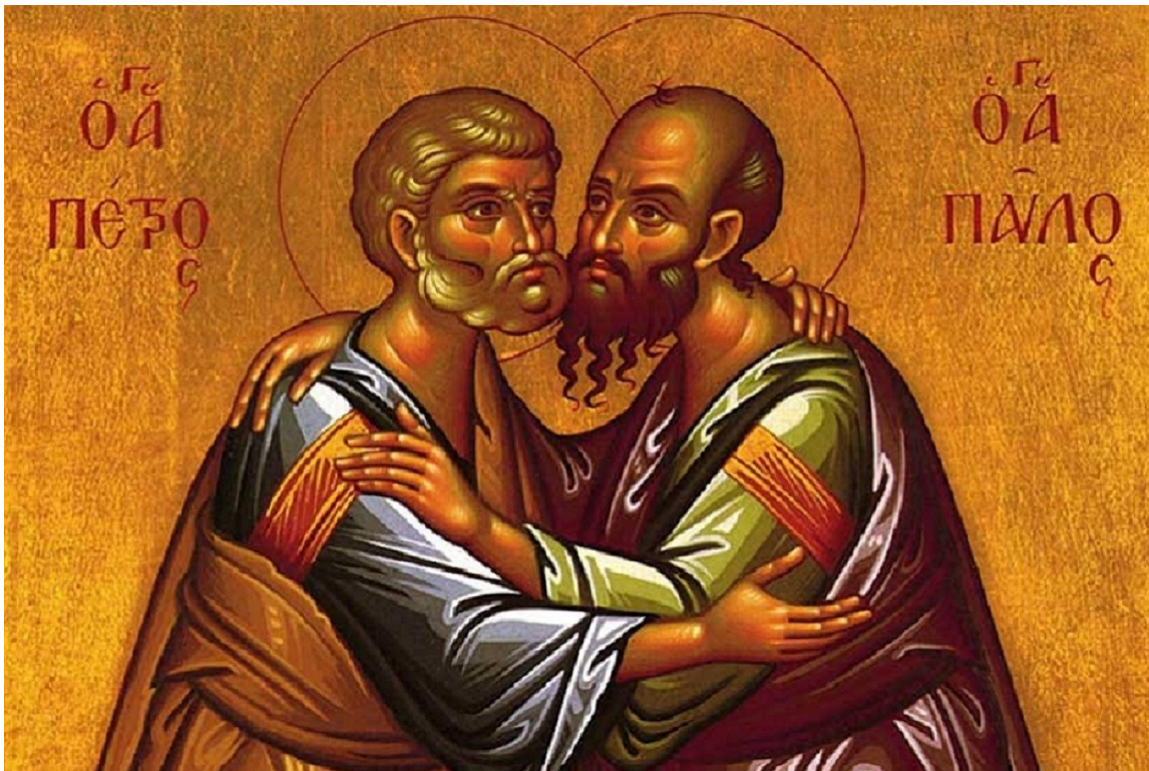




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Founded 1866

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



## ***Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul*** **July 6, 2025**

This Week: Acts 12:1-11; Psalm 34; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18; Matthew 16:13-19

Next Week: Isaiah 66:10-14c; Psalm 66; Galatians 6:14-18; Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

### **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

*The angel of the Lord will rescue those who fear him. (Psalm 34)*

## 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 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.

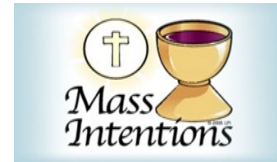
We will take the rest of June and July off since people are often traveling and resume our Sunday morning meetings in August (date TBA).

If you have questions about becoming Catholic, please call or email Sally Greene -- 901-483-3656 or [sbg1220@aol.com](mailto:sbg1220@aol.com).



## Worship Aids and Bulletins

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



Jun 29, 8:30 am, +Ed Garavelli on the 8th anniversary of his death June 26 by Jerri Garavelli  
Jun 29, 11:00 am, +Kali Marie Moore, by Deacon James and Margaret Calicott

## WEEKLY CALENDAR Jun 29 - Jul 6

### Sunday, Jun 29

- 8:30 am, 11:00 am, 5:15pm Masses
- 9:45 am, Sunday by Sunday Group, Braganza Rm
- 11:00 am Mass live streamed on Facebook
- 12:00 pm, Farewell Reception, Outreach Center

### Tuesday, Jul 1

- 5:15 pm Mass, Chapel

### Wednesday, Jul 2

- 5:15 pm Mass, Chapel

### Thursday, Jul 3

- 5:15 pm Mass, Chapel

### Friday, Jul 4 Independence Day

- NO 5:15 pm Mass
- Office Closed

### Sunday, Jul 6

- 8:30 am, 11:00 am, 5:15pm Masses
- 9:45 am, Sunday by Sunday Group, Braganza Rm
- 11:00 am Mass live streamed on Facebook
- 1:00 pm, Soup Kitchen, Outreach Center

## Offertory Envelopes



The 2025 - 2026 boxed offertory envelopes are available for pick up in the back of the church.

## Volunteer Opportunity

We need people to sit at the desk in the Parish Office to answer the phone and handle the parking lot access and visitors until a new Office Manager is hired. Any hours you can spare are appreciated. If you are interested, please contact Shannon at: [Shannon.Curtis@stpat.cdom.org](mailto:Shannon.Curtis@stpat.cdom.org) or 901-308-6831



# PARISH NEWS

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

Bob Ready (Scott Ready's father), 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, Gary Douglas (Marlene Douglas Keenan's brother), Mateo Duarte, Bryan Duffel, Sue Ann Duffy, Dot Eubanks, 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, Floridia 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, Oneata Windler, 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.



