



# ST. PATRICK

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

277 South Fourth Street, Memphis, Tennessee 38126  
901.527.2542

[www.stpatsmemphis.org](http://www.stpatsmemphis.org)

*Founded in 1866*

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

### *Celebrating the Sacraments*

***The Sacrament of Reconciliation ("confession") will be on Sundays in the "cry room" to the left of the main entrance when you enter the church. You may celebrate the sacrament "face-to-face" or anonymously (behind the priest).***

***Sundays at 8:00-8:10 a.m.; 10:20-10:40 a.m.; and 4:30-4:45 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**



## ***First Sunday of Lent***

### ***February 18, 2018***

This Week: Genesis 9:8-15; Psalm: 25; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:12-15

Next Week: Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Psalm: 116; Romans 8:31b-34; Mark 9:2-10

#### **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.*



**This Week's Mass  
Schedule  
Tuesday -  
Thursday, 5:15pm  
in the Chapel**

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## Stations of the Cross

Please join us for  
Stations of the  
Cross at **5:15pm** in  
the Church every  
Friday during Lent.



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## St. Patrick's Day Celebration March 17<sup>th</sup> 7:00

Organ concert  
and Reception  
to benefit the  
Organ restoration  
More information soon



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## Parish Finance Council

*From Father Val--*

According to diocesan directives, the pastor appoints the members of the Parish Finance Council. When I arrived, there was no finance council. After consultation, I appointed **Sharon Evans, Mike Stengel and Mike Duffy** to our Parish Finance Council. Recently, I also appointed **Bob Reilly** to the Parish Finance Council, and Bob will focus fully on providing oversight of the finances of our St. Patrick Center

This new Parish Finance Council has put in a lot of work on a financial analysis of St. Patrick's. I am very grateful for their expertise and commitment to this effort.

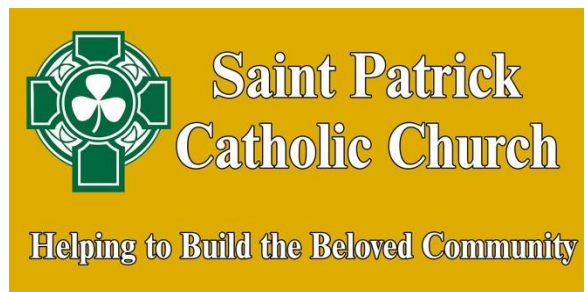
This weekend, at the end of Mass, there will be an initial presentation on the finances of our parish. On behalf of the council, Mike Stengel will speak during the 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Masses. Sharon Evans will speak during the 11:00 a.m. Mass.

## I AM MEMPHIS MLK CELEBRATIONS

Sponsoring  
**I AM A MAN  
Reverse March**  
**Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>  
at 9:00 am**



To honor King and the 1968 striking sanitation workers, the city of Memphis will host an "I Am A Man" reverse march. The march will begin at City Hall and travel to the Clayborn Temple, the headquarters for the strike. This is the reverse path of the original 1968 march. St. Patrick Church is registered to participate. We are recruiting members to represent the Saint Patrick Community. Members may park at Saint Patrick (on Pontotoc) and board the school bus at 9:00 to be taken to City Hall for entertainment and to sign a release form. March begins at 10:00 and proceeds to the new I AM A MAN PARK next door to Clayborne Temple (next door to Saint Patrick's). Arrive at Saint Patrick's at 8:45 to ride the bus to City Hall. The bus will follow the March for those who cannot walk the entire route. The Saint Patrick Community will show support for justice and harmony in our city. Our banner



Historical note: In the 60's, the Paulist Fathers invited leaders of Civil Rights Movement in Memphis to meet in the rectory dining room for at least one of the planning meetings for the original march. Members of Saint Patrick's were also represented in the march.

# Parish Work/Clean Up Day

March 10<sup>th</sup>

9:00am – 2:00pm

**IT'S FUN!** Spend a day with fellow parishioners, make new friends and end the day with a feeling of satisfaction for a job well done. Plus, the less money we spend on maintenance items that we can fix ourselves, the more we can do to help and support our members and community. Your help here is vital plus the MLK 50 celebrations will



literally be in our backyard, so we want to shine.

