



**st Patrick**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH



*Founded 1866*

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## ***Third Sunday in Lent*** **March 7, 2021**

This Week: Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 1:22-25; John 2:13-25

Next Week: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23; Psalm 137; Ephesians 2:4-10; John 3:14-21

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

*The Mission of St. Patrick 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.*

# PARISH NEWS

## Today's Psalm Response

*Lord, you have the words of everlasting life. (Psalm 19)*

## **SUNDAY MASS In The Church March 14**

**Seating is extremely limited and is by  
Online Sign-up**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/o/st-patricks-catholic-church-30260988438>

**Live streamed Mass  
every Sunday at 11am**

[www.facebook.com/  
StPatrickCatholicChurchMemphis](http://www.facebook.com/StPatrickCatholicChurchMemphis)



**Replayed on YouTube  
after 1:00 pm**

[www.youtube.com/channel/  
UCYTZjk9suUZtMi1mb-IYBIw](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYTZjk9suUZtMi1mb-IYBIw)



## **Sacrament of Reconciliation**



by appointment only

Call the office 901-527-2542  
to schedule an appointment

Can be done face-to-face or anonymously.

## **Father Val's Homilies**

Father Val's recent homilies are available on our website: [www.stpatsmemphis.org](http://www.stpatsmemphis.org). Click on Communications.

The Sunday Bulletin is also available on the website, in color.



- Mar 14, 5:15 pm, Denise Jency Brittenum by Marion and Rory Gleadhill  
Mar 18, 5:15 pm, +Mel daLomba by Margretta daLomba Dobbs  
Mar 21, 5:15 pm, +Mac O'Neill by Marion and Rory Gleadhill  
Mar 28, 8:30 am, +Dr. James Stengel on the first Anniversary of his death (Mar 29) by Fr. Val  
Mar 28, 5:15 pm, +Keith Davis by Marion and Rory Gleadhill

## **WEEKLY CALENDAR Mar 7 - Mar 14**

### **Sunday, March 7**

- 8:30 am, 11:00 am, and 5:15 pm Masses with limited seating
- 11:00 am, Mass live streamed on Facebook
- 12:00 pm, Soup Kitchen, Outreach Center

### **Monday, March 8**

- Office Closed

### **Tuesday, March 9**

- 5:15 pm Mass, Church

### **Wednesday, March 10**

- 5:15 pm Mass, Church

### **Thursday, March 11**

- 5:15 pm Mass, Church

### **Friday, March 12**

- 5:15 pm Mass, Church

### **Sunday, March 14**

- 8:30 am, 11:00 am, and 5:15 pm Masses with limited seating
- 11:00 am, Mass live streamed on Facebook
- 12:00 pm, Soup Kitchen, Outreach Center

## PARISH NEWS

### *That All May Be One!*

Commitment Sunday for the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal  
Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup>

March, 2021

Dear Parishioners,



Despite the many challenges we have faced this last year in our nation, our world and our Church, we move forward as people of faith who have hope in the Lord who leads us. We are celebrating the 50th Anniversary of our Catholic Diocese of Memphis this year! The theme for our year-long celebration is ***That All May Be One***. What an appropriate scriptural theme to share with our 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal.

Jesus prays to the Father that his followers "may all be one as we are one" and that "the love with which you love me may be in them, and I in them".

I thank you for being a devoted supporter of our Diocese of Memphis and as part of our Diocesan family, I am inviting you to participate in the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal. Jesus prays, "We are truly one Church, one family" and my prayer is that we collaborate and work together to do what God has called us to do here in West Tennessee.

The Appeal provides support to our retired priests who have dedicated their lives in service to our Diocese and to our Seminarians who are working hard to be the future priests in our Diocese. The Appeal also ensures that our religious education programs are available for the next generation to strengthen our families, deepen our faith as adults and help bring the loving mercy of God to our neighbors in need.

Our Parish goal for this year's Appeal is \$30,000. I know it sounds like a lot in this time of unknowns but if we all do what we can I'm sure we can come close. I ask you to prayerfully consider some level of support and, if you have any questions about the Appeal, please reach out to me. Finally, I want you to know that you have the option of making a 10-month pledge to help you with increasing your support. You can go online at parish giving and sign up for auto deducts.

I thank you in advance for your generous response to our 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal.

To see the video for the Catholic Appeal on our website and/or to contribute, click [here](#).

