



# Saint Patrick Parish

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### Irish & More Store

Open Wed. from 9-12, after Mass  
Saturday & Sunday  
Appointments, call (931)528-3633 or  
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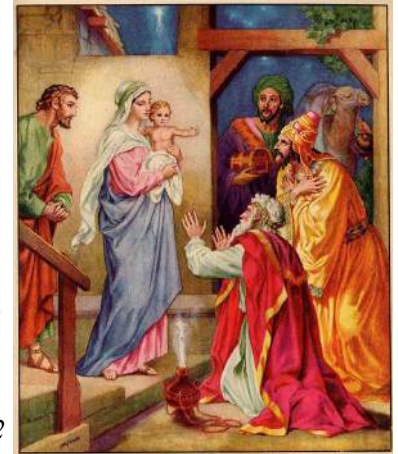
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*They were overjoyed at seeing the star,  
and on entering the house they saw the  
child with Mary his mother.*

*They prostrated themselves and did him  
homage. Then they opened their  
treasures and offered him gifts of gold,  
frankincense, and myrrh.*

*And having been warned in a dream not  
to return to Herod, they departed for  
their country by another way.*

*Matthew 2:10-12*



### 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 am Saturdays: 4:00 pm  
6:00 pm Penance Service on the First Friday of every month  
Also by appointment

### 24 HOUR ADORATION

First Friday of every month

**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 Joe of any parishioners who are seriously ill.

### Religious Education Classes (CCD):

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

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

**FAITH FORMATION**

**YEAR OF MERCY**

**LETTER FROM BISHOP CHOBY**

My Dear People of God,

In his decree inaugurating the Jubilee Year devoted to the theme of mercy, Pope Francis urges us to contemplate the face of Jesus in order to discover the mercy of God the Father made manifest.



In reflecting on this, the Holy Father speaks of the wonder of God's mercy revealed in the mystery of the Incarnation. We rejoice in the love of God echoed in the life of our Lord, beginning with His birth.

The example of Mary, the Lord's mother, teaches us how to receive this great gift of mercy revealed in and through Jesus. "She reflected upon these things in her heart."

The shepherds and wise men demonstrate a willingness to seek out the one proclaimed by angels and heralded by a star. They came to behold the wonder of God incarnate.

During this Christmas season we continue to celebrate the Father's loving mercy as revealed to us in the Word Incarnate, Jesus Christ. Guided by His spirit, we pray for the grace not only to seek God's mercy in our lives, but to be instruments of that loving mercy for one another.

May God's gift of mercy bring us joy and peace at Christmas and all year through.

Wishing you every blessing, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend David R. Choby  
Bishop of Nashville

**RCIA**

The preparations for Christmas include buying or making gifts for those we love. You can give no better gift than the gift that God has given to us: his Son, Jesus. Invite someone who is not Catholic to attend Mass with you this Christmas season. For more information about the RCIA, contact Alyssa Ginter.

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**SAVE THE DATE**

Men's Conference

Saturday, Feb. 27

8:30 a.m.- 2:30 p.m.

Women's Conference

Saturday, March 12

8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.



St. Philip Church  
113 2nd Ave. South  
Franklin, TN 37064



**FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION**

**First Friday Adoration Changes**

During the winter months, there will be a change in the First Friday Adoration Schedule. The First Friday Adoration will be Nine Hours long, from 9:00 a.m. until 6 p.m. The First Friday Penance Service will begin at 6:00 p.m. immediately following Benediction.

You may be asking *Why this Change?* There has been a shortage of people available for the early morning Adoration Hours. Some people have stayed 2 hours or more in the middle of the night. A special note of appreciation and thanks is given to those of you who have been keeping these hours.

*Why Nine Hours?* Devotions and/or Novenas of Nine Days, Hours, Months, etc. have been a tradition since the early days of the Church. This tradition's roots can be traced back to the Biblical account of the Apostles and the Blessed Virgin Mary waiting in the Upper Room after the Ascension for nine days until the Pentecost. The heart of any Novena is the same as the first one, called by the Lord Himself; "He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father."

Please contact Fr. Joe if you have any questions about this change.

**PARISH COUNCIL**

**Happy New Year from your PPC!**

We are looking forward to serving you in 2016! The next PPC meeting will be Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Teen Hall.

All members of the Parish are encouraged and welcome to come observe our meetings.

If you would like to be added to the Meeting's Agenda, please contact any PPC member with your suggestions and/or if you would like to speak with the PPC.

**Highlights from the December 7<sup>th</sup> PPC Meeting.**

- + PPC Nominations and Elections will be held in January at Father Joe's request.
- + A Nomination Committee was formed.
- + A Mission/Retreat lead by Father Joe and the Sisters will be held in 2016.
- + During the Winter Months First Friday Eucharistic Adoration will be a Devotional 9 hours, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- + Gary & Marcella Moran and Steve Hooper presented their initial request for building bathrooms for the Church.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

**VINCENTIAN MEDITATION**

Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, where the Magi find the newborn king and offer him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.



**In the spirit of the Magi, please place your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box so that comfort and peace can once again be given to a newborn child.**

Food distributions for January are the 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST**

All of the Keep Christ in Christmas poster entries are currently on display at the St Christopher Fellowship Hall in Dickson, TN.



Thank you to all who participated, and winners will be announced after the January meeting.