Volunteer sign up sheets are available so you can choose your area of interest or expertise, and possible tools you may be able to provide. Some jobs will

require more skills than others. Everything from cleaning windows to painting, pressure washing, and minor repairs, and clean up around the yard and even our immediate area. We



will also need volunteers to cook up some lunch so we can all share a meal together! Plenty of opportunity to find a way to pitch in!



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## Food & Fellowship Are You Hungry For More?

Please join us every Sunday after the morning Masses in the St. Patrick Outreach Center for eggs, sausage, bacon, ham, grits, biscuits, waffles, coffee, juice and other tasty treats from the kitchen of Deacon Eugene. The Center is located behind the church - exit the church using the ramp next to the Altar and then follow the walkway around the courtyard.



## Results of the "House Meetings"

From the final reports of the 24 "House Meetings" which involved 200 parishioners of St. Patrick's, these are the top five priorities which came forth from our convocation on Saturday, February 10th—



1. **Communications.** Parishioners want a better use of all forms of social media to keep all of us informed about ministries and what's going on within the parish. Also, the need to use social media to let the wider community know about St. Patrick's.
2. **Our social outreach.** Parishioners want us to build on St. Patrick's legacy of reaching out to the poor and those on the margins--in direct service and also on behalf of justice.
3. **Music ministry.** Parishioners want us to bring on a Music Director and also a choir.
4. **Ministry to the younger members of the parish--**including teenagers and also our young adults.
5. **Our spiritual growth as a parish--**through small-group reflections and Scripture study.

**Also, equally mentioned as a #5 is renovation of our buildings on the campus of St. Patrick's.**

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Please pick up your  
Rice Bowl today!  
And visit the CRS website  
[crsricebowl.org/](http://crsricebowl.org/)



## St. Patrick Community Lenten Activities

We hope to grow in our relationships with God and each other, and to bring about increased parish involvement in prayer, fasting, and almsgiving through the following opportunities--

- Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 5:15 pm
- CRS Rice Bowl collection - throughout the season
- Parish Almsgiving to local charitable services
- Fish Fry socials to benefit the Outreach Center Friday afternoons 3:30 - 6:30pm
- Friday night series of films and discussions on immigration and racism 6:30 - 8:00 pm at the Center
- Good Friday Stations of the Cross through the Neighborhood with Fr. Bruce Nieli, CSP at noon

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### BEST LENT EVER?



Matthew Kelly has an awesome free email program called The Best Lent Ever. This program will guide you on an incredible 40 day journey to become the best version of

yourself, making this a truly life-changing Lent. Sign up for daily emails with short inspirational videos from Matthew Kelly, starting Ash Wednesday (February 14). You will receive practical tips to incorporate into your everyday life, and personal stories from Dynamic Catholic team.

<https://dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever>

## Friday Night Film Series

6:30 – 8:00 pm

Feb 23

**"Kindred Spirits"**

African American  
artists/poets



**Do you know Alvia Wardlow ?**

**Lois Mailou Jones ? Ed Love ?**

**John Biggers ?**

**Are they new parishioners at St. Patrick's?**

**Come to the Friday evening film at 6:30 on February 23 in the Braganza Room at the Center.**

**Meet some "Kindred Spirits".**

*There will be a discussion before the film, and a reflection and discussion after the film, with total time 6:30-8:00 pm.*

March 2

**Part 1- "I Am Not Your Negro"**

James Baldwin documentary

March 9

**Part 2- "I Am Not Your Negro"**

James Baldwin documentary

March 16

**Part 3- "I Am Not Your Negro"**

James Baldwin documentary

March 23

**"At the River I Stand"**

Memphis sanitation strike

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## Lenten Fish Fry

Fridays During Lent 3:30pm – 6:30pm

Outreach Center

Fried or Baked Fish

Green Beans

French Fries

Cole Slaw

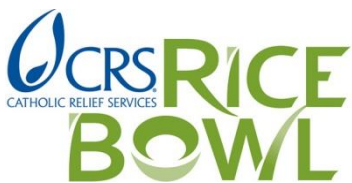
Hush Puppies

Iced Tea

Adult Plate: \$8.00

Kid's Plate: \$5.00





## Life and Dignity of the Human Person

Catholic social teaching inspires and guides how we are to live and work in the world. In this principle, Life and Dignity of the Human Person, Jesus reminds us that we are all made in God's image and likeness. That means that every human being has a special value and a purpose. We need to care for each other so we can be the people God calls us to be.