Sincerely in Christ,

Father Val handworker

*P.S. If you have already committed to the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal, I want to thank you for your participation and generous support.*



# PARISH NEWS

## 2021 Parish Pastoral Council Election



**Doan Dinh**



**Willie Douglas**



**Sophie Duffel**



**Natalie Miller**

The election of Parish Pastoral Council members is next Sunday, March 14. Please pray for discernment for our parish as we vote for four new Council members. Six candidates have put their names forward to be considered for these positions.

Statements and pictures of each candidate are available on our web page at: [http://stpatsmemphis.org/?page\\_id=3888](http://stpatsmemphis.org/?page_id=3888)

As you make your decision, please keep in mind that the Parish Pastoral Council exists to provide pastoral care for the parish through living the mission of St. Patrick Catholic Church: “to proclaim and live the Gospel; to find ways to offer love, healing, and reconciliation to our community; to pray together, celebrate together, and act for justice together.”

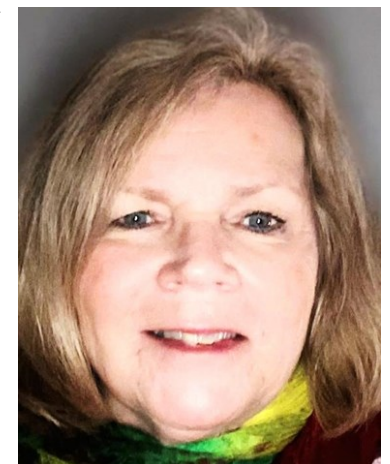
Members of the Parish Pastoral Council are expected to:

- Be dedicated to prayer and service
- Engage in regular faith formation activities
- Be familiar with the St. Patrick community and demonstrate awareness of its strengths and its needs
- Work with other parishioners on pastoral planning and ministry
- Communicate with the pastor and members of the St. Patrick community about the work of the Council

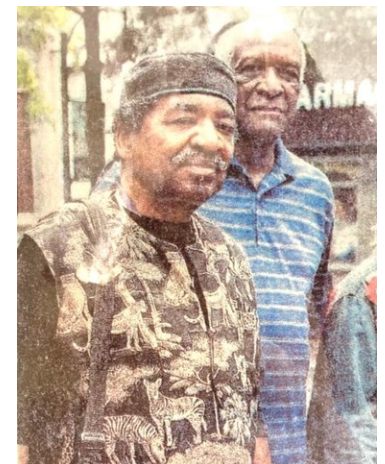
Each parishioner may vote for up to four (4) candidates. Please vote only once.

Paper ballots will be available for in-person voting at all the Masses on Sunday, March 14.

For those who prefer to vote on line, <http://tiny.cc/PPCvote>



**Sandy Heiss**



**Allen Stiles**

On line voting begins today and continues until March 14 at 6:00pm



# *Penance*

**LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE  
TUESDAY, MARCH 23TH 6:30 PM**

***Come and take part in our Lenten Penance Service.***

***Father Al Kirk, who has a longstanding link to St. Patrick's, and Father Val will "hear confessions."***

***Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation  
in preparation for the highpoint of our church year.***

**There will be no 5:15 Mass that Tuesday.**

# PARISH NEWS

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

Sally Greene, Mary Baldwin, Lucinda Lee, Jerry Bettice, Phyllis Somerville, Tracy Sweat, Brent Stanton, Pete Alfonso, Craig Hodges, Barbara Weddle (Brenda



Somes' mother), Ralph David Kelley (Sandy Heiss' granddaughters' grandfather), Tom and Pat Gorney (Tom's parents), Rusty Ramsey, John Letchworth, Lois and Coy Henderson, Maureen Hough, David Farley (Jeff's father), Stephen Golanka (Mary Evans' son), Patrick Harkins, Troy Strickland, Bill Mor-

man (Monica and Stephen Juma's uncle), Ella Herod (Mike Garrett's mother), Samantha Smith, Terry Nesmith, Peggy Pera, Deacon Eugene Champion, Fr. Eric Peterson, Brad Patterson, Theresa Gifford, Ray Berthiaume, Ginger Tubbs (John's mother), Norma Millan Zalamea, Dot Eubanks, Joyce Johnson, Daniel "Mickey" Farrell, Fr. Michael "Mickey" Stewart, Jerry Handwerker (Fr. Val's cousin), June Greene (Bob Green's stepmother), Kevin David, Chuck Coggins, Travis Handwerker, Della Miles, Archbishop Joseph Kurtz of Louisville, Earl Randle, Shelby Terry (Ray and Louise Terry's daughter-in-law), Jerry Foster, Anne Lee Buford, Shantia Baldwin, Sharon Shea and Family, Deidre Smith, Fenton McEvoy, Joy Asbury, Jeanne Richardson, Robert Collins, Fred Robinson, Richard Asbury, Peggy Cunningham, Margaret Lynch

## Fasting and Abstinence during Lent



Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

The norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include the physically or mentally ill including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women. In all cases, common sense should prevail, and ill persons should not further jeopardize their health by fasting.

