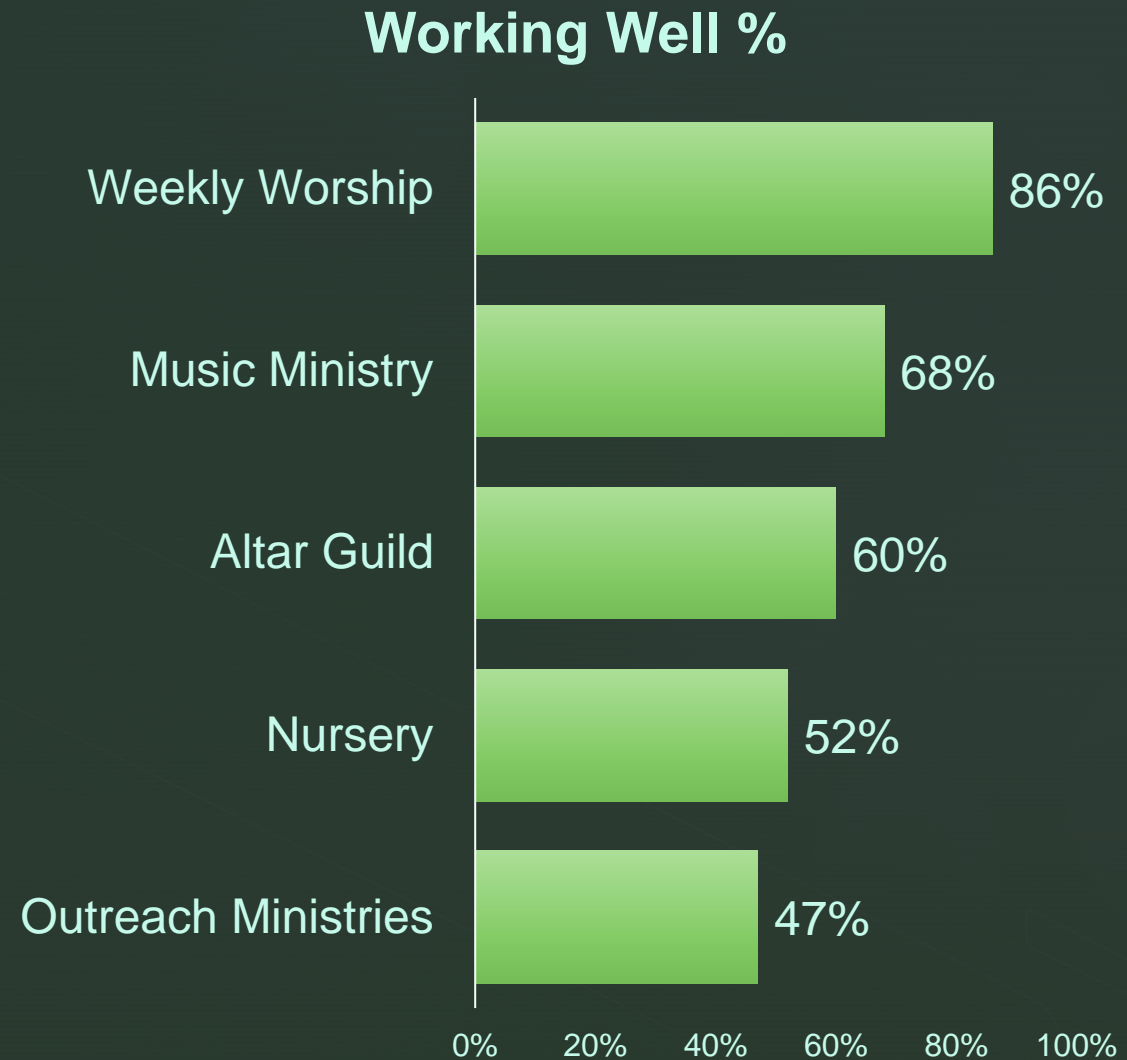


What's working well at St. Patrick's: worship

Despite the challenges of worship since Covid, the people of St. Patrick's find joy in worship together.

Where do we feel there is still work to do? Youth ministry, Sunday School, and Adult Education.

