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Sunday Masses: 8:30am 11:00am 5:15pm
Weekday Masses: Tuesday - Friday: 5:15pm



First Sunday of Advent **November 28, 2021**

This Week: Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25; 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2; Luke 21:25-28, 34-36
Next Week: Baruch 5:1-9; Psalm 126; Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11; Luke 3:1-6

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

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul. (Psalm 25)

11am MASS



Live streamed Every Sunday at
www.bit.ly/StPatrickFacebook

Worship Aid Available
Readings and Music
www.stpatsmemphis.org
Click on Faith Formation
Music Ministry



Replayed on YouTube after 1:00 pm
www.bit.ly/StPatrickYouTube

WEEKLY CALENDAR Nov 28 - Dec 5

Sunday, November 28

- 8:30 am, 11:00 am, 5:15 pm, Masses
- 11:00 am Mass, Fr. Bruce Nieli, C.S.P. will preside
- 9:45 am, Sunday by Sunday Group, Braganza Rm
- 9:45 am, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Atria
- 9:45 am, Becoming Catholic, St. Brigid, Rectory
- 11:00 am, Mass live streamed on Facebook
- 12:00 pm, Soup Kitchen, Center

Tuesday, November 30

- 5:15 pm Mass, Church

Wednesday, December 1

- 5:00 pm, Room in the Inn, 1306 Monroe
- 5:15 pm Mass, Church

Thursday, December 2

- 5:15 pm, Mass, Church

Friday, December 3

- 5:15 pm Mass, Church

Sunday, December 5

- 8:30 am, 11:00 am, 5:15 pm, Masses
- 9:45 am, Sunday by Sunday Group, Braganza Rm
- 9:45 am, Advent Presentation, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Atria
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*Please enter the
names of your
departed loved ones in
the Book of
Remembrance.*



Nov 28, 5:15 pm, +Troy Strickland by Rosemary Batorski

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Dec 1, 5:15 pm, +Andi Wood by Adynel Wood

Dec 2, 5:15 pm, +MiMi M. Roy by James and Joann Johnson

Baptismal Preparation Class

For Parents
and Godparents

Wednesday
December 1 6:00pm

Annex

Please call the office 901-527-2542.



Sacrament of Reconciliation



Sundays 8:15 am-8:30 am
10:45 am-11:00 am
5:00 pm-5:15 pm
or by appointment
901-527-2542

Can be done face-to-face or anonymously.

Father Val's Homilies

Father Val's recent homilies are available on our web-site: www.stpatsmemphis.org. Click Communications.

The Sunday Bulletin is also available and in color!

PARISH NEWS

A Few Words from Fr. Val About "Masks" at St. Pat's

In the recent days the staff here has reflected on our current "mask" policy: Should it remain mandatory or become recommended?

First of all, I want to *thank you for your amazing co-operation during this pandemic*. I have not received one complaint from a parishioner about our mandatory mask policy. As the staff weighed this current policy, there was an email this week from a Nashville family who is part of the parish as their son has been a patient at St. Jude's for quite a while. The email ended like this: "Maybe we can come to Mass while we are here. **It helps that everyone wears a mask and is vaccinated!"**

In fact, our families with very young children who are not vaccinated also feel safer, as do those who are immuno-compromised.

Our "mandatory-mask" policy was made about two months ago jointly by discernment of our Parish Pastoral Council and staff. We shall continue the "mandatory-mask" policy for all Masses at St. Patrick's at least through January 1st. Shortly after the Christmas festivities, we'll revisit this policy. For that discernment after the first of the year, feel free to give your thoughts on this matter to members of the Parish Pastoral Council (their names are on the back of the bulletin and on our webpage) or to a parish staff person. Again, thank you!

We shall also continue the policy that all who come to Mass at St. Patrick's **must be vaccinated**. If you are not vaccinated, you may participate in Sunday Mass by following our "streamed" Mass at 11:00 a.m. each Sunday.



Penance Service Tuesday, December 14 6:30pm

We are having an Advent Penance Service when we as a parish can celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession) as a special way of preparing for Christmas. Fr. Al Kirk will be available with Fr. Val for individual reconciliations. You may choose to sit behind the priest or facing the priest.



We hope that many of us will take advantage of this beautiful sacrament celebrating forgiveness and healing.

