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



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time **February 16, 2025**

This Week: Jeremiah 17:5-8; Psalm 1; 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20; Luke 6:17, 20-26
Next Week: Samuel 26: 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Psalm 103; 1 Corinthians 15:45-49; Luke 6:27-38

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.

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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

***Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.
(Psalm 1)***

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



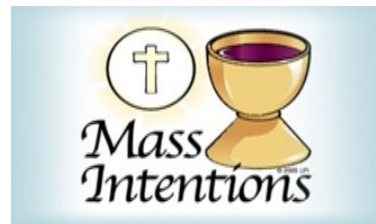
Sundays 7:50 am-8:10 am
10:20 am-10:40 am
4:40 pm-5:00 pm
or by appointment
901-527-2542

Can be done face-to-face or anonymously.

JOURNEY TO CATHOLICISM

Our Journey to Catholicism sessions are held Sundays 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.



- Feb 16, 8:30 am, Deceased members of the Hough and Bridges Families by Carolyn Bridges
- Feb 16, 11:00 am, +Tyler Ryan by Gene and Carol Mangiante
- Feb 16, 5:15 pm, St. Patrick parishioners
- Feb 19, 5:15 pm, Intention for oan Fullwood
- Feb 20, 5:15 pm, +Paulist Fathers
- Feb 21, 5:15 pm, Intention for Jackson Horner
- Feb 23, 8:30 am, +Colleen Mulroy for the 7th anniversary of her death by Bob and Sally Greene

WEEKLY CALENDAR Feb 16 - Feb 23

Sunday, Feb. 16

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

Monday, Feb 17 Presidents' Day

- Office Closed

Tuesday, Feb 18

- No Mass

Wednesday, Feb 19

- 5:15 pm, Mass, Chapel

Thursday, Feb 20

- 5:15 pm, Mass, Chapel
- 5:45 pm, Soul Food Feast, Outreach Center

Friday, Feb 21

- 5:15 pm, Mass, Chapel

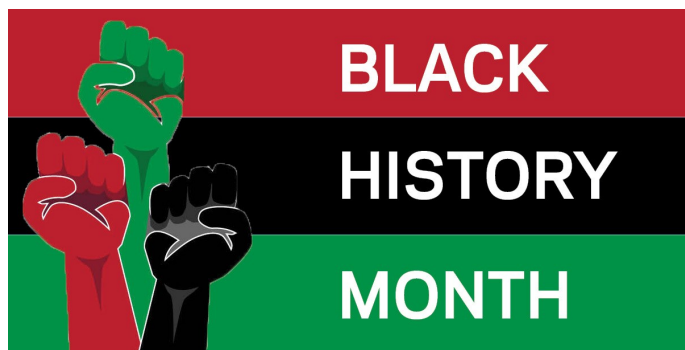
Saturday, Feb 22

- 7:30 am Mobile Food Pantry, COGIC parking lot

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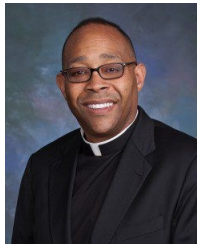
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**Words for the Soul,
Food for the Soul,
Music for the Soul**

**Words for the Soul
Saturday, February 15th
Church 1:00pm**

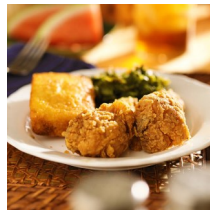
**History of Catholicism in the African-
American Culture**



Father Stephan Brown from St. Augustine Catholic Church will speak in the sanctuary at 1pm, with a reception to follow in the Outreach Center.

**Food for the Soul
Thursday, February 20th
Outreach Center 6:00pm
Soul Food Feast**

A dinner in the Outreach Center after the 5:15 daily Mass featuring cultural dishes, including descriptions of the significance of each dish. There is no charge, but donations are always appreciated.



**Music for the Soul
Thursday, February 27th
Church 6:00pm**

A Concert by the St. Patrick Choir



The St. Patrick Choir will perform the musical journey from Pre-Vatican II up to today, with a reception to follow in the Outreach Center.

Prayer and Care Ministry



The Prayer and Care Ministry will hold a prayer ritual on **Saturday, February 15 at 10:00am** 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.

