

# **ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH**

St. Patrick Church of the Pastoral Region #6 in the Sidney Deanery with Transfiguration Church, West Milton, Ohio

Fr. Eric Bowman, *Pastor* Fr. Michael Samala, *Associate Pastor* Fr. Joseph Kozar, SM, *Sunday Associate* 

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Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and by appointment only 409 East Main Street, Troy, Ohio 45373

## Sacramental Emergency After Hours 937-335-2833

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### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Sunday

5:00 p.m. 7:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.

### SPANISH MASS

Every second Sunday of the month 6:00 p.m.

### **Mission Statement**

We are a community of Faithful Disciples who choose to seek the truth passionately, to love the Lord and others intensely, and to give freely of our gifts, because we believe that we are called to make the Kingdom of God visible in the world today.

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### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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SATURDAY, Sept	
5:00 p.m.	Norris Monnier
SUNDAY, Septem	
7:30 a.m.	Mike Treon
9:30 a.m.	·
11:30 a.m.	Living & Deceased Members of the Ridenour and Evendon Families
MONDAY, Septer	
7:45 a.m.	The Residents and Employees of Storypoint
TUESDAY, Septer	
7:45 a.m.	Lynn Dillow
WEDNESDAY, Se	eptember 8
7:45 a.m.	Deceased Members of Naas & Wilson Families
THURSDAY, Sept	tember 9
7:45 a.m.	Kathy Mittman
FRIDAY, Septemb	per 10
8:30 a.m.	Jack Reddy
SATURDAY, Sept	ember 11
5:00 p.m.	Alton Ording
SUNDAY, Septem	lber 12
7:30 a.m.	Joan McDonald
9:30 a.m.	Clarence & Lawrence Spade
12:00 p.m.	James Beal – Mass on the Grass at Lange Estate
For Mass time	s of churches throughout the United States, visit: www.masstimes.org.
MASS ON THE G	GRASS
Next week is our a	nnual Mass on the Grass
and picnic! This w	rill take place at the Lange
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and picnic! This will take place at the Lange Estate on Calumet Road in West Milton. Mass will be at Noon with the 11:30 a.m. choir providing the music. (There will be no 11:30 a.m. Mass that day) There will be hot dogs, baked beans and dessert. Bottled water will also be provided. We are asking



those attending to please bring a side dish to serve 12 to share. This might include casseroles, salads, vegetables, or some fruit. Please bring your own lawn chairs, as seating is limited. Hope to see you there!!

NO HOLY HOUR OR CONFESSIONS on Tuesday Evening, September 7. The Parish office will be closed on Monday, September 6 for Labor Day

> CONFESSION SCHEDULE St. Patrick Confession Times: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday: 7:00-7:30 a.m. Tuesday: 6:00-7:00 p.m. with Holy Hour Saturday: 4:00-4:30 p.m. Transfiguration Confession Times: Wednesday, Thursday and Friday: 7:30-8:00 a.m. Thursday: 6:00-6:45 p.m. Saturday: 3:30-4:30 p.m.

### EUCHARISTIC ADORATION EVERY TUESDAY

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. We welcome you to come and spend some time in prayer and worship of Our Eucharistic Lord. \*No Adoration Tuesday, September 7



## FR. ERIC – RAMBLINGS

### THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH (DECEMBER 8, 2020-DECEMBER 8, 2021)

In a new Apostolic Letter entitled *Patris corde* ("With a Father's Heart"), Pope Francis describes Saint Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father; a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows.

The Letter marks the 150th anniversary of Blessed Pope Pius IX's declaration of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To celebrate

the anniversary, Pope Francis has proclaimed a special "Year of St. Joseph," beginning on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception 2020 and extending to the same feast in 2021. *Conditions for the plenary indulgence* 

The plenary indulgence is granted to the faithful under the usual conditions (Sacramental Confession, Eucharistic Communion, and prayer for the Pope's intentions) to Christians who, with a spirit detached from any sin, participate in the Year of St. Joseph on these occasions and manners indicated by the Apostolic Penitentiary:

1. The plenary indulgence is granted to those who will meditate for at least 30 minutes on the Lord's Prayer, or take part in a Spiritual Retreat of at least one day that includes a meditation on St. Joseph.

2. The indulgence can also be obtained by those who, following St. Joseph's example, will perform a spiritual or corporal work of mercy.

