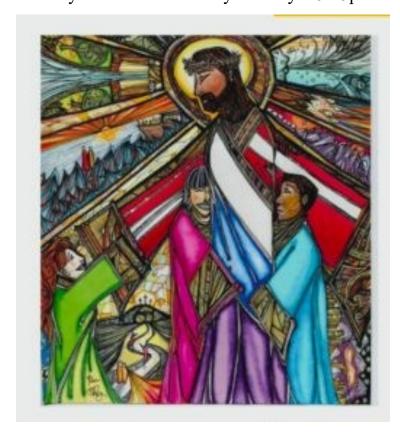






Founded 1866

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



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 4, 2024

This Week: Job 7:1-4, 6-7; Psalm 147; 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23; Mark 1:29-39 Next Week: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46; Psalm 32; 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1; Mark 1:40-45

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.

Today's Psalm Response

Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted. (Psalm 147)

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

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.

WHAT DO CATHOLICS REALLY BELIEVE?

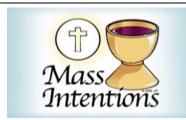
Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Have you been Catholic for a long time but don't remember what you learned in school? This is for you!

We meet Sundays in the St. Brigid Room in the Rectory from 9:45am to 10:45am.

Please contact Sally Greene sbg1220@aol.com



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Feb 4, 8:30 am, +Martha Kelly Latkovich on the 40th anniversary of her passing by Sharon Valente

Feb 7, 5:15 pm, +Ivan D'Cruz, for the repose of his Soul on the 10th anniversary of his death by Maria D'Cruz

Feb 18, 8:30 am, +Deceased members of the Hough & Bridges families by Carolyn Bridges Feb 18, 5:15pm, +Michael Silk on the 30th anniversary of his death by Jeanine Blackwell

WEEKLY CALENDAR Feb 4 - Feb 11

Sunday, Feb 4

- 8:30 am, 11:00 am, 5:15pm Masses
- 2nd Collection Food Ministry
- 9:45 am, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Atria
- 9:45 am, Sunday by Sunday Group, Braganza Rm
- 9:45 am, RCIA, St. Brigid Room, Rectory
- 11:00 am, Mass live streamed on Facebook
- 12:15 am, Youth Group, Center
- 1:00 pm, Soup Kitchen, Outreach Center

Tuesday, Feb 6

• 5:15 pm, Mass Chapel

Wednesday, Feb 7

• 5:15 pm, Mass Chapel

Thursday, Feb 8

• 5:15 pm, Mass Chapel

Friday, Feb 9

• 5:15 pm, Mass, Chapel

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Worship Aids and Bulletins

www.stpatsmemphis.org



The St Patrick-Champion Food
Pantry has been
very busy and
growing.

Totally supported by volunteers, it continues to support the St Patrick Mission.

We do need a few more volunteers so we can continue to provide needed services to our clients.

Food Pantry hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 1:00- 2:30.

Heavy lifting is not required - just handing out bags of food to those in need. Just an hour and a half a week!

Are you looking for a way to thank God for all his gifts to you?

Contact Gene Mangiante at poppy@mangiante.com

Ash Wednesday February 14

Liturgy of the Word & Distribution of Ashes Noon



Mass &
Distribution of Ashes
6:00pm

Outreach center financial contributions for 2023 charitable deductions.

If you need a statement, Please send an email to poppy@mangiante.com



May He Rest in God's Eternal Peace



Longtime parishioner Randy Hudson passed away January 25. We offer our prayers for the repose his soul and offer our heartfelt condolences to his family and friends.

Randy had a true compassion for Memphis' homeless population and served faithfully at St. Patrick's, feeding the homeless.