Palms and Ashes

Jambalaya and King Cake

25th Anniversary of our Deacons' Ordination

**Tuesday, March 4
after the 5:15 PM Mass
Champion Outreach Center**

**Ash Wednesday ashes are
created by burning palms
from last year's Palm Sun-
day so bring your palm
branches from last year**

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



ST Patrick
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

Bob Greene, Jan-Blaise and Aggie Llew MacEarhern (children of Brianna and Blaise MacEachern, Pete Alfonso, Mary Baldwin, Fran Barendse, Ray Barker, Rosemary Batorski, Ray Berthiaume, Judy Bettice, 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), Stephen and Margaret Murphy, Terry Nesmith, Nora O'Connell, Brad Patterson, Rusty Ramsey, Earl Randle, John Clarence Simmons, Connie Simpson, 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, Courtney Whalum (Kirk and Ruby's daughter), Jan Watson, Basil White, Mary Wynn (Sharon Shea's mother), 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.



Rite of Welcoming



We will celebrate the Rite of Welcoming at 11 am today for our brothers and sisters who are already one with us in Baptism and are preparing to be received into Full Communion with the Roman Catholic Church at Easter with the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.

Please keep Sean Alphonse, Nikki and Noel Whitworth and Keith Schap in your prayers as they continue their faith journeys.

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

Parish Library

You are invited to visit our parish library in the Annex

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



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

Saturday, February 22 at 8:30 am

St. Patrick Catholic Church

4th St. & Dr. Martin Luther King Ave

across from FedEx Forum

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**



MUST HAVE PROOF OF ADDRESS & TRANSPORTATION

Contact: (901) 527-2542

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



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

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VOLUNTEERS ★ N E E D E D ★

We are looking for volunteers to support Marilyn and the children during playgroup! We meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 am to 12 pm. Learn more about our unique educational approach and meet the first children of STBMS!



If you are interested, send a message to info@stbms.org.

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

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH PROFILE

DEACON EUGENE CHAMPION

"WHATSOEVER YOU DO FOR THE LEAST . . ."

by Anna Champion



A homily was proclaimed this last Sunday that when one is called to do God's work, you need not be afraid you are unqualified, unable, unskilled, or unprepared to accomplish what God has called you to do. When Peter was called to follow Christ, he didn't feel he measured up to what was required of him. He stumbled many times in his walk with Christ and his faith was often put to the test. But one thing he forgot, which was pointed out to us last Sunday, no one is called who is not given the skills, the courage, the faith and the knowledge to succeed.

The homily was proclaimed at the 8:30 Mass on Sunday by Deacon Eugene Champion. He may not have been aware that in proclaiming this gospel, he was also placing himself in the position of saying and feeling, "but not me. I'm not good enough. I'm not worthy enough. I'm not skilled enough. I have too many flaws. I have sinned in my life and 'fallen short of the glory of God.'" But haven't we all? Didn't Peter? Didn't Paul? But all went on to do as they were called. To do the work laid out for them. The work that they would be fishers of men and servants of the Lord, doing the will of God to feed his sheep. Not to feed them just with food, but spiritually, and to let them know the love of God which was theirs simply for the asking.

Deacon Eugene would be the first person to say he was not a full-time church goer in his youth. He enjoyed life and enjoyed reaching out and experiencing what the world had in store for him. Unfortunately, or fortunately (however you want to look at it), he fell in love with a minister's daughter. A minister who took him under his wings and accepted him as he was. In 1974 Eugene married the minister's daughter and watched as she converted from the Baptist church to the Catholic Church. He watched as she would leave on Sundays and other days to go to the church she now called home. He watched as she attended retreats and prayer groups. At her confirmation he was there. He knew why she had such a love for her new religion and for her new church home.

Perhaps that was the catalyst which opened his heart to listen to the still voice of Jesus calling to him. Perhaps it was hearing the scripture passage which would be the center of his life from that day forward. The passage that states so simply and beautifully, "When I was hungry you feed me . . . remember whatsoever you do for the least, you do for me." It was then that Eugene, who worked the night shift at Federal Express, would in the mornings get up and go on a Meals on Wheels route he had signed up for. He would take the food to those who were homebound or unable to care for themselves. However, as he stated, it was more than giving them the food, it was seeing them, speaking to them, letting them know they were not alone and that someone cared for them. This was the first step in following the path God had laid out for him.

