



ST. PATRICK

CATHOLIC CHURCH

277 South Fourth Street, Memphis, Tennessee 38126

901.527.2542

www.stpatsmemphis.org

Founded in 1866

Sunday Mass Schedule: 8:30am; 11:00am; 5:00pm

Celebrating the Sacraments

***Reconciliation: Sundays 8:15 a.m.–8:30 a.m.; 10:45 a.m.–11:00 a.m.
4:45 p.m.–5:00 p.m. or by appointment***

**To inquire about Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, Marriage, Anointing of the Sick,
please call the Church Office at (901) 527-2542**



Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 24, 2017

This Week: Page 300: Page Isaiah 55:6-9; Psalm: 145; Matthew 20:1-16a

Next Week: Page 301: Ezekiel 18:25-28; Psalm: 25; Philippians 2:1-11; Matthew 21:28-32

MISSION STATEMENT

*The Mission of St. Patrick's Catholic Community is to proclaim and live
the Gospel message of unconditional love, healing and reconciliation
through prayer, celebration and action on behalf of justice
as a sign of hope for all God's people.*

Weekday Mass
Wednesdays
5:15 pm
in the Church
with Msgr. Al Kirk



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Healing Prayer Service
for the Sick



Please join us for a Prayer Service and Reception as we pray for and with the sick in our parish, our community, and our world.

Msgr. Al Kirk will be with us for the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

Saturday, September 30
11:00am – 1:00pm
In the Church

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Youth Group is Back
at St. Pat's!

All 7th – 12th Graders, their parents and guardians and anyone interested in working with this ministry are invited to an organizational and planning meeting to kick off the

2017-2018 Youth Group!
October 1st
after the 11 Mass
in the church



OCTOBER 14, 2017



18TH ANNUAL
GOLF
TOURNAMENT

JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL
FRANCES LORING GOLF
TOURNAMENT TO BENEFIT ST
PATRICK COMMUNITY
OUTREACH, INC.

Davy Crockett Golf Course
4270 Rangeline Road

Saturday, October 14, 2017
Shotgun start at 8:30 a.m.



Only \$75 per
player
 (includes greens fee and golf cart)

Delicious
Rib BBQ
luncheon

Prizes for top 3 team finishers
Door Prizes
Prizes for closest to pin
Longest drive

For more information contact Rusty Ramsey
901-553-1378

Word, Eucharist, Life

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 55

Psalms 145

Philippians 1

Matthew 20



*Our God is gracious and merciful,
generous in forgiving*

Like the master of the vineyard
in Jesus' parable
of the laborers hired
throughout the day
the Holy One treats us with generosity
God sees to our bodily welfare and health
and sees to making us whole
in mind and spirit

Our eyes and our hearts
are invited to be open
to the graciousness of God
portrayed in the parable

God's love is with us throughout
our lives and even throughout
our histories of sinfulness

When we come to *the Supper of the Lamb*
we approach the sacred mysteries
of Christ's life and death and rising
with faith in unrelenting divine love
and with thanksgiving for all
that the Holy One means to us
whether we understand fully or not

Lamb of God, grant us peace
is our prayer
and in communion
we receive the peace that we seek

Go in Peace
is the departing command
that sends us to the troubled
world around us to be
messengers and witnesses
of the peace of Christ
already given without measure
With whom shall we share it?

May She Rest in

God's Eternal Peace

Bettie Randle, wife of Earl Randle, passed away Wednesday, September 20, 2017. We offer our prayers and heartfelt condolences to her family and friends.



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RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

RCIA is a journey for non-Catholics to learn more about our faith, to share their life and faith experience to date, and to discern whether the Catholic faith is the best choice for them. Are you an adult who has never been confirmed? If you are interested in learning more, please contact the Parish Office @ 527-2542.



