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



Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God **January 1, 2023**

This Week: Numbers 6:22-27; Psalm 67; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21
Next Week: Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

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

**May God bless us in his mercy.
(Psalm 67)**



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 Jan 1 - 8

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

Monday, Jan 2

- Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, Jan 3

- 5:15 pm, Mass, Church

Wednesday, Jan 4

- 5:15 pm, Mass, Church

Thursday, Jan 5

- 5:15 pm, Mass, Church

Friday, Jan 6

- 5:15 pm Mass, Church
- 6:30 pm, Memphis Camerata Concert, Church
- 7:30 pm, Dinner, Outreach Center

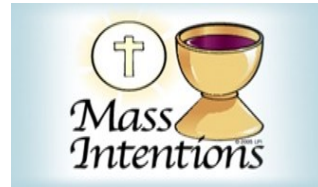
Sunday, Jan 8 Epiphany of the Lord

- 8:30 am, 11:00 am 5:15 pm Masses
- 11:00 am, Mass live streamed on Facebook
- 9:45 am, Sunday by Sunday, Braganza Room
- 9:45 am, Catechesis of Good Shepherd, Epiphany Celebration, Atria
- 12:00 pm, Soup Kitchen, Outreach Center

Year-End Giving

\$43,000

Thank You for Your Support!



Jan 8, 11:00 am, Peggy Laughter Pera on her 96th birthday

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.

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



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.

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.

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.

Homilies, Worship Aids, & Bulletins

www.stpatsmemphis.org Click on Communications

PARISH NEWS

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), 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

May He Rest in God's Eternal Peace



Edward Friend, brother of parishioner Joyce Johnson, passed away December 24. We offer our prayers and heartfelt condolences to his family and friends.

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.



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





MEMPHIS
CAMERATA

PRESENTS

then there was
LIGHT

January 6, 2023

6:30pm

St Patrick Catholic Church

277 S. 4th St.

Memphis, Tennessee 38126

www.facebook.com/CamerataMemphis

Meal to follow in the

St Patrick-Champion Outreach Center

pay what you can- donations for St. Vincent de Paul

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 Good Help

Our Lady of Good Help is the name given to the only approved apparition of Mary on U.S. soil. In 1859, Mary appeared to a young French-speaking immigrant from Belgium, Adele Brise, in what is now New Franken, Wisconsin, about ten miles from Green Bay. Today there is a shrine on the site and a chapel that is home to an active parish community—but in 1859, there was only a walking trail through a forest.

In October of 1859, twenty-eight-year-old Adele and two companions were walking



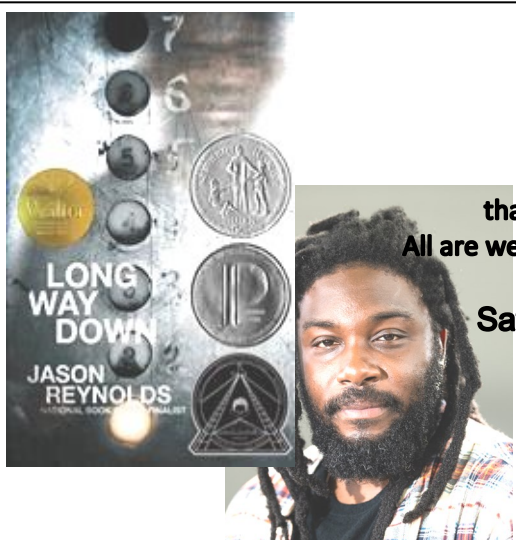
Sr. Adele Brise

the ten miles to Mass along that trail—as Adele did every Sunday, regardless of the weather. Adele saw a beautiful lady clothed in white standing between a hemlock and a maple tree, a crown of stars on her head and a brilliant light surrounding her. Adele’s companions saw nothing. Very much afraid, Adele continued on to Mass. She consulted a priest there who told her that if the lady appeared again, she should ask, “In the name of God, who are you, and what do you wish of me?” On her way home from Mass, Adele saw the lady again, and asked the question she had been given. Again, her companions saw nothing, but they responded when Adele told them, “Kneel. The Lady says she is the Queen of Heaven!” The Lady continued, saying that she “prays for the conversion of sinners, and I wish you to do the same. You received Holy Communion this morning and that is well. But you must do more.... Gather the children in this wild country and teach them!” “But how shall I teach them who know so little myself?” Adele asked. “Teach them how to approach the sacraments; that is what I wish you to do. Go and fear nothing, I will help you.”

Adele spent the rest of her life doing exactly as Our Lady beseeched her, although she suffered ridicule and abuse from clerics who did not believe her story, and who at one point denied her the sacraments and threatened her with excommunication. Nevertheless, she became a lay preacher and teacher and would travel as far as fifty miles to teach the children of the Belgian immigrant settlements. At first she would travel alone, going from home to home, offering to do household chores in exchange for the privilege of preparing children to receive their First Communion. Eventually, she attracted others to her mission and founded a third order Franciscan community called the Sisters of Good Help. Friends and family supported the community and helped them build a chapel, convent, and school at the sight of Adele’s apparition.