For more information: [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)

**Notify Parish Office:** If you or someone you know is hospitalized or homebound and would like to be added to our prayer list, or if someone has recovered and should be removed from our list, please call the parish office at 901-527-2542.



## St. Patrick's Day March 17



Although we can't have a big party to celebrate our patron Saint on St. Patrick's Day, we will still have an opportunity to observe it! Join us on 3/17/2021 at our 5:15 Mass and expect energy, music, and togetherness!

**Please Pray for our  
St. Patrick Community  
Every Day**





# *A Story of Hope From Timor-Leste*

**I know the vegetables provide essential vitamins for them.**

**-Eliza**



Timor-Leste is a small Asian country, slightly larger than the state of Connecticut. It's on the other side of the world near Australia, and it's one of the world's newest countries—only 18 years old.

Many families in Timor-Leste live in rural areas and work as farmers. But challenges like changing weather patterns make it difficult to grow enough food. They depend on rice as a main part of their meals, and hunger and malnutrition are big problems. More than one-third of people in Timor-Leste don't have reliable access to enough nutritious food. This especially affects children and their ability to develop to their full potential.

Parents attend nutrition groups in their communities where they learn how to build and improve their gardens. They also learn new recipes that incorporate the produce they grow—and they sometimes have cooking competitions to see who can prepare the tastiest meal!

Eliza and her husband Paulino have six children. After participating in her community's nutrition group, she and Paulino started a home garden and began growing different crops based on the rainy and dry seasons. They also started raising chickens, which provide additional protein to their meals and income from selling the eggs. Eliza wants her children to be healthy and says, "I know the vegetables provide essential vitamins for them."



## How CRS uses Alms

For more than 45 years, Lenten alms given through CRS Rice Bowl have supported programs that prevent hunger and poverty around the world, including the countries featured in the Lenten stories of hope. Seventy-five percent of gifts help support CRS' work in more than 100 countries. Twenty-five percent of gifts remain in each U.S. diocese where they are given to support hunger and poverty alleviation efforts in those communities.

# PARISH NEWS

## Stations of the Cross Every Friday During Lent

After the 5:15pm Mass in the  
Church on or Zoom  
[www.stpatsmemphis.org](http://www.stpatsmemphis.org)

We will alternate In-Person  
and Zoom services for the  
Stations of the Cross during  
Lent. This Friday will be in  
person and we will continue  
to alternate every week there-  
after.



Mar 12th - in-person - Led by the Dinh Family  
Mar 19th - Zoom - Led by Angelica Rendek  
Mar 26th - in-person - TBD!

Want to be a presenter? Please contact  
Shannon at phone: 901.527.2542 (ext. 4),  
[Shannon.Curtis@stpat.cdom.org](mailto:Shannon.Curtis@stpat.cdom.org)  
cell: 901.308.6831

For more information, check  
our website [www.stpatsmemphis.org](http://www.stpatsmemphis.org).

## Small Faith Sharing and Prayer Groups

**A Prayer Circle**  
**Monday – Friday**

**9:00 a.m. for about 15 minutes**  
Jan Kidder [jan.kidder62@gmail.com](mailto:jan.kidder62@gmail.com)

**Faith Sharing Group**  
**Tuesday evenings**  
**6:30 p.m.**

Louise Cayo 901-833-1506

**Say Their Names**

**Wednesday mornings at 9:00 a.m.**  
Linda Opiel [lindaopiel@comcast.net](mailto:lindaopiel@comcast.net)  
Sandy Heiss [heisshouse@yahoo.com](mailto:heisshouse@yahoo.com)  
Jan Kidder [jan.kidder62@gmail.com](mailto:jan.kidder62@gmail.com)

**Sunday by Sunday**  
**Faith Sharing Group**  
**Thursday mornings**

**10:30 a.m. until noon**  
Judy and Jerry Bettice  
901-327-8068

**Centering Prayer**

**Saturday mornings 9:15 a.m.**  
John Tubbs [john.austin.tubbs@gmail.com](mailto:john.austin.tubbs@gmail.com)

## Holy Week

Calling all Liturgical Ministers! Keep an eye  
out for an email from Andrea Nichols about  
Holy Week.