There will be no 5:15 Mass that Tuesday.

Congratulations



*Edward
Lucy
and
Rose*

*children of David and Rachel
Dunbar, grandchildren of Rebekah
Rojcewicz were baptized
Wednesday, November 24! We
welcome you with great joy!*

PARISH NEWS

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

Natalie Cooke, Rosemary Batorski, David Carter, Renee Taylor's grandson), Tessa Walker, Lisa Greene Harris (Bob Greene's sister), Julie Winkler, Father Carl Gregoric, Jan-Blaise MacEachern, Paul Gray, Msgr. Tom Kirk, Nia Watkins, Hank Haney (Shannon Curtis's partner), Sydney Bowers (Pamela Higgins' granddaughter), Robert Tutson, Antonio M Bradshaw, Sue Ann Duffy, Mary Baldwin, Deacon Eugene Champion, Jerry Bettice, Lewis Fort, Brian Huebner, Andrea Nichols, Tracy Sweat, Pete Alfonso, Craig Hodges, 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, Bill Morman (Monica and Stephen Juma's uncle), Ella Herod (Mike Garrett's mother), Samantha Smith, Terry Nesmith, Fr. Eric Peterson, Brad Patterson, Theresa Gifford, Ray Berthiaume, Ginger Tubbs (John's mother), Dot Eubanks, Daniel "Mickey" Farrell, Fr. Michael "Mickey" Stewart, Jerry Handwerker (Fr. Val's cousin), 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, Jeanne Richardson, Robert Collins, Fred Robinson, Joy and Richard Asbury, Peggy Cunningham, Margaret Lynch



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.



Parish Library

You are invited to visit our parish library.

**Monday - Friday
9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

Call 901-527-2542 to make an appointment.

Welcome Fr. Bruce!



Fr. Bruce Nieli, C.S.P.

Small Faith Sharing and Prayer Groups

Sunday by Sunday

Faith Sharing Group

Braganza Room, Outreach Center

Sunday, 9:45 a.m.

Pat Papachristou ppapachr@cbu.edu

A Prayer Circle

Monday - Friday

9:00 a.m. for about 15 minutes

Jan Kidder 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

Sandy Heiss heisshouse@yahoo.com

Jan Kidder jan.kidder62@gmail.com

Sunday by Sunday

Faith Sharing Group

Thursday mornings

10:30 a.m. until noon

1st Thursday in Braganza Room

Judy and Jerry Bettice

901-327-8068



Please follow us on social media!

And check out our website:

www.stpatsmemphis.org

Read recent Bulletins and Homilies online



St. Patrick Catholic Church
in collaboration with St. Anne Highland
presents

Soon and Very Soon

an Advent concert



December 15
7pm

Lector Refresh Formation Saturday December 11 10 - 12

ALL current Lectors are *strongly* encouraged to attend this ongoing formation opportunity. The ability to deliver the Word to the people of God is a solemn and joyous gift.

Formation/training for new Lectors will be scheduled soon. If you are interested in learning to be a Lector, please let Shannon know.