## 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

 **CATHOLIC MINISTRY**  
WITH GAY & LESBIAN PERSONS

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

**July 1, 2025:**

**Recap & Reflections**

*... from our 20th Anniversary Celebration!*

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](mailto:CMGLP@ic.cdom.org)

## PARISH NEWS

### *What does your Support of the St Patrick-Champion Outreach Center Provide?*

#### Sunday Gatherings:

Donuts and coffee served after Mass on Sunday.  
"More Than a Meal" – Sit-down lunch every Sunday at 1 PM. (60-75 people)  
"Sunday by Sunday" faith discussions held weekly in the Braganza Room.  
Youth Ministry meets Sunday (and additional days) in a dedicated youth room.  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Champion Breakfast

#### Health Services:

Monthly Health Clinic provided by the Filipino Nurses Association.  
Monthly Foot Clinic held on 4th Sunday afternoon

#### Weekly Support Services (Tues–Thurs, 1:00–2:30 PM):

Food Pantry open for community members. (200 families per month)  
Clothes Closet available during food pantry hours. (approx. 250 visits /month)  
Hot Lunches prepared and served

#### Special Events & Holidays:

- Parish Meals hosted on:
  - St. Patrick's Day
  - Feast of the Assumption
  - All Saints Day
- Holiday Food Baskets (100 baskets each with turkeys) distributed for:
  - Thanksgiving
  - Christmas
- Embers of Hope//Coat Drive
- Repasts (funeral meals) provided for parish families in the Center.
- Monthly Mobile Food Pantry (serves 400) on MLK Blvd  
(Center Pays for food, lot rental & tents)

#### Staff Presence:

- Houses Music Director Office in the Outreach Center.

***Thank you Parish for your Time-Talents and Financial Support***  
***Thank you, Father Dexter, for your Vision and Guidance***

**St. Patrick - Champion  
Outreach Center  
2nd Collection  
NEXT SUNDAY**



## PARISH NEWS

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



### Offertory Donations



Offertory	\$1,956
Parish Giving	2,960
Outreach Center	570
Other	20
Total	\$5,506

*Thank you for your generosity!*



Please follow us on social media!  
And check out our website:  
[www.stpatsmemphis.org](http://www.stpatsmemphis.org)



### Parish Library

You are invited to visit our parish library in the Annex

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



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**



*Farewell Reception  
for Fr. Dexter  
and  
Julie Boland*

*June 29th  
St Patrick-Champion Outreach  
after 11 AM MASS  
Lunch including a  
Filipino twist  
Please bring a dessert*

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

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



**st Patrick**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

# AROUND THE DIOCESE

## A Message from Pope Leo XIV

Brothers, sisters...

I speak to you, especially to those who no longer believe, no longer hope, no longer pray, because they think God has left.

To those who are fed up with scandals, with misused power, with the silence of a Church that sometimes seems more like a palace than a home.

I, too, was angry with God.

I, too, saw good people die, children suffer, grandparents cry without medicine.

And yes... there were days when I prayed and only felt an echo.

But then I discovered something:

God doesn't shout. God whispers.

And sometimes He whispers from the mud, from pain, from a grandmother who feeds you without having anything.

I don't come to offer you perfect faith.

I come to tell you that faith is a walk with stones, puddles, and unexpected hugs.

I'm not asking you to believe in everything.

I'm asking you not to close the door. Give a chance to the God who waits for you without judgment.

I'm just a priest who saw God in the smile of a woman who lost her son... and yet she cooked for others.

That changed me.

So if you're broken, if you don't believe, if you're tired of the lies...

come anyway. With your anger, your doubt, your dirty backpack.

No one here will ask you for a VIP card.

Because this Church, as long as I breathe, will be a home for the homeless, and a rest for the weary.

God doesn't need soldiers.

He needs brothers.

And you, yes, you...

are one of them.

Robert Prevost (Leo XIV)





# PARISH NEWS

June 29, 2025	8:30	11:00	5:15
Lector 1	Dell Stiner	Aiden Burgett	Louise Cayo
Lector 2	Mike Stengel	Rodney Schmitz	Donna McLellan
EMHCs	Pat Papachristou Susan Prince Hugh Taylor	Oneata Windler Chris Claude Margaret Calicott	Jeanine Blackwell Allison Samisch Shannon Curtis
Cantor	Rusty Ramsey	Maria Torres	Matthew Bowles
Musician	Diego Parra	Andrew Geraci Diego Parra	Diego Parra
Altar Servers	Dominic Spano	Liam O'Connell Sofia Lesure	Julie Killmar
Sacristan	Sharon Valente	Marriah Burns	Chuck Blackwell
Flowers	Delia Molinski		

July 6, 2025	8:30	11:00	5:15
Lector 1	Judy Bettice	Debra Brittenum	Joe Catrambone
Lector 2	John Wigley	Marvin Stockwell	Nana Sintam-Dimoa
EMHCs	Mike Stengel Julie Long Julie	Stephanie Poje Carolo Mangiante	Louise Cayo Jeanine Blackwell Donna McLellan
Cantor			
Musician			
Altar Servers	Payton Spano	Liam O'Connell	
Sacristan	Shannon Curtis	Gene Mangiante	Chuck Blackwell
Flowers			

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 Verna Hawkins – Housekeeping

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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.