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



## ***Second Sunday of Advent*** **December 8, 2024**

This Week: Baruch 5:1-9; Psalm 126; Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11; Luke 3:1-6  
Next Week: Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Psalm 12; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:10-18

### **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



Welcome to Saint Patrick Parish, a Roman Catholic community that gathers day by day, week by week, to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ. Our close-knit and diverse parish family has been serving our neighborhood since 1866. Young, old, poor, rich, various ethnic origins and differing backgrounds gather 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. From our lively music to our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd formation program; from our commitment to liturgy being truly "the work of the people" to plentiful social outreach opportunities through our St. Patrick-Champion Outreach Center, St. Pat's continues to be a vibrant community of faith that is centered in prayer and action that extends far beyond the walls of our buildings.

Saint Patrick is the third oldest parish in Memphis following St. Mary in The Pinch and St. Peter downtown. Our community was founded to serve the growing number of working-class Irish families in the south Memphis neighborhoods.

Despite sickness and tragedy of the Yellow Fever Epidemics in Memphis, the community continued to grow. In 1904, construction on a new Romanesque church building began. The parish served as a "mother church" to two new parishes, St. Thomas in Soulsville and Immaculate Conception in Central Gardens during this time. To honor our Irish heritage, the co-patrons of Ireland, Saint Patrick and Saint Brigid are featured on either side of the Holy Family in the apse above the Sanctuary. Our pipe organ is the oldest working pipe organ in Memphis. Completed and dedicated in 1905 by the Bishop of Nashville, Right Reverend Thomas S. Byrne, our gathering space stands today as a testament to not only the enduring spirit of our community, but also our charism of accompanying the people of God through the tests of time. The St. Patrick campus resides on the ancestral homeland of the Quapaw Nation.

In 1954, St. Patrick welcomed the Paulist Fathers, who served our community until 2013. Our time with the Paulists during the Civil Rights Movement, drastic changes to our neighborhood, and changes within the Catholic Church at large imbued our community with our famous radical welcome, commitment to justice and solidarity, and a call to action to love God and each other. As a result of the missionary spirit of the Paulist Fathers, many of our traditions such as an empowered laity, the Good Friday Neighborhood Stations of the Cross, Noyze in the Hood caroling, the first LGBTQ Catholic ministry in Memphis, and various outreach ministries that still root us in place and faith began.

Inspired by the Holy Spirit and Vatican II, St. Patrick became a full-time gathering space for the community and worship and not just a space for Sunday obligation. Taking note from the global Church and the Acts of the Apostles, we choose to forego kneeling and commit to the active act of standing shoulder-to-shoulder in communion with God and each other during Mass. Except during the solemn seasons of Advent and Lent, we clap during the Great Amen and hold hands during the "Our Father." We believe Mass is a celebration, Mass is a feast, Mass is a chance to share in the glory of God together actively and with joy. Some of our members still kneel and we encourage everyone to do what connects them with God and makes them comfortable.

We heartily welcome all who come through our doors and are committed to accompanying each other on all journeys of faith.

# PARISH NEWS

## Today's Psalm Response

*The Lord has done great things for us;  
we are filled with joy. (Psalm 126)*

## 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)

## 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

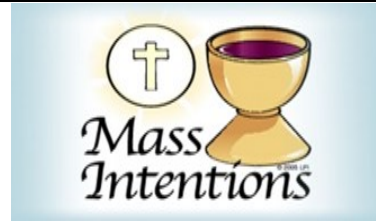
Can be done face-to-face or anonymously.

## JOURNEY TO CATHOLICISM

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!

Our Journey to Catholicism sessions meet each Sunday, in the St. Brigid Room in the Rectory from 9:45am to 10:45am.

Please call or email Sally Greene (901) 483-3656 or [sbg1220@aol.com](mailto:sbg1220@aol.com) with questions.



Dec 15, 8:30am, +Deceased members of the Hough & Bridges families by Carolyn Bridges  
Dec 20, 5:15 pm, +Jack Harkins for the repose of his soul

## WEEKLY CALENDAR Dec 8 - Dec 15

### Sunday, Dec 8

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

### Tuesday, Dec 10

- 5:15 pm, Mass, Chapel
- 6:30 am, John Angotti Concert, Church

### Wednesday, Dec 11

- 5:15 pm, Mass, Chapel

### Thursday, Dec 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe

- 5:15 pm, Mass, Church

### Friday, Dec 13

- 5:15 pm, Mass, Chapel

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## Worship Aids and Bulletins