We also need Ushers and Greeters  
(Hospitality Ministers)! Sign up with Shan-  
non.

## Wednesday, March 31

We will be cleaning the Church on Wednes-  
day afternoon and need volunteers for this.  
We are also planning a special outdoor  
movie viewing that evening— so stay tuned!

## Holy Week Schedule

Check back next week for the Holy Week  
event schedule, including the annual Neigh-  
borhood Stations of the Cross on Good  
Friday

## Parish Library



You are invited to make  
time for visiting and read-  
ing in our parish library.

**Tuesday - Friday**  
**9:00 a.m. til 4:30 p.m.**  
Call office manager, Julie  
Boland, at 901-527-2542,  
to make an appointment.

Please follow us on social media!



And check out our website:  
[www.stpatsmemphis.org](http://www.stpatsmemphis.org)

Read the Bulletin online





# PARISH NEWS



UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF  
CATHOLIC BISHOPS

## U.S. Bishop Chairmen for Doctrine and for Pro-Life Address the Use of the

### Johnson & Johnson Covid-19 Vaccine

WASHINGTON— On March XX, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades of Fort Wayne-South Bend, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on Doctrine, and Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann of Kansas City in Kansas, chairman of the USCCB's Committee on Pro-Life Activities, issued a statement on the Johnson and Johnson COVID-19 vaccine recently approved for use in the United States. "The approval of Johnson & Johnson's COVID-19 vaccine for use in the United States again raises questions about the moral permissibility of using vaccines developed, tested, and/or produced with the help of abortion-derived cell lines. Pfizer and Moderna's vaccines raised concerns because an abortion-derived cell line was used for testing them, but not in their production. The Johnson & Johnson vaccine, however, was developed, tested and is produced with abortion-derived cell lines raising additional moral concerns. The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith has judged that 'when ethically irreproachable Covid-19 vaccines are not available ... it is morally acceptable to receive Covid19 vaccines that have used cell lines from aborted fetuses in their research and production process.'<sup>1</sup>

However, if one can choose among equally safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines, the vaccine with the least connection to abortion-derived cell lines should be chosen. Therefore, if one has the ability to choose a vaccine, Pfizer or Moderna's vaccines should be chosen over Johnson & Johnson's. While we should continue to insist that pharmaceutical companies stop using abortion-derived cell lines, given the world-wide suffering that this pandemic is causing, we affirm again that being vaccinated can be an act of charity that serves the common good.

<sup>1</sup> Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, "Note on the morality of using some anti-Covid-19 vaccines" (17 Dec 2020),

For further details, we refer people to our earlier December 2020 statement [<https://www.usccb.org/resources/moral-considerations-covid-vaccines.pdf>], to our Answers to Key Ethical Questions About COVID-19 Vaccines, <https://www.usccb.org/resources/Answers%20to%20Key%20Ethical%20Questions%20About%20COVID-19%20Vaccines.pdf>, to the Congregation of the Faith's Note [[http://www.vatican.va/roman\\_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc\\_con\\_cfaith\\_doc\\_202012\\_21\\_nota-vaccini-anticovid\\_en.html](http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc_con_cfaith_doc_202012_21_nota-vaccini-anticovid_en.html)], and to the statement of the Vatican Covid-19 Commission in collaboration with the Pontifical Academy for Life [Note of the Vatican Covid-19 Commission in collaboration with the Pontifical Academy for Life "Vaccine for all. 20 points for a fairer and healthier world"].

## BECOMING CATHOLIC

If you've never been baptized and are thinking about seeking baptism, or if you've been baptized in another Christian communion and thought about becoming Catholic, the St. Patrick Community extends a heartfelt invitation to explore the Catholic faith. Due to the pandemic, we are not going to schedule small group meetings yet. I will meet one on one with you to get to know you and talk about God. Please contact Sally Greene, 901-483-3656 or [sbg1220@aol.com](mailto:sbg1220@aol.com) for more information.



## Our Offertory Donations



Offertory	\$ 6,836
Parish Giving	3,575
Food Ministry	40
Other	375
Total	\$10,826

*Thank you for your generosity!*



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 <http://bit.ly/StPatrickgiving> or our website [www.stpatsmemphis.org](http://www.stpatsmemphis.org) and click on the Parish Giving button to join.

If you have problems or questions, please call Julie at 901-527-2542.

# AROUND THE DIOCESE

*The Diocese of Memphis Celebrates 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

**Lent is here! Holy Week is Coming!**



**At the Cathedral and Online beginning March 1, 2021  
The Psalms Bible Study with Sr. Cathy, OP**

Join us as we consider Psalms 51-100 during Lent.