On days off and when he had any free time, he helped in the church's kitchen and with Ms. Eddie Mae Hawkins in giving out peanut butter and jelly sandwiches to those who came to the door hungry. In addition, he would drive to the Jewish Community Center and pick up the bundles of sandwiches the ladies made for St. Patrick's to distribute to those in need. He also helped to distribute fruits and vegetables given to the church (all of this before the creation of the

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current Food Pantry). During this time he also fed the spirits of many of the young people in the church by organizing a basketball team for them. Although they weren't Kobe Bryant, they enjoyed playing among themselves and with other teams (and yes, somehow he got them uniforms.) And he worked with the youth of the church, with Margaret Calicott, helping them with various projects, involving them in diocesan youth programs and taking them on weekend trips. The most notable was to Chicago where they attended Mass at Holy Angels church and enjoyed touring the city.

On March 4, 2000 Eugene was ordained a deacon in the Catholic Church after five years of study. Deacon Eugene, along with 32 of his deacon brothers, was given another step to take to care for the least. Although still hesitated of his skills and abilities he knew he had a call to do what was in his heart. And this was not just for him to serve, but to reach out and bring others into the warmth of Jesus and to know the importance of "and whatsoever you do for the least, you do for me."

It was here that he heard the Lord speaking as he reached out to others to help him feed the community when he started the Soup on Sunday program. He would prepare the soup in his home and carry it to the now constructed St. Patrick's Outreach Center. He would then ask people to help and the program grew to one where anyone who wanted to help feed those in need was welcome. One Sunday a month, parishioners were asked to bring a container of soup to give out to those in need. So many people answered this call ensuring there was always enough. Sometimes it would seem that there would be only a little to give out, but the multiplication of the loaves and fishes was alive in the St. Patrick's community. A multiplication of pea soup, beef stew, minestrone, meatball soup, vegetable soup, and on and on. A miracle that there was always enough and more to share. And on some Sundays there was the famous St. Patrick Special (a mixture of hot and mild sausage cooked with baked beans), corn bread and tea.

After Eugene retired from FedEx in 2007 he was asked to become the director of the Outreach Center. He agreed knowing the Lord would direct his steps and lead him in the path he wanted his call to ministry to go. The third director of the Center, Eugene along with volunteers from the church and across the city brought into being many programs which would care for the needy. With the help of Ken Reardon (a professor at the University of Memphis and church parishioner) they contacted a tremendous number of organizations in the city including, the Grizzlies, MATA, Gibson 5K race, the University of Memphis and countless others to develop a program called "The Green Machine." A city bus was donated to the center and more than \$300,000 was donated to retrofit and operate the renovated bus into a mobile market. The Green Machine went into all areas of the city considered food deserts. The produce was provided (at cost) from the former Easy Way Produce Market. The fruits and vegetables were then sold in the Green Machine also at cost to those in need.

But this was only one of the "feed my sheep" outreach programs developed through the Outreach Center under Deacon Eugene. The simple passing out of the soup on Soup Sunday was upgraded to "More than a Meal." This was thought of by a former parishioner and the initial cash donation brought to life this program. More than a Meal meant that. It elevated helping to feed those who were on the street or our neighbors in need with bringing them in to a sit down meal. The tables were set as you would your own at home with glassware, real plates and flatware. Also to make it not just a handout to those in need, programs were a part of the meal. Sometimes a gospel message, music, choirs singing, and sometimes singing from everyone, or anyone, who was present. It was more than a meal -- it was a family sharing time together, food, and the presence of the Lord in their midst.

Although that should have been enough, another parishioner, Claude Braganza, who designed the Outreach Center, introduced Deacon Eugene to the then director of the Mid-South

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Offertory Donations

We cant get the safe open – will try next week



Offertory	\$
Parish Giving	
Outreach Center	
Other	
Total	\$

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**



**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.

Don't miss the Mobile Food Pantry on February 22. Enjoy the music from WDIA's Stan Bell, the tasty beverages from TQ Coffay and experience the joy of providing a vital service to our neighbors.

