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



## ***The Epiphany of the Lord*** **January 8, 2023**

This Week: Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12  
Next Week: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6; Psalm 40; 1 Corinthians 1:1-3; John 1:29-34

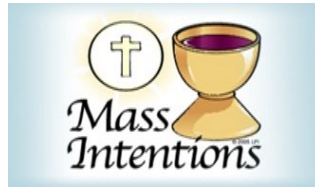
### **MISSION STATEMENT**

*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, every nation on earth will adore you. (Psalm 72)**



Jan 8, 8:30 am, Peggy Laughter Pera on her 96th birthday



## 11am MASS

Live streamed Every Sunday at  
[www.bit.ly/StPatrickFacebook](http://www.bit.ly/StPatrickFacebook)

Worship Aid Available  
Readings and Music  
[www.stpatsmemphis.org](http://www.stpatsmemphis.org)  
Click on Communications



Replayed on YouTube after 1:00 pm  
[www.bit.ly/StPatrickYouTube](http://www.bit.ly/StPatrickYouTube)

## WEEKLY CALENDAR Jan 8 - 15

### 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
- 1:00 pm, Soup Kitchen, Outreach Center

### Tuesday, Jan 10

- 5:15 pm, Mass, Church

### Wednesday, Jan 11

- 5:15 pm, Mass, Church

### Thursday, Jan 12

- 5:15 pm, Mass, Church

### Friday, Jan 13

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

### Sunday, Jan 15

- 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, Atria
- 1:00 pm, Soup Kitchen, Outreach Center

## 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:ppapachr@cbu.edu)

**A Prayer Circle**  
**Monday – Friday**  
**9:00 a.m. for about 30 minutes**  
Jan Kidder [jan.kidder62@gmail.com](mailto: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](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, 10:30 - noon**  
Judy Bettice  
Call 901-327-8068  
Text 901-216-7208

## **May She Rest in God's Eternal Peace**



Paz Yolanda Gómez Vida de Torres, grandmother of parishioner Lorena Espinoza, passed away last week. We offer our prayers and heartfelt condolences to her 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](http://www.stpatsmemphis.org)

Read recent Bulletins and Homilies online





# PARISH NEWS

## **JEDI = Justice + Equity + Diversity + Inclusion**

During January, our bulletin will feature a JEDI Spotlight on St. Patrick Saints-Adjacent—parish connections who may or may not be on the path to canonization, but who are models of heroic virtue for us nonetheless—more champions of Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion!

## **Monsignor Martin Riordan**

Monsignor Martin Riordan was the Vicar General for the Diocese of Nashville, which was the only diocese in Tennessee in his day. He was also the First Pastor of St. Patrick Catholic Church in



Memphis, Tennessee. He was the pastor here, from the beginning of our Church in 1866 until his death in 1878.

Monsignor Riordan was born on June 20, 1830, to Martin Riordan and Margaret Farrell in Lisgoold, Cloyne, County Cork, Ireland. He served as priest in St. Louis from 1856 -1865. In 1865, he was appointed Vicar General of the Nashville Diocese. The Very Reverend Martin Riordan was sent to Memphis, Tennessee in 1866, where he built St. Patrick's Church and School and purchased the land for Calvary Cemetery.

