



West TN Catholic

FEATURE

The Poor Clare Nun's Last Public Mass at the Monastery in Memphis



Aug 11, 2019

Memphis, TN — The Poor Clare Nuns held the last public mass on Sunday, Aug. 11 2019, at the Monastery of St Clare in Memphis.

The nuns will be leaving the building that has housed their order since 1932 in the Frayser neighborhood. Their numbers have dwindled down to four sisters.

In May of 2018 the Vatican issued guidelines that all contemplative communities should have at least seven members. The monastery will be closed at the end of the year.

Photo-journalist, Karen Pulfer Focht has covered the Poor Clares for over 20 years and we will have a photo gallery and more in-depth story in the November issue of Faith West Tn.

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Called to Serve

This fall, Catholic men who feel called to serve as permanent deacons in the diocese will have the opportunity to attend information sessions to learn more about the diaconate formation process and submit applications for formation.



The Most Rev. David Talley endorsed the establishment of a new permanent diaconate formation cohort for the Catholic Diocese of Memphis last month. “Of the many gifts given to the People of God through the Second Vatican Council, one of those great gifts was the restoration of the Order of Deacons,” Bishop Talley said. “In my experience in three different dioceses, the permanent diaconate exhibits servant leadership and an extraordinary fraternal love of the people of Christ’s Church.”

According to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, a deacon is an ordained minister of the Catholic Church. They are called to serve the Church in three distinct areas:

- *Service to the word of God — Deacons proclaim the Gospel, preach and teach in the name of the Church.*
- *Service to the sacraments — Deacons can baptize infants, lead the faithful in prayer, witness marriages, conduct wake and funeral services and assist at the Eucharist.*

- *Service on behalf of justice, charity and peace —Deacons identify the needs of others and marshal the Church’s resources to meet those needs. They serve as Christ’s heralds of hope and love to the poor, disabled, needy, lonely, forgotten and outcasts of society. Through their living witness and service, they promote works of mercy, justice, reconciliation and peace.*

According to Deacon Bill Davis, director of diaconate formation who will lead the diocese’s seventh formation cohort, it’s important for interested candidates to understand that the diaconate formation process is a lengthy one — it takes five years of study and reflection — and, upon ordination, it’s a lifetime commitment of service to the Church.

“It’s important for a man to discuss his intention with his family, including his wife,” Deacon Davis said. “Everyone in the family must be on board and join together in the decision. You must learn to balance home life and service to the Church. When you make the commitment, you commit to service as a deacon for the rest of your life. . It’s a commitment of service of which we are not paid. We are ordained to serve the Church and the bishop.”

Deacon Davis said that the diaconate formation team will interview candidates next spring. Upon selection by Bishop Talley, all candidates will begin a one-year process called aspirancy,

which is the initial phase of diaconate formation when candidates discern the nature of God's calling. It's a time of self-discovery, strengthening of faith and ongoing learning, after which candidates make the decision to answer God's call. After aspirancy, candidates will commit to four years of college-level academic study, one weekend per month until ordination.

All candidates for diaconate ordination are required to be

- 35 years of age upon ordination.
- In full communion with the Church for two years. This includes all sacraments of initiation and holy matrimony.
- In a stable, spousal relationship for at least five years if candidate is married.
- A registered participating member of a parish in the diocese of ordination for at least two years.
- Involved in service to the community and Church.
- Capable of college-level academic study.

The Catholic Diocese of Memphis has 69 deacons who serve at various parishes throughout the diocese. The last diaconate formation cohort was ordained three years ago.

Dates on the diaconate formation information sessions will be provided to the diocese soon. Men who are interested in the diaconate will be able to find out more on the formation process, ask questions and obtain an application for diaconate formation.

FOR MORE INFORMATION on diaconate formation, access the following website or contact: Deacon Bill Davis, director of diaconate formation
 Phone Number: 901.373.1245
 Email: deacon.formaton@cc.cdom.org
 Website: www.cdomdeacons.com



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- August 28: Smothered Pork Chops
- September 4: Baked Ziti
- September 11: Chicken Cacciatore w/ polenta
- September 18: Meatloaf
- September 25: Chicken Spaghetti
- October 2: Baked chicken & Chicken strips
- October 9: Beef Noodle Bake
- October 16: Tuna Casserole
- October 23: Taco Bar
- October 30: Pasta & Meatballs
- November 6: Chili Mac
- November 13: Meatloaf
- November 20: Chicken Spaghetti
- November 27: Hamburger steak and Mac & Cheese
- December 4: Smothered Pork Chops
- December 11: Sausage Pepper Pasta

To Go Meals and Take and Bake Available

The Cursillo Movement of Memphis will have their annual Informational Night on Thursday, August 29th, at 7pm at the Diocesan Catholic Center, 5825 Shelby Oaks Drive. This will be a one-hour get-together to explain the background, meaning and mission of the movement, and answer the most frequently asked questions.

