



*Founded 1866*

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John 8:1-11

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

# Are You Listening?

## ***Fourth Sunday of Easter*** **May 11, 2025**

This Week: Acts 13:14, 43-52; Psalm 100; Revelation 7:9, 14b-17; John 10:27-30  
Next Week: Acts 14:21-27; Psalm 145; Revelation 21:1-5a; John 13:31-33a, 34-35

### **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

***We are his people, the sheep of his flock. (Psalm 100)***

## 11am MASS



**Live streamed Every Sunday at**  
[www.bit.ly/StPatrickFacebook](http://www.bit.ly/StPatrickFacebook)

Worship Aid Available  
Readings and Music  
[www.stpatsmemphis.org](http://www.stpatsmemphis.org)  
Click on Communications



**Replayed on YouTube after 1:00 pm**  
[www.bit.ly/StPatrickYouTube](http://www.bit.ly/StPatrickYouTube)

## 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.

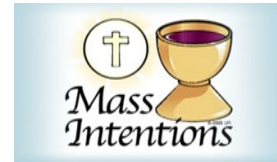
## OCIA - A JOURNEY TO CATHOLICISM WHAT DO CATHOLICS BELIEVE?

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

We will be meeting at 9:45 am on Sunday mornings May 11, 18, 25 and June 1 in the St. Brigid Room in the Rectory.

We welcome people who are unbaptized, baptized in another Christian faith tradition, and people who were baptized Catholic and never confirmed. Come and visit with us and bring your questions about the Catholic Church. We will take the rest of June and July off since people are often traveling and resume our Sunday morning meetings in August (date TBA).

If you have questions about becoming Catholic, please call or email Sally Greene -- 901-483-



May 15, 5:15 pm, Deceased members of the Hough and Bridges Families by Carolyn Bridges  
May 18, 11:00 am, +Francis J. Ippolita by Elizabeth O'Connell

## WEEKLY CALENDAR May 11 - May 18

### **Sunday, May 11 Mother's Day**

- 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

### **Tuesday, May 13**

- 5:15 pm, Mass, Chapel

### **Wednesday, May 14**

- 5:15 pm, Mass, Chapel

### **Thursday, May 15**

- 5:15 pm, Mass, Chapel

### **Friday, May 16**

- 5:15 pm, Mass, Chapel

### **Saturday, May 17**

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

### **Sunday, May 18**

- 8:30 am, 11:00 am, 5:15pm Masses
- 11:00 am Mass, First Communion
- 9:45 pm, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Atria
- 9:45 am, Sunday by Sunday Group, Braganza Rm
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## Worship Aids and Bulletins

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

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

**Oneata Windler**, 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 (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, 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), Evelynne 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, 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.

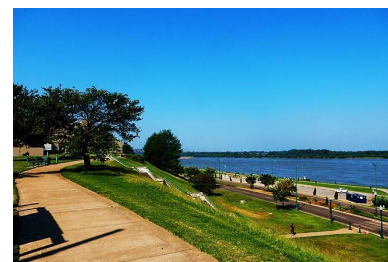


**Sunday  
Afternoon  
in the Center  
Youth Room  
12:15 after  
the 11am Mass**

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](mailto:ppapachr@cbu.edu)

**A Prayer Circle**

**Monday – Friday**

**9:00 a.m. for about 30 minutes**

Jan Kidder [jan.kidder62@gmail.com](mailto:jan.kidder62@gmail.com)

**Sunday by Sunday**

**Faith Sharing Group**

**Fridays 10:30 am - Noon on Zoom**

Louise Cayo 901-833-1506

Donna McLellan 901-210-8321

**Say Their Names**

**Wednesday mornings at 9:00 a.m.**

Linda Opiel [lindaopiel@comcast.net](mailto:lindaopiel@comcast.net)

Sandy Heiss [heisshouse@yahoo.com](mailto:heisshouse@yahoo.com)

Jan Kidder [jan.kidder62@gmail.com](mailto:jan.kidder62@gmail.com)

**Sunday by Sunday**

**Faith Sharing Group**

**Thursday, 10:30 - noon**

Judy Bettice

Call 901-327-8068 or text 901-216-7208



**st Patrick**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

## PARISH NEWS

### Prayer and Care Ministry

**NEW  
DATE!**

The Prayer and Care Ministry will hold a prayer ritual on **Saturday, May 24 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](mailto:hughtylr@yahoo.com).



### First Communion



**May 18**

**11:00 Mass**

*Marriah Burns*

*Khalynn Crull*

*Kylee Crull*

*Sophia Crull*

*María Clara Nobre Rocha*

*Owen O'Connell*



*Please join us in the  
Champion Outreach Center  
after Mass at the First  
Communicants Reception  
for cake and punch.*

### 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**

### Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

The last Atrium gathering for the 2024-2025 year is next Sunday, May 18.





