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



Ascension of the Lord May 12, 2024

This Week: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; Psalm 103; 1 John 4:11-16; John 17:11b-19 Next Week: Acts 2:1-11; Psalm 104: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23

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

The Lord has set his throne in heaven. (Psalm 103)

11am MASS

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

> Worship Aid Available Readings and Music <u>www.stpatsmemphis.org</u> Click on Communications



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

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?

Between now and the end of August, we will be having informal discussions to answer questions, and will <u>not</u> be meeting weekly. Please contact Sally Greene at <u>sbg1220@aol.com</u> for meeting dates if you are interested. We meet in the St. Brigid Room in the Rectory from 9:45am to 10:45am on the Sundays when we meet.

Our next sessions will be on **TODAY** and June 2.





May 12, 11:00 am, +Beverly Skinner daLomba Dobbs by Margretta daLomba Dobbs

May 19, 8:30 am, +Deceased members of the Hough & Bridges families by Carolyn Bridges

May 19, 11:00 am, +Dr. Stan Franklin by Griffith Mehaffey

WEEKLY CALENDAR May 12 - May 19

Sunday, May 12

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

Tuesday, May 14

• 5:15 pm, Mass, Chapel

Wednesday, May 15

• 5:15 pm, Mass, Chapel

Thursday, May 16

• 5:15 pm, Mass, Chapel

- Friday, May 17
- 5:15 pm, Mass, Chapel

Saturday, May 20

- 9:00 am, Prayer and Care Ministry, Annex
- Youth Group Mud Island Canoe Trip

Sunday, May 19

- 8:30 am, 11:00 am, 5:15pm Masses
- 9:45 am, Sunday by Sunday Group, Braganza Rm
- 11:00 am, Mass live streamed on Facebook
- 12:15 am, Youth Group, Center
- 1:00 pm, Soup Kitchen, Outreach Center

Worship Aids and Bulletins

www.stpatsmemphis.org click Communications



Please pray for the sick in our parish community, our friends and loved ones: Pete Alfonso, Mary Baldwin, Fran Barendse, Ray Barker, Rosemary Batorski, Ray Berthiaume, Jane Marie Blackham, Sydney Bowers (Pamela Higgins' granddaughter), Antonio Bradshaw, Dierdre Brady, Dick Brereton, Andrew Carroll, David Carter (Renae Taylor's nephew), Deacon Eugene Champion, Guy



Deacon Eugene Champion, Guy Church, Sam Cochran, Janice Craven (Tim Craven's daughter), Annabel Crowson, Peggy Cunningham, Mateo Duarte, Bryan Duffel Sue Ann Duffy, Dot Eubanks, Lewis and Gloria (Sangster) Fort, Jerry Foster, Sean Garlick, Senait Gebreab, Stephen

Golanka (Mary Evans' son), Pat Gorney, Thelia Green, Bob Greene, Terry Greene Sr (Bob Greene's brother), Diane Griggs (Don Lawrence's daughter), Richard Grinder, Sr. Maureen Griner, Janis Habbaz, Travis Handwerker, Diane Harder, Patrick Harkins, Lisa Harris (Bob Greene's sister), Pamela Higgins, Maureen Hough, Brian Huebner, Juanita Huff, Floridia Jackson, Roberta Kane (Mike Watermeier's sister-inlaw), Jan Kidder, John Letchworth, Luca (Aletta Roebuck's two-year-old great-grandson), Evelyne Malone, Fenton McEvoy, Della Miles, Maureen Mischler, Bill Morman (Monica and Stephen Juma's uncle), Terry Nesmith, Andrea Nichols, 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, Tara Stebbins, Tracy Sweat, Shelby Terry (Ray and Louise Terry's daughter-in-law), John Trouy (Beth Trouy's brother), Mary and Melvin Tuggle (Chandra Tuggle's parents), Lynn Tune, Robert Tutson, Pam Watermeier, Nia Watkins, Jan Watson, Jan Zinselmeyer (Sr. Margaret Ann Zinselmeyer's sister-in-law)

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: <u>www.stpatsmemphis.org</u> Read recent Bulletins online







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.

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



In the case of bad weather, an email will be sent on Saturday afternoon and we will celebrate three Masses in the church as normal.

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 Temporarily Faith Sharing Group on Hiatus 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 or text 901-216-7208

You're invited! With gratitude to God, Father Val will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of his Priesthood Ordination

Saturday, August 24th | 11:00 a.m. Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

A joint celebration coordinated by St. Patrick's and the Cathedral Parishes Potluck luncheon in Marian Hall following Mass

Prayer and Care Ministry



The Prayer and Care Ministry will hold a prayer ritual on Saturday, May 18th 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.