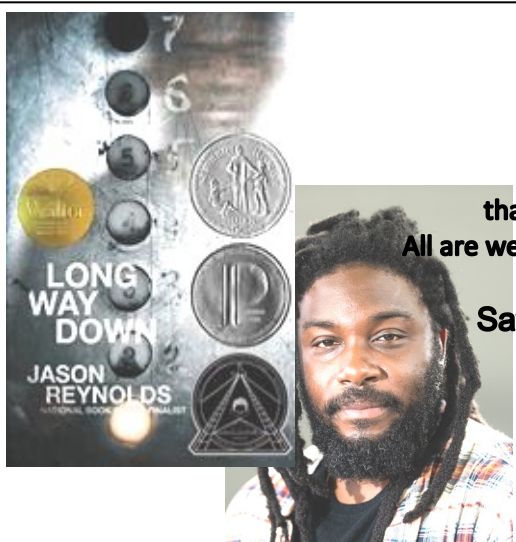
One of his successors, Father Denis Quinn, third Pastor of St. Patrick's Church, writes in his book, *Heroes and Heroines of Memphis*, that Father Riordan was "the greatest priest he had ever known." Quinn adds that with the old Irish immigrant women of the diocese, Father Riordan was a special favorite: on the eve of all the great Feasts of the Church, especially during the weeks preceding Christmas and Easter, they flocked to him from all parts of the city and surrounding country, for the purpose of "confessing" in Irish.

Quinn continues:

His language from the pulpit was so choice, and his knowledge of sacred and profane history so extensive, that the elite of the city, both Protestant and Catholic, flocked to hear him preach. A distinguished Protestant lawyer declared he could listen to the music of Father Riordan's words when... the choir had ceased to interest him. As a profound mathematician, if he had an equal, he assuredly had no superior in the State. Differential calculus, and abstruse problems in geometry seemed to afford him more than ordinary recreation. When teaching and instructing, he was affable and gentle as a child; while in denouncing hypocrisy or knavery, he was confessedly sarcastic and uncompromising.

In July of 1878, Father Riordan was absent from the diocese, recuperating from a severe attack of illness. However, he came back to his parish immediately, as soon as he heard Yellow Fever had struck in Memphis. He traveled from house to house across the city to attend to the sick, until his own strength gave out and he succumbed to the Fever. He was briefly nursed to convalescence by the Josephite Sisters, but through a fatal exposure obtained when he got out of bed too soon, he relapsed. He never left his room again. He died on September 15, 1878, and was buried in Calvary Cemetery, the cemetery he had established.

Fr. Denis Quinn writes of Fr. Riordan's final resting place, "The Priests' mound in Calvary Cemetery, Memphis, enshrines the bones of veritable martyrs. Only some three or four Priests were bound ex-officio to remain in the city during the plague. All the others could have saved their lives. These clergymen are not, and may never be, canonized; but I declare they have done the work of Saints." And indeed, a group of Memphians, our own parishioner Jeanine Blackwell among them, are currently working to bring the Cause of Canonization of Monsignor Martin Riordan before our bishop and the Pope.



## **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](mailto: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     | \$ 4,576        |
| Parish Giving | 13,824          |
| Food Ministry | 3,548           |
| Other         | 80              |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>\$22,028</b> |

*Thank you for your generosity!*



<http://bit.ly/StPatrickgiving>

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](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.



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://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.

# PARISH NEWS

## 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](mailto:jacatrambone23@gmail.com)



## Epiphany Chalk House Blessing 20+C+M+B+23

The numbers on either side stand for the current year:  
**2023**

The initials stand for the names that, as legend has it, are for the Magi in Matthew's Gospel: (2: 1-12)



**C = Caspar**  
**M = Melchior**  
**B = Balthasar**

Take a piece of chalk blessed at church this Sunday. Write the blessing above the front doorway of your home, and pray:

**Almighty God,  
you revealed your Son Jesus to the nations  
by the guidance of a star.  
Lead us, as you did the Magi,  
in our search for Christ  
that, in our welcome to all  
who come in our midst,  
we might truly see Christ among us.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen**

*Please do it this Epiphany Sunday!*

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



## May He Rest in God's Eternal Peace



Artist Ernie Patton passed away January 2, 2023. In 2013 Ernie was contracted by pastor Fr. Tim Sullivan to restore the time-dulled murals over the St. Patrick Church altar to their original beauty. We offer our prayers and heartfelt condolences to his family and friends.