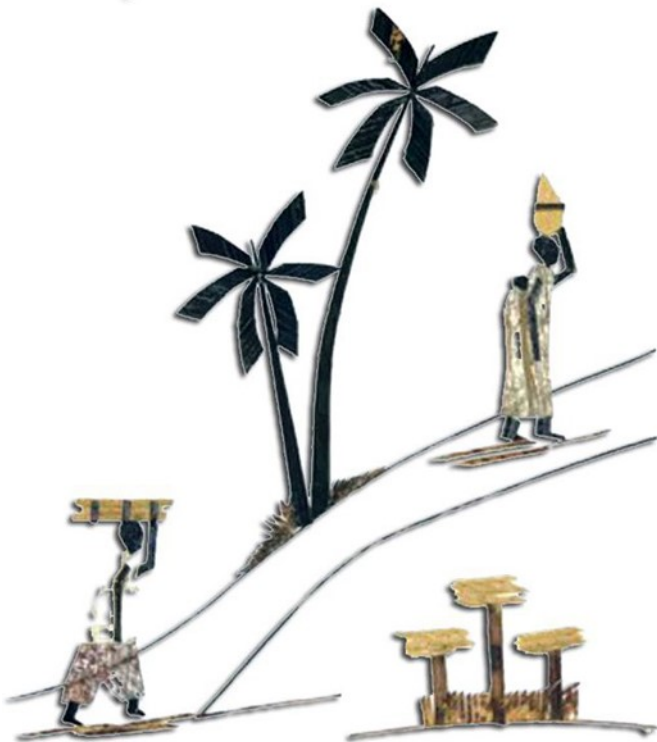
Journey with St. Patrick's

Global Health Ministry

Memphis- Tanzania

Global Health Advent Prayer and Reflection Series

We are excited to announce an Advent Prayer and Reflection Series hosted by the new St. Patrick's Global Health Ministry. This ministry is a collaboration with the Sisters of St. Therese of the Child Jesus in Tanzania, who have an outreach clinic in a rural village, Kifuru. Each Thursday evening of Advent, starting December 2 at 6pm, we will gather on zoom to break open the Word and be fed on our common sojourn. We hope this is a chance to grow deeper in community at St. Patrick as well as with the Sisters and community in Tanzania. We will hear stories from families and health workers in relation to the weekly readings as we come together during these weeks of Advent.



WEEK ONE

HOPE

Thursday December 2nd - 6:00 PM

WEEK TWO

PEACE

Thursday December 9th - 6:00 PM

WEEK THREE

JOY

Thursday December 16th - 6:00 PM

WEEK FOUR

LOVE

Thursday December 23th - 6:00 PM

Sign up: <https://tennesseehipaa.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUude2trD8oHt1NDdHvqe4YrEYVpnK00XSo>

Please contact Monica Juma with any questions at 408-802-8376 or email mjuma@uthsc.edu

Learn more about the St. Patrick Global Health Ministry on the St. Patrick web page under Faith Formation or click on http://stpatsmemphis.org/?page_id=4257.

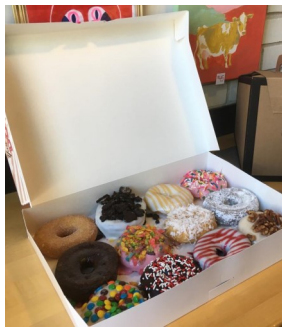


PARISH NEWS

Please join us for donuts, juice, coffee and fellowship in the Annex and the Courtyard after the morning Masses.



Coffee and Donuts



We are looking for volunteers to help with the Coffee Ministry.

For more information, contact Shannon or any Parish Pastoral Council member. (See the back page of the bulletin for contact info.)

You can sign up for one Sunday or several at tinyurl.com/StPCoffee.

Year-End Giving

It is a custom of some to make special donations to St. Patrick's Church in the time between Thanksgiving and December 31st.



Besides the thoughtfulness of these persons, one other reason for these special donations may be for IRS tax credit for 2021.

Please keep St. Patrick's in mind as we come to the end of the year!

We have already received \$10,000 in end-of-year gifts!

Thank You for Your Support!



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 the St. Patrick community 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 on Facebook or at www.stpatsmemphis.org.

Offertory Donations

Offertory	\$3,454
Parish Giving	4,165
Food Ministry	185
Other	20
Total	\$7,824



Catholic Campaign for Human Development
\$1,152

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 web site 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.

PARISH NEWS

ADVENT / CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE



Advent Presentation for Children
in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd - All are invited
Sunday, Dec 5 9:45 - 10:45am

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
Holy Day of Obligation
Wednesday, Dec 8 **New Time**
6:00 pm

Penance Service
Tuesday, Dec 14 6:30pm

Soon and Very Soon, an Advent Concert
Wednesday, Dec 15 7:00pm

Prayer Celebration for Children
in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
Tuesday, Dec 21 6:15pm



Decorate Church for Christmas
Thursday, Dec 23 11:00am

Christmas Vigil Mass
Friday, Dec 24 5:15pm

Christmas Day Mass
Saturday, Dec 25 10:00am

Sunday Masses
Sunday, Dec 26 8:30&11:00am, 5:15pm

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Saturday, Jan 1 10:00am

Epiphany Celebration for Children
in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd - All are invited
Sunday, Jan 9 9:45 - 10:45am



PARISH NEWS

**Thank you
St. Patrick Parishioners, CBHS, St. Agnes, Holy Rosary
for their enthusiastic efforts at the
November 20 Mobile Food Pantry.
This was the largest mobile pantry yet. God is good!**



Outreach Center Activities

Tinv Blessings



Monday - Thursday
Noon - 3:00

Daily Food Bag

Tuesday - Thursday
Noon - 3:00



Food Pantry



Tuesday - Thursday
1:00 - 2:30

Soup Kitchen

Sunday
Noon - 1:00



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.