Congratulations to Elíjah, Khalynn and Kingston, their mothers Shelby and Elizabeth, and grandmother Eva Crull on their Baptism May 12,



2024. We welcome them with great love and joy!



LET US DREAM

> THE PATH TO A BETTER FUTURE

POPE FRANCIS

Join us for a book study on Let Us Dream by Pope Francis starting on Tuesday, 4/30 at 7pm on Google Meet! joining info Video call link: https://meet.google.co m/yty-wjqb-yrw

For more info contact Matthew Bowles or Shannon Curtis (copies are available for those who request them)



First Friday of the month Adoration in the Chapel

> **June 7** 5:45 - 6:30 pm

Began morning prayers. Ascension. Sudden copious tears...Found myself yelling at Jesus, "Don't leave! Please! Don't leave!"

I love Lent through the whole of the Easter season. I can read all about Jesus, the long story of His ministry, misery and community. As Catholic, I relish and roil in those 40 days of suffering. Love all that suffering! We have, each one: baby, child, teen, young adult, middle-aged adult, elderly adult have had suffering a'plenty. The journey is inevitable pain. The crucifixion is excruciating intentionally inflicted pain to death. The Resurrection is joy in the revealed unexpected presence. Jesus, finally, the Christ, risen. Beautiful to behold after all that!

Look at what the apostles and gathered community, Jews and Gentiles, women and men, married, unmarried, widowed, children and orphaned alike, did with all that pain. Throughout Acts, the building of community from the gathered "haves and have nots" in dialogue wrestling with God and each other to all are equal.

It's that hard part, the justice part, that the Acts community wrestled. Jesus's love informed the contemplation, dialogue, community and just action that the community raised to being. That wrestling in faithfulness to the teaching of the disciples, the breaking of the bread, and prayer gave intention to the community to live together, share their belongings, sell their property to distribute the proceeds according to need. (Acts 2:42-47) That wrestling heeded the outrage and voice of the widowed Hellenistic over the imbalance in the daily distribution of food. The disciples listened and appointed seven to attend to the community, so that their prayer and preaching would continue. (Acts 6:1-4) That wrestling had Peter say to Cornelius, "Get up! I myself am also a human being...In truth, I see that God shows no partiality." All were baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. (Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 Last week's first reading)

It is why we gather as Catholic Christians our spiritual ritual life in Him that we are imbued with the journey and that journey is from struggle to love to justice. All of us equal. As Catholic Christians, we do the giving up love that Jesus gave us with ease. Not at the other end of the soup ladle, but with "More Than A Meal" praying together and sitting down for a meal together. Not with segregated schools, but with the founding of a segregated Catholic school, St. Augustine, in the Deep South Memphis with new books and desks (unheard of) for Negroes in 1937 and the Sister Thea Bowman Montessori School grounded by the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd in 38126 for the children of Foote Park and St. Patrick in 2025. Not with "All Are Welcome," but with our then Bishop's invitation to LGBTQ+ persons, family and friends to the Cathedral.

Jesus must go. We've got this. Who is not here, not seen, not heard, not hearing and not known? It is ordinary, St. Patrick. We work to find them. What is the work unattended, neglected, reinterpreted, and unavailable? It is ordinary, St. Patrick. As a community of prayer, contemplation, dialogue, consensus and action, "we make a way out of no way" and "work it until we work it!" The people of St. Patrick community of Acts, let's get busy.

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Offertory Donations



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Thank you for your generosity!



http://bit.ly/StPatrickgiving

You can now also donate to St. Vincent de Paul Tanzania Health Ministry Sr. Thea Bowman Montessori School







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 <u>www.stpatsmemphis.org</u>.



Parish Library

You are invited to visit our parish library in the Annex

Monday - Friday 9am - 4pm and Sunday Mornings

Outreach "Reach Out"