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Please pray for the sick in our parish community, our friends and loved ones:

Jeanne Richardson, Steven Tenorio,
Jeanna Millington, Art Sutherland, Deacon Eugene Champion, Kat Bagley, Karen Silverstein, Mary Ruben, Bernice Watkins, Robert Collins, Linda and James Owen, Lanny Merrill, Sharon Shea, Robert Faulkner, Fred Robinson, Richard Asbury, Roger Harrison, Sharon David, Thomas Born, Peggy Cunningham, Blanche Forest, Lucinda Lee, Margaret Lynch, Kevin David



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Pax Christi Memphis and Manna House

Pax Christi Memphis is collaborating with Manna House to fill 200 backpacks with toiletries and personal items for the people



they serve. There will be a donation box in the church throughout the month of September. Items include toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, shampoo, lotion, mouthwash, nail clippers, foot powder,

Tylenol/aspirin, soap, tissue, shaving gel, razors, Visine, Q-tips, wash-cloths and socks. Of course, if you are too busy to shop, monetary contributions are always gratefully accepted. For more info, read the



article in the West TN Catholic.

http://www.cdom.org/CatholicDiocese.php?op=Article_150230832619394

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To All Our Visitors!

Thank you for choosing to worship with us today! If you are passing through town, we wish you a safe and happy



visit. If you are interested in joining St. Patrick parish or just looking for more information, please let us know. Feel free to approach a parishioner, call the office at 527-2542, complete a registration form (at the back of the church) or visit us on line at www.stpatsmemphis.org.

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NEEDED: 120 TURKEYS!

Thanksgiving is quickly approaching!



We hope to distribute at least 100 Thanksgiving Baskets to our neighbors as well as providing our *More Than a Meal* Thanksgiving dinner on November 19th. If you

are able to donate one (or more) turkeys, please bring them to the Outreach Center between now and November 15th.

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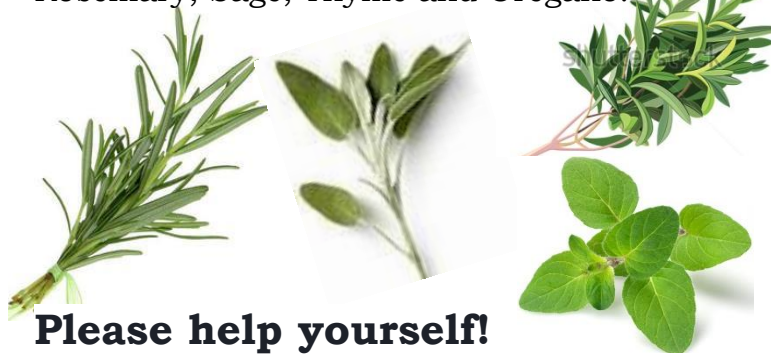
Our Offertory Donations

September 17 Offering \$4,111

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Fresh Herbs

Do you enjoy cooking with fresh herbs? If so, stop by the garden in the courtyard near the statue of Mary. We are growing Rosemary, Sage, Thyme and Oregano.



Please help yourself!

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“Seek the Lord while He may be found...”

While seeking Him in prayer and the sacraments, listen to Him. Could it be you are being called by Jesus to serve as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? If you think He may be offering you this grace, call Father Patrick Gallagher at (901) 323-3817 or write: VocationsDirector@vocations.cdom.org.

Ramblings on My Study Sabbatical

from Father Val

“Hi” from southern Indiana—just beyond the halfway point in my studies here at St. Meinrad School of Theology!

I hear very good news from St. Patrick’s! Ro Sullivan, with the help of Rebekah Rojcewicz and other parishioners, have made great strides in getting ready for the Catechesis of the Good Shephard. For registration of our children’s faith formation, 24 of our young parishioners are signed up! Thanks to all who have put in much work and dedication to get everything ready.



In this last month I’ve talked at length with three of the great Paulist priests of St. Patrick’s. One Saturday Father Tim Sullivan and I talked for two hours (!) on the phone. He’s a pastor now in Knoxville. He gave me his reflections of St. Patrick’s, and it will be a big help to me. Also, Father Bruce Nieli and I talked, and I really listened also to his input. (And we’ve already finalized that he’s leading St. Patrick’s “Neighborhood Way of the Cross” on Good Friday.) Finally, a few days ago I got a telephone call from Father Tim Tighe! As we talked, he wants to come down and visit St. Patrick’s. It’s not finalized, but I suggested he be there for Sunday, November 19th. Back in the summer, parishioner Joe Birch told me that Pope Francis has named a yearly “Day of the Poor,” and the first one—church-wide—will be Sunday, November 19th. Hopefully Father Tim will be able to join us that weekend and preach for this special “Sunday of the Poor!”

