



Founded 1866

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



Fourth Sunday of Advent **December 22, 2024**

This Week: Micah 5:1-4a; Psalm 80; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45
Next Week: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Psalm 128; Colossians 3:12-21; Luke 2:41-52

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.

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Today's Psalm Response

*Lord, Make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.
(Psalm 80)*

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



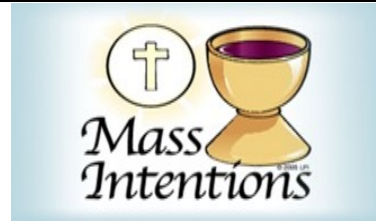
Sundays 7:50 am-8:10 am
10:20 am-10:40 am
4:40 pm-5:00 pm
or by appointment
901-527-2542

Can be done face-to-face or anonymously.

JOURNEY TO CATHOLICISM

Our Journey to Catholicism sessions will resume on January 12 at 9:45am. We are now entering the period of more intense preparation for those who have decided to become Roman Catholics at Easter or if you are an active Roman Catholic who missed Confirmation, please contact Sally Greene if you are interested in being Confirmed.

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

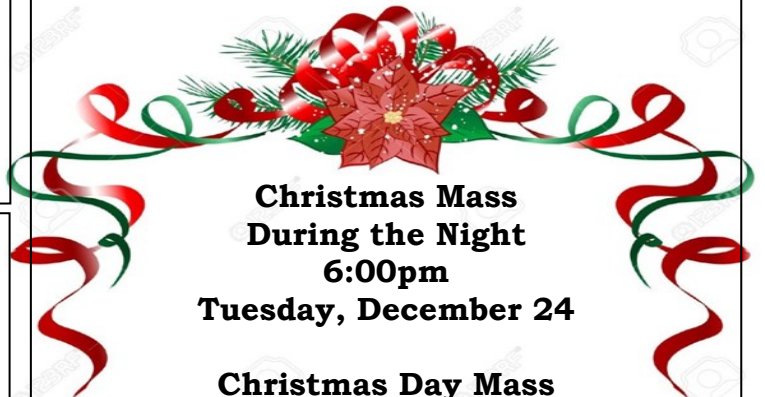


Dec 22, 8:30 am, +Deceased members of the Burns & Hough families by Mary Ann Burns
Jan 5, 8:30 am, Daniel Alcazar for his birthday by the Hernandez and Alcazar family
Jan 5, 11:00 am, +Miguel Ramirez Rivera on the 13th anniversary of his death by the Hernandez and Alcazar family

WEEKLY CALENDAR Dec 22 - Dec 29

Sunday, Dec 22

- 8:30 am, 11:00 am, 5:15pm Masses
- 9:45 pm, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Atria
- 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
- 1:00 pm, Soup Kitchen, Outreach Center



Christmas Mass During the Night 6:00pm

Tuesday, December 24

Christmas Day Mass 10:00am

Wednesday, December 25

Thursday, Dec 26

- NO Mass

Friday, Dec 27

- NO Mass


Sunday, Dec 29

- 8:30 am, 11:00 am, 5:15pm Masses
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Worship Aids and Bulletins

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click Communications

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***Christmas
Flowers***

In Memory

*Hugh and Mary Keenan
John and Adeline Douglas
Joseph and Frances Birch
Ray and Blanche Terry
Louis and Ruth Beland*

Our Family Christmas Tree

Bring in an ornament for our Family Tree! The tree will keep the statue of St. Patrick company at the back of the church and will remain up until Epiphany!



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

Stephen and Margaret Murphy, 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, Mary Wynn (Sharon Shea's mother), Cynthia Zawacki, Jan Zinselmeyer (Sr. Margaret Ann Zinselmeyer's sister-in-law)



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
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
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



Flower Dedication

The altar flowers are dedicated in loving memory of the deceased grandparents of Claire Sentilles and Patrick Nabholz, who were married here yesterday.

