



Founded 1866

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John 8:1-11

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



Third Sunday of Easter **May 4, 2025**

This Week: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Psalm 30; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19
Next Week: Acts 13:14, 43-52; Psalm 100; Revelation 7:9, 14b-17; John 10:27-30

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

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me. (Psalm 30)

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

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

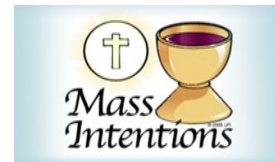
Can be done face-to-face or anonymously.

OCIA - A JOURNEY TO CATHOLICISM WHAT DO CATHOLICS BELIEVE?

Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Would you like to learn more about what the Roman Catholic Church believes?

We are currently meeting at 9:45am in the St. Brigid Room in the Rectory through June 8 and will resume our sessions in August (TBA). At that time, we will start talking about what the church believes and how the church worships and why. We welcome people who are unbaptized, baptized in a different Christian faith tradition, people who were baptized Catholic and were never confirmed, and anyone who is Catholic and is interested in participating during this time (approximately mid-August through November).

If you have questions about becoming Catholic, please call or email Sally Greene -- 901-483-3656 or sbg1220@aol.com.



May 4, 8:30 am, Hernandez Children Birthdays in May: Alfredo, Miguel, Aquilea, Pascun Hernandez and Daniel Alcazar Duenasil from the Hernandez and Alcazar family

Welcome!

Fr. Ernie de Blasio

WEEKLY CALENDAR May 4 - May 11

Sunday, May 4

- 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
- 1:00 pm, Soup Kitchen, Outreach Center

Tuesday, May 6

- NO Mass

Wednesday, May 7

- NO Mass

Thursday, May 8

- NO Mass

Friday, May 9

- NO Mass

Sunday, May 11

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Fr. Dexter is leading a pilgrimage in Greece, returning May 10.

There will be No 5:15 daily Masses this week.

Worship Aids and Bulletins

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

Pete Alfonso, Mary Baldwin, Fran Barendse, Ray Barker, Rosemary Batorski, Ray Berthiaume, Jane Marie Blackham, Sydney Bowers (Pamela Higgins' granddaughter), Antonio Bradshaw, Dick Brereton, Ricky Burnett, Terri Burns (Mary Ann Burns' daughter-in-law), Peggy Colturi (former parishioner, Pat Papachristou's sister), Andrew Carroll, David Carter (Rena 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, Wayne Fuller, Sean Garlick, Senait Gebreab, Stephen Golanka (Mary Evans' son), Pat

Gorney, Bob Greene, Thelia Green, Terry Greene Sr (Bob Greene's brother), Diane Griggs (Don Lawrence's daughter), Richard Grinder, Sr. Maureen Griner, Janis Habbaz, Diane Harder, Patrick Harkins, Lisa Harris (Bob Greene's sister), Pamela Higgins, Maureen Hough, Brian Huebner, Juanita Huff, Mary Huggins, 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), Jan-Blaise and Aggie Llew MacEachern (children of Brianna and Blaise MacEachern), 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), Kelly Townsend, 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, Lucy Winston (daughter of Karen Scott), Mary Wynn (Sharon Shea's mother), Bob Zawacki, 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.

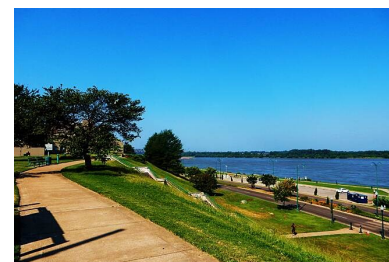


**Sunday
Afternoon
in the Center
Youth Room
12:15 after
the 11am Mass**

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.

Next Event:
Riverwalk
May 31



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



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CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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St. Patrick - Champion Outreach Center 2nd Collection TODAY

Food Ministries: Food Pantry
Sunday Lunch
Sack Lunches
Mobile Food Pantry

Health Ministry: Foot Care
Health Screening

Clothes Closet and Embers of Hope



Please join us for our
First-Tuesday-of-the-Month Potluck

6:30pm | Food, Fellowship, Prayer
7:00pm | Speaker | Marian Hall
Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

May 6, 2025:
Mary Hamlett

Vice President | MIFA
Metropolitan Inter-Faith Association:
Our Vision, Mission, and Values

Bring a dish if you can, but come anyway if not!

All are Welcome

Gay, Straight, Family, Friends, and
Allies of All Faiths & Cultures Welcome

Contact us for more info: CMGLP@ic.cdom.org

St. Patrick Community Outreach, Inc. MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

Saturday, May 17 at 8:30 am

St. Patrick Catholic Church

4th St. & Dr. Martin Luther King Ave

across from FedEx Forum



MUST HAVE PROOF OF ADDRESS & TRANSPORTATION

Contact: (901) 527-2542

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



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

Prayer and Care Ministry



The Prayer and Care Ministry will hold a prayer ritual on **Saturday, April 12 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.

PARISH NEWS

Pope Francis I

The thing that resonated with people about Pope Francis was his humility and his willingness to connect with people on the margins. More than mere admiration, people saw in those actions, a model of doing good and being good that they could emulate.

We are all created good. Our core trait is goodness, no matter how much wrong we choose to do. Goodness is inborn, unkillable, unsmotherable, resilient, durable and everlasting.