Immigrants and ICE Roundup

Pope Francis issued a letter to the American Bishops on February 6 about the deportation of immigrants by the Trump Administration. He reminds us of Jesus' teaching on immigrants, refugees and asylum seekers. You can read his letter at:

www.tinyurl.com/47a8698h

You can also read the Bishops' letter of response at:

www.tinyurl.com/3x5h2f4c

Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. has prepared flyers [A Guide to Your Rights When Interacting with Law Enforcement](#) to guide immigrants and citizens when approached by Immigration Law Enforcement (ICE or others). The flyer explains how to respond in various situations. You can view or print the flyer in English or Spanish

www.cliniclegal.org

Worship Aids and Bulletins

www.stpatsmemphis.org

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St. Patrick Church Second Quarter Report 2024-25

<u>Church Revenue</u>	<u>7/1/24 - 12/31/24 Actual</u>	<u>2024-25 Budget</u>
Offertory Collection	\$ 223,110	\$ 500,000
Rental Income	\$ 30,000	\$ 60,000
UIF Receipt	\$ 32,058	\$ 12,000
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>7/1/24 - 12/31/24 Actual</u>	<u>2024-25 Budget</u>
Fulltime Labor	\$ 126,722.77	\$ 232,472
Parttime Labor	\$ 11,940.29	\$ 23,906
Other Labor	\$ 5,600	
<u>Parish Priorities</u>		
	\$ 12,818.37	\$ 29,500
<u>Administrative/General</u>		
	\$ 32,100.40	\$ 62,236
Social Activity/Sun Brkfast	\$ 11,480.49*	\$ 4,900
<u>Sanctuary/Pastoral</u>		
	\$ 5,375.12	\$ 14,500
<u>Plant Operations</u>		
Utilities/garbage	\$ 16,209.59	\$ 31,000
Maint/repairs/misc	\$ 21,806.16	\$ 51,750
Rectory operation	\$ 3,538.12	\$ 11,000
<u>Other Payments</u>		
Cathedraticum	\$ 34,446.75	\$ 92,400
St. PCO Center	\$ 9,000	\$ 18,000
TOTALS	\$ 291,038.06	\$ 571,664

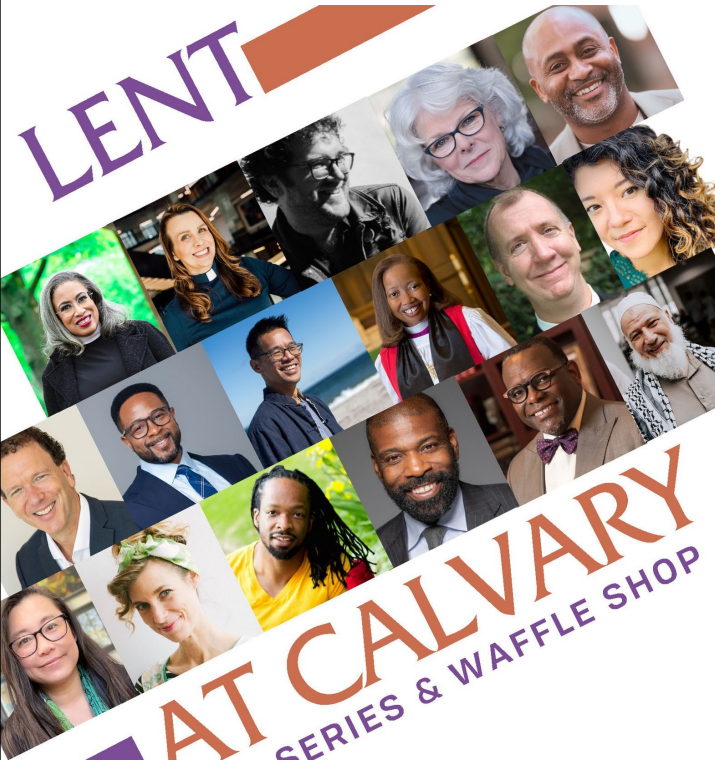
Bank Balance on 12/31/24 was \$ 295,622.18

Building Fund account with Diocese on 12/31/24 was \$437,590.73

* includes 21 month donuts bill of \$8,000.

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AT CALVARY

PREACHING SERIES & WAFFLE SHOP

MARCH 6 - APRIL 11, 2025
WEDNESDAYS - FRIDAYS
calvarymemphis.org

CALVARY EPISCOPAL

Calvary Episcopal Church celebrates its 102nd annual Lenten Preaching Series and Waffle Shop beginning Thursday, March 6! All are invited to hear this year's 17 dynamic speakers.

We are thrilled to partner again with [The Episcopal Bookshop](#) and [novel](#), to offer you a chance to buy books by our speakers, as well as other gifts during your time at Calvary. The Episcopal Bookshop will be set up every Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Great Hall. [novel](#) will be at Calvary on Wednesday evenings from 6 to 7:30 p.m. You can also order speakers' books and books recommended by our speakers on [novel's website](#). 20% of all book sales from [novel](#)—online and in person—will go back to Calvary! Both of these local booksellers appreciate your support.