### Habemus Papam! We Have a New Pope!



Pope Leo XIV was born Robert Francis Prevost in Chicago, Illinois. He is a member of the Order of Saint Augustine. He served in Peru in the 1980s and 90s as a pastor, diocesan official, seminary teacher, and administrator. He was elected Prior General of the Order of Saint Augustine from 2001 to 2013. He then returned to Peru as Bishop of Chiclayo (2015–2023). In 2023, Pope Francis appointed him Prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops and the president of the Pontifical Commission for Latin America, and created him a cardinal the same year.

It is being reported that he chose the name "Leo" to continue in the footsteps of Pope Leo XIII, who enshrined many Catholic Social Teaching teachings during his papacy. May I suggest reading the encyclical Rerum Novarum. Though it was published in 1891, it feels very relevant to labor and class struggle today. Many are seeing the current

Pope Leo's name choice as a good sign of not only the continuation of the legacy of Leo XIII, but also of Pope Francis.

I know we as a community have shared in a lot of complicated and negative news lately. The death of beloved Pope Francis, the change in leadership, the burning and loss of Clay-born Temple, and the Tyre Nichols verdict have all come swiftly since we celebrated the Resurrection on that first Sunday of Easter. I am not suggesting that we don't acknowledge and process our feelings. But I do ask that we look to the good that we have past, present, and future. On Sunday, May 18th at the 11am Mass, we will witness the First Holy Communion of six of our young folks: Marriah Burns, Khalyynn Crull, Kylee Crull, Sophia Crull, Maria Clara Nobre Rocha, and Owen O'Connell. Soon it will be Pentecost, when we will celebrate the birth of the Church and the continuing guidance and presence of the Holy Spirit!

In Ignatian Spirituality, we are called upon to reflect on consolations and desolations as a way to examine our lives and consciences. Consolations are times and experiences when we feel ourselves moving toward God and desolations get in the way of our connection with God. We can hold them both in tandem, but it is important that we acknowledge when the scales are tipped toward the negative and try to reconcile ourselves.\* We will not always be in one state or the other. Life on this Earth is a complicated thing. But let us remember our consolations when we are in the depths of our desolations.

Finally, let us pray for our new pope, Pope Leo XIV, using a prayer from EWTN:

#### **A prayer for the Pope**

Lord, source of eternal life and truth, give to your shepherd a spirit of courage and right judgment, a spirit of knowledge and love. By governing with fidelity those entrusted to his care, may he, as successor to the Apostle Peter and Vicar of Christ, build your Church into a sacrament of unity, love and peace for all the world. Amen.

V/ Let us pray for the Pope.

R/ May the Lord preserve him, give him a long life, make him blessed upon the earth, and not hand him over to the power of his enemies.

V/ May your hand be upon your holy servant.

R/ And upon your son, whom you have anointed.

Our Father ... Hail Mary ... Glory Be ...

# PARISH NEWS

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



## Offertory Donations



Offertory	\$4,516
Parish Giving	3,266
Outreach Center	1,162
Other	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,944</b>

*Thank you for your generosity!*



<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**



## Parish Library

You are invited to visit our parish library in the Annex

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



## Annual Catholic Appeal

### Feed the Sheep

**If you have already made your pledge for the Annual Catholic Appeal for 2025,  
THANK YOU!**

**We're almost to our goal!**  
If you have not yet made a pledge, please prayerfully consider doing so.

**Our Parish Goal: \$43,050**

**Pledges to Date: \$31,815**

Participation is 19% of our parish.

# WE ARE HIRING



### ASSISTANT GUIDE

STBMS is seeking a passionate and motivated individual to join our team in June! Scan below or visit us online to learn more.

To apply, send your resume and cover letter to [info@stbms.org](mailto:info@stbms.org).



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



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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	Diego Parra
Musician	Diego Parra	Diego Parra	Carmen Lemos-Gonzalez
Altar Servers	Gabe Burgess	Avery Kjellin	
Sacristan	Tracy Burgess	Connie Kjellin	Shannon Curtis
Flowers	Easter		

May 18, 2025	8:30	11:00	5:15
Lector 1	Keith Schap	Lauren Ready	Linda Jackson
Lector 2	Julie Schap	Scott Ready	Anita Houk
EMHCs	Kate Pera Dell Stiner Mike Stengel	Julie Long Chris Claude	Allison Samisch Sharon Shea Donna McLellan
Cantor	Ann Miranda	Kevin Kimberly	Russell Moose
Musician	Diego Parra	Diego Parra	Diego Parra
Altar Servers	John Wigley	Liam O'Connell	
Sacristan	Shannon Curtis	Gemma Washington	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.