### Encounter Majd

Eight-year-old Majd thought his family was going on a picnic. His mother, Lamya, said they would be back home in a week. But



when ISIS attacked their home in northern Iraq, the family fled for good. "What worried me the most were the kids," Lamya says. "Our life was stable and we were doing well; we had a very

big house. Our children had everything they needed. But when we fled, I was not able to bring anything for them—not even food."

Fortunately, the family found an apartment to rent with other displaced families. It is much smaller than the home they had, but it's safe. The children enrolled in a CRS-sponsored school, where the routine provides hope, stability and a sense of belonging. "Education is very important," says Lamya, especially in Iraqi culture. Lamya received training from CRS and became a teacher at the school. Now she has hope for the future. "I really love children, so when I go to class I feel like I am with my family," she says.

Her son, Majd, also loves going to school. "Majd is so motivated to go to school. He just wants it to be morning so he can go," Lamya says. "He is relaxed, having fun and more confident." For Majd, school means a normal life—now and in the future.

Find more information at

[www.crsricebowl.org/](http://www.crsricebowl.org/)

## Parish Almsgiving

In addition to our participation in Operation Rice Bowl *globally*, each week of Lent the Parish will collect items for the following *local* charities. Please bring your donations forward with the offertory collection. Your generous participation is greatly appreciated.

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, 2/27

### Dorothy Day House

*Keeping homeless families together*

Deodorant, Kleenex, hand and dish soap

Prewrapped packages of peanut butter

crackers, granola bars, other snacks

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, 3/4

### Manna House

*Offering hospitality to*

*homeless and poor*

*guests*

Men's white athletic socks, deodorant,

travel sized hygiene products



4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, 3/11

### St. Vincent de Paul

*The only food mission in midtown open every day*

Men's white athletic socks,

deodorant, travel sized hygiene products

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday, 3/18

### St. Sebastian Veterans Services

*Working exclusively with homeless veterans and their families*

Men's and women's white athletic socks, deodorant, travel sized hygiene products, pillows



6<sup>th</sup> Sunday, 3/25

### Refugee Empowerment Program

*Encouraging, educating, and equipping individual refugees, refugee families, and the refugee community*  
School supplies – notebooks, pens, pencils



# Word, Eucharist, Life



*Word, Eucharist, Life*

**First Sunday in Lent**

Now in Lent the church

has entered the desert with Jesus

We are being led by the Spirit

and we will face temptations

of the kind always around us

and in front of us

Dr. King identified the challenge

in pointing out three evils

in our life as a nation

But the Holy One sends God's angels to

support us in the conflicts as we face

temptations from those three demons

Consumerism is the face of *materialism*

that lures us from all sides

*Racism* and the attraction of dominance

pull us into the system that

underpins much of our national life

*Militarism* and the reflex of violence

raise their heads

in response to

threats that rush at us

from daily news reports

The call of the Spirit to be disciples

puts us in a virtual desert

where we often feel

helpless and alone

*How can we bring our temptations*

*to our celebration of the Lenten*

*experience and to the center*

*of our Christian life in Eucharist*

*where the paschal mystery*

*draws us closer to*

*the experience of Jesus?*

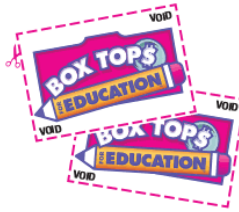
The Spirit remains with us

even in the desert

**We might find ourselves**

*outside in deserted places*

## **Save Your Box Tops for Saint Patrick's School!**



Help raise money for St. Patrick's Jubilee School! Place clipped, unexpired Box Tops in our collection box in the sanctuary. We will do the rest and the school will receive money!

Thank you for your support!!

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### *Our Offertory Donations*

February 1 Offering	\$5,857
Other	320
Total	\$6,177

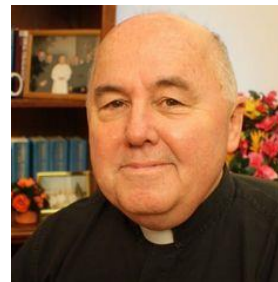
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## **To All Our Visitors!**

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 leave your contact information on the sheet located in the back of the church and someone will call you shortly to follow up.