3. The recitation of the Holy Rosary in families and among engaged couples is another way of obtaining indulgences.

4. Everyone who entrusts their daily activity to the protection of St. Joseph, and every faithful who invokes the intercession of St. Joseph so that those seeking work can find dignifying work can also obtain the plenary indulgence.

5. The plenary indulgence is also granted to the faithful who will recite the Litany to St. Joseph (for the Latin tradition), or the *Akathistos* to St. Joseph (for the Byzantine tradition), or any other prayer to St. Joseph proper to the other liturgical traditions, for the persecuted Church *ad intra* and *ad extra*, and for the relief of all Christians suffering all forms of persecution.

6. In addition to these, the Apostolic Penitentiary grants a plenary indulgence to the faithful who will recite any legitimately approved prayer or act of piety in honor of St. Joseph, for example, "To you, O blessed Joseph" especially on "19 March, on 1 May, the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, on St. Joseph's Sunday (according to the Byzantine tradition) on the 19th of each month and every Wednesday, a day dedicated to the memory of the saint according to the Latin tradition."

7. Amid the ongoing Covid-19 health crisis, the gift of the plenary indulgence is also extended to the sick, the elderly, the dying and all those who for legitimate reasons are unable to leave their homes. They, too, can obtain the plenary indulgences if they are detached from any sin and have the intention of fulfilling, as soon as possible, the three usual conditions and recite an act of piety in honor of St. Joseph, offering to God the pains and hardships of their lives.





SUNDAY COLLECTION REPORT - AUGUST 22		
Sunday Masses	\$ 7,361.00	
Sunday Mail-Ins	\$ 1,325.00	
Electronic Giving	<u>\$ 6,684.77</u>	
Total	\$ 15,370.77	
Amount Needed	\$ 13,423.00	
Variance (shortfall)	\$ 1,947.77	
Thank you for your continued support and generosity!		

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 7:00-7:30 a.m.

**CHURCH INFORMATION** 

**BULLETIN DEADLINE:** 3:00 p.m. Thursday for the following week;

Saturday: 4:00-4:30 p.m. In Church

submit via email info@stpattroy.org.

Tuesday: 6:00-7:00 p.m. With Holy Hour In Church

Anytime by appointment (In Parish Office)

#### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

1st & 3rd Sunday of the Month, 10:30 a.m. following Mass

2nd & 4th Sunday of the Month, 12:30 p.m. following Mass

Saturday after the 5:00 p.m. Mass with permission only

Attendance at the Baptismal Program is required – held every other month on the second Monday in January, March, May, July, September, and November at 7:00 p.m. Call the Parish Office to reserve a date for both program & sacrament reception.

#### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

During Office Hours, call 937-335-2833. Anointing between Sunday Masses with prior notice. In Emergencies or After Hours, call 937-335-2833.

#### MATRIMONY

Contact the Parish Office at least 8 months in advance; must be a registered parishioner at least 9 months prior to marriage. Preparation program is required.

#### CARE OF THE SICK

Visitation Ministers visit homes and nursing facilities with Eucharist for those unable to worship on Sundays. Facilities no longer share this information with the Parish Office. Help identify those in need of Visitation by calling the Parish Office.

#### **HOSPITAL VISITATION**

Please notify the Parish Office if you or a family member is hospitalized. Hospitals no longer share this information with the Parish Office.

### PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Registrations are taken at the Parish Office during regular business hours. Registration form is also available on our website to complete and mail in to the Parish Office. When leaving the parish, please notify the Parish Office.

#### **CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

Please notify the Parish Office when you have a change of address or phone number.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!



### WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, September 5 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 35:4-7a Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 Jas 2:1-5

**Monday, September 6** Weekday Col 1:24–2:3

Mk 7:31-37

Ps 62:6-7, 9 Lk 6:6-11

**Tuesday, September 7** *Weekday* Col 2:6-15 Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11 Lk 6:12-19

### Wednesday, September 8

*The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary* Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30 Ps 13:6ab, 6c Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

### Thursday, September 9

*St. Peter Claver, Priest* Col 3:12-17 Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 Lk 6:27-38

Friday, September 10 Weekday 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14 Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11 Lk 6:39-42

**Saturday, September 11** *Weekday* 1 Tm 1:15-17 Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5 and 6-7 Lk 6:43-49

Access Daily Readings from the New American Bible, Revised Edition (NABRE) online at https://bible.usccb.org

### HEAR GOD'S WORD, PROCLAIM HIS PRAISE

Reflection on Mark 7:31-37

One of my favorite prayers in our tradition is used in our Baptismal ritual and comes from this Gospel story of the healing of the deaf man who also has a speech impediment. It is called the prayer of Ephphatha. Making the sign of the cross over an infant's ears, the priest or deacon says, "May God soon touch your ears to hear His Word," and then making the sign of the cross on the mouth, he continues, "And your mouth to proclaim it, to the Glory of God." Ephphatha means, as the Gospel says, "Be opened!"