If you are interested in exploring a way to grow in your relationship with Christ, and in your Catholic faith, then please prayerfully consider attending. For more information, visit memphiscursillo.com.

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Bluegrass in the Beer Garden

Bluegrass in the Beer Garden is coming up –

Mark your calendars for Sept. 21st from 5:30-8:30.

The tickets are on sale through Brown Paper Tickets and are still just \$50.

This is the only fundraiser St. Mary's Soup Kitchen has, so please make an effort to attend.

In addition, the Mass prior to the event will be celebrated by Bishop David Talley.

So, come meet and hear our new Bishop and stay for fun, bluegrass music, food and camaraderie.



ST. PETER
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pro Life Speaker Series at St. Peter's Catholic Church

August 11, 18, 25

Sunday Mornings at 9:45

Join us to learn more about ProLife work in the Memphis community. Speakers will include Jessica Wade, Founder and Executive Director of Memphis Coalition for Life (Aug. 11), Elise Verwers, Medical Advancement Director of The Guiding Star Project (Aug. 18) and Paula Peyton, St. Peter parishioner and Pro-Life Speaker with Save the 1 (Aug. 25). All welcome to attend. For more information, contact Christina Klyce at cklyce@stpeterchurch.org.



Diocesan Nights for Discernment

For Men - the 1st Monday of each month
For Women - the 3rd Monday of each month
For more information pls contact Fr. Yoelvis Gonzalez, Director of Vocations for the Diocese of Memphis 901-373-1243 or vocationsdirector@vocations.cdom.org

Diocesan Priest, Rev. James L Pugh, Dies



Father James Lee Pugh died on Friday, August 9, 2019, at the age of 77.

A native of Nashville, Father Pugh was the son of Robert Lee Pugh and Pauline Farris Pugh.

He was a graduate of Father Ryan High School in Nashville, St. Bernard Seminary in Cullman, AL and St. Mary's Seminary in Roland Park, MD.

Ordained to the priesthood at the Cathedral of the Incarnation in Nashville on April 29, 1967, Father Pugh began his priestly service in West Tennessee and remained when the Diocese of Memphis was formed in 1971.

Father Pugh served as the Assistant (Associate) Pastor of the following parishes: Immaculate Conception, Memphis; St. William, Millington; St. Louis, Memphis; St. Therese, Memphis; and St. Paul the Apostle, Memphis. He later served as pastor of the following parishes: St. John, Memphis; Church of the Incarnation, Collierville; St. Francis of Assisi, Cordova; St. Anne (Highland), Memphis; St. Andrew the Apostle, Lexington and St. Regina, Parsons; and St. Paul the Apostle, Memphis.

Father Pugh taught for many years at the parish schools to which he was assigned as well as at Catholic High School for Boys and Christian Brothers High School.

Father retired from active ministry in 2012, though he continued to celebrate Mass at the Ave Maria Home where he was in residence.

Visitation for Father Pugh took place at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Tuesday, August 13, 2019, from 5:00pm-7:00pm. The Funeral Mass for Father Pugh was celebrated at the Cathedral on Wednesday, August 14, 2019, at 11:00am.

Memorial donations may be made to Ave Maria Home, 2805 Charles Bryan Road, Bartlett, TN 38134.



Statement from the Bishops of TN on the Execution of Steve West



We, the bishops of the three dioceses in Tennessee in conjunction with the Catholic Public Policy Commission, clearly state our strong opposition to the state carrying out the death penalty today. Carrying out this execution does not serve the cause of justice and bucks the trend of states across the country moving away from the use of capital punishment.

Nationally, we have seen many people released from death row after they have been found to have been innocent of the crime for which they were convicted. Based on a human system as it is, there is always the chance that the state executes an innocent person. Even when guilt is certain, the execution is not necessary to protect society.

Pope Francis as well as St. John Paul II have called for the end to the death penalty as both cruel and unnecessary. It is simply not necessary as the only means to protect society while still providing a just punishment for those who break civil laws.

Rather than serving as a path to justice, the death penalty contributes to the growing disrespect for human life and continues a cycle of violence in society.

We pray for the victims of crime and their families and friends that they might find peace and healing in God's boundless love. We pray particularly for Wanda and Sheila Romines who Stephen Michael West was convicted of murdering. We pray for Mr. West that he, like all sinners, might find mercy in God's eternal judgment.