I am very much profiting from my readings thus far. I have almost finished my readings related to Pope Francis’ apostolic exhortation on the family, “Amoris Laetitia,” that is, “The Joy of Love.”

As I have already mentioned, at my request Dr. Pete Gathje recommended readings that will prepare me for urban ministry at St. Patrick’s. Pete has been on the front lines of urban ministry for many years in Memphis. He is also vice-president of Academic Affairs at Memphis Theological Seminary. I’ve read Standing in the Margin: How Your Congregation Can Minister with the Poor, and am now reading Walking with the Poor: Principles and Practices of Transformational Development.

A much easier read which Pete recommended is one I highly tout—Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion. It was written by a Jesuit priest, Gregory Boyle, who worked for more than twenty years in the poorest area of Los Angeles. He founded “Homeboy Industries,” which gives a work/life alternative to gangs. If you haven’t read it yet, you will be fed spiritually. I highly recommend it.

Also, in my work in moral theology, I am reflecting on the violence of war. I just finished an intriguing study, Can War Be Just in the 21st Century? Ethicists Engage the Tradition. I am just beginning another book, Drones and the Ethics of Targeted Killing.

We—as a nation and world—are in the midst of a perilous time. Less than a week ago President Trump gave his first address to the United Nations. I was very troubled with it, especially when he said outright: “The United States has great strength and patience, but if it is forced to defend itself or its allies, we will have no choice but to totally destroy North Korea.” In early August, he made that chilling threat against North Korea of “fire, fury, and frankly power, the likes of which the world has never seen before.” In light of that, I submitted an op-ed article to the Commercial Appeal. It appeared in the August 20th Sunday edition. I’m having it reprinted in the bulletin, as it reflects on what the church has powerfully taught about “any act of war aimed indiscriminately at the destruction of entire cities.” If you didn’t see my article, I ask that you read it in this bulletin.

I’m very pleased that Father Al Kirk will be with you at St. Patrick’s until I return on November 9th. I have always appreciated Al’s dedication to both the Lord and His people.

At the end of this month, on Saturday, September 30th, there will be a Healing Prayer Service. Judy and Jerry Bettice, who lovingly coordinate the parish’s ministry to the sick, are organizing this “Healing Service” which is one of St. Patrick’s traditions. Father Al Kirk will be with you for the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

I’ll be praying for all who will celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. And, be assured that I pray for *all* of us at St. Patrick’s daily. Please keep me in prayer, too. Peace in the Lord!

“Fire, Fury, and Frankly Power”—How Do Christians Respond?

On August 8th, in response to threats of a nuclear attack by the North Korean premier, President Trump said, “They will be met with fire, fury, and frankly power, the likes of which the world has never seen before.”

It is chilling that President Trump’s remarks came between the dates in 1945 of the only two times nuclear bombs have ever been dropped against an enemy—August 6th on Hiroshima, and August 9th on Nagasaki. After that first attack, U.S. President Harry Truman promised the Japanese leaders and people that, “if they do not accept our terms, they may expect a rain of ruin from the air, the like of which has never been seen on this Earth.”

We live in the Bible Belt, with many of us identifying as Christians. How do we Christians, then, respond to ominous threats of nuclear warfare unleashed by the United States? We are repulsed by the threats of nuclear attacks by North Korean premier, Pak Pong-ju. But how, then, do we respond to President Trump’s threats? Do we nod in approval, or remain silent?

While the United States as a nation is not accountable to New Testament truth for its actions, we Christian disciples are.

It is at the heart of our Christian faith: We are saved by the Crucified One, not by those who crucified him. Before the cruelty of the cross, Jesus refused to retaliate by killing. In the victory of his resurrection, we are to follow him in his footsteps. In fact, “loving our enemies” is at the heart of Jesus’ message to us—a message which can be lived only by grace.

For 20 centuries Christians in the “real world” have wrestled with this standard of Jesus’ witness to peace. There have been two main responses to Jesus’ call: the oldest, going back to the beginnings of the Christian faith, is pacifism—that is, never resorting to killing. Then, in the fifth century, another witness developed, and has evolved to this day: the “just-war” tradition. It begins with a strong presumption against killing. For a war or military action to be justified morally, there are a set of strict criteria, and *all* these criteria must be met.