This year's preaching series will also be live-streamed at noon, Wednesday through Friday, on [Calvary's Facebook page](#), [YouTube channel](#), and [website](#).

• THIS YEARS SPEAKERS



Paul Fromberg
Rector of St. Gregory of Nyssa
Episcopal Church in San Francisco
Thursday, March 6 at 12 p.m.



Peggy Jean Craig
Senior Pastor at Cumberland
Presbyterian Church of
Germantown in Germantown, TN
Friday, March 14 at 12 p.m.



Wil Gafney
Womanist biblical scholar and the
Professor at Brite Divinity School in
Fort Worth, TX
Friday, March 7 at 12 p.m.



Mihee Kim-Kort
Co-Pastor of First Prebyterian
Church in Annapolis, MD
Wednesday, March 19 p.m.



Ekundayo Bandele
Playwright and theater director in
Memphis, TN
Wednesday, March 12 at 12 p.m.



Nabil Bayakly
Arabic and Islamic Studies
professor at University of Memphis
and biology instructor at LeMoyne
Owen College in Memphis, TN
Thursday, March 20 at 12 p.m.



Jericho Brown
Author and Director of the Creative
Writing Program and professor at
Emory University in Atlanta, GA
Thursday, March 13 at 12 p.m.



Kat Gordon
Founder of Muddy's Bake Shop in
Memphis, TN
Friday, March 21 at 12 p.m.

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Jemar Tisby
Historian, author, podcast host, and professor of history at Simmons College of Kentucky in Louisville
Wednesday, March 26 at 12 p.m.



Lillian Lammers
Pastor at First Presbyterian in Downtown Memphis, TN
Thursday, March 27 at 12 p.m.



Earle Fisher
Senior Pastor of Abyssinian Baptist Church in Memphis, TN
Friday, March 28 at 12 p.m.



Barbara Brown Taylor
Episcopal priest, academic author; Clarkesville, GA
Wednesday, April 2 at 12 p.m.



Jeff Chu
Award-winning journalist, author, preacher and teacher
Thursday, April 3 at 12 p.m.



Dorothy Wells
Eleventh bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Mississippi
Friday, April 4 at 12 p.m.



Micah Greenstein
Senior Rabbi at Temple Israel, Memphis, TN
Wednesday, April 9 at 12 p.m.



Christopher Davis
President of LeMoyné-Owen College, Memphis, TN
Thursday, April 10 at 12 p.m.



Pádraig ÓTuama
Poet, peacemaker, storyteller, Ireland
Friday, April 11 at 12 p.m.

(Deacon Eugene Champion, continued)

Food Bank, Ms. Estelle Greer. Thus, the current food pantry came into being. During the Food Pantry's operation it had, under Deacon Eugene been awarded several honors at MSFB's annual meeting. These awards included: Soup Kitchen of the Year, Food Pantry of the Year, and Outstanding Agency of the Year.

Time and illness have unfortunately slowed Deacon Eugene down. Although no longer completely active in the church and the Food Pantry, he has not allowed End Stage Kidney Failure to keep him from continuing what the Lord wants him to do. He still cooks, along with his faithful and devoted team members, on the fourth Sunday for those in need. He is developing a group of up and coming chefs to take over the duties of feeding God's sheep. He still delivers the word but with help and having to sit to deliver the message.

His homily on Sunday ended with the thought that when someone comes to you in need, don't look for someone else to give them help or assistance or someone else to reach out to them. Don't look for someone else to tell them about the love of Jesus. Jesus has already sent them someone -- and that someone is you. For as scripture says, "whatsoever you do for the least, you do for me."

Waffle Shop

MARCH 6 – APRIL 11, 2025
WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY
11:00 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.

It's been 97 years since plates were piled up with waffles, chicken hash, and fish pudding at Calvary's first Waffle Shop in Lent of 1928. For all that's changed in our world since then, Memphians still stream to Calvary each year for these three dishes, as well as more "recent" additions such as shrimp mousse, tomato aspic, and Tennessee bourbon pie. Why some of these might not have been on the menu even as long as you've been alive! But Waffle Shop has become the ultimate annual comfort food for many, so we are pleased to let you know that it will be up and running again in 2025!