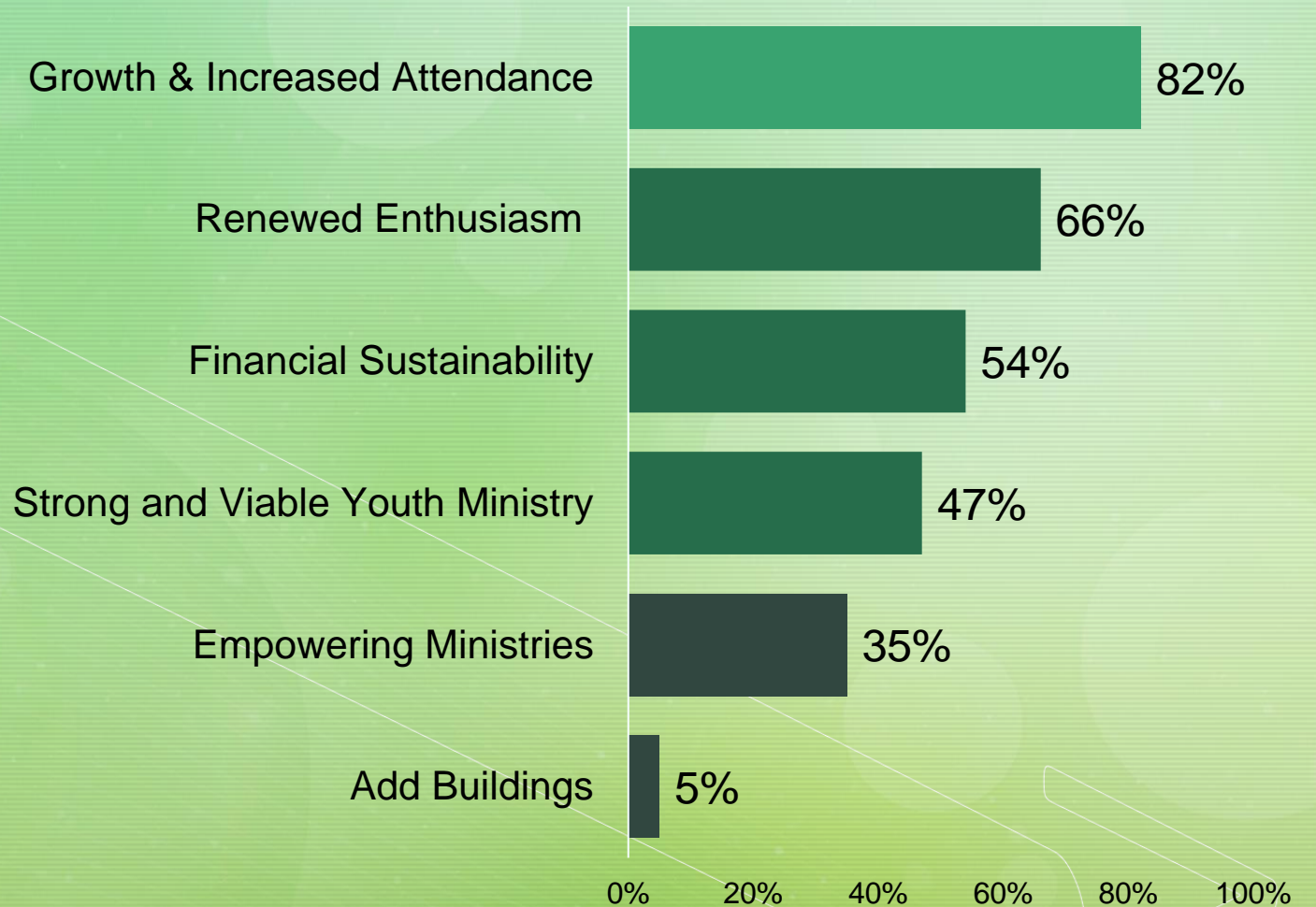
Ideally, our new Rector will share our joy in worshipping together and help us build greater capacity for Christian formation programming for all ages.



Our Next Chapter

When we asked our parishioners what they most want St. Patrick's to achieve in the next 3 years, our shared wish is for growth – for more lives to be touched by the worship we cherish.

Desired Accomplishments



What Leadership Looks Like to Us

Top Spiritual Qualities

- Preaches with clarity, energy, and sincerity
- Pastoral care of congregation
- Engaging celebrant of worship

