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



Christmas **December 25, 2022**

Christmas Mass During the Night: Isaiah 9:1-6; Psalm 96; 1 John 1:1-4; Luke 2:1-14
Christmas Mass During the Day: Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 98; Hebrews 1:1-6; John 1:1-5, 9-14
Next Week: Numbers 6:22-27; Psalm 67; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21

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

11am MASS



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

Worship Aid Available
Readings and Music
www.stpatsmemphis.org
Click on Communications



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

WEEKLY CALENDAR Dec 24 - Jan 1

Saturday, Dec 24

- 3:30 pm, Choir Practice
- 4:35 pm, Musical Prelude
- 5:15 pm, Christmas Mass during the Night
- Second Collection - Villa Vianney

Sunday, Dec 25 Christmas Day

- 11:00 am Mass
- Second Collection - Villa Vianney
- 11:00 am, Mass live streamed on Facebook
- 12:00 pm, Soup Kitchen, Outreach Center

Tuesday, Dec 27

- 11:00 am, Funeral Mass for Mike Garrett
- NO 5:15 pm Mass

Wednesday, Dec 28

- 5:15 pm, Mass, Church

Thursday, Dec 29

- 5:15 pm, Mass, Church

Friday, Dec 30

- NO 5:15 pm Mass

Saturday, Dec 31

- 5:15 pm, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Vigil

Sunday, Jan 1 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

- 8:30 am, 11:00 am Masses; NO 5:15 pm Mass
- 11:00 am, Mass live streamed on Facebook
- 12:00 pm, Soup Kitchen, Outreach Center

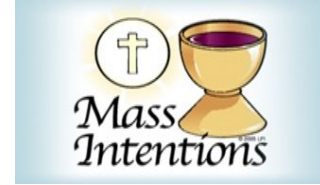


Welcome to St. Patrick Catholic Community! We're glad you're here.

- No masks are required for vaccinated adults.
- Feel free to continue to wear one for safety and peace of mind as your conscience dictates.
- Those adults who are unvaccinated we ask that you continue to wear a mask.

Today's Psalm Response

Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord. (Psalm 96)
All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God. (Psalm 98)



Dec 30, 5:15 pm, +Rudy Rendek and +Francis Urban on the anniversary of their deaths by Angelica Rendek

Dec 31, 5:15 pm, +Deacon Frank Kirchberg by the Permanent Diaconate Community

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.



In addition to the thoughtfulness of these persons, another reason for these special gifts may be for IRS tax credit for 2022.

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

We have already received \$32,000 in end-of-year gifts!

Thank You for Your Support!

Sacrament of Reconciliation



*Sundays 7:50 am-8:10 am
10:20 am-10:40 am
4:40 pm-5:00 pm
or by appointment
901-527-2542*

Can be done face-to-face or anonymously.

Homilies, Worship Aids, & Bulletins

www.stpatsmemphis.org
Click on Communications

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May He Rest in God's Eternal Peace



Parishioner Mike Garrett passed away in December 17, 2022. We offer our prayers and heartfelt condolences to his family and friends.



Visitation is December 27 at 10:00am at St. Patrick Church, followed by the funeral Mass at 11:00am. Committal Service is December 28 at 11:00am at the West Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery.

Christmas Flowers

*In Honor
Emily Rezac*

*In Memory
Rosemary Belcher*

*Joseph and Frances Birch
Steve, Alison and Will Duffy
Ray and Blanche Terry
Louis and Ruth Beland*

Rachel's Vineyard

Experience the healing love
of Jesus Christ.

Healing the trauma of abortion -
one weekend at a time.

A weekend Retreat that really helps both men and women...

September 15—17, 2023

Sponsored by the
Catholic Diocese of Memphis

Participation is totally confidential.
Don't be afraid to call.

Contact Cathy at (901) 463-3595 or
rvmphs@gmail.com

www.rachelsvineyard.org or

call (877) HOPE 4 ME for more information.