- <u>Health Clinic</u> This Monthly Clinic is held on the 4th Sunday of each month from 1:00-2:30 PM.. Blood Pressure, Blood sugar checks for diabetes and Pulse oximetry for lung and heart checks will be performed. The Philippine Nurse Association and nurse parishioners will manage the clinic. All are welcome.
- **Foot Clinic** This Monthly Clinic is also held on the 4th Sunday of each month from 1:00-2:30PM. Examination, treatment and prevention of foot problems related to diabetes, atherosclerosis, venous disease will be treated and steps to prevent disease will be available. Experts in foot care will be available. All are welcome. Contact Beth Trouy (<u>btrouy@yahoo.com</u>) or Bambi Williams (<u>ewilliams@frankwilliams.com</u>) to volunteer.
- <u>Clothes Closet/Embers of Hope</u> All clothing items are distributed Tuesday-Thursday from 1:00-2:30 PM to those in need. Your lightly used coats, hats, gloves, scarves, shirts, trousers and shoes will be appreciated. Contact Melissa (<u>m_krylowicz@hotmail.com</u>) to volunteer.
- <u>The Deacon Champion Breakfast</u> is served on the 4th Sunday of each month from 9:30 -11:00AM to all parishioners and visitors.
- <u>Sunday Lunch for our Neighbors</u> Lunch is prepared by St. Pat volunteers and served from 1:00-2:30 PM to our neighbors in need. Contact Gene Mangiante (<u>poppy@mangiante.com</u>) to volunteer.
- **Food Pantry** A week's worth of food is distributed to our neighbors in need Tuesday-Thursday from 1:00 -2:30 PM . Contact Gene Mangiante (<u>poppy@mangiante.com</u>) to volunteer.

Mobile Food Pantry May 30, 2024, 7:30-11:00 AM. Volunteers needed.

The Trenches of Motherhood

by Angelica Rendek

A few weeks ago, I was at St Pats working, as usual. I was recording practice tracks for the choir when suddenly Gloria became fussy. It was about time for a nap but she was fighting sleep. Frustrated and overwhelmed, we went into the family room. I held her in my arms and rocked her as she closed her tear filled eyes, Myself, also on the verge of tears. In those moments I think about Mary. I wonder if baby Jesus was ever overtired and restless. Mary KNEW that she would birth the son of God but like many of us, she had to adjust to the rawness that comes with growing, birthing, and caring for a human.

This experience has been happening since the dawn of time. Many of the worries and emotions have been carried across generations. In pregnancy, it can be difficult to trust your body. You grow overly aware and any little twitch can bring caution. Now imagine that feeling, but you're growing the Messiah. We'll never know what her pregnancy cravings were or if she had morning sickness, but there are two things that I'm sure of. I'm sure that Mary's dream birth was not in a manger and I'm sure of the feeling of pure ec-

stasy that she experienced the first time she held baby Jesus. Not because he was the savior of the world, but because he was her baby. Jesus is the light for all of us, religiously. But many know the light of their child, Mary knew.

Like Mary, I am now in the trenches of motherhood. Together, Gloria and I are trying to figure it all out and it gives me comfort and patience to know that Mary was there too. She knew what it was like to constantly check to make sure Jesus was still breathing, she was familiar with the panicky feeling of Jesus crying, she held him and rocked. Even through the challenging moments, Mary knew that



love overpowers the difficulty. As I figure out motherhood, I'm met with the beautiful moments of baby's first smile or their first belly laugh. It's a wild bond and Mary and Jesus had it too! Wonderfully, Mary is also our mother and we are all called to share in her warm embrace daily in whatever way we can!

On the stained glass window, on the wall near the piano, there is an image of Mary. She is holding Jesus in that tight embrace as they flee from their homeland. Jesus gazes at her, feeling safe in his mother's arms. But, you can see the deep worry in her eyes. Partly because he's the son of God but mostly because he is her baby. Any of us would also have a grip so tight to keep our babies out of harm. Unfortunately, many mothers are currently in similar shoes. They flee for safety with their babies held tight, navigating physical and mental trenches. We must pray for them, especially today.

Cease fire now.

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WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE UPCOMING RETREATS AND INVITE YOU AND YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS TO JOIN US!

To register for each of these, please contact Debbie Voyles by phone (731-548-2500) or email (<u>Debbie.Voyles@olqp.cdom.org</u>), or Register On-Line at <u>www.olqpretreats.com</u>

MAY 18 & 19, 2024: They Recognized Him in the Breaking of the Bread (Lk 24:31-35)

We will begin on Saturday morning, May 18th, at 9 AM and conclude on Sunday, May 19th, following Lunch. Matt Cummings will be the musician for the weekend. Sr. Cathy Galaskiewicz, Fr. Al Kirk and Dcn. Ernie will be leading in prayer periods, stations of the Eucharist, conferences, Spiritual Direction and Masses.

Cost for the weekend, including room and meals is \$125 for Single Occupancy and \$104 (per person) for Double Occupancy. Registration Deadline is May 10, 2024.

