



Saint Patrick Parish

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*Then Jesus said,
"I came into this world
for judgment,
so that those who do not
see might see,
and those who do see
might become blind."*

-John 9:39



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
AS ANNOUNCED**

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

WHAT ARE THE SCRUTINIES?

These Rites are celebrated to help deliver the elect from the power of sin and Satan, to protect them against temptation, and to give them strength in Christ, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. The Rites of Scrutiny are meant to uncover, and then heal, all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the elects' hearts and to bring out through repentance all that is upright, strong, and good. They will be celebrated on the 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays in Lent. The readings for these Sundays offer powerful images of surrender, sin, conversion, faith, and healing. In our faith journey with those seeking Baptism, we must stir our souls, as if they were dying campfires, to expose any parts of ourselves that have not been purified by the burning love of the Holy Spirit.

INQUIRY IN THE FAITH

Help bring to the Light those who no longer want to walk in darkness. Invite those who have never been baptized or who have been baptized in a non-Catholic Christian tradition, as well as adult Catholics who have not been confirmed, to the next inquiry session - Wednesday, March 29 in the Teen Hall at 7pm. For more information, contact Alyssa Ginter.

SAVE THE DATE:

TOTUS TUUS

Diocesan Summer Youth Program
July 9-14, Grades 1 -12
At St. Patrick Church



A Testimony for Totus Tuus by St. Patrick Parishioner & Seminarian, Anthony Stewart

Totus Tuus is perhaps the best Catholic summer program there is for youth. The program exposes to young people the joy that is found in our Catholic Faith. I emphasize 'joy' because the program allows the youth of our parish to see other young people living out their lives in a joyful way. It is infectious! The program is lead by four young vibrant college age students, and they teach the Truths of our faith in a convincing way because they themselves are living it. I myself, after having been a participant and a missionary, continue to reap the fruits of the program. I would strongly encourage any young people in our parish to take part in the program this summer. You will surely be enriched, and find that the Catholic faith is the passage to a life of joy.

DIACONATE ORDINATION

PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

Attend Anthony Stewart's Ordination

September 21st – October 1st, 2017 The Office of Adult Formation will be taking another pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi. This will include the ordination of our seminarian, Anthony Stewart to the diaconate in St. Peter's Basilica. Spots are filling quickly! More details are available at thecatholictraveler.com or contact Joan Watson at joan.watson@dioceseofnashville.com

CEMETERY CLEAN UP

Cemetery committee members, parishioners, and the SVDP are asked to please come help clean up the cemetery. Please bring rakes and other equipment that may make the job a little easier. (We will be picking up branches, flowers, etc.) April 5th at 9:00am-(?) Drinks and snacks will be provided.



YOUTH GROUP

We will be meeting next Sunday, April 2nd, starting with Vespers in the church at 6:30 pm. 7-12 Grade. Join us to fill Easter eggs on Monday, April 10.

MINISTRY FAIR MARCH 25TH & 26TH

The PPC will be hosting a Ministry Fair after Masses March 25th & 26th.

Lent is a great time to pray, reflect, & discern how to best use your time, treasure & talents.

St. Patrick's Ministries and Committees will be there to display, share & welcome you to join. Our Parish is blessed to have diverse opportunities to serve and be drawn closer to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

The PPC also welcomes suggestions for new Ministries/Committees/Prayer Study Groups. We are here to help you get started and connect you with others who share your interests.

Please contact Julianna Chaney, Jamie Epley or any PPC member for more information.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A. #942

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

VINCENTIAN MEDITATION

In today's Gospel Jesus gives sight to the blind man. Through grace we are also transformed from not seeing to seeing and then Jesus sends us to help others see and to believe.



This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist many families, with food, utilities, rent and much more.

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.
Next Food Drive: March 28th

FOOD FOR THE MONTH

For the month of March we are asking for food donations of various juices and dried potatoes. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

LENTEN SEASON

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays during Lent at 7 PM,
Confession following



SUNDAY EVENING PRAYER

Join us for Vespers at 6:30 PM in the church every Sunday during Lent. "Liturgy of the Hours" books are also provided.

PENANCE SERVICE

St. Patrick's, McEwen Mon. April 3rd at 7 PM
Prior to the Penance Service, there will be a Potluck Supper in the Teen Hall beginning at 5:30. Please join and welcome the visiting priests.

EGG HUNT DONATIONS

Donations of candy are needed for an Egg Hunt following Easter Sunday Mass at 9 am. Please bring candy to the church office by Sunday, April 9th so we can start filling the eggs.

