



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**



Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 29, 2017

This Week: Page 310: Exodus 22:20-26; Psalm 18; 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10; Matthew 22:34-40

Next Week: Page 311: Malachi 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10; Psalm: 131; 2Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13; Matthew 23:1-12

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.*

Upcoming Mass Schedule

All Saints Day

Wednesday, November 1

5:15pm

Msgr. Buchignani

Sunday, November 5

All Masses

Fr. Tom Kirk



More Weekday Masses Coming Soon With Father Val!

Wednesday, November 8	5:15pm
Thursday, November 9	5:15pm
Friday, November 10	5:15pm
Tuesday, November 14	5:15pm
Wednesday, November 15	10:00am
Thursday, November 16	5:15pm
Friday, November 17	5:15pm

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Sunday, November 12

After 11:00 Mass

Welcome Father Val
School Open House
Parish Pot Luck

Thank You Thank You

Thank you to Father Al Kirk for your service to St. Patrick parish over the last weeks. We appreciate the Sundays you spent with us and the opportunity you gave us to attend Mass on Wednesdays.

Please join us after Mass for cake and ice cream in the Outreach Center.

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Farewell to St. Patrick's

My name may not be known to you and likewise, your name may not be familiar to



me, however, I have known your warmth and have been comforted by your light since the first time I stepped off the curb of Martin Luther King Jr Drive and claimed a seat at the communion table on September 20, 2015.

Thank you for being my family and I pray that this faith community may continue to grow and prosper in peace and love. Let's stay together!

Jamal Fisher
8:30 am Mass, Lector
mrjdfisher@gmail.com

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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

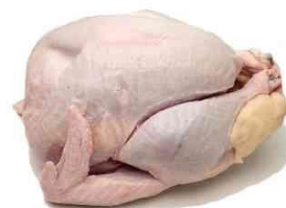
Thanksgiving dinner

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.



Word, Eucharist, Life

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 22

Psalms 18

1 Thessalonians 1

Matthew 22



A scholar of the law tested Jesus

Exodus outlines matters that

have to do with love of neighbor
that can be interpreted as
care for the immigrant
respect for women and children
and just lending practices

Exodus comes right out of the Law

fulfilled by the covenant
that the Holy One made
with God's people in ancient times

In our time the same fulfillment
comes in our discipleship
as following the love

Jesus has for the One who sent him
and for all those given to him
by his mission on earth

As we celebrate the cross
and resurrection

when we gather for Eucharist
we offer ourselves with Jesus
in his ultimate act of love on earth

We live in the time of fulfillment
of the Law in the age of God's gift
given in the life and death of Jesus

Let us ask ourselves how we can act
with compassion
to bring domestic peace
in the place of violence in families
to treat those who come to our nation
as neighbors in Jesus' way of seeing
to struggle for economic justice
in a lopsided society
of haves and have nots

We are called to live love entirely
with mind and heart and soul

Help Needed!



Ray Berthiaume, who
lives at St. Peter Manor
on Auburndale, needs a
ride to St. Pat's on
Sundays. If you can
provide this service,
please email him at

Rayberth2@att.net or call 901-726-1975.

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Our Offertory

Donations

October 22 Offering	\$5,046
Other	20
Total	\$5,066

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

Joy Asbury, Mary Baldwin, Patricia Split,
Jeanne Richardson, 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, Sharon

David, Thomas Born, Peggy Cunningham,
Blanche Forest, Lucinda Lee, Margaret
Lynch, Kevin David

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Father Tim Tighe, C.S.P.

still plans to visit us at
St. Patrick's. However,
he will not be able to
do so this November as
he planned. He will let
us know when he's
coming.



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Welcome, Visitors!

Ramblings on My Study Sabbatical

from Father Val

Peace to all of you from southern Indiana!



This past Saturday I telephoned Father Al Kirk. He told me that last Friday night, and again on Saturday morning, there was a gathering of lectors/readers from St. Patrick's—both new ones and veterans. He estimated that there were twenty-five parishioners for the training. He was very pleased with the spirit and the gathering. So am I!

I want to join you in thanking **Father Al** and **Father Dexter**—together with other priests who also “filled in”—for their caring ministry at St. Patrick's during these past four months.