Top Professional Qualities

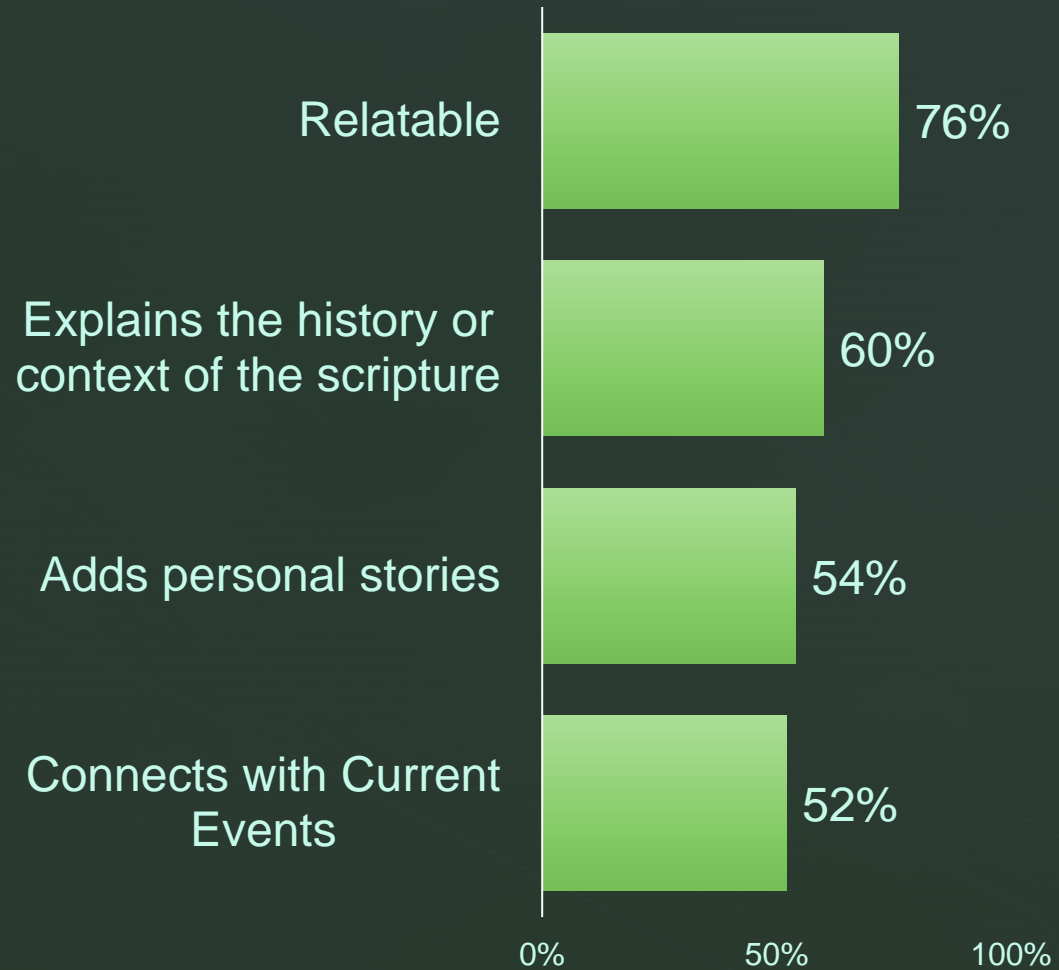
- Creates a compelling and uniting vision for the parish
- Executive leader and administrator
- Equips and supports committees and ministries

Top Personal Qualities

- Connects with young people
- Relatable
- Good listener
- High level of integrity
- Open minded