June 7 – 9, 2024: Ignatian Silent Retreat with Fr. Richard Coy

Ignatius of Loyola is known for the Spiritual Exercises that developed over years of prayer, personal observation and many divine revelations. This silent retreat is informative for anyone interested in Ignatian Spirituality and is a perfect opportunity to be introduced or continue on one's spiritual journey, while using the Ignatian practices. Silence is practiced during free time, meals, and reflection times. There will be guided meditation to demonstrate this contemplative approach to seeing Christ in the scripture as well as personal time for reflection. An opportunity to meet with a spiritual director will be a part of this weekend.

Cost for the weekend, including room and meals, is \$210 for Single Occupancy and \$171 (per person) for Double Occupancy. The retreat begins Friday evening with dinner at 6:30PM. Registration Deadline is May 31, 2024.

June 24 – 30, 2024: Directed Silent Retreat

During a directed retreat each retreatant meets daily with a Spiritual Director to reflect on God's presence and movement. The director listens to and encourages retreatants to give voice to their experience in prayer and to come to a deeper understanding of where God is leading them. Bishop Steib, Sr. Ellen Buchignani, and Dcn. Jim Moss are the Spiritual Directors. The retreat begins with dinner on Monday at 6:30PM.

Cost is \$493.00 per person single rooms only and includes all meals and snacks for the week.

Partial retreats are also available, please contact us to arrange. Registration Deadline is June 17, 2024.

September 6 – 8, 2024: Women's Silent Retreat "They Recognized Him in the Breaking of the Bread" (Lk 24:31-35)

Retreatants can check-in Friday afternoon, dinner is at 6:30PM, retreat ends on Sunday after lunch. Matt Cummings will be the musician for the weekend. Sr. Cathy Galaskiewicz, Fr. Al Kirk and Dcn. Ernie will be leading in prayer periods, Stations of the Eucharist, Conferences, Spiritual Direction and Masses.

Cost for the weekend, including room and meals, is \$210 for Single Occupancy and \$171 (per person) for Double Occupancy. Registration Deadline is Aug. 30, 2024. To maintain silence, single occupancy is encouraged.

Pause. Find Peace!

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"They went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word through signs."



If you are discerning a vocation to proclaim the Gospel as a priest, a deacon, or consecrated religious, visit:

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



You are cordially invited



Retreat Team: Msgr. Al Kirk, Deacon Ernie Albonetti, Sr. Cathy, with Matt Cummings musician.

To register: <u>www.olqpretreats.com</u> or <u>debbie.voyles@olqp.cdom.org</u> or 731-548-2500.



Several key items are running low in Our Catholic Charities of West Tennessee's Tiny Blessings program. Specifically, Tiny Blessings needs more new car seats, diaper bags, and baby bottles.

Together, we can all demonstrate the love and care of our community by supporting those who are facing challenges. Items can be dropped off at Catholic Charities donation door (west side of the building), 1325 Jefferson Ave., Memphis. Donations are accepted Monday-Thursday, 9am-3pm, or email at: volunteer@ccwtn.org to make arrangements.

May 12, 2024	8:30	11:00	5:15
Lector 1	Sharon Valente	Lauren Ready	Jeanine Blackwell
Lector 2	Judy Bettice	Martha Cummings	Rhea Thomas
EMHCs	Susan Prince Tobia Fuller Julie Long	Carol Mangiante Stephanie Poje	Donna McLellan Matthew Bowles
Cantor	Rusty Ramsey	Bill Gaudet	Maria Torres
Musician	Angelica Rendek	Angelica Rendek	Lucas Smith
Altar Servers	Julia Killmar	Avery Kjellin Liam O'Connell	Mia Rodriguez
Sacristan	Tracy Burgess	Connie Kjellin	Chuck Blackwell
Flowers	In loving memory of Maxine Ellis from Donna McLellan		

May 19, 2024	8:30	11:00	5:15
Lector 1	Dill Stiner	Isaac Souza	Joe Catrambone
Lector 2	Judy Bettice	Rhea Thomas	Akosua Sintim-Damoa
EMHCs	Hugh Taylor Patricia Papachristou Julie Schap	Joe Birch Margaret Calicott	Jeanine Blackwell Louise Cayo
Cantor	Tom Cognetti	Sandy Heiss	Angelica Rendek
Musician	Angelica Rendek	Angelica Rendek	Lucas Smith
Altar Servers	Teaira Ford	Avery Kjellin Teddy Donati	Mia Rodriguez
Sacristan	Tracy Burgess	Connie Kjellin	Chuck Blackwell
Flowers	In honor of our children and grandchildren by Julie and Keith Schap		

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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.