Dining is offered in person in the Mural Room on a first-come, first-served basis. Groups of 10+ can make reservations in advance by calling 901-525-6602. To-go meals will be offered.

PARISH NEWS



Bringing Lent to Life With CRS Rice Bowl

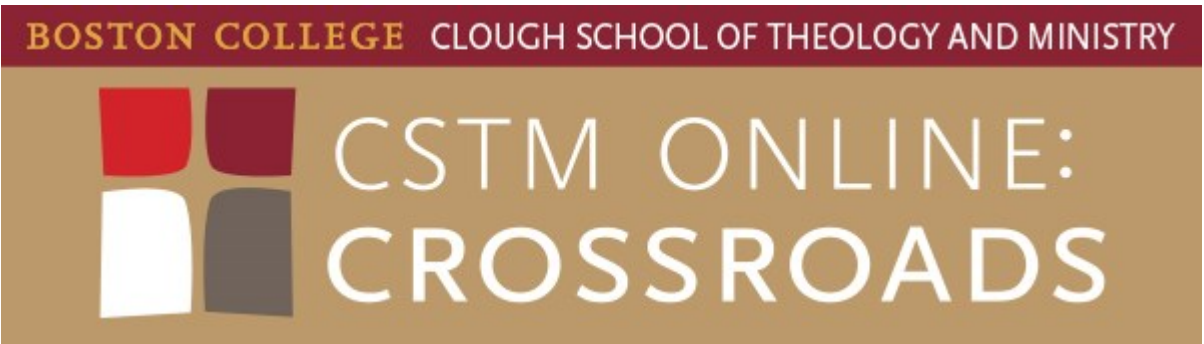
Fifty years ago, Catholics in Allentown, Pennsylvania, organized to bring help to families facing famine in Africa. That help came in the form of a small cardboard box, marking the beginning of “Operation Rice Bowl.” Today, as we celebrate CRS Rice Bowl’s 50th anniversary, the program is a tradition for millions of Catholics in the United States who continue to answer the Gospel call, supporting families experiencing hunger around the world.

Through CRS Rice Bowl, faith communities throughout the United States put their faith into action through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Lenten alms donated through CRS Rice Bowl support the work of CRS in more than 100 different countries, including our own.

CRS has already experienced cuts in services and is expecting more massive cuts — as much as 50% this year — because of the draconian reductions in U.S. foreign assistance ordered by the Trump administration. Please be generous.



Pick up your Rice Bowl today and return it on Holy Thursday.