This prayer for ears open to hear and mouths open to proclaim is echoed in the Church's liturgy of the hours, as morning prayer begins with a passage from Psalm 95, "O, that today you would hear his voice," and with a verse from Psalm 51: "O, Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall declare your praise."

The call to listen to God's voice and the call to proclaim God's praise is a good starting point for every prayer. I have noticed in my own prayer, however, that while the call to speak, to give praise and thanksgiving and intercession draws ready and easy response, most days the summons to listen requires more attention and care. I wonder if I dare, if we dare, open our lips to speak in God's name if we have not first heard His voice, first been formed and informed by listening for God's voice.

~ Fr. Jay

### **ST. PETER CLAVER**

Feast Day: September 9 • Patron Saint of African Missions, Interracial Justice

A native of Spain, young Jesuit Peter Claver left his homeland forever in 1610 to be a missionary in the colonies of the New World. He sailed into Cartagena, a rich port city washed by the Caribbean. He was ordained there in 1615.

By this time the slave trade had been established in the Americas for nearly 100 years, and Cartagena was a chief center for it. Ten thousand slaves poured into the port each year after crossing the Atlantic from West Africa under conditions so foul and inhuman that an estimated one-third of the passengers died in transit. Although the practice of slave-trading was condemned by Pope Paul III and later labeled "supreme villainy" by Pope Pius IX, it continued to flourish.

As soon as a slave ship entered the port,  $\operatorname{Peter}\nolimits$  Claver

moved into its infested hold to minister to the ill-treated and exhausted passengers. After the slaves were herded out of the ship like chained animals and shut up in nearby yards to be gazed at by the crowds, Claver plunged in among them with medicines, food, bread, brandy, lemons, and tobacco. With the help of interpreters he gave basic instructions and assured his brothers and sisters of their human dignity and God's love. During the 40 years of his ministry, Claver instructed and baptized an estimated 300,000 slaves.

Peter Claver was canonized in 1888, and Pope Leo XIII declared him the worldwide patron of missionary work among black slaves.

The Holy Spirit's might and power are manifested in the striking decisions and bold actions of Peter Claver. A decision to leave one's homeland never to return reveals a gigantic act of will difficult for us to imagine. Peter's determination to serve forever the most abused, rejected, and lowly of all people is stunningly heroic. When we measure our lives against such a man's, we become aware of our own barely used potential and of our need to open ourselves more to the jolting power of Jesus' Spirit.

Read the full article: "Saint Peter Claver." Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saintof-the-day/saint-peter-claver. (Accessed 30 Aug 2021).

SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

**Beacons of Light Update: BE HEARD, STAY INFORMED, SIGN UP** – Beacons of light, the archdiocese-wide pastoral planning process currently underway, will impact every parish in the archdiocese, including ours. To stay on top of the latest



developments of Beacons of Light, sign up for the free monthly *Beacons Update* newsletter at <u>www.CatholicAOC.org/Beacons</u>.

**COMMENT OF DRAFT "FAMILIES OF PARISHES"** – Make sure your voice is heard! Beacons of Light, the archdiocese-wide pastroal planning process currently underway, will result in all parishes being grouped into "Families" under the leadership of one pastor. A draft of this plan will be shared for public comment October 1-20 at <u>www.CatholicAOC.org/Beacons</u>. Do not miss this opportunity to provide your input to this important initiative which will shape the future of our archdiocese.

Next Weekend is Catechetical Sunday at St. Patrick Church. All educators from school, CCD, or home should come forward when asked to receive a special blessing for the year.

St. Patrick has been blessed to have new members register to be part of St. Patrick Parish. Please take a moment to welcome our new members into the St. Patrick Family.



Welcome Jeff & Lisa Pence and their grandson, Falcon Miller

### **BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS FOR PARENTS**

Families preparing to have their child Baptized must be registered members of the parish. First time parents or those who have not attended a class in three years must plan to attend a preparation class. To register for this free class, please call the parish office at 335-2833. Babysitting is available upon request. Next class is Monday, September 13 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in Room #3 in the Parish Center.