*Please pray for our
St. Patrick community every day*



MEMPHIS CAMERATA

January 6, 2023 @ 6:30pm
Vocal Ensemble

CATHOLIC MINISTRY
WITH GAY & LESBIAN PERSONS

Please join us for our
First-Tuesday-of-the-Month Potluck

6:30pm | Food, Fellowship, Prayer
7:00pm | Speaker | Marian Hall
Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

January 3, 2023:
Sister Cathy Galaskiewicz, O.P.

Dominican Sisters of Peace
My Life as a Religious Sister and Educator

Bring a dish if you can, but come anyway if not!

All are Welcome

Gay, Straight, Family, Friends, and
Allies of All Faiths & Cultures Welcome
Contact us for more info: CMGLP@ic.cdom.org

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

Deacon Eddie Ramsey, Diana Teagarden, Annabel Crowson, Maureen Mischler, Yvonne Fournier, Sam Cochran, Roberta Kane (Mike Watermeier's sister-in-law), Tara Stebbins, Ray Barker, Bishop Fernand



Cheri, Fran Barendse, Sean Garlick, Nora O'Connell, Louise Slater (Mike Watermeier's daughter's mother-in-law), Mateo Duarte, Sr. Maureen Griner, Maureen Hough, Joyce

Johnson, Senait Gebrab, Diane Griggs (Don Lawrence's daughter), Janice Craven (Tim Craven's daughter), Rosemary Batorski, Terry Greene Sr (Bob Greene's brother), Jan Watson, Pam Watermeier, Jane Marie Blackham, Paul Gray, Florida Jackson, Thelia Green, Dick Brereton, Charlie Trammell, Mark Mathis (Mac Mathis' son), David Carter (Rena Taylor's nephew), Tessa Walker, Nia Watkins, Deacon Eugene Champion, Lewis Fort, Sue Ann Duffy, Sydney Bowers (Pamela Higgins' grand-daughter), Robert Tutson, Antonio M Bradshaw, Brian Huebner, Tracy Sweat, Pete Alfonso, Craig Hodges, Ralph David Kelley (Sandy Heiss' granddaughters' grandfather), Pat Gorney, John Letchworth, 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, Brad Patterson, Ray Berthiaume, Dot Eubanks, Travis Handwerker, Della Miles, Earl Randle, Shelby Terry (Ray and Louise Terry's daughter-in-law), Jerry Foster, Anne Lee Buford, Fenton McEvoy, Jeanne Richardson, Robert Collins

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 30 minutes
Jan Kidder jan.kidder62@gmail.com

**Sunday by Sunday
Faith Sharing Group**
Tuesday evenings
7:00 p.m. via ZOOM
Louise Cayo 901-833-1506
Donna McLellan 901-210-8321

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, 10:30 - noon
Judy Bettice
Call 901-327-8068
Text 901-216-7208

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.



Baptismal Preparation Class For Parents and Godparents



If you plan to participate in a Baptism in the next few months, please call the parish office 901-527-2542 so we can schedule a preparation class.



Prayer for Ukraine

Mother of God, to your Immaculate Heart we entrust and dedicate all humanity, the Church, and all believers, especially Russia and Ukraine. Please intercede amidst our human weaknesses. Rain down compassion and offer forgiveness to Putin and Russian leaders for their crimes against humanity. Give them hearts of mercy for a peaceful end to this unjust war. Ease the suffering of the Ukrainian people, banish all evil, and light this inconceivable darkness with your unconditional love. Amen



Please follow us on social media!

And check out our website:


www.stpatsmemphis.org

Read recent Bulletins and Homilies online



PARISH NEWS

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE



Musical Prelude	4:35pm
Christmas Mass During the Night	5:15pm
Saturday, December 24	
Christmas Day Mass	11:00am
Sunday, December 25	
Vigil, Mary Mother of God	5:15pm
Saturday, December 31	
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	8:30 & 11:00am
Sunday, January 1	NO 5:15pm
Epiphany of the Lord	8:30, 11:00am, 5:15pm
Sunday, January 8	

St. Patrick Room in the Inn at the Ozanam Center

What we still need for December 28



One side dish and beverages (tea, lemonade, etc.) for 12-15 people, includes guests and volunteers.