I'll be leaving Ferdinand, Indiana, toward the end of this week. This weekend, I'll begin my yearly 8-day retreat at our diocesan retreat center in Dancyville, Tennessee (about an hour's drive from Memphis). In fact, I learned from Father Al that he will be making his retreat at Dancyville as well, arriving two days after I do. In fact, every priest in our diocese is expected to make a yearly retreat. Please pray for Father Al and for me...and for those others who will likewise be making this silent retreat, following the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola.

As I come to the end of my sabbatical time, I can honestly say that it has exceeded my expectations. This month I've read and studied about health care ethics—many complicated moral issues about care, end-of-life issues, bioethics, and also the *right* of every person to quality health care. In fact, until the last years or so, Roman Catholic ethicists (together with Jewish scholars) were virtually alone in the field of medical ethics. Now, there's a broad interdisciplinary study of medical ethics.

I have also continued my reflections on the conscience and on the decision-making process. Too often in our culture “conscience” might suggest merely “doing my own thing.” Instead, we have a rich history, and the church provides insights and teachings on a whole range of questions in our moral life. Catholic moral theology then teaches how the conscience, after weighing the teachings—and the reasons behind the teachings!—calls the person to make decisions within the “sanctuary” of the conscience.

My sabbatical has not only been for reading and study, but also for prayer, exercise, and rest. I'm ready now to return—energized and refreshed.

I want to go over with you an unexpected experience that I had recently in which I experienced anew the need for community. In my immediate family, I have two older sisters and a younger brother. We all live now in Memphis, and they are retired. My brother (five years younger) has been in excellent health and never hospitalized—until Thursday evening, September 28th! He enjoys, as a hobby, being a cyclist. This past June, as he was cycling, he made a too-sharp “u-turn.” The bike turned over, and in the fall, one of the bike handles poked him in the abdomen. It was minor, but soon afterwards, Lee told me about it. In late September he went for his yearly physical. He told his doctor about the minor fall and showed him a bruise on his skin in the abdomen area. After an X-ray, nothing showed up.

Well, apparently from the fall, an aneurysm formed on an artery going to his spleen. On Thursday, September 28th, as he was cycling, Lee experienced a terrible pain in his abdomen. He eventually called 911, and an ambulance took him to an ER of one of our hospitals. My family called that night and kept me informed. After a CT scan, they found that the aneurysm had burst. Lee's condition was critical, as he was bleeding internally. That night, he underwent surgery and the burst aneurysm was cauterized successfully. Father Bill Burke—a priest of our diocese and a family friend—stayed with the family at the hospital and celebrated the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick with Lee. Lee was in the ICU for two days. He's back at home now, healing slowly but in no danger.

Being here in southern Indiana, I felt alone and very anxious for my brother. That night, I went to a meeting in a nearby town which I go to every Thursday. The group was a caring support to me that night. Then, early the next morning, I joined the Benedictine Sisters at their monastery in Ferdinand (where their community has been for 150 years!) for Mass, as I do each morning. They were so gentle, compassionate...and they prayed faithfully for Lee.

Looking back, within a twenty-four hour period, I truly *felt* how communities of faith can be a great support. It touched me greatly. That's one big reason I look forward to joining you soon at St. Patrick's. The parish has a rich heritage of prayer, caring and support, and outreach!

The day after my retreat ends, I'll be at St. Patrick's for the 5:15 p.m. Mass on Wednesday, November 8th. And, of course, I look forward to being with all of you on that Sunday, November 12th.

God bless...I look forward to being with you soon!

Our Lady Queen of Peace

Christ's Farewell Gift

2017-2018 Themed Retreat

Many times before being taken captive, Jesus sought to comfort those with him concerning the days ahead. He was looking beyond the Passion to the fruit of his labor. This year's theme will focus on the sustaining gift of peace that passes human understanding. It is a gift that is not dependent on circumstances but on the promises of the Trinity itself.

Join us for a weekend to renew and refresh as we celebrate the peace of God available to us all!

Themed weekend retreats are open to all men & women in the diocese.

