



Saint Patrick Parish

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And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.

Luke 2:19



HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY MASS

Saturday Vigil - 5:00 pm
Sunday - 9:00 am

HOLY DAYS

As Announced

WEEKDAY MASS

8:00 am Monday, Tuesday
6:00 pm Wednesday
8:00 am Thursday, Friday, Saturday

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Sundays: 8:00-8:45 am Saturdays: 4:00-4:45pm
Also by appointment

**24 HR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
AND 7 PM PENANCE SERVICE
FRIDAY, JANUARY 6**

New to the Parish? Welcome! To register as a parishioner of St. Patrick Church, please contact the Parish Office.

Are you Connected? If you would like to sign up for our phone tree, which offers updates on Mass changes etc., please contact the Parish Office.

Sacrament of Matrimony: Church law directs that Catholics receive marriage preparation and be married in the Church. Please contact the office at least four months prior to the wedding. Advent and Lent are Penitential Seasons; weddings are discouraged during these seasons.

Sacrament of Baptism: Baptism should take place A.S.A.P. following birth. Expectant parents should contact the office for baptismal preparation.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick: Anyone in danger of death from illness or old age should receive this sacrament. Please inform Father Michael of any parishioners who are seriously ill.

Religious Education (CCD):

Is available for Grades Pre-K - 8. 10:30 am on Sunday during the school year.

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SAINT PATRICK, MCEWEN

RCIA SESSIONS

As we get ready to celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, let us recall our own Baptism. We all received the call to go and baptize all nations. Pray for those who are considering if they too are ready to renounce Satan and all his works and empty promises. If there is someone you think would like to explore what Baptism in the Catholic faith means, ask him or her to contact Alyssa Ginter.

THIS WEEK:

Please join us for refreshments this Wednesday, January 4 at 7pm as we look into Holy Communion. We'll meet in the Teen Hall, and all are welcome. If you'd like more information, contact Alyssa Ginter.

YOUTH GROUP

Our next meeting will be Sunday, January 15 from 6:30-8:30 PM. 7th-12th Grade.

SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

An excerpt from the Homily of His Holiness Pope Francis during Holy Mass on the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God XLVIII World Day of Peace, 1-1-15

"Today we are reminded of the words of blessing which Elizabeth spoke to the Virgin Mary: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me?" (Lk 1:42-43).

"This blessing is in continuity with the priestly blessing which God had given to Moses to be passed on to Aaron and to all the people: "The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace" (Num 6:24-26). In celebrating the Solemnity of Mary Most Holy, the Holy Mother of God, the Church reminds us that Mary, more than anyone else, received this blessing. In her the blessing finds fulfilment, for no other creature has ever seen God's face shine upon it as did Mary. She gave a human face to the eternal Word, so that all of us can contemplate him."

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FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration will follow 8 am Mass on Friday, January 6th and will close with Benediction on Saturday at 7:45 am. There will be a penance service at 7:00 PM on Friday. Please contact Jamie Epley if you are interested in spending an hour with our Lord or if you are unable to keep your hour this month. All are welcome to visit our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament during this time!



ALTAR FLOWERS

Please call the office if you would like to purchase Altar flowers for the next First Friday Eucharistic Adoration.

PILGRIMAGE TO JORDAN AND ISRAEL

Pray at the place Jesus was born. Look out over the Holy Land from the same place Moses did before he died. Go to Mass at the very spot Jesus died and rose from the dead.

The Office of Adult Formation is headed to Jordan and Israel in August of next year.

This is a pilgrimage you will never forget. Space is limited, so email Joan Watson at joan.watson@dioceseofnashville.com for more information or head over to TheCatholicTraveler.com for the itinerary, cost information, and other important details. Find it under, "Pilgrimage to the Holy Land(s) with the Diocese of Nashville."

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

POSTER CONTEST

Congratulations to Elizabeth Harbison for winning in her 5-6 Grade Division!



SOLEMINITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, YEAR ABC. #926

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

VINCENTIAN MEDITATION

Today is the feast of Mary, Mother of God. Like Mary may we always treasure the events in our life and reflect on them in our heart.

Please remember to support the society of St. Vincent de Paul in 2017 so that together we can continue to bring comfort and peace to our brothers and sisters who are poor and suffering. May you have peace and joy in the New Year!

FOOD DRIVE VOLUNTEERS

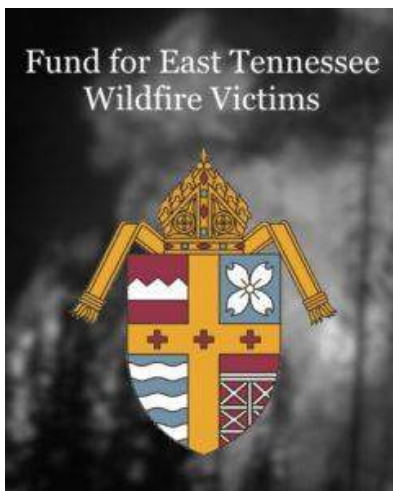
The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is asking for volunteers to help pass out food. Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month we have a perishable food route at St. Patrick's. Please arrive at 12:00 (noon) & join your fellow parishioners to help with this ministry. January 10th & 24th. Thank you.