Even though the temptation to act out of selfishness is always there, we have the power to choose to act justly and compassionately.

That is what the pope modeled for us.

His personal goodness and willingness to connect with the marginalized was set against the backdrop of the power and grandeur of his office.

People saw him set much of that aside.

In doing so, he modeled the restraint that Jesus himself modeled. Jesus did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped. Instead he humbled himself, taking the form of a servant, washing the feet of the disciples, etc.

It's not that Pope Francis didn't use the power of his office, it's just not what people connected with the most. People saw in the pope a willingness to set aside the pomp and ceremony and traditional displays of importance to make time for people often ignored.

We have the same opportunity.

I host a podcast called Champions of the Lost Causes. On the show, I talk to people who are operating out of their in-born goodness to effect change in their communities.

Like the pope, they've found ways to set aside the traditional tendencies to pursue the hamster-wheel set of accomplishments that society holds up as ideal.

When people champion a cause big or small, they ignore the traditional success metrics and work toward a desire that is much deeper down, under mountains of ego-borne expectations that do not ultimately satisfy.

We want the world to be better for our having lived.

The world is better and the Church is better for Pope Francis having lived, and we love him because we see in him a model of how the best of us can express itself in our own lives.

I love the film Heavy Metal. In it, the Loch nar is a corrupting green glowing orb. In each of the film's vignettes, set in different time periods, the central figure falls under its corruptive control and chooses to be selfish and do evil. Because of that selfishness, people suffer great harm.

One person is able to resist, though, and the people he chooses not to rule over with might, instead, are able to breathe free.

The Loch nar of our daily temptation wants us to stay on the hamster wheel of power and prestige in this life that is passing away, but we each have the ability to resist that seductive lure and choose to use our limited power in this mortal life to help others. In doing so, we also help ourselves live lives that are satisfying on a deeper level.

When Pope Francis embraced the man with the face horribly disfigured by a genetic condition, our hearts were moved, because we saw a man invested with great power set that power and importance aside to embrace a man most people would pass by.

We have the same capacity, and that is why we love Pope Francis. We see in him the best of what we know lies in us. He has a large sphere of influence, which makes his surrendering it all the more noteworthy, but it is just as important when we do it.

When we set aside power and prestige and rely strictly on the power of self-emptying empathetic love, the redemption of the world and humanity takes another small but important step forward.

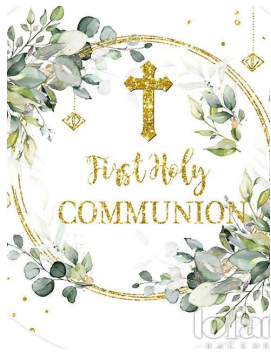
G.K. Chesterton once wrote, "The Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting. It has been found hard and left untried."

His observation is still more true than not, but I would argue that there are people trying to act out of their goodness to change the world. I see that in my podcast guests, in my daily life, in the work of my faith community, and I saw it and admired it in the life of Pope Francis.

- Marvin Stockwell

PARISH NEWS

First Communion



May 18

11:00 Mass

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



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! **2 Hours per Week** **Food Pantry**



Give out Groceries to Individuals and Families and Feed the Hungry

Contact Gene Mangiante
poppy@mangiante.com

Parish Library

You are invited to visit our parish library in the Annex

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



Please follow us on social media!
And check out our website:
www.stpatsmemphis.org



Annual Catholic Appeal

Feed the Sheep

If you have already made your pledge for the Annual Catholic Appeal for 2025,

THANK YOU!

If you have not,

Please return your ACA Pledge Cards

Our Parish Goal: \$43,050

Pledges to Date: \$29,270

Participation is 14% of our parish.

Offertory Donations



Offertory	\$2,778
Parish Giving	3,609
Outreach Center	365
Other	100
Total	\$7,370

Thank you for your generosity!

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**



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May 4, 2025	8:30	11:00	5:15
Lector 1	Judy Bettice	Debra Brittenum	Joe Catrambone
Lector 2	John Wigley	Marvin Stockwell	Nana Sintim-Damoa
EMHCs	Kate Pera Julie Long Julie Schaf	Stephanie Poje Carol Mangiante	Louise Cayo Jeanine Blackwell Donna McLellan
Cantor	Ann Miranda	Rusty Ramsey	Marisol Gonzales
Musician	Diego Parra	Diego Parra	Diego Parra
Altar Servers	Payton Spano	Liam O'Connell	
Sacristan	Shannon Curtis	Gene Mangiante	Chuck Blackwell
Flowers	Easter		

May 11, 2025	8:30	11:00	5:15
Lector 1	Lauren Ready	Oneata Windler	Louise Cayo
Lector 2	Sharon Valente	Martha Cummings	Jeanine Blackwell
EMHCs	Dell Stiner Susan Prince Tobia Fuller	Margaret Calicott Sally Greene Carol Mangiante	Donna McLellan Mathew Bowles Sharon Shea
Cantor	Sandy Heiss	John Killmar	Bill Gaudet
Musician	Diego Parra	Diego Parra	Diego Parra
Altar Servers	Gabe Burgess	Avery Kjellin	
Sacristan	Tracy Burgess	Connie Kjellin	Shannon Curtis
Flowers	Easter		

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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.