A striking miracle occurred at the chapel, which silenced some of Sr. Marie Adele Joseph’s detractors. On October 8, 1871, the Peshtigo fire spread across Upper Michigan and northeast Wisconsin. People from the surrounding countryside fled to the chapel of Our Lady of Good Help for refuge. They carried a statue of Mary in procession, praying the Rosary and singing hymns all through the night as the fire raged. In the early morning a steady rain began to fall on the grounds. The firestorm had completely obliterated the nearby town of Robinsville, and the fence around the sisters’ six-acre parcel was singed, but the area within the fence remained “an emerald island in a sea of ashes.” That night, the fire at Peshtigo caused over 1,500 deaths—the most deaths by fire in U.S. history—but all who had gathered inside the fence and sought Mary’s intercession were spared.

Despite the miracle of 1871, Our Lady’s apparition to Adele Brise was not formally recognized by the Bishop of Green Bay as “worthy of belief” until 2010. Perhaps it is our century, one of wildfires worsened by a climate crisis, hostility towards immigrants, and continued disparagement of women that most needs the message of Our Lady of Good Hope. As one researcher says of Adele Brise, “an otherwise nearly powerless nineteenth-century Catholic immigrant woman was able to create lasting meaning for herself and her community. The prophetic and pastoral power Adele gained through this apparition would otherwise have been completely unavailable to her by the patriarchal church, whose denial of power and authority to immigrant Catholic women throughout the United States was nearly total.” As she did for Adele Brise, perhaps Our Lady of Good Help tells us today, “Go and fear nothing, I will help you.”



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	\$ 7,420
Parish Giving	3,512
Food Ministry	70
Other	5
Total	\$11,007

Villa Vianney \$11,617

Thank you for your generosity!

Can You Help this Family?

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.

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



**A HAND UP,
NOT A HAND OUT**



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.

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

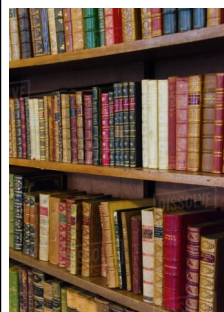
1:00 - 2:30



Soup Kitchen

Sun

1:00 - 2:00



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.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

“They recognized Him in the breaking of the Bread”

Retreats being held at Our Lady Queen of Peace

- o Why we believe in the Real Presence, Transubstantiation, Fruits of Holy Communion and how to prepare for the sacrament
- o For the first time we will present the Eucharistic Stations
- o **Women & Men:** Jan. 13-15, 2023, Mar. 3-5 and May 5-7, 2023
- o **Men:** Feb. 10-12, 2023
- o **Women:** March 24-26 and Aug. 4-6, 2023

To register, log on to **OLQPretreats.com** & click on calendar or call 731 548-2500 or email debbie.voyles@olqp.cdom.org.

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

Wrestling with the Case for Nonviolence in the Bible

We will "wrestle" with the radical teaching of Matthew 5, Romans 12, and 1 Peter 2. There will be hard questions and the search for honest answers.

A presentation and discussion by Fr. Robert Favazza
Pastor of Church of the Resurrection

Saturday, January 21st, 2023 10am-Noon with lunch to follow

Church of the Resurrection

5475 Newberry Ave

Free and open to all

RSVP for lunch reservation:

gvanderh@earthlink.net

Pax Christi Memphis



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 Galaskie

Dominican Sister

My Life as a Religious

Bring a dish to share if not!

Meeting Cancelled!
Marian Hall Flooded!

welcome

Family, Friends, and

All Faiths & Cultures Welcome

For more info: CMGLP@ic.cdom.org

PARISH NEWS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Rosalie Gibson	January 2	Duvall Watkins	January 15
Matt Mulroy	January 3	Bethany Peel	January 17
Barbara Tooles	January 4	Lisa Evanko	January 19
Lance Flynn	January 5	Lena Korneliussen	January 19
Sarah Rack	January 5	Patrick O'Connell	January 19
Cole Heuerman	January 6	Shantia Baldwin	January 20
Deborah Reilly	January 6	Sharon Evans	January 20
Lia Bailazar	January 7	Tobia Fuller	January 20
Nathaniel Dillon	January 7	Angela Andreuccetti	January 21
Marilyn Jenkins	January 7	Sue Anne Duffy	January 22
Valerie Espinoza	January 8	Mac Mathis	January 22
Leo Prudhomme	January 8	Beth Stengel	January 22
Kevin Kimberly	January 9	Gabriel Burgess	January 23
Colin Lynch	January 9	Aislinn Bowles Isla	January 26
Samuel Morris	January 9	Elliott	January 26
Sophie Duffel	January 10	Little Mason Lesure	January 26
Mary Harkins	January 11	Julie Cleary Dillon	January 27
Sarah Stockwell	January 11	John Gavin	January 27
Nicholas Grover	January 12	Rebekah Rojcewicz	January 27
Doug Johnson	January 13	Matej Carlson	January 28
Daniel Poje	January 13	Kathleen Allos	January 29
Edward Baldwin	January 14	Luke Barron	January 30
George Espinoza	January 15	Erik Flettrich	January 31

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 Verna Hawkins - Housekeeping

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ST. PATRICK OUTREACH CENTER

Shamika Hodges - Outreach Pantry Coordinator
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ST. PATRICK PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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

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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.