FOOD FOR THE MONTH

For the month of January we are asking for food donations of various canned fruits and pasta. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a Second Collection this weekend for the victims of the wildfires in East TN. This will assist the Diocese of Knoxville in helping as many affected Hispanic families as possible who lack everything and are not eligible for government assistance.



PARISH COUNCIL

There will be a Parish Pastoral Council Meeting on Monday, January 3rd at 7:00 PM. We will meet in the Teen Hall, and all members of the Parish are encouraged and welcome to come observe our meetings.



DATE	12/31	1/1	1/7	1/8
LECTOR	Erin Ginter	Lynn Frost	Lou Lomber	Terry Coleman
EMOHC	Wade Garmon	Mary Chaney	Tom Powers	Kathy Brewster
	James Ginter	Vicki James	Cathy Abou-Sakher	Vince Brewster
		Dan Cesario		William Minnis

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

JANUARY 1, 2017

SOLEMINITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

"And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." Luke 2:19

Mary is the perfect role model for living a stewardship lifestyle. She listened to God and said "yes" to His invitation to be the Holy Mother of His son. She also trusted in the God's providence on a daily basis. As we start a new year, take time every day to listen to how God is calling you; trust that He has a better plan for you than you could ever imagine.

Last Sunday's Collection: \$4,449.00
 Needed Each Week: \$3,700.00
 For the week : Over Budget \$749.00
 Year to date: Under Budget (\$ 8,589.67)
 Last Sunday's Attendance: 100

PRAYER INTENTIONS

***FOR THE HEALTH & RECOVERY OF PARISH FAMILY:** Lisa Smith, Helen Nichols, Donna Zuercher, Joe Sheehy, Peggy Hooper, W.L. (Moe) Needham, Frances Granis, Christopher Proctor, Nicole Moore, James Citro, Lester Collier, Tatum Wilson, Mary Tarp, Tom Powers, Judy Smith, Jane Sparks, Harley Grebner, Vince Richardson, Dennis Claude, Anthony Holland, Walter Holland, Mary Lomber, George Kindred, Ralph Harbison, Asa Smith

***FOR THOSE IN THE NURSING HOMES:** Humphreys County Nursing Home-Joyce Whitaker.

***FOR THOSE ON ACTIVE DUTY IN THE MILITARY:** Marc White, Buford Rachford, Miguel Martinez, Mitch Lagan, Jim Coleman, Jonathan Bourke, Brandt Strickland, Wiley Barnes, Raymond Schneider, Jesse B. James II, Collin Trout.

***SEMINARIANS:** Josh Bertram, Rev. Mr. Joe Fessenden, Anh Tuan Phan, Anthony Stewart.

***FOR ALL OF OUR OTHER PRAYER INTENTIONS:** Peggy Wallace, all who are served by the SVDP Society, Ray Masen, Jason Lagan, Katherine Perigo, Earl Wright, Gregg Spickard, Betsy Hickman, Michiko Eberle, Tina Cooley, Murphy Copeland, Faye Walsh, Norma Ross, Irene Tyler, Pauline Powers, Mary Brewer Wills, John Matlock, Austin O'Neil, Mary Garber, Jim Sharp, Leigh Ann Brassfield, Wilburn Forrester, Cheryl Brooks, Kennedy Porch, Winston Rafael Plaza, Neldean Tarp, Fambrough, Henrietta Lodner, Virginia & Raymond Zuercher, Robert Carter, Frank Farr, Dave Gregory, Leroy Collier. Stacey Tummins, Susan Hooper, Margaret James, Seth Bandy & Family, William Johnson, Jean Mallory, Leonard Brewster.

Weekly Calendar of Events

JANUARY SACRISTANS: Karen Fuller, Shirley McClannahan, Laura Ross, Darby Lansford

Bulletin announcements must be submitted by Noon on Wednesday to be in the upcoming Sunday publication.

<p>Sunday January 1: Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God Nm 6:22-27 Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21</p>	<p>9:00 am Mass for Father Joe Kuchar NO CCD</p>
<p>Monday, January 2: 1 Jn 2:22-28 PS 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 Jn 1:19-28</p>	<p>8:00 am Mass for Patricia Roberts + Church Offices & School Closed</p>
<p>Tuesday, January 3: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6 PS 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6 Jn 1:29-34</p>	<p>8:00 am Mass for John Peeler + 7:00 pm Parish Council</p>
<p>Wednesday, January 4: 1 Jn 3:7-10 PS 98:1, 7-8, 9 Jn 1:35-42</p>	<p>6:00 pm Mass for Special Intention 7:00 pm RCIA</p>
<p>Thursday, January 5: 1 Jn 3:11-21 PS 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 Jn 1:43-51</p>	<p>8:00 am Mass for Neil Wilson +</p>
<p>Friday, January 6: 1 Jn 5:5-13 PS 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 MK 9:6</p>	<p>8:00 am Mass for Sister Mary Grace 24 Hour Adoration 7:00 pm Penance Service</p>
<p>Saturday, January 7: 1 Jn 5:14-21 Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5, 6a & 9b Jn 2:1-11</p>	<p>7:45 am Benediction 8:00 am Mass 4:00 pm Confession 4:30 pm Rosary 5:00 pm Mass for Lucy Peeler</p>
<p>Sunday January 8: Epiphany of the Lord Is 60:1-6 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12</p>	<p>8:00 am Confession 8:30 am Rosary 9:00 am Mass for St. Patrick Parish 10:30 am CCD</p>



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