





Founded 1866

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



Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time February 23, 2025

This Week: Samuel 26: 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Psalm 103; 1 Corinthians 15:45-49; Luke 6:27-38

Next Week: Sirach 27:4-7; Psalm 92; 1 Corinthians 15:54-58; Luke 6:39-45

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.



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.

Today's Psalm Response

Blessed are they who hope in (Psalm 103)

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

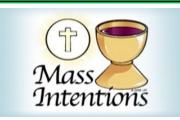
Can be done face-to-face or anonymously.

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 23, 8:30 am, +Colleen Mulroy for the 7th anniversay of her death by Bob and Sally Greene Feb 23, 11:00 am, +Adasia Zinselmeyer on the 5th anniversary of her death Feb 25, by Bob and Sally Greene

Feb 25, 5:15 pm, Intention for Joan Fullwood Feb 25, 5:15 pm, +Paulist Fathers

Feb 25, 5:15 pm, +Rustico Noblefranca, Sr.

Feb 28, 5:15 pm, +Harry Horner

Mar 2, 8:30 am, Intention for St. Patrick Parishioners

WEEKLY CALENDAR Feb 23 - Mar 2

Sunday, Feb. 23

- 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
- 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
- 1:00 pm, Health Clinic and Foot Care Clinic, Outreach Center
- 6:00 pm, Rescheduled Food for the Soul, Center

Tuesday, Feb 25

• 5:15 pm, Mass, Chapel

Wednesday, Feb 26

• 5:15 pm, Mass, Chapel

Thursday, Feb 27

- 5:15 pm, Mass, Chapel
- 5:45 pm, St. Patrick Choir Concert, Church

Friday, Feb 28

5:15 pm, Mass, Chapel

Sunday, Mar 1

- 8:30 am, 11:00 am, 5:15pm Masses
- 2nd Collection Outreach Center
- 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
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Thursday Due to Snow!

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Sunday, February 23, 6:00

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.

St. Patrick - Champion Outreach Center 2nd Collection March 2

Food Ministries: Food Pantry

Sunday Lunch Sack Lunches

Mobile Food Pantry

Health Ministry: Foot Care

Health Screening

Clothes Closet and Embers of Hope

Palms and Ashes

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 Sunday so bring your palm branches from last year

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, Floridia 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 Zinselmever (Sr. Margaret Ann Zinselmever's sisterin-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.





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

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 <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 or by Appointment

Worship Aids and Bulletins

www.stpatsmemphis.org click Communications

Dr. Andrea Nichols

by Tracy Burgess

I don't feel nearly qualified to write a reflection on Dr. Andrea Nichols knowing that many more parishioners knew her better and longer than I did. However, she will always be a part of the Burgess family and is one of the main reasons that we continued to come back to St. Patrick's.

The story goes that Gabe, our youngest, used to act up in church when he was probably 6 or 7 years old. One day, he was so upset with Josh and I that he army crawled under 4 pews only to get to the front row of the church and be greeted by Andrea who said "Gabriel, it's so nice to see you. Would you like to sit with me?" He sat next to her for most, if not all of the Mass. It was that day, that we knew we had found our church home.



She taught Jacob, Jonathan, and Jose how to be altar servers and had high expectations of them as young men. Standing in the front pew where other parishioners couldn't see her, she had a gentle way of encouragement as she would signal their next move if they were nervous on the altar. She also spurred Lucy to serve for a while telling her we needed a few more woman on the altar.

Her love and encouragement didn't stop with the kids. She taught me how to be a Sacristan and showed me how to be a better mom. Because of her professional experience in psychology, Josh and I could talk to her about some of our parenting struggles. She would also give me a big hug and tell me, "It's going to be ok baby girl."

In the earliest days, Gabe wasn't ready to be an altar server, so she made up the title of Jr. Sacristan. The first time he was an altar server was with Josh at her funeral.

When I hear a little one who is a little bit louder or more active than their parents would like them to be, I think of her. I always try to show support and find ways to help ease the parents' morning.

When I see a new altar server trying to remember their next steps, I think of her. I encourage them to look to look to Fr. Dexter for support. If you saw me at the end of 8:30 Mass a few weeks ago with Gabe, you know I missed the mark.

When I am meticulously washing and pressing the liturgical linens, I think of her. I'm asking for her prayers to help me find someone who can help Shannon and I with that task.

As I cry writing this entire reflection about her, knowing that I missed yet another Black History month session at church that she would have invited me to, I can feel her hug and her telling me "it will be ok baby girl."

Offertory Donations

February 9



Offertory \$ 5,429 Parish Giving ,3725 Outreach Center 185 Other

\$9,339

February 16

Offertory \$3,291 Parish Giving 3,900 Outreach Center 60

Other

Total \$7,251

Thank you for your generosity!