October 20-22, 2017	Women
November 10-12, 2017	Men
February 9-11, 2018	Women
February 23-25, 2018	Men
March 9-11, 2018	Men & Women
March 13-15, 2018	Men & Women
April 13-15, 2018	Women
August 10-12, 2018	Women
August 17-19, 2018	Women

Contact Debbie Voyles at 731.548.2500 or email debbie.voyles@olqp.cdom.org

Or register online at olqpretreats.com

Registration Forms are available on the bulletin board in the Narthex

" A Closer Walk with The Divine Mercy"
with Video excerpts from Fr Russ Harbaugh

1 Day Retreat - with Jay Hastings - Custodian of the 1st class Relic of St Faustina and Founder of St Faustina Shrine/Society

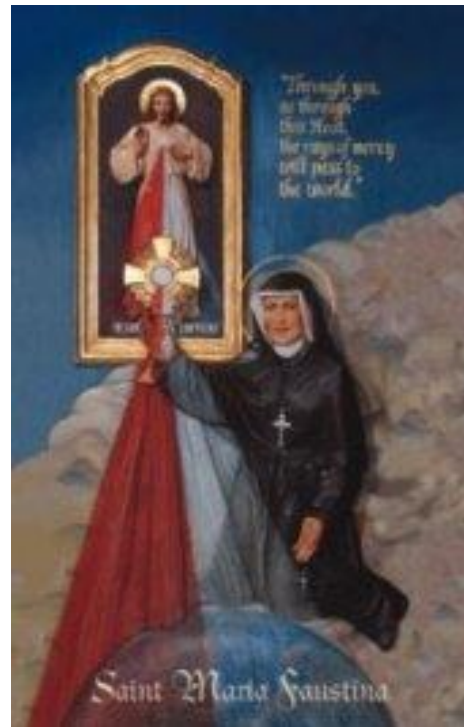
Saturday November 4, 2017

Holy Rosary Catholic Church
4851 Park Ave

Begins with 8:15 a.m. Mass
Retreat held in the "Family Room"
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Light food and breaks provided. Bring pen or pencil. Materials provided.

Questions or to RSVP: Jay Hastings 901-438-7772 or sfshrine@msn.com



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Pilgrimage to Southern Italy & Sicily



Is a trip to Italy on your bucket list? We will be traveling to Rome, Southern Italy and the Amalfi Coast, then on to Sicily, where we will end our travels with a wine tasting experience. This is a pilgrimage hosted by Jack and Fran (Rajotte) Myers of Nashville, for May 14-23, 2018. We will visit the Vatican, Colosseum, and Catacombs of Callixtus in Rome, then on to Pompeii, Sorrento and Naples, before flying to Sicily. There we will visit

Taormina, Catania, Palermo, Monreale, Selinunte and Trapani. We will have an audience with Pope Francis I, depending on his schedule at that time. Breakfast and dinner as well as roundtrip airfare, deluxe motorcoaches, 1st class hotels, guided sightseeing, entrance fees, hotel gratuities and taxes are all included in one price \$4,396 from Memphis, per person, double occupancy. We will host an informational meeting at St. Henry Church, Nashville, Fellowship Hall, on Sunday, Oct. 29, 1:30 p.m. All are invited. Or, check out our flyer at



<http://www.eo.travelwithus.com/tours/southern-italy-sicily-2018-with-jack-and-fran-myers#.WUQeW5lrJpg>

For more information, contact Fran Rajotte Myers at [615-390-6104](tel:615-390-6104) or franrajotte47@gmail.com



Today's Psalm Response

I love you, Lord, my strength. (Psalm 18)

Liturgical Ministers

October 29

8:30

Lectors: Dell Stiner Judy Bettice
EMHCs: Jerry Bettice Brenda Somes

Sacristan: Aletta Roebuck

11:00

Lectors: Anne Stubblefield
EMHCs: Joe Birch

Sacristan: Phyllis Somerville

5:00

Lectors: Linda Jackson Dave Smith
EMHCs:
Sacristan: Eric Tidquist
Flowers: Donna Lindsey

November 5

8:30

Lectors: Oneata Windler Mike Stengel
EMHCs: Brenda Somes Judy Bettice

Sacristan: Andrea Nichols

11:00

Lectors: Debra Brittenum Chris Constantino
EMHCs: Phyllis Somerville
Sacristan: Elena Murphy

5:00

Lectors: Angela Terry Eric Lomas
EMHCs: Chris Claude
Sacristan:
Flowers: Carol Duffy

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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 29, 2017

8:30am Sister Mary Francis Blackmore, O.S.S.
11:00am: Intention of the Celebrant
5:00pm St. Patrick Parish

Weekday Mass

Wednesday, Nov 1 5:15pm

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