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

February 6, 2024: Kristin Fox-Trautman

Owner and Co-founder of Inspire Community Café
Executive Director, Samaritan Counseling Centers
of the Mid-South
A Leap of Faith

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



Please pray for our St. Patrick community every day

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

Pamela Higgins, Pete Alfonso, Mary Baldwin, Fran Barendse, Ray Barker, Rosemary Batorski, Ray Berthiaume, Jane Marie Blackham, Sydney Bowers (Pamela Higgins' granddaughter), Robert Boyle, Antonio Bradshaw, Dierdre Brady, Dick Brereton, Andrew Carroll, David Carter (Renae Taylor's



nephew), Deacon Eugene Champion, Guy Church, Sam Cochran, John Colton, Janice Craven (Tim Craven's daughter), Annabel Crowson, Peggy Cunningham, Mateo Duarte, Sue Ann Duffy, Dot Eubanks, Lewis and Gloria (Sangster) Fort, Jerry

Foster, Sean Garlick, Senait Gebrab, Stephen Golanka (Mary Evans' son), Pat Gorney, Thelia Green, Bob Greene, Terry Greene Sr, Diane Griggs (Don Lawrence's daughter), Richard Grinder, Sr. Maureen Griner, Janis Habbaz, Travis Handwerker, Patrick Harkins, Lisa Harris (Bob Greene's sister), Maureen Hough, Brian Huebner, Juanita Huff, Mary Huggins, Floridia Jackson, Roberta Kane (Mike Watermeier's sister-in-law), John Letchworth, Luca (Aletta Roebuck's two-year-old great-grandson), Evelyne Malone, Mark Mathis (Mac Mathis' son), Fenton McEvoy, Della Miles, Maureen Mischler, Bill Morman (Monica and Stephen Juma's uncle), Terry Nesmith, Nora O'Connell, Brad Patterson, Deacon Eddie Ramsey, Earl Randle, John Clarence Simmons, Louise Slater (Mike Watermeier's daughter's mother-in-law). Samantha Smith, Roger Somes (Brenda Somes brother-in-law), Tara Stebbins, Carol Steiner, Tracy Sweat, Diana Teagarden, Shelby Terry (Ray and Louise Terry's daughter-in-law), Melvin Tuggle (Chandra Tuggle's father), Lynn Tune, Robert Tutson, Pam Watermeier, Nia Watkins, Deacon Frank Williams, Jan Watson, Jan Zinselmeyer

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.





Please follow us on social media!
And check out our website:
www.stpatsmemphis.org
Read recent Bulletins online



Prayer and Care Ministry



The Prayer and Care
Ministry will hold a prayer
ritual on **Saturday**, **February 17 at 9:00am** in
the Annex. All are invited to
offer prayers (silently or

voiced) for those who are struggling with illness, disability or advanced age. A Ministry volunteer will lead the quiet ritual with time for silent or spoken intentions. For further information, contact Hugh Taylor @ 901-438-9395 (voice or text) or hughtylr@yahoo.com.

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 <u>lindaopiel@comcast.net</u> Sandy Heiss <u>heisshouse@yahoo.com</u> Jan Kidder <u>jan.kidder62@gmail.com</u>

> Sunday by Sunday Faith Sharing Group Thursday, 10:30 - noon

Judy Bettice Call 901-327-8068 or text 901-216-7208



Parish Library

You are invited to visit our parish library in the Annex

Monday - Friday 9am - 4pm and Sunday Mornings



Shrove Tuesday Palms and Ashes King Cake



Ash Wednesday ashes are created by burning palms from last year's Palm Sunday so bring your palm branches from last year so we can burn them



FEBRUARY 13 after the 5:15 PM Mass **Champion Outreach Center**





St. Patrick's Single Moms,



My name is Rosalyn Bridges, and I am a Doctoral Student at The University of Southern California; however, I live in Memphis. I have a project that addresses a global social problem that would be perfect for us to take on and help solve, beginning right here at St. Patrick's. This unique program will focus on early prevention training for a topic that is SINGLE MOM difficult for us moms to talk about: Child Sexual Abuse.

We will learn valuable skills to engage in open, ageappropriate conversations, increasing their safety even when we're not by their sides. We will explore practical ways to initiate everyday conversations with our children, where they feel comfortable sharing their thoughts and experiences. The goal is to empower us with the tools to

navigate these crucial discussions. Together, we can create an inviting, non-judgmental, supportive network where every mother feels confident in her ability to protect her child from potential harm.