**A Great Sermon
sends us forth to
serve**

Preferred Sermon Style

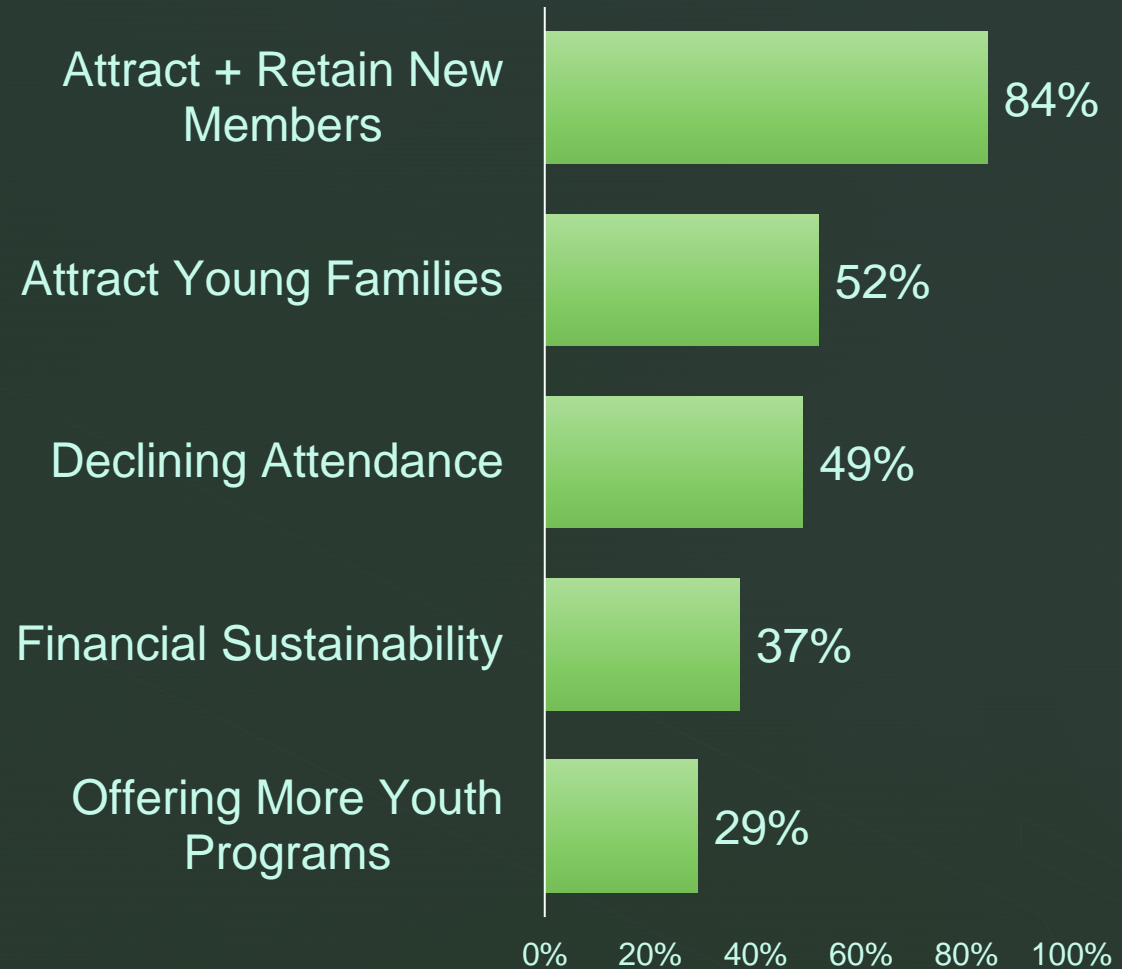


Our Top Challenges

St. Patrick's is located in a fast-growing county experiencing double-digit population growth.

We wish to open our doors wide to the community and draw in new members of all ages. Like many parishes, we believe in the vitality that young families bring to a church community, and we see them as a key audience we want to serve.

Top Challenges



Survey Respondents

Building relationships across generations is one of the joys of events at St. Patrick's.

Parishioners of all ages would like to see more programming for children & youth – we treasure the energy and curiosity they bring to our own faith journeys.



60/40

Female / Male



40%

Children in home

40%

Over Age 66

20%

Widowed

47%

Episcopalian for
30+ Years



As you discern whether St. Patrick's is a fit for you, please consider a few questions from our members:

- How would you engage with the young people of the parish?
- Why might you be the one to embrace where and who we are, and to move us forward?
- What inspires your passion for the role of parish priest?
- What are your spiritual gifts, and what is one that you wish you had?
- How important is prayer in your life?



A Few
Moments at
St. Patrick's

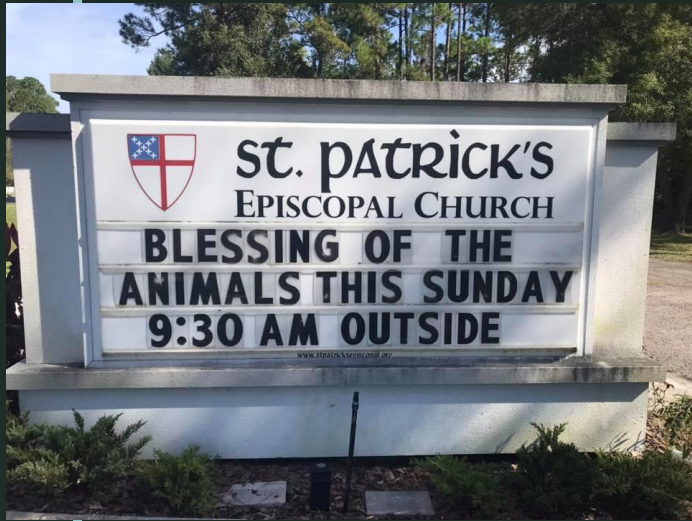




On Christmas Eve of 2020, after a very long and challenging year of COVID, we came together in the front yard of the church and had an amazing Christmas Eve worship service.

Some folks stayed in their cars, some set out their camp chairs, but we were together again to celebrate the birth of our Lord in the safest, most creative way we could think of.

The front of the church glowed with lights! Music filled the night! And on a large outdoor screen, we watched a video of our kids presenting a virtual Christmas pageant to tell that ancient story in a very modern way.





Our Interlachen Outreach Ministry provides free clothing, diapers, personal care items, blankets, school supplies, etc. to a community north of us with the highest poverty rate in the state.

We partner with a local diaper bank, a nearby Episcopal Church, individual neighborhoods, a high school service club and a local consignment store to provide the items we donate at their food pantry each month.

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church
presents our 4th annual
TRUNK or TREAT
SAT *October 19* 3:00-7:00
1221 STATE ROAD 13
FREE FAMILY FUN & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
Proceeds to go to local children's ministries.
FOOD GAMES CONTESTS AND PRIZES





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