Sundays 9:45 -10:45

St. Brigid Room
(in the Rectory building)

Please contact Sally Greene,
901-483-3656 or
sbg1220@aol.com
for more information.



AROUND THE DIOCESE



CHRISTIAN BROTHERS UNIVERSITY



RALPH McCLOUD

Becoming Social Poets, Answering Pope Francis' Call

Christian Brothers University | Spain Auditorium, Buckman Hall
Thursday, December 2 | 7:00 pm

Ralph McCloud is the Director of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD), an anti-poverty program of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. CCHD is the domestic anti-poverty program of the U.S. Catholic Bishops. CCHD works to break the cycle of poverty by helping low-income people participate in decisions that affect their lives, families and communities. Before assuming responsibility for CCHD in Washington, Mr. McCloud served the Diocese of Fort Worth as Director of Pastoral and Community Services. He has also been a businessman and a politician, serving on the Fort Worth City Council for seven years.

The presentation is co-sponsored by CBU and the St. Martin de Porres National Shrine & Institute.



*Don't forget to get
your "green dot" from
the CBU COVID
Health Check.*

*Facemasks are
required inside campus
buildings.*

Admission to this event is free of charge.

For more information and online streaming, visit cbu.edu/ralph-mccloud

AROUND THE DIOCESE

The Holy Spirit in the Letters of St. Paul with Sister Cathy, OP

In Person:

4 Mondays, Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 at
Cathedral, Marian Hall, 10-11:30 a.m.

In Person:

4 Tuesdays, Nov. 2, 9, 23, 30 at
Church of the Holy Spirit, 10-11:30 a.m.

Zoom:

4 Mondays, Nov. 8, 15, 22, 29 at 6:30-8 p.m.

Go To Meeting (Online):

4 Wednesdays, Nov. 3, 10, 17, Dec. 1 at 10-11:30 a.m.

Register 901-726-5611 or cathy.galaskiewicz@gmail.com
\$10 for 4-week series. Bring Bible. Study Guides will be provided. Temperatures are taken. Wear a mask.



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Are you being called to
grow in holiness as a
priest?

www.memphisvocations.com

or call the Office of Vocations
901-373-1244



 Catholic Charities
of West Tennessee

NEW FACES *and* NEW PLACES

WEDNESDAY December
1ST

8:00 AM-10:00 AM
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
2:00 PM-4:00 PM

1325 JEFFERSON AVENUE
MEMPHIS, TN 38104

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PARISH NEWS

November 28, 2021	8:30	11:00	5:15
Lector 1	Rhea Thomas	Sylvia Gallaher	Louise Cayo
Lector 2	John Wigley	Chris Claude	Jan Kidder
EMHC	Brenda Somes	Anne Stubblefield	Jeannine Blackwell
Cantor			
Musician			
Altar Server	Jonathan Nichols José Espinoza	George Espinoza	
Sacristan	Andrea Nichols	Joe Birch	Chuck Blackwell
Flowers	Advent		

December 5, 2021	8:30	11:00	5:15
Lector 1	Diane Flasch	Steven Tenorio	Linda Jackson
Lector 2	Fran Barendse	Zachary Tenorio	Donna McLellan
EMHC	Pat Papachristou	Bob Reilly	Jeanine Blackwell
Cantor			
Musician			
Altar Server	José Salazar	Ethan Towell Ellie Towell	
Sacristan	Hugh Taylor	Mike Watermeier	Chuck Blackwell
Flowers	Advent		

ST. PATRICK PARISH STAFF

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

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Anne Stubblefield	annestub@yahoo.com

Parish Office Hours
Monday - Friday
8:30am - 4:30pm

Procedure for Reporting Sexual Abuse

Anyone who has knowledge of or who has cause to suspect an incident of sexual abuse should report the information to the appropriate civil authorities first at 1-877-237-0004, then to the Diocesan Director of Child & Youth Protection at 901-359-2027