*Anne Galloway Cowan
Thomas Jean Nabholz, Sr.
Barbara Jean Nabholz
William Beck*

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



These beautiful flowers will decorate the St. Patrick sanctuary from Christmas Eve to Epiphany.

PARISH NEWS

Offertory Donations



Offertory	\$3,775
Parish Giving	5,288
Outreach Center	455
Other	460
Total	\$9,978

Thank you for your generosity!

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**



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:

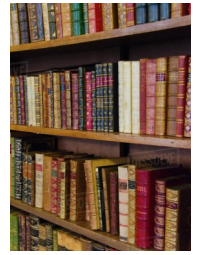
December 26th, - January 17th, 2025

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

Parish Library

You are invited to visit our parish library in the Annex

**Monday - Friday 9am - 4pm
or by Appointment**



**Please Pray for our
St. Patrick Community
Every Day**

*Spirit of life, Spirit of wisdom,
be active among us,
the people of St. Patrick Community.
Bring us together, and keep us together
in unity of mind and heart
as we search for ways
to live the Gospel
in our present and in our future.
Lead us and inspire us
in fulfilling our mission as
disciples of Jesus in this
community of believers,
now and always.
Amen.*



ST Patrick
CATHOLIC CHURCH

AROUND THE DIOCESE

2025 New Year Series with Sr. Cathy Galaskiewicz, OP Catholic Social Teaching Bible Study

Dear Friends,

Advent Blessings and Merry Christmas!

Please join us in January for this 6-session study, applying Scripture to Modern Issues in Society

In person classes:

6 Mon., Jan. 13-Feb. 24 at the Cathedral, 10-11:30 a.m. (Skip Jan. 20, Dr. MLKing Day)

6 Tues., Jan. 7-Feb. 25 at Holy Spirit, 10-11:30 a.m. (Skip Jan. 21 and Feb. 18)

Online classes: Register to receive link

6 Mon., Jan. 13-Feb. 24 via *Zoom*, 6:30-8 p.m. (Skip Jan. 20, Dr. MLKing Day)

6 Wed., Jan. 15-Feb. 26 via *Go To Meeting*, 10-11:30 (Skip Jan. 22.)

Materials. *Bible, Catechism of Catholic Church.*

A study guide is provided for each session.

Video Recordings are sent to class members each week; this helps those who miss a class.

Register 901-726-5611 or Reply to this message at

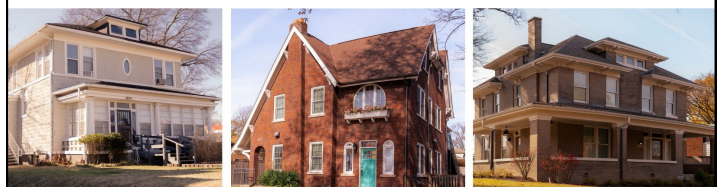
cathy.galaskiewicz@gmail.com

\$15 for entire series (6 Sessions) to Dominican Sisters of Peace.

In-person classes pay at first session. Online persons will receive a mailing address.



<https://ritimemphis.org/>



Dorothy Day House

keeping homeless families together

<https://www.dorothydaymemphis.org/>



<https://www.mannahousememphis.org/>

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December 22, 2024	8:30	11:00	5:15
Lector 1	Keith Schap	Joe Birch	Linda Jackson
Lector 2	Julie Schap	Beth Trouy	Anita Houk
EMHCs	Julie Long Lauren Ready Scott Ready	Chris Claude Margaret Calicott	Matthew Bowles Louise Cayo
Cantor	Maria Torres	John Killmar	Bill Gaudet
Musician	Diego Parra	Diego Parra	Diego Parra
Altar Servers	Gabe Burgess	Liam O'Connell	
Sacristan	Tracy Burgess	Gemma Washington	Shannon Curtis
Flowers	Advent		

December 29, 2024	8:30	11:00	5:15
Lector 1			
Lector 2			
EMHCs			
Cantor			
Musician			
Altar Servers			
Sacristan			
Flowers	Christmas		

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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.