## AROUND THE DIOCESE



University of Notre Dame

### Chorale 2023 Winter Concert Tour

Ancient and Traditional  
Christmas Music

Tallis • Byrd • Monteverdi • Schubert  
Schumann • Tchaikovsky • Stravinsky

7:00 p.m., Thursday, January 12, 2023  
St. Benedict At Auburndale High School  
8250 Varnavas Drive  
Cordova, TN 38016

Free and open to the public

## 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](mailto:gvanderh@earthlink.net)

Pax Christi Memphis



### January through May 2023 Classes with Sr. Cathy Galaskiewicz, OP The Second Vatican Council and Catholic Life Today

#### January-February: The Church- Light to the Nations (*Lumen Gentium*)

Who/what is the Church? Who belongs? What is the role of the Laity?

How does Catholic Church relate to other Christians? To non-Christians?

*Who retired the Triple Tiara and why? Is the correct role of the Laity to pay, pray and obey?*

*Why does Sr. Helen work on death row rather than teaching in school?*

#### In person classes:

6 Mon., Jan. 9, 23, 30, Feb. 6, 13, 20 at the Cathedral, 10-11:30 a.m., Marian Hall

6 Tues., Jan. 3, 10, 24, 31, Feb. 7, 14 at Holy Spirit, 10-11:30 a.m. Conference Room

#### Online classes:

6 Mon., Jan. 9, 23, 30, Feb. 6, 13, 20 via Zoom, 6:30-8 p.m. (link sent to participants)

Wed., Jan. 11, 18, 25, Feb. 1, 8, 15 via Go To Meeting, 10-11:30 (app, link sent to participants)

**Weekly class recordings** and study guides are sent to class members.

**Register** 901-726-5611 or [cathy.galaskiewicz@gmail.com](mailto:cathy.galaskiewicz@gmail.com)

\$15 for 6-week series to Dominican Sisters of Peace.

#### February – March/Lent: Divine Revelation and Sacred Liturgy

*Why is the Bible so important? Why are there new translations? How true is the Bible?*

*What changes happened in the Mass and sacraments after Vatican II? Why?*

*What language does God speak? How does God relate to Catholics?*

#### April-May/Eastertide: The Church in the Modern World

*God so loved the world. Should we? Does the Church believe in religious freedom?*

*Why do we help people who are not our religion? Thy kingdom come on earth means what??*



# PARISH NEWS

| January 8    | 8:30            | 11:00           | 5:15            |
|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Lector 1     |                 |                 |                 |
| Lector 2     |                 |                 |                 |
| EMHC         |                 |                 |                 |
| Cantor       | Rusty Ramsey    | Sandy Heiss     | Matthew Bolin   |
| Musician     | Angelica Rendek | Angelica Rendek | Angelica Rendek |
| Altar Server |                 |                 |                 |
| Sacristan    |                 |                 |                 |
| Flowers      |                 |                 |                 |

| January 15   | 8:30         | 11:00        | 5:15        |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| Lector 1     |              |              |             |
| Lector 2     |              |              |             |
| EMHC         |              |              |             |
| Cantor       | Tom Cognetti | John Killmar | Bill Gaudet |
| Musician     |              |              |             |
| Altar Server |              |              |             |
| Sacristan    |              |              |             |
| Flowers      |              |              |             |

## **ST. PATRICK PARISH STAFF**

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 Verna Hawkins - Housekeeping

## **ADULT FAITH FORMATION COORDINATORS**

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## **ST. PATRICK OUTREACH CENTER**

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## **ST. PATRICK PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

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

|                |  |
|----------------|--|
| Lester Brown   | <a href="mailto:brownmmps69@bellsout.net">brownmmps69@bellsout.net</a> |
| Doan Dinh      | <a href="mailto:doandinh2011@gmail.com">doandinh2011@gmail.com</a>     |
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| Sandy Heiss    | <a href="mailto:heisshouse@yahoo.com">heisshouse@yahoo.com</a>         |
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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.