I am very excited about collaborating with 6-8 single mothers with children from birth to 5 years of age. If you are interested, an initial meeting will be held on 2/18/24 at 12:15 in the Braganza Room at the Outreach Center. Please contact St. Patrick's office at 901-527-2542 and leave your name and number if you plan to attend.

Warm Regards, Rosalyn Bridges, MSW

ST. PATRICK PARISH CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY

Regina Marcia Benjamin (b1956)



Regina Benjamin served as the 18th U.S. surgeon general from 2009 to 2013, appointed by President Barack Obama. Prior to her tenure as the nation's physician, she practiced as a country doctor in rural Alabama. As founder and CEO of the rural Bayou Clinic in Bayou La Batre, Dr. Regina Benjamin is making a difference to the underserved poor in a small fishing village on the Gulf Coast of Alabama. Since 2013, she also has served as the chair of Public Health Sciences at Xavier University in New Orleans, LA. When her clinic was reduced to rubble by Hurricane Georges in 1998, Dr. Benjamin rolled up her sleeves and helped rebuild it, and continued to serve her patients by making house calls in her 1988 Ford pickup. As she explains her motivation, "I hope I make a difference one person at a time. By making a patient feel better, by being able to tell a mother that her baby is

going to be okay. Whether her baby is four or forty-four the look on the mother's face is the same. I also hope that I am making a difference in my community by providing a clinic where patients can come and receive health care with dignity." She served on the American Medical Association's Women in Medicine Panel from 1986 to 1987, and was president of the American Medical Association Education and Research Foundation from 1997 to 1998. As president of the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, she was the first African American woman president of a state medical society in the United States. While providing primary medical care to the poor, she also spent four to six hours a week supervising medical students from the University of Alabama and USA College of Medicine in their rural and/or family medicine rotations at the Bayou La Batre Rural Health Clinic. From 2000 to 2001, she was responsible for the USA Telemedicine distance learning program, which offers medical education and specialty health care to patients and clinicians in rural and medically underserved areas through a private telecommunications network. In 2009, President Barack Obama appointed Dr. Benjamin the 18th Surgeon General of the United States.

Charles Drew (1904-1950)

"Father of the Blood Bank", Charles Drew was a renowned surgeon and pioneer in the preservation of life-saving blood plasma. His research and developments saved thousands of lives and innovated the nation's blood banking process while standardizing procedures for long-term blood preservation and storage techniques. Drew's thesis, "Banked Blood: A Study in Blood Preservation" made him the first African American to earn a medical doctorate from Columbia. Among his innovations were "bloodmobiles" — mobile blood donation trucks with refrigerators . Ironically, the Red Cross excluded African Americans from donating blood, making Drew himself ineligible to participate in the very program he established. The policy was later modified, however the institution upheld racial segregation of blood which Drew open-



ly criticized as "unscientific and insulting to African Americans". In October 1941, Drew returned to Howard University, where he remained for the next nine years serving as Head of the Department of Surgery and Chief of Surgery at Freedmen's Hospital. His mission was to "train young African American surgeons who would meet the most rigorous standards in any surgical specialty" and "place them in strategic positions throughout the country where they could, in turn, nurture the tradition of excellence." This he believed would be his "greatest and most lasting contribution to medicine." He also campaigned against the exclusion of black physicians from local medical societies, medical specialty organizations, and the American Medical Association.

Go Out and Tell the Good News Question of the Week:

Though Black Americans make up 13% of the U.S. population, they represent only 5% of physicians. How does that lack of diversity in the physician workforce impact patients' health and well-being?

Reflections from a St. Patrick Parishioner

Happy 2024 to all of our St. Patrick community and beyond! We are starting a faith encouragement series wherein community members share reflections on the weekly readings, feast days, and more. We are excited to continue this series with a piece by our own Shannon Curtis.



Do you believe everything you hear?

The readings this week are a rollercoaster.