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***Good News!***  
***Father Tim Tighe,***  
***former Paulist***  
***pastor here at***  
***St. Patrick's,***  
***will be visiting us!***


*From Father Val--*

I just received word from Father Tim Tighe that he will be visiting Memphis and St. Patrick's from June 8th through June 18th, 2018. This June will mark the 50th anniversary of Father Tim's arrival at St. Patrick's!



In Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Death of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The Catholic Diocese of Memphis in Tennessee presents  
**Peace, Harmony and Justice**



Performed Live by  
**Jim Coleman**

# Tolton

## From Slave to Priest

With a prelude attributed to Dr. King from our Catholic experience

<b>Tuesday, March 6 at 7pm</b>	<b>Wednesday, March 7 at 7pm</b>
Cannon Center for the Performing Arts Memphis, TN	St. Mary's Catholic Church Jackson, TN
<b>\$15 Adults/Individual Price</b> <b>\$10 Youth ages 10-17</b>	<b>\$10 Adults/Individual Price</b> <b>\$5 Youth ages 10-17</b>
Tickets available through Cannon Center or Ticketmaster.	Tickets available at the parish office or at the door.

*Saint Luke*  
PRODUCTIONS  
[www.ToltonDrama.com](http://www.ToltonDrama.com)

Add \$1.00 fee if purchased through Ticketmaster or by phone.  
For information call the Diocese of Memphis at (901) 373-1200

Meet Father Augustus Tolton, the first African American priest, in this one-man multimedia performance. From his dramatic escape from slavery to his courageous struggle in the face of prejudice, Father Tolton's inspiring life centers around his message of reconciliation and hope. This riveting drama is filled with all the elements of professional theater, runs 75 minutes, and is suitable for ages 10 and up. The powerful live production is performed by actor Jim Coleman and directed by Leonardo Defilippis.



### Today's Psalm Response

*Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant. (Psalm 25)*

### Liturgical Ministers

#### February 18

8:30  
 Lectors: Jerry Bettice Judy Bettice  
 Servers: Jonathan Nichols Jacob Burgess  
 EMHCs: Brenda Somes Mike Stengel  
 Sacristan: Andrea Nichols  
 11:00  
 Lectors: Nadim Khouzam Kristin Korneliussen  
 Servers: Kaitlyn Christy Eason Crone  
 Andy Crone  
 EMHCs: Bob Reilly Phyllis Somerville  
 Margaret Calicott  
 Sacristan: Le Martin and Jane Hampshire  
 5:00  
 Lectors: Aaron Walsh Oneata Windler  
 Servers: Timothy Andrews  
 EMHCs: Julie Farrar Donna McLellan  
 Sacristan: Ro O'Sullivan  
 Flowers: Lent

#### February 25

8:30  
 Lectors: Mike Duffy Jan Kidder  
 Servers: Caroline David Isabel Martin  
 EMHCs: Del Stiner Oneata Windler  
 Sacristan: Aletta Roebuck  
 11:00  
 Lectors: Anne Stubblefield Amir Khouzam  
 Servers: Leah Flettrich Bret Gibson  
 Kaitlyn Christy  
 EMHCs: Louise Terry Ray Terry  
 Margaret Calicott  
 Sacristan: Marlene Keenan  
 5:00  
 Lectors: Colleen Heberlein Chris Claude  
 Servers: Justin Johnson  
 EMHCs: Julie Cleary Dillon Julie Farrar  
 Donna McLellan  
 Sacristan: Ro O'Sullivan

### ST. PATRICK'S STAFF

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### ST. PATRICK'S JUBILEE SCHOOL

Susan Pittman – School Principal

### MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Earl Randle – 8:30 a.m. Mass  
 Natalie Nibert – 11:00 a.m. Mass  
 Russell Moose – 5:00 p.m. Mass  
 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](http://www.stpatsmemphis.org) and click on Parish Giving. Enter Zip Code 38126 and press Search.

## **Mass Intentions**

### **Sunday, February 18, 2017**

8:30am St. Patrick Church  
 11:00am Special Intentions of the  
 David Llewellyn Family  
 5:00pm Intention of the Celebrant

### **Weekday Mass**

Tue, Feb 20 5:15pm Intention of the Celebrant  
 Wed, Feb 21 5:15pm Intention of the Celebrant  
 Thu, Feb 22 5:15pm Intention of the Celebrant  
 Fri, Feb 23 5:15pm Intention of the Celebrant

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