ALTAR FLOWERS

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

CRS RICE BOWL

Rice Bowl Return Date: March 26

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

KNIGHT'S BREAKFAST

Join us for breakfast in the cafeteria after 9 AM Mass today. The Knights will be serving sausage, eggs & Mrs. Helen's homemade biscuits. Free of charge, donations welcome.

MEATLESS DINNER

The Knights will be hosting a meatless dinner on Friday, March 31 in the Activity Center, from 5:30-7:00 pm. All are invited! This dinner is also free of charge, but donations are welcome.
(Stations of the Cross at 7pm)



DATE	3/25	3/26	4/1	4/2
LECTOR	Erin Ginter	Laura Ross	Lou Lomber	Terry Coleman
EMoHC	James Ginter	Mary Chaney	Tom Powers	Kathy Brewster
	Wade Garmon	Vick James	Cathy Abou-Sakher	Vince Brewster
		Dan Cesario		Dan Cesario

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

MARCH 26, 2017: 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

"Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart."

1 SAMUEL 16:7

How often do we invest our time, talent and treasure in creating an appearance that does not matter at all to God? We strive to impress with our clothing, home, career, possessions, car and other marks of distinction. But none of these illusions of greatness will impress God. Instead, He will look into our hearts to see how much we loved Him, how much we loved others and how we showed that love by the way we used our time, talents and treasure here on earth.

Last Sunday's Collection: \$3,697.00
 Needed Each Week: \$3,700.00
 For the week : Under Budget (\$954.75)
 Year to date: Under Budget (\$ 7,452.82)
 Last Sunday's Attendance: 213

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, George Kindred, Ralph Harbison, Weston Wilson

***FOR THOSE IN THE NURSING HOME:** Humphrey's County—T.P. Mathai

***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, Murphy Copeland, Norma Ross, Irene Tyler, Pauline Powers, Mary Brewer Wills, John Matlock, Austin O'Neil, Mary Garber, Jim Sharp, Leigh Ann Brassfield, Cheryl Brooks, Winston Rafael Plaza, Neldean Tarp, Fambrough, Henrietta Lodner, Virginia & Raymond Zuercher, Frank Farr, Leroy Collier. Stacey Tummins, Susan Hooper, William Johnson, Jean Mallory, Leonard Brewster, David Hardison, Donna Kilburn, Gail Smith, Danny Warden, Justin Walton, Gene Pigg, Garcia Family, Ana Batista, Chuck Williams, Dorsey & Nellie Burch Becky Burdette, Patty Collier.

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Weekly Calendar of Events

APRIL SACRISTANS: Carolyn Hooper, Angel Cross, Rita Miano, Jennifer Richardson, Janice Polly.

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

<p>Sunday, March 26: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Eph 5:8-14 Jn 9:1-41</p>	<p>8:00 am Confession 8:30 am Rosary 9:00 am Mass for Tom Needham + K of C Breakfast Ministry Fair 10:30 am CCD</p>
<p>Monday, March 27: Is 65:17-21 Ps 30:2 & 4, 5-6, 11-12a & 13b Jn 4:43-5</p>	<p>8:00 am Mass for Sister Elaine + No School Optional PTC</p>
<p>Tuesday, March 28: Ez 47:1-9, 12 Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 Jn 5:1-16</p>	<p>8:00 am Mass for Sister Helen Marie</p>
<p>Wednesday, March 29: Is 49:8-15 Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 Jn 5:17-30</p>	<p>6:00 pm Mass for Kelly Lagan Spelman + 7:00 pm RCIA</p>
<p>Thursday, March 30: Ex 32:7-14 Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 Jn 5:31-47</p>	<p>8:00 am Mass for Kelly Lagan Spelman +</p>
<p>Friday, March 31: Wis 2:1a, 12-22 Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23 Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30</p>	<p>8:00 am Mass for Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Schmidt 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross & Confession</p>
<p>Saturday, April 1: Jer 11:18-20 Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 Jn 7:40-53</p>	<p>NO 8:00 AM MASS 11:00 am Funeral Mass 4:00 pm Confession 4:30 pm Rosary 5:00 pm Mass for Nancy Daniel</p>
<p>Sunday, April 2: Ez 37:12-14 Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 Rom 8:8-11 Jn 11:1-45</p>	<p>8:00 am Confession 8:30 am Rosary 9:00 am Mass for Mother Ann Marie 10:30 am CCD 6:30 pm Vespers & Youth Group</p>