### MUSIC MINISTRY

The 9:30 a.m. adult choir is seeking new members for the 2021/2022 choir season! The adult choir rehearses Wednesdays from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Church. New members should have a love for music and be able to "carry a tune." A basic ability to read music is *preferred*, though not required. Rehearsals begin Wednesday, September 8th at 7:00 p.m. *Interested* but not sure if choir is right for you? Join us for a trial period during the month of September and see if choir is the right fit for you!

### NOW FORMING!!!

### FAITH FORMATION SPECIAL EDUCATION CLASSES

Attention parents/caregivers of special needs children and adults: St. Patrick Catholic Church is now forming Faith Formation Special Education classes. Students will learn about the teachings and traditions of the Catholic Faith, as well as how to receive Sacramental Rites such as Reconciliation, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation. Please contact Susan Anderson at sanderson@Stpattroy.org for more information. We are also looking for anyone interested in becoming an aide for this classroom. Please contact Susan Anderson for more details.

#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING

The Knights of Columbus will be holding their monthly meeting this Thursday, September 9, 2021 in the Parish Center Board room beginning at 7:00 p.m.

### TREASURES OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CINCINNATI

We hope you had an opportunity to look at the Bicentennial book of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati that has been on display in the vestibule of the church for the past few weeks. This beautiful book is the result of months of collaboration and a celebration of the great beauty of many of the churches and other holy places across our Archdiocese. We are currently taking orders for these books which will be shipped to us in early November. Each book is \$30.00 with checks made payable to St. Patrick. These make great gifts but we will have a limited amount available so get your order in early! This book is available to view in the parish office. Please contact the parish office if you would like to order or would like more information.

### RUAH WOODS OPENS NEW DAYTON-AREA COUNSELING OFFICE

Desiring to experience the fruits of the Holy Spirit in a greater way in your life or relationship, including peace, patience and joy? Thought about counseling, but not sure where to turn or what provider will respect and uphold your Catholic faith? Discouraged by the potential need to drive to Cincinnati to pursue such services? Good news: With a new location at the Transfiguration Center, Ruah Woods Psychological Services is bringing Catholic faith-informed mental healthcare to greater Dayton and beyond. Please call 513-407-8878 or visit us at RWpsych.org to learn more.

### SPIRITUAL ADOPTION – MONTH EIGHT

Now your spiritually adopted baby is finished developing and is concentrating on gaining weight; she might be making her mother uncomfortable with her size. She will need a layer of fat to help her stay warm after she leaves the perfect temperature inside her mother's womb. In a short time, her baby will be born. Your baby's mother appreciated the prayers you have said for her and her baby throughout the pregnancy. It has not been easy, but your prayers have given her the grace she needed to bring her baby to term.

### PARISH APP FOR YOUR PHONE

Have you downloaded the St. Patrick Parish App on your phone? Text 88202 to download our parish app \*Download myParish App \*Select our parish after opening For more information, contact Susan Anderson at sanderson@ stpattroy.org.

### RICA



Baptized Christians, those unbaptized, Catholics wanting to come home, individuals, couples and families: Are you eager to learn more about the Catholic Faith?

RCIA CONTINUES

Monday September 13th; 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

St. Patrick Church Parish Center

**TO REGISTER OR FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:** Ken Vendryes at 937-545-9197; ksvend80@roadrunner.com or Susan Anderson at 937-335-2833, ext. 104; sanderson@ stpattroy.org.

### SAFEPARISH - THE NEW CHILD PROTECTION PLATFORM FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CINCINNATI



By now, all volunteers and employees should have received an email from afeParish SafeParish inviting them to register for their SafeParish account. If you did not

receive the email, please check your spam or junk mail folders. You can also find a copy of the SafeParish registration instructions by going to the AoC's Safe Environment Office webpage at https:// catholicaoc.org/offices/safe-environment and going to Top Resources and then clicking the link for SafeParish.

All new volunteers and employees should follow the SafeParish registration instructions for creating a SafeParish account. During the registration process, new volunteers and employees will be invited to complete their online background check and their child protection training online.

If you have not received an email or if you have any questions, please contact Susan Anderson at sanderson@stpattroy.org.

### **ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

### FALL BIBLE STUDY: THE BOOK OF WISDOM

"Wisdom is seeing with God's eyes." - Pope Francis

Scripture and the Tradition of the Catholic Church provide an abundance of wisdom, though it can often be challenging to apply it to our lives. To help you learn to gather and live with greater wisdom, St. Patrick Parish will begin Wisdom: God's Vision for Life. There will be 8 sessions, Sundays at 6:00 p.m. beginning September 12th, and we offer sessions on Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. beginning September 15th. Both sessions will meet in the church undercroft.