Please use our SignUpGenius link
<https://tinyurl.com/StPatRITISignup>

Please contact co-coordinators,
Katherine Paxton 901.461.3473,
kvs1975@gmail.com)
or Jamie O'Brien 901.406.8893,
jamieheartsc@gmail.com)

A single mother of three (ages 12, 8, 1) lives in the 38126 zip code. She has a gross monthly income (working part-time @ a hotel) of \$1,000. She has subsidized housing and pays \$335/month. She has assured me she can afford this moving forward.

During the pandemic, she was told the \$335/month would be waived due to her qualifying for federal assistance. Unfortunately, the case worker advocating on her behalf left and the paperwork was not kept current (without her knowledge). To her surprise, she got a letter in the mail last month informing her that the balance she owes is now approaching \$3,600.

The St. Patrick St. Vincent de Paul conference has been able to work out a payment plan for her, but she needs help to catch up.



A HAND UP,
NOT A HAND OUT

If you can help, please make a donation to St. Vincent de Paul in the collection or contact SVdP parishioner: Joe Catrambone
(630) 346-7076
jacatrambone23@gmail.com

PARISH NEWS

JEDI = Justice + Equity + Diversity + Inclusion

During the month of November, our bulletin featured a JEDI Spotlight on the Saints in observance of National Black Catholic History month. We read about Sr. Thea Bowman, Fr. Augustus Tolton, Helen Caldwell Day, and Julia Greeley – all with connections to St. Patrick’s church, either physically or through parishioners. The JEDI group here at St. Patrick’s is continuing this Spotlight on the Saints. For the next several Sundays we will be looking at a few of the many diverse appearances of the Blessed Virgin Mary in different times and throughout the world.

Our Lady of Kibeho

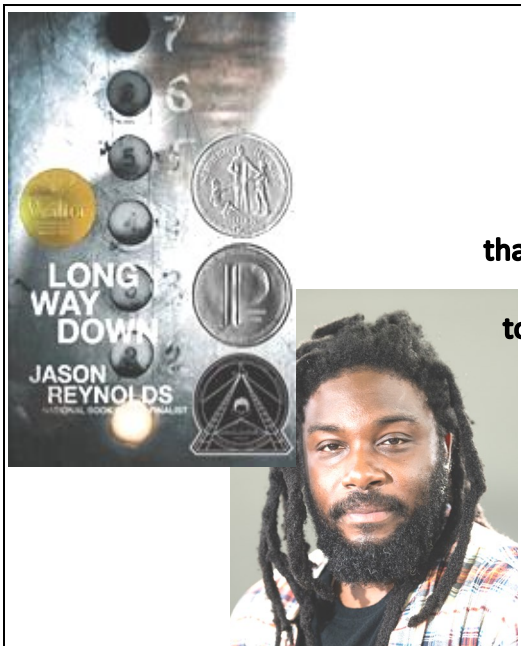
One of the more recent appearances of Mary occurred in Africa, in the village of Kibeho, Rwanda. Here the Blessed Mother presented herself multiple times, from 1981-1989, to three young women who, when their visions began, were students at a Catholic secondary school. The three visionaries, Alphonsine Mumureke, Nathalie Mukamzimpaka, and Marie Claire Mukangango, all reported seeing a beautiful, floating apparition of a

woman whom the girls recognized as Mary, and who called herself “Mother of the Word.”