**ST. THOMAS AQUINAS FORUM 2016**

Save the date for the 2016 St. Thomas Aquinas Forum, February 12–13, 2016 at the St. Cecilia Academy theater on the Dominican Campus. Featuring talks by Father Jacques Philippe, Dr. Kevin Vost, Dr. Aaron Urbanczyk, Sister Mary Madeline Todd, O.P., Deacon Brad Watkins, Father Cassian Derbes, O.P., and musical entertainment by Kara Klein.

Register online now at [www.aquinascollege.edu/st-thomas-aquinas-forum/](http://www.aquinascollege.edu/st-thomas-aquinas-forum/)

Full Forum= \$75, Single Day= \$50, Bring-a-Friend Full Forum= \$100

DATE	1/02	1/03	1/09	1/10
LECTOR	Flo Petrie	Terry Coleman	Lynn Frost	Erin Ginter
EMOHC	Barbara Hooper	Kathy Brewster	Barbara Hooper	William Minnis
		Vince Brewster		James Ginter
	Tom Powers	Vicki James	Tom Powers	Marcella Moran

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

JANUARY 3, 2016

EPHYPHANY OF OUR LORD

*"...the Gentiles are co-heirs, members of the same body, and co-partners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel." (Eph 3:6)*

Today we celebrate that Christ came to all of us, not just the Hebrews. He made us all one body with Him. We were all given different gifts; we all have different yet equally valuable roles to play in the Body of Christ. Ask God how He wants you to use your gifts so that we may all "be one" in this Year of Mercy.

- Last Sunday's Collection: \$2,390.00
- Needed Each Week: \$3,673.00
- For the week: Under Budget (\$1,283.00)
- Year to date: Under Budget (\$686.55)
- Last Weekend's Sunday Attendance: 120
- Christmas Collections \$3,990.62

# PRAYER INTENTIONS

# Weekly Calendar of Events

**\*FOR THE HEALTH & RECOVERY OF OUR PARISH FAMILY:** Lisa Smith, Helen Nichols, Donna Zuercher, Joe Sheehy, Peggy Hooper, W.L. (Moe) Needham, Frances Grannis, Christopher Proctor, John Peeler, Nicole Moore, James Citro, Diane Macconi, Patricia Harbison, Denny Claude, Walter Holland, Zoerita Proctor, Lester Collier, Tatum Wilson, Mary Tarpy, Tom Powers, Darlene Stroba, Judy Smith, Jane Sparks, Harley Grebner, Barbara Hooper, Elvira Kindred, Susan Hooper, Donna Bradley, Vince Richardson, Barbara Copeskey

**\*FOR THOSE IN THE NURSING HOMES:** Waverly Health Care- Gail Thomas. 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, Austin Hornick.

**\*SEMINARIANS:**  
Rev. Mr. Joe Fessenden, Anh Tuan Phan, Rodolfo Rivera, Anthony Stewart.

**\*FOR ALL OF OUR OTHER PRAYER INTENTIONS:**  
Kelly Lagan Spelman, Peggy Wallace, all who are served by the SVdP Society, Johnny Lagan, Ray Maasen, Jason Lagan, Katherine Perigo, Earl Wright, James Matlock, Cash Scholes, Micky Burns, Gregg Spickard, Jerry Smith, Betsy Hickman, John Diehl, Michiko Eberle, Tina Cooley, Murphy Copeland, Eric Warden, Mark Kassing, Faye Walsh, Walter Lynn Holland, Robert Biehunko, Norma Ross, Geraldine Daniel Tidwell, Irene Tyler, Pauline Powers

**JANUARY SACRISTAN:** Karen Fuller, Shirley McClannahan, Laura Ross

<p><b>Sunday, January 3:</b> <b>Epiphany of the Lord</b> 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's Parish 10:30 am CCD</p>
<p><b>Monday, January 4:</b> 1 Jn 3:22-4:6 Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a Mt 4:12-17, 23-25</p>	<p>8:00 am Mass for Special Intention  <b>Church office closed</b></p>
<p><b>Tuesday, January 5:</b> 1 Jn 4:7-10 Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 Mk 6:34-44</p>	<p>8:00 am Mass for Helen Nichols</p>
<p><b>Wednesday, January 6:</b> 1 Jn 4:11-18 Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 Mk 6:45-52</p>	<p>6:00 pm Mass for Zoerita Proctor</p>
<p><b>Thursday, January 7:</b> 1 Jn 4:19-5:4 Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 Lk 4:14-22</p>	<p>8:00 am Mass for Frances Grannis</p>
<p><b>Friday, January 8:</b> 1 Jn 5:5-13 Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 Lk 5:12-16</p>	<p>9:00 am Mass for St. Patrick's Sisters, Students and Staff</p>
<p><b>Saturday, January 9:</b> 1 Jn 5:14-21 Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b Jn 3:22-30</p>	<p>8 00 am Mass 4:00 pm Confession 4:30 Rosary 5:00 pm Mass for Neil Wilson +</p>
<p><b>Sunday, January 10:</b> Is 42:1-4, 6-7 Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 Acts 10:34-38 Lk 3:15-16, 21-22</p>	<p>8:00 am Confession 8:30 am Rosary 9:00 am Mass for St. Patrick's Parish</p>

## CHURCH OFFICE

Church office hours will be operating on a part time basis temporarily. If you need assistance please contact Father Joe at 931-622-0398. He will be able to reach Lea Eichhorn. You may also contact Vicki James at the School by calling 931-582-3493. Sorry for the inconvenience.



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