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









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





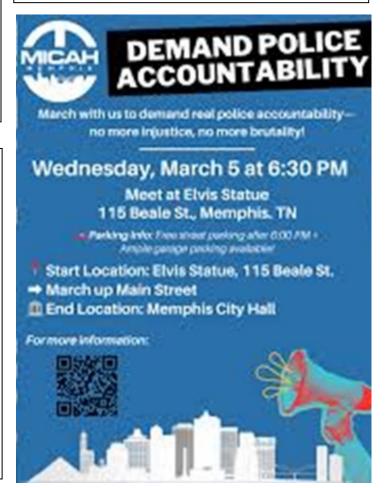
Sunday
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Youth Room
12:15 after
the 11am Mass

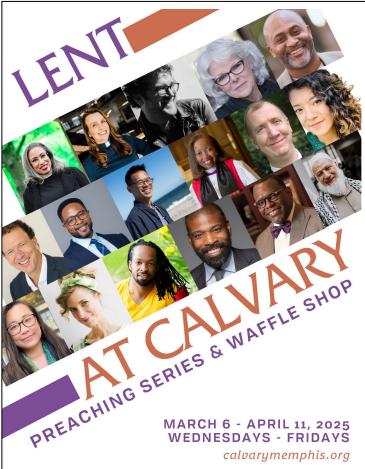
Join us for hot chocolate and goodies each week along with prayer and reflection.

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

Next Event: March 15, Bowling







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 livestreamed at noon, Wednesday through Friday, on <u>Calvary's Facebook page</u>, <u>YouTube</u> channel, and <u>website</u>.

THIS YEARS SPEAKERS



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



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



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



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



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



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 LeMoyne-Owen College, Memphis, TN Thursday, April 10 at 12 p.m.



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

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.



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 Catho-

lics 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.

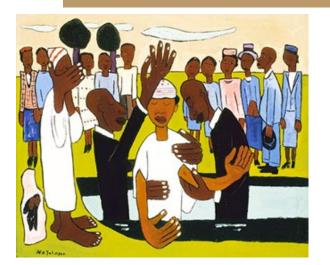


Pick up your Rice Bowl today and return it on Holy Thursday.



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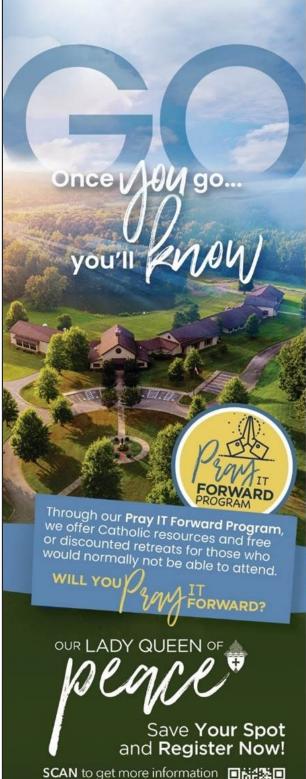


BLACK CATHOLIC SPIRITUALITY

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





2025 Upcoming Events

March

MARCH Fri. 7-Sun. 9

One: One series Lenten Retreat

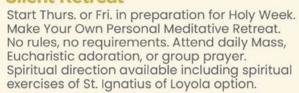


Be part of our second annual Lenten retreat. Experience inspiring talks, delicious meals, and a peaceful opportunity to reflect, find serenity, and embrace the Lenten season.

Session 1: Fri. 7th (evening)—Sat. 8th (morning) Session 2: Fri. 8th (evening)—Sat. 9th (morning)

April





May One: One series

MAY Fri 9-Sun. 11

JUNE Fri. 6-Sun. 8

Prayer + Reflection



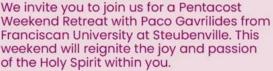
Join us for this time of prayer and reflection with Sister Mary Lawrence, O.P. and Fr. Mike Werkhoven. This retreat will treat you to delicious meals, and a peaceful opportunity to pause and find peace.

Session 1: Fri. 9th (evening)-Sat. 10th (morning) Session 2: Fri. 10th (evening)—Sat. 11th (morning)

June



Come, Holy Spirit, Come!





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.



olgpretreats.com



SHARE US with your family and friends!

and **REGISTER** or email:

steve.fracchia@olgp.cdom.org

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		

March 2, 2025	8:30	11:00	5:15
Lector 1	Mike Stengel	Debra Brittenum	Jeanine Blackwell
Lector 2	Sharon Valente	Chris Claude	Anita Houk
EMHCs	Del Stiner Susan Prince Scott Ready	Oneata Windler Kathleen Allos	Donna McLellan Louise Cayo
Cantor	Rusty Ramsey	Kevin Kimberly	Russell Moose
Musician	Diego Parra	Diego Parra	Diego Parra
Altar Servers	Dominic Spano	Avery Kjellin	
Sacristan	Tracy Burgess	Marlene Keenan	Chuck Blackwell
Flowers	Lent		

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Parish Office Hours Monday - Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm

Hannah Schultz

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.