Together let us come to understand and pray the Psalms at a deeper level.

**4 Mondays** at 10-11:30 a.m. *in person* at Cathedral, March 1, 8, 15, 22

**4 Tuesdays** at 10-11:30 a.m. online via *Go To Meeting*, March 2, 9, 16, 23

**4 Tuesdays** at 6:30-8 p.m. online via *Zoom*, March 2, 9, 16, 23

\$10 for 4-week series. **Register** to get email link: [cathy.galaskiewicz@gmail.com](mailto:cathy.galaskiewicz@gmail.com)

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## At Our Lady Queen of Peace Retreat Center

### March 12-14 Weekend Retreat for Women: I Am with You Always

**Team:** Bishop Terry Steib, Deacon Ernie Albonetti, Sr. Cathy, OP, and Mr. Matt Cummings

Only 2 rooms left. Call or email Debbie today!

**Opens Friday with 6:30 p.m. dinner and closes with midday meal on Sunday.**

**Cost:** \$197 for single room/private bath; \$161 per person for a shared room.

\$80 for All-day Sat. option (8 a.m. Morning Prayer through evening service ending at 8:30 p.m.)

### April 1-2 Holy Thursday and Good Friday with Bishop Steib: Two options

**Overnight Option begins with 6 p.m.** Holy Thursday dinner, liturgy, adoration, overnight stay and continues on Good Friday with breakfast, midday prayer, lunch, stations, Commemoration of the Passion, **ending around 4 p.m.** \$105 single occupancy, \$85 each for double occupancy

**Good Friday Option begins with 11 a.m.** Midday prayer, lunch, stations, Commemoration of the Passion, ending around 4 p.m. \$25 suggested offering.

**Safety Measures: Feel safe here!** Upon entering retreat center, temperatures are taken.

Seats are placed at a safe distance from each other in Chapel, Dining Room and Meeting Room. Please bring your **mask**. Entire retreat center is sanitized professionally for your safety.

Those with symptoms or who have been exposed to Covid-19 within 14 days may not attend.

[www.olqpretreats.com](http://www.olqpretreats.com) or [debbie.voyles@olqp.cdom.org](mailto:debbie.voyles@olqp.cdom.org) or 731-548-2500

**Directions: Our Lady Queen of Peace Retreat Center, 3630 Dancyville Rd.**

Take I-40 to Exit 47, then go toward Dancyville, about 3 miles.

# Easter Sunrise Mass

**COME CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION**

**April 4th. 2021, 6:45am.**

**At Historic Calvary Cemetery  
1663 Elvis Presley Blvd.**

**The Most Reverend J. Terry Steib S.V.D., Bishop Emeritus Diocese of Memphis, Celebrant  
Rev. Msgr. John McArthur and Rev. Msgr. Valentine Handwerker, Concelebrants**

**Please bring your own form of sitting for the Sunrise Mass this year, ( Chairs will not be provided this year due to COVID 19 ). We ask that mask be worn and family groups and individuals keep six feet in distance at all times.**

**No refreshments will be Served this year after Mass due to COVID 19**





# PARISH NEWS

March 7, 2021	8:30	11:00	5:15
Lector 1	Mike Stengel	Steven Tenorio	Linda Jackson
Lector 2	Rhea Thomas	Zach Tenorio	John Wigley
EMHC	Kate Pera	Deacon Frank	Donna McLellan
Cantor	Russell Moose	Dan Rojcewicz	Sandy Heiss
Musician	Marcus Browning	Daniel Ward	Adrian Gascue
Altar Server	Jose Hernandez Linda Hernandez	George Espinoza	
Sacristan	Adriana Alcazar	Joe Birch	Gene Mangiante
Flowers	Lent		

March 14, 2021	8:30	11:00	5:15
Lector 1	Dell Stiner	Water Smith	Dave Smith
Lector 2	Jan Kidder	Joe Birch	Linda Jackson
EMHC	Mike Stengel	Deacon Frank	Sharon Shea
Cantor			
Musician			
Altar Server	Jacob Burgess Lucy Burgedd	George Espinoza	
Sacristan	Tracy Burgess	Mike Watermeier	Gene Mangiante
Flowers	Lent		

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Judy and Jerry Bettice – [jbettice@earthlink.net](mailto:jbettice@earthlink.net)

## St. Patrick Parish Pastoral Council

Please contact any of these people with comments, suggestions, or offers of help!

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