First, we have Job. Poor guy is really in his feelings about what he has been through, and all does not seem well. "Remember that my life is like the wind; I shall not see happiness again." Listen, man, I get it. I think we've all felt like we've gone through days, weeks, and yes, months of misery. Did we all get a little Pandemic-flavored existential dread when we had that snowstorm a couple of weeks ago?

Psalm 147 offers us relief by reminding us that our God is the one who heals the brokenhearted. The dispersed will be gathered; what is broken will be rebuilt; there is justice. There is evidence of this work in the stories of the scripture. I trust in God to do all these things. But how will I know when it is happening? I find myself back down here with Job, lying on the floor, pondering the depths of despair.

In the Epistle, we have Paul coming in with all his privilege and gusto. He says he's not boasting about what a mission he's on to convert and preach the Gospel. But he kind of is, right? I feel like he's saying, "What a great day to be alive! I get to let the lowly know the Good News! And through this, I accomplish my own salvation!" For me, it's almost never Paul's words that make him convincing. It's his experiences that reveal how he lived the Gospel.

Thank God, in the Gospel according to Mark, we meet up with Jesus and he fulfills these promises we hear in the Old Testament readings. He cures Simon's mother-in-law and then the rest of the town. And how does the mother-in-law react? She helps out! Jesus enters the stretch of his ministry at the heart of which is preaching and healing. We see Jesus acting (healing, miracles, engaging in conversation, etc.) more than we hear him standing alone and preaching.

Again, the power of God is in what God does, not in what we (even prophets!) say God can or will do. We can also make this direct connection to ourselves. In his letter, James, reiterates that it is our work and our faith that put us on The Path (James 2:26).

When I was in Ireland last week, I took a train to Kildare, the home of many sacred sites of our unofficial co-patron St. Brigid (whose Feast Day was Feb. 1). Whereas her Irish co-patron, St. Patrick is known for his preaching (ok, and the snakes, of course), St. Brigid was, if anything, a woman of action. From giving up her family's own food to feed others to founding monasteries and a school of arts, Brigid modeled what it means to be a Christian by helping others. It was her actions and accomplishments, how she lived her life, and the visible reality of her faith, that led people to conversion.

So let us remember, that to love and serve God is to love and serve outside of ourselves. Dark moments, misery, struggles, doubt— all these things are natural and will find us (often) in our lives. It's how we act and react that brings us closer to God and salvation.



Tessa Walker	February 1	Thomas Ducklo	February 16
Christin Yates	February 1	Rose Brooks	February 17
Richard Asbury	February 2	Matt Barron	February 18
Jonathan Nichols	February 4	Hazel McEwen	February 18
Kay Woodard	February 5	Justin Carter	February 19
Brenda Barber	February 6	Aiden Kimberly	February 19
Shannon Curtis	February 6	Tracy Burgess	February 20
Edward Gaudet	February 6	Angela Burgett	February 20
Beatriz Adriana Alcazar	February 7	Jim Evanko	February 20
Jonah Long	February 7	Travis Ford, Jr.	February 20
Kennett Jabbour	February 8	Avery Kjellin	February 21
George Malone	February 8	Betty Radford	February 21
Ernest Towell	February 9	Vanessa Repelin	February 21
MyLinh Dinh	February 10	Adam Lenning	February 22
Kyera Moore	February 10	Julie Schap	February 23
Hugh Fisher	February 11	Wayne Fuller	February 24
Messiaya Baldwin	February 13	Jeff Evanko	February 27
Brandon Flechas	February 13	Diane Grover	February 27
Kate Pera	February 13	David Carter	February 28
Myra Trautman	February 13	Leia Trautman	February 28
Scott Ready	February 15		



Sunday
Afternoon
in the Center
Youth Room
12:15 after
the 11am Mass

Join us for hot chocolate and goodies each week along with prayer and reflection.

Text Monica and Stephen Juma at 408-802-8376 for more information.

Bowling





with Fr. Dexter

February 17



Let's join together and celebrate

discussion. music. fellowship

A CULTURAL POTLUCK

Wednesday Feb 21. 6pm

in the St Patrick-Champion Outreach Center

BRING YOUR FAVORITE DISH REPRESENTING YOUR HERITAGE

SPONSORED BY THE ST PAT BLACK HISTORY MONTH COMMITTEE







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.