[www.stpatsmemphis.org](http://www.stpatsmemphis.org)  
click Communications

# PARISH NEWS

## Hope for the Holidays

JOHN ANGOTTI  
& FRIENDS

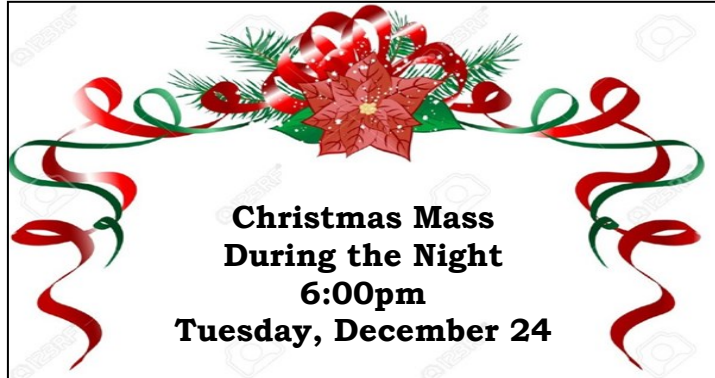
IN CONCERT

DECEMBER 11, 2024

6:30 PM

ST. PATRICK'S  
MEMPHIS, TN

Free Will Donations Appreciated



**Christmas Mass  
During the Night  
6:00pm  
Tuesday, December 24**

**Christmas Day Mass  
10:00am  
Wednesday, December 25**

## St Patrick-Champion Outreach

### "Reach Out"

Your generosity to the Outreach Center is  
AMAZING.

We were able to provide over 100 Food baskets including a Turkey to families in need. I was able to see joy in their faces as we helped them to their car with your gifts to them. I wish you could have been there.

After discussion with Father Dexter, we decided to try it again for Christmas. Maybe we won't get enough donations for 100 baskets and a turkey but we can try. Distribution will be on December 20th at 1 PM - you are welcome to help and see true joy.

To save you time, instead of lugging a turkey to the center, you can donate via a check to the Outreach Center or donate on the Outreach Center Webpage ([www.spcoc.org](http://www.spcoc.org) under GIVE). I can then buy in bulk at a discounted price.

Melissa Krylowicz has begun the **Embers of Hope** ministry founded by Ann Stubblefield. Now that it is cold, over the next several weeks, she will provide lightly used or new coats, scarves, gloves, hats, sleeping bags, blankets and heavy socks to those in need. So, clean out that closet, search the attic and ask your neighbors for these items. Bring to Center and we will help you unload.

We can all help reduce the pain of the cold and hunger.

Thanks Gene Mangiante



# PARISH NEWS

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

**Mary Wynn (Sharon Shea's mother)**, Pete Alfonso, Mary Baldwin, Fran Barendse, Ray Barker, Rosemary Batorski, Ray Berthiaume, Jane Marie Blackham, Sydney Bowers (Pamela Higgins' granddaughter), Antonio Bradshaw, Dick Brereton, Ricky Burnett, Terri Burns (Mary Ann Burns' daughter-in-law),



Andrew Carroll, David Carter (Renae Taylor's nephew), Deacon Eugene Champion, Sam Cochran, Janice Craven (Tim Craven's daughter), Annabel Crowson, Peggy Cunningham, Mateo Duarte, Bryan Duffel Sue Ann Duffy, Dot

Eubanks, 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, Florida Jackson, Roberta Kane (Mike Watermeier's sister-in-law), Jan Kidder, John Letchworth, Luca (Aletta Roebuck's two-year-old great-grandson), Evelyne Malone, Karen Mathis (Mac Mathis' daughter), Fenton McEvoy, Della Miles, Maureen Mischler, Bill Morman (Monica and Stephen Juma's uncle), Terry Nesmith, Nora O'Connell, Brad Patterson, Julian Prewitt (Linda Prewitt's husband), Deacon Eddie Ramsey, Rusty Ramsey, Earl Randle, John Clarence Simmons, Connie Simpson, 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, Basil White, Cynthia Zawacki, 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:  
[www.stpatsmemphis.org](http://www.stpatsmemphis.org)  
Read recent Bulletins online



## 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  
Fridays 10:30 am - Noon on 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 or text 901-216-7208



sign up here:  
[tinyurl.com/DilexitNosAdvent](https://tinyurl.com/DilexitNosAdvent)

Join us for our Advent Small group discussion  
of "Dilexit Nos" the new encyclical by  
Pope Francis concerning the Human &  
Divine Love of the Heart of Jesus Christ.

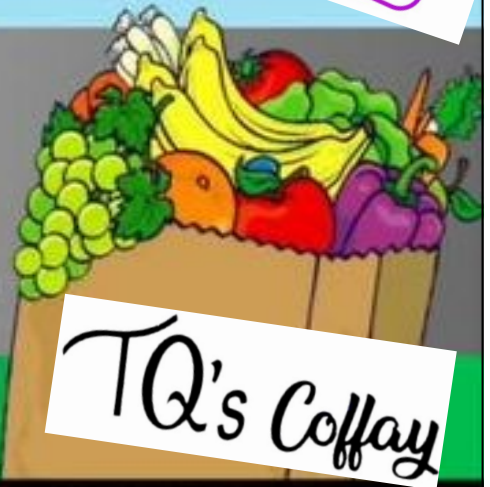
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## St. Patrick Community Outreach, Inc. **MOBILE FOOD PANTRY**

**Friday, December 20 at 8:30 am**

**St. Patrick Catholic Church  
4<sup>th</sup> St. & Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Ave.**

**across from FedEx Forum**



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**MUST HAVE PROOF OF ADDRESS & TRANSPORTATION**

**Contact: (901) 527-2542**

*(Proof of address examples: MLCW bill, Mail addressed to you, etc.)*



**Volunteer Shifts:  
Volunteers Check In: 7:30  
Gates Open: 8:30  
Second Shift: 10:00  
We are done by 12:00 Noon**



# PARISH NEWS



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.