Ascension has changed their dashboard so to register, just visit AscensionPress.com. Order your workbook for Wisdom and you will get an email from Ascension that will link you to the videos for each session. We will be meeting live but the videos will be available to you whenever you want. If you choose to do the study on your own or with your own Small Christian Community, this will allow you to do so. You will not only benefit personally from being part of this study, you will also help us to grow in fellowship as a parish as we grow closer to Christ together. We are so happy to be able to once again meet in person.

Wisdom invites you to experience the transforming power of taking time to apply God's wisdom to your own life. You will learn to see with His vision. You will experience the peace of knowing God cares for you, and you will see how God-and only Godcan show you a path through any circumstance. Participants of Wisdom will receive a journal and will meet every week to view an engaging video presentation followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship. The eight 30-minute videos, presented by Jeff Cavins, will guide you through a variety of themes drawn from the wisdom literature of Scripture. Jeff will explain Scripture's wisdom on decision-making, finances, relationships, peace of mind, and speaking to one another and will look at the beauty of wisdom gained through age and at how Christ Himself is the embodiment and fulfillment of all wisdom.

We look forward to seeing you as we study The Book of Wisdom. Questions contact Pat Smith at <a href="mailto:rsmith3055@aol.com">rsmith3055@aol.com</a>.



The Traveling Shamrocks presents...

The Traveling Shamrocks – Let's Travel Again!! We look forward to seeing you back on the road!

Any questions about our upcoming trips, please contact Pat Smith at rsmith3055@aol.com or 937-3352833, ext 105.

### Collette - Pacific Northwest & California

Please note the dates for this trip have changed.

The trip will be from March 27-April 3, 2022. From the wilds of Mount St. Helens to the shadow of giants in the Redwoods, fall under the spell of the Pacific Northwest and California. Travel along Oregon's beautiful coast, making stops at Yaquina Head Lighthouse, Newport, Bandon and Coos Bay. Explore Oregon's wilderness on a Rogue River cruise. Visit Redwood National Park's Avenue of the Giants. Cross the Golden Gate Bridge and discover the "City by the Bay," San Francisco. Explore the natural beauty from Seattle to San Francisco. In order to see the electronic flyer go to: https://gateway. gocollette.com/link/1077182. There will be a Zoom presentation by our Collette representative on Wednesday, October 6, 2021 at 11:30 am. We ask that you register for the meeting by clicking this link. https://collette.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEtcon yqqzoqHtBEfHbJqSHblrXlmJ\_eapzs

Alpine Explorer & the Glacier Express – Passion Play: September 4-15, 2022. If interested in this trip, you must act fast as only a few seats left. Check out the electronic flyer: https://gateway.gocollette. com/link/867940. Reservations must be sent in as soon as possible.

Fatima to Lourdes through Spain - Father Eric will be the spiritual director for a pilgrimage beginning in Fatima, across Spain by bus, and finishing in Lourdes June of 2022. For more information, visit 206 Tours website: https://www.pilgrimages.com/frbowman/fsl/#dates.

### **FAITH FORMATION**

#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

CCD and Preschool will be back in live session in the fall. We are in need of a Kindergarten teacher and a few aides for Tuesday nights and a Preschool teacher for Sunday mornings. We are looking for volunteers who demonstrate a strong love of the Catholic Faith. Those interested should contact Susan Anderson by email at sanderson@ stpattroy.org. Please prayerfully consider being a part of this great ministry for our children.

### REGISTRATION

Registration for CCD 2021-2022 has begun. Registration information can be found on the St. Patrick website or by contacting Susan Anderson at sanderson@stpattroy.org. Classes will begin September 7 with Mass at 6:00 p.m. Classes will be held on Tuesday nights from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

### **SCHOOL NEWS**

We had a great 1st week of school!! It was very hot but we dismissed early every day at 1:15 p.m.. Our building gets very hot in the afternoons. In spite of the hot temperatures, the students were so good. The staff worked together to make everyone's job easier. We are starting off the year with 155 students in K-8 and 56 registered for preschool. Preschool is set to start on the 30th of August. We have several new staff, so next week's bulletin letter will include information about them. I will highlight one a week. School will not be in session on Labor Day, September 6th. Have a wonderful week! Pray, hope and don't worry! - St. Pio





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