Clothes Closet

Food Pantry T-W-T



2nd Collection TODAY

St. Patrick - Champion **Outreach Center**







Sunday Sit Down Lunch



Commitment Sunday: February 11, 2024 Our Parish Goal: \$41,000

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







Offertory Donations



Offertory \$3,021 Parish Giving 2,506 Food Ministry 245 Other Total \$5,772

Thank you for your generosity!

Our Building Fund account with the Diocese as of 12/31/2023 is \$369,896.34.



http://bit.ly/StPatrickgiving

You can set up your offerings to St. Patrick Church through Parish Giving. Your contributions will be automatically deducted from your checking or savings account or credit card and deposited directly to St. Patrick's bank account.

You can now also sign up for contributions to St. Vincent de Paul and to the Tanzania Health Ministry



Are You Called to Serve on the Parish Pastoral Council?

The election of Parish Pastoral Council members is coming up on Sunday, March 17, with four positions open for the 2024-25 year. We know that the Holy Spirit will direct new leaders to step forward—could that be YOU?



The Parish Pastoral Council exists to provide pas-

toral care for the parish through living out 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. We invite you to discern if you are called to live out our mission in this leadership role. Members of the Parish Pastoral Council are expected to:

Be registered and active members of St. Patrick Catholic Church;

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;

Attend all meetings of the Pastoral Council;

Prepare for meetings and contribute to the work of the Pastoral Council, beyond scheduled meeting times;

Work with other teams of parishioners on pastoral planning and ministry; Proactively communicate with the pastor and members of the St. Patrick community about the work of the Council

If this sounds like a ministry the Holy Spirit is asking of you, we invite you to write a letter to the community (one page or less) stating your interest. Let us know something about how your faith journey led you to St. Patrick Church, your hopes for the community, any experience you have in parish ministry and leadership, and the gifts you want to put at the service of our parish. Please send letters to:

Fr. Dexter, <u>fr.dexter@stpat.cdom.org</u> Shannon Curtis, <u>Shannon.Curtis@stpat.cdom.org</u> Julie Boland, <u>Julie.Boland@stpat.cdom.org</u>

"Oh, that today you would hear his voice: "Harden not your hearts"."

If you hear the voice of the Lord calling you to serve Him as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, do not harden your heart; respond with generosity. Visit:



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



February 4, 2024	8:30	11:00	5:15
Lector 1	Sharon Valente	Isaac Souza	Jeanine Blackwell
Lector 2	Mike Stengel	Debra Brittenum	Rhea Thomas
EMHCs	Susan Prince Kathleen Allos Julie Long	Carol Mangiante Chris Claude	Donna McLellan Matthew Bowles
Cantor	Dell Stiner	Rusty Ramsey	Russell Moose
Musician	Angelica Rendek	Angelica Rendek	Angelica Rendek
Altar Servers	Julia Killmar	Nora O'Connell Liam O'Connell	Mia Rodriguez
Sacristan	Aletta Roebuck	Mike Watermeier	Chuck Blackwell
Flowers	Delia Molinski		

February 11, 2024	8:30	11:00	5:15
Lector 1	Dell Stiner	Sally Greene	Joe Catrambone
Lector 2	Judy Bettice	Bob Greene	Akosua Sintim-Damoa
EMHCs	Hugh Taylor Pat Papachristou Julie Schap	Joe Birch Margaret Calicott Chris Claude	Jeanine Blackwell Louise Cayo
Cantor	Bill Gaudet	Kevin Kimberly	Matthew Bowlin
Musician	Angelica Rendek	Angelica Rendek	Angelica Rendek
Altar Servers	Teaira Ford	Avery Kjellin	Mia Rodriguez
Sacristan	Tracy Burgess	Connie Kjellin	Chuck Blackwell
Flowers	Nia Zalamea Ducklo in loving memory of Norma Millan Zalamea		

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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.