Mary described to the girls a hate-filled conflict and showed them visions of bloody destruction and dismembered corpses. Her message enjoined everyone to keep the faith, “pray without hypocrisy”, and do penance to avert a terrible war. The visions came to be seen, in retrospect, as foreshadowing the Rwandan genocide, particularly the massacre of Kibeho. This village was actually the site of two massacres, in 1994 and 1995, during the genocide that proceeded from the civil war between the Tutsi and Hutu ethnic groups. In the 1994 massacre, Marie Claire Mukangango and her husband Elie Ntabadahiga, among others, were martyred. In the second massacre, some 5,000 refugees who had sheltered at the school which the visionaries had attended were murdered by Tutsi terrorists—among them, dozens of school children who were hacked to death.

Although the apparitions of Our Lady of Kibeho began as tensions between the Hutus and Tutsis increased, her message emphasized that her appearance was for all: Mary told the girls, “If I am coming here it does not mean that my message is only for Rwanda, nor just Africa, but for the entire world.”

Unlike the single, silent apparition of Our Lady of Knock, the occasions of the apparition of Our Lady of Kibeho were multiple, and occurred over several years; they were also accompanied by long messages from the Blessed Mother, full of descriptive and symbolic language, addressed to the three visionaries and to the world. Although filled with dire apocalyptic imagery, her message also offered hope: Mary enjoined us to pray unceasingly, especially by meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary. Doing so, she said, would lead us, not only to obtain forgiveness, but also to understand why we commit the sins we do, and help us to fill our hearts with love of God, so that we would avoid sin in the future—this is how we avert our own “terrible war.”



B.A.M.!

Black Authors Matter!

BAMI is an open discussion group that seeks the wisdom of Black authors.

All are welcome to join our Zoom-based discussion of *Long Way Down* Saturday, January 14 1:00 p.m.

**Contact Jan Kidder
jan.kidder62@gmail.com
for more information
or to receive the Zoom link**

Long Way Down (2017) by Jason Reynolds is a free verse narrative about Will, a young Black boy struggling to cope with the shooting death of his brother Shawn. Will plans to seek revenge, but during a sixty-second elevator ride from his apartment to the street, he is greeted by a series of ghosts who complicate his perspective on Shawn’s death and on revenge killing.

PARISH NEWS

Offertory Donations



Offertory	\$10,687
Parish Giving	3,550
Food Ministry	740
Other	25
Total	\$15,002

Champion Outreach Center \$5,000
St. Vincent de Paul \$5,000

Thank you for your generosity!



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 901-527-2542, complete a registration form (at the back of the church) or visit us on line on Facebook or at www.stpatsmemphis.org.



<http://bit.ly/StPatrickgiving>

Villa Vianney

Father Val's Future Home

Christmas Second Collection



Please join us for donuts, juice, coffee and fellowship in the SPC Outreach Center after the morning Masses.



Outreach Center Activities

Tiny Blessings



Mon
9:00 - 3:00
Tue - Fri
9:00 - 11:30

Daily Lunch Bag

Tue - Thu
Noon - 3:00



Food Pantry



Tue - Thu
1:00 - 2:30

Soup Kitchen

Sun
1:00 - 2:00



"He gave them power to become children of God."

If you think you may be called to share the Father's love as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, visit:

www.memphisvocations.com
or call the Office of Vocations
901-373-1244



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.



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	December 24 5:15	December 25 11:00
Lector 1	Jan Kidder	Rodney Schmitz
Lector 2	Gene Mangiante	Andrea Nichol
EMHC	Kate Pera Joe Birch Carla Dennis	Carla Dennis
Cantor	Choir	Russell Moose
Musician	Angelica Rendek	Angelica Rendek
Altar Server	Avery Kjellin	Jacob Burgess
Sacristan	Chuck and Jeanine Blackwell	Tracy Burgess
Flowers	Christmas!	

	December 31 5:15	January 1 8:30	January 1 11:00
Lector 1			
Lector 2			
EMHC			
Cantor			
Musician			
Altar Server			
Sacristan			
Flowers			

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

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Hannah Schultz	hschultz@cbu.edu

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 or the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at 901-652-4066.