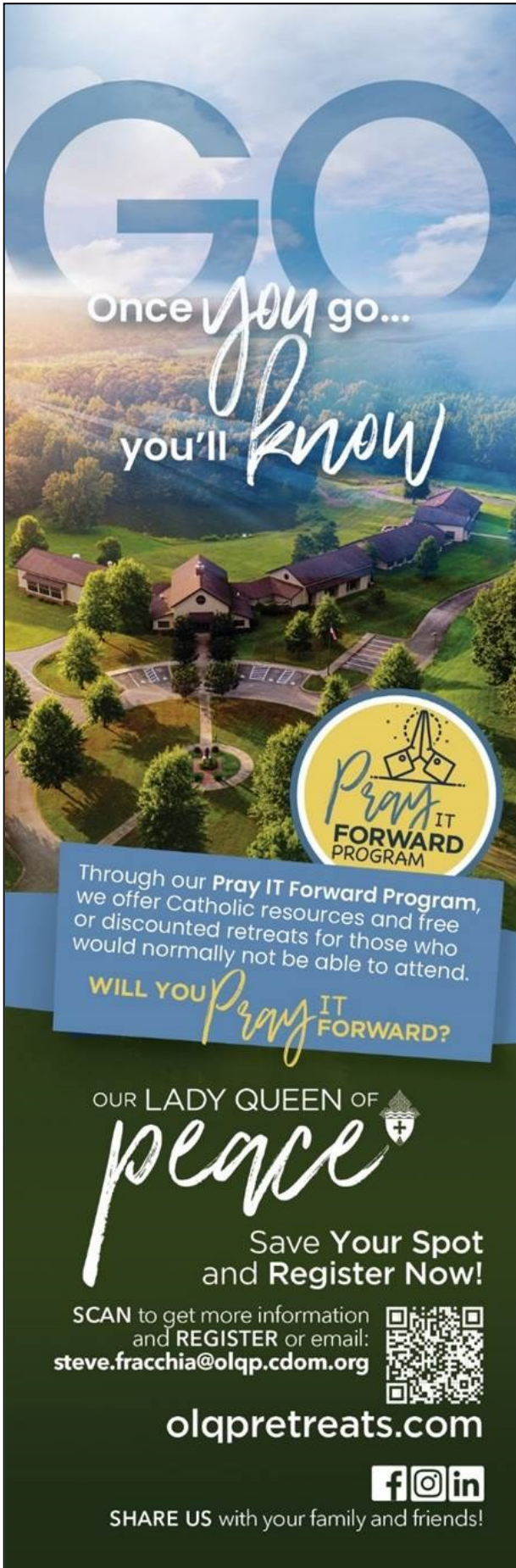
BLACK CATHOLIC SPIRITUALITY

Mar 12 - Apr 8 (\$30)

Explore the Black Catholic Christian experience in the United States. The course moves from the experience of enslaved believers to the current experience of Black Catholics. We find hope in the prophetic voices of US Black Catholics on the road to sainthood, particularly Sr. Thea Bowman. This course aims to bring light to the challenges and prejudices faced by Black Catholics, past and present, as well as the deep faith, prayer, and community that they bring to the global Church.


More Information and to Register Click Here or Enter www.tinyurl.com/bdfxw8y6

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2025 Upcoming Events

March

One:One SERIES

MARCH Fri. 7–Sun. 9

Lenten Retreat

Be part of our second annual Lenten retreat. Experience inspiring talks, delicious meals, and a peaceful opportunity to reflect, find serenity, and embrace the Lenten season.

Session 1: Fri. 7th (evening)–Sat. 8th (morning)

Session 2: Fri. 8th (evening)–Sat. 9th (morning)



April

APRIL Thurs. 10–Sun. 13

Silent Retreat

Start Thurs. or Fri. in preparation for Holy Week. Make Your Own Personal Meditative Retreat. No rules, no requirements. Attend daily Mass, Eucharistic adoration, or group prayer. Spiritual direction available including spiritual exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola option.



May

One:One SERIES

MAY Fri 9–Sun. 11

Prayer + Reflection

Join us for this time of prayer and reflection with Sister Mary Lawrence, O.P. and Fr. Mike Werkhoven. This retreat will treat you to delicious meals, and a peaceful opportunity to pause and find peace.

Session 1: Fri. 9th (evening)–Sat. 10th (morning)

Session 2: Fri. 10th (evening)–Sat. 11th (morning)



June

JUNE Fri. 6–Sun. 8

Come, Holy Spirit, Come!

We invite you to join us for a Pentacost Weekend Retreat with Paco Gavrilides from Franciscan University at Steubenville. This weekend will reignite the joy and passion of the Holy Spirit within you.



JUNE Fri. 13–Thur. 19

Family Stay-Cay

Pick from 1–6 nights for an enjoyable and budget-friendly family staycation. Enjoy daily Mass, prayer, Bible school (catechesis), campfires, movies, games, and tasty food. It's a great way to bond with family and refresh.



PARISH NEWS

February 16, 2025	8:30	11:00	5:15
Lector 1	Judy Bettice	Martha Cummings	Joe Catrambone
Lector 2	John Wigley	Marvin Stockwell	Nana Sintim-Damoa
EMHCs	Mike Stengel Susan Price Julie Long	Joe Birch Oneata Windler	Donna McLellan Louise Cayo
Cantor	Ann Miranda	John Killmar	Maria Torres
Musician	Diego Parra	Diego Parra	Diego Parra
Altar Servers	Gabe Burgess	Sofia Lesure	Mia Rodriguez
Sacristan	Tracy Burgess	Gemma Washington	Chuck Blackwell
Flowers	Brenda Somes		

February 23, 2025	8:30	11:00	5:15
Lector 1	Keith Schap		Louise Cayo
Lector 2	Julie Schap	Joe Birch	Anita Houk
EMHCs	Hugh Taylor Lauren Ready Kathleen Allos	Carol Mangiante	Jeanine Blackwell Shannon Curtis
Cantor	Rusty Ramsey	Maria Torres	Marisol Gonzales
Musician	Diego Parra	Diego Parra	Diego Parra
Altar Servers	John Korneliussen	Liam O'Connell	
Sacristan	Sharon Valente	Gene Mangiante	Chuck Blackwell
Flowers	Anna Holt Guthrie		

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Monday - Friday
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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.