The heart of the “just-war” tradition is the criterion “immunity for civilians”—that is, no direct attack on civilians. As the United Methodist Bishops said in its 1986 major teaching, In Defense of Creation: “We say a clear and unconditioned ‘no’ to nuclear war and to any use of nuclear weapons.”

In 1945, following each of the attacks on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Pope Pius XII condemned these attacks in the strongest terms.

President Truman argued that, in effect, the nuclear attacks saved many more lives being killed if the war had continued. The tradition is clear, however: we cannot directly kill civilians. In fact, the only condemnation at the Vatican Council II put it clearly in 1965: “Any act of war aimed indiscriminately at the destruction of entire cities or of extensive areas along with their population is a crime against God and humanity.”

All people of good will, including we who identify as Christians, must pray fervently at this time. We must pray that a nuclear attack does not take place—by North Korea, by the United States, or by any other entity.

With that prayer, the cross of Christ calls us Christians to live by a very high standard...and to walk in his footsteps.



Father Val Handwerker
Letter to the Editor
The Commercial Appeal
August 20, 2017

Happy International Day of Peace!

Celebrate now by registering for:

LIVING PEACEFULLY IN A VIOLENT WORLD

**4 Thursdays, Oct. 5 thru 26 (7 - 9 p.m.)
OR 2 Saturdays, Oct. 14 and 28 (10 a.m. - 2 p.m.)
St. Louis Parish**

The course will cover Scripture, Tradition, and Church documents including recent statements by Pope Francis, but will be centered on how we can practically live out the Lord's command to be peacemakers.

Presenters: Msgr. Al Kirk, Judy and Jerry Bettice, Paul Crum

Texts: Bible, (other handouts to be provided)

Cost: \$20 suggested

(fee waived or pay what you can according to need.)

Registration is not mandatory, but very helpful so we know the number of handouts to prepare.

Please register by calling Jerry or Judy Bettice at [901.327.8068](tel:901.327.8068) or email jbettice@earthlink.net.



"Everyone can
be an artisan of
peace."



Today's Psalm Response

The Lord is near to all who call upon him. (Psalm 145)

Liturgical Ministers

September 24

8:30

Lectors: Dell Stiner Judy Bettice
EMHCs: Pat Papachristou Jerry Bettice

Sacristan: Aletta Roebuck

11:00

Lectors: Anne Stubblefield

EMHCs: Elena Murphy

Sacristan: Phyllis Somerville

5:00

Lectors: Julie Cleary Dillon

EMHCs: Julie Cleary Dillon

Sacristan: Aletta Roebuck

Flowers: Brenda Somes

October 1

8:30

Lectors: Jamaal Fisher Dell Stiner
EMHCs: Jerry Bettice Harrel Crone

Sacristan: Aletta Roebuck

11:00

Lectors: Debra Brittenum

EMHCs: Joe Birch

Sacristan: Phyllis Somerville

5:00

Lectors: Linda Jackson

EMHCs: Oneata Windler

Sacristan: Eric Tidquist

Flowers: Bethany Turner

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Deacon Eugene Champion – Director

Anna Champion – Administrative Assistant

Anne Stubblefield – Volunteer Coordinator

ST. PATRICK'S JUBILEE SCHOOL

Susan Pittman – School Principal

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Earl Randle – 8:30 a.m. Mass

Andrew Rourke – 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Masses

Angela Vandoli –Cantor

Julie Farrar – Cantor

Victoria Godwin - Cantor



Did you know that you can set up your offerings to St. Patrick Church through the Parish Giving option on our website? Your contributions will be automatically deducted from your checking or savings account or credit card and deposited directly to St. Patrick's bank account. It's a safe and easy way to make your donations. Just go to www.stpatsmemphis.org and click on Parish Giving. Enter Zip Code 38126 and press Search.

Mass Intentions

Sunday, October 1, 2017

8:30am Hurricane Victims
11:00am: St. Patrick Parish
5:00pm Earthquake Victims

Weekday Mass

Wednesday, Sep 25 An End to Violence

If you would like a Mass Intention, please call the parish office: 527-2542