And, we pray for the people of Tennessee, that through our elected government, we might turn to the path that respects and defends human life from its beginning at conception to its end at a natural death.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Richard F. Stika,
Bishop of Knoxville

Most Reverend J. Mark Spalding,
Bishop of Nashville

Most Reverend David P. Talley,
Bishop of Memphis

Obituaries

CYNTHIA OAKLEY

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on August 12, 2019 for Cynthia Oakley, 56, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Savannah TN. The Burial was at Memory Gardens in Savannah. Survivors include John Sprague, Sr.; stepchildren, James, John, Margaret, Denise, Timothy and Elizabeth; three nieces, Summer, Paris and Jade; Uncle June, Aunt Johnnie and Aunt Carolyn.

FERB ELIZABETH BRUBAKER

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated for Fern Elizabeth Brubaker, 90, at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church by Rev. Bryan P. Timby. Burial was at West TN Veterans Cemetary. Survivors include daughters, Fern Ann Brubaker and Vanessa Mckenzie; sons, Charles Brubaker, Stephen Brubaker and Don Brubaker. 6 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

PATRICIA 'LYNN' WILSON

A Funeral Mass was celebrated on July 2, 2019 for Patricia "Lynn" Wilson, 63, at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church by Rev. Carl Gregorich. Patricia is survived by her husband, Sam Wilson and daughter, Brandy Ingram.

JOHN VALENTINE TROY

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on August 2, 2019 for John Valentine Troy, 70, at St. Louis Catholic Church by Rev. Bill Burk with con-celebrant, Rev. Jolly Sebastian. A private burial followed the Mass. John is survived by his wife, Julie Sellmansberger Troy; daughter, Ashley Troy Prieto; son, Justin Lee Troy; 4 grandchildren.

CLIFF LOEFFLER

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on July 31, 2019 for Cliff Loeffler, 76, at St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church by Rev. Stephen Kenny. Burial was at Calvary Cemetery in Memphis. Survivors include spouse, Barbara Pasino Loeffler; sons, Brian Loeffler, Evan Loeffler and Corie Loeffler; sister, Jo Ann and 6 grandchildren.

PATRICK OSWALD BAILEY

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on July 26, 2019 for Patrick Oswald Bailey, 80 at St. Louis Catholic Church by Rev. Jeo Pulouse. Burial was in Joneboro, AR.

ARDELL SHRADER

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on July 18, 2019 for Ardell Shrader, 95, at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church by Rev. Robert Favazza. The burial followed the Mass at Calvary Cemetery in Memphis. Survivors include daughter, Mona Hector; son, Edward Xiques; 7 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.



Catholic Campus Ministry Welcome Week

- 8.22 | 1-3pm | Tiger Spirit Fest | UC Lawn
- 8.25 | 5pm | Mass and FREE Dinner
- 8.27 | 6pm | Taco Tuesday
- 8.28 | 4:30pm | Mass & Burgers with the Bishop
- 8.29 | 7pm | Wonderfully Made
- 7pm | Guy's Night | FOCUS Men's House
- 8.30 | 7pm | FOCUS Party | FOCUS Men's House

All events at Catholic Student Center unless otherwise noted.

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Lumen Civitatis Welcomes Peter Kreeft

We encourage you to register for the next speaker in the 2019 Lumen Civitatis Speaker Series, the renowned and beloved Peter Kreeft, Ph.D. who will give two talks in Memphis:

Monday, August 26 at 7PM
"The Many Catholic Themes in
The Lord of the Rings"

Tuesday, August 27 at 11:30AM.
"The Meaning of Freedom in
Aquinas"

Both talks will be held in the Clunan Center of St. Louis Catholic Church, and we anticipate capacity crowds for both.

The Monday evening talk is free; the Tuesday mid-day talk includes lunch for \$10/person (+ transaction fee). At the time of this email, fewer than 100 seats remain for the lunch talk so please make your reservation quickly.

Dr. Kreeft is the author of 75 books, including Handbook of Christian Apologetics, Christianity for Modern Pagans, and Fundamentals of the Faith.

In a recent appearance on the Eric Metaxas Radio Show, which you can view by clicking here, Dr. Kreeft speaks about his newest book *Symbol or Substance?*, where he gives credible voices to C. S. Lewis, J. R. R. Tolkien, and Billy Graham in a fictional conversation regarding Jesus' symbolic or physical presence in the Eucharist.

Lumen Civitatis is grateful and excited to continue its mission to promote Catholic education, culture, and leadership in the Diocese of Memphis through our 2019 Speaker Series.

We thank you for your ongoing prayers and support.

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rather than society. A parent session will be offered on Friday, August 23, 8:30 – 10:30 a.m. at St. Peter Church. This session is designed for parents of children ages 2 – 14, but grandparents, godparents, family members, teachers, and catechists are welcome also. No cost to attend, but the recommended parent guide is \$25. St. Paul Books will be ordering copies for us. For more information, please email Christina Klyce at cklyce@stpeterchurch.org