**Parish Giving**  
simple. secure. convenient.

<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 donate to St. Vincent de Paul Tanzania Health Ministry Sr. Thea Bowman Montessori School**



Please pray for our St. Patrick community every day



## Offertory Donations



Offertory	\$ 5,339
Parish Giving	2,351
Outreach Center	
Thanksgiving	1,051
2nd Collection	2,048
Other	70
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,859</b>

*Thank you for your generosity!*

Sr. Thea Bowman Montessori School  
at St. Patrick Catholic Community



THE EXERCISES OF PRACTICAL LIFE

### WHAT IS THE MONTESSORI METHOD?

This week, we explore one of four subject areas in the early childhood prepared environment. The exercises of practical life bring the ordinary activities of everyday to the child. For example, this area often includes flower arranging.



Scan here or visit us online to read the article!!!

[www.stbms.org](http://www.stbms.org)

### FR. DEXTER'S NOTE

Dear St. Patrick family,

The following are the days I will be **out of town** for the rest of the year:

**December 26<sup>th</sup>, - January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**Visit my family in the Philippines after almost 4 years**

# PARISH NEWS

December 8, 2024	8:30	11:00	5:15
Lector 1	Dell Stiner	Gerry Taulman	
Lector 2	Sharon Valente	Martha Cummings	
EMHCs	Mike Stengel Kate Pera Judy Bettice	Oneata Windler Margaret Calicott	
Cantor	Rusty Ramsey	Sandy Heiss	Ann Miranda
Musician	Diego Parra	Diego Parra	Diego Parra
Altar Servers	Teaira Ford	Liam O'Connell	
Sacristan	Tracy Burgess	Gemma Washington	
Flowers	Advent		

December 15, 2024	8:30	11:00	5:15
Lector 1	Judy Bettice	Chris Claude	Jeanine Blackwell
Lector 2	Mike Stengel	Ashley Smith	Louise Cayo
EMHCs	Susan Prince Kate Pera	Stephanie Poje Carol Mangiante	Donna McLellan Shannon Curtis
Cantor	Dell Stiner	Kevin Kimberly	Matthew Bowels
Musician	Diego Parra	Diego Parra	Diego Parra
Altar Servers	Jon Korneliussen	Sofia Lesure	
Sacristan	Sharon Vaente	Gene Mangiante	C huck Blackwell
Flowers	(Gaudete Sunday) Nia Zalamea Ducklo in loving memory of Norma Millan Ducklo		

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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.



## PARISH NEWS

### *Día de Los Muertos*



We celebrate Día de Los Muertos with a special “side altar” where **we invite you to bring in and place pictures and remembrances of your deceased loved ones.** The altar will remain on display **until Thanksgiving.** Please put a label on the back of the item or photo stating who is in the photo, who the picture belongs to, and the “life-span” of the person. (DOB–DOD)

A mixture of indigenous and Catholic traditions, Día de Los Muertos is a joyous occasion when the memory of ancestors and the continuity of life is celebrated. Its roots are in ancient Mexico but it is celebrated in many North, Central, and South American countries.

Although the skeleton is a strong symbol for both Halloween and Días de Los Muertos, the meaning is very different. For Días de Los Muertos the skeleton represents the dead playfully mimicking the living and is not a macabre symbol at all.

Preparation begins weeks in advance when statues, candies, breads and other items to please the departed are sold in markets. A sweet bread, pan de muerto, with decorations representing bones of the deceased is very popular as are sugar skulls.



Altars, *ofrecetas*, are set up in the home with offerings of sweets and the favorite foods and beverages of the deceased. These offerings may later be given away or consumed by the living after their essence has been enjoyed by the dead. Marigolds are the traditional decorative flower and copal is the traditional incense.

The particulars of the celebration vary widely by region in Mexico. On November 2, the spirits of the dead return. Entire families visit the graves of their ancestors, bringing favorite foods and beverages as offerings to the deceased as well as a picnic lunch for themselves. They spend the day cleaning and decorating the grave sites and visiting with each other and other families. Traditionally there is a feast in the early morning although many now celebrate with an evening meal. There are cake, candy and cookie sugar skulls and toys for the children, emphasizing early on that death is a positive part of the life cycle. It is a happy occasion for remembering pleasant times with departed family members.