

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*

PARISH OFFICE | 937-335-2833Monday-Thursday8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
or by appointment

409 East Main Street, Troy, Ohio 45373

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 5:00 p.m. Sunday 7:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.

www.stpattroy.org

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.

MISSION STATEMENT

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, Octol	ber 30	
5:00 p.m.	Patricia Widener	
SUNDAY, October	31	
7:30 a.m.	Kevin Croft	
9:30 a.m.	Mary Ann Nally	
11:30 a.m.	Anna Roszell	
MONDAY, Novem	ber 1	
7:45 a.m.	Lane Powell	
TUESDAY, Novem	ber 2	
7:45 a.m.	Mike Treon	
7:00 p.m.	All Souls' Day Mass	
WEDNESDAY, November 3		
7:45 a.m.	Dorothy Depweg	
THURSDAY, November 4		
7:45 a.m.	Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Huter and Family	
FRIDAY, November 5		
8:30 a.m.	Dave Summers	
SATURDAY, November 6		
5:00 p.m.	Alton Ording	
SUNDAY, November 7		
7:30 a.m.	Jack Reddy	
9:30 a.m.	Thomas Widener	
11:30 a.m.	Living and Deceased Members of the Ridenour and Evendon Families	
For Mass times of churches throughout the United States, visit: www.masstimes.org.		

ALL SOULS' DAY, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2 – MASS AT 7:00 P.M. Your parish family will be here to pray with you. Names will be read and a candle will be lit in memory of those who have died in 2020 and 2021 and who were members of St. Patrick Parish. A family member

may take the candle home following Mass. We will be praying for all souls who have died in these last two years, so please come and pray with us.



"Cast your burden upon the Lord and He will sustain you." — Psalm 55:22

GIVE CATHOLIC – GIVING TUESDAY 2021

Mark your calendars on November 30, 2021 for the next Giving Tuesday! On this day only, donations made to St. Patrick through the link that will be provided on our website, will be free from being charged the 9.5% assessment on income! Last year, we raised over \$112,000 which included the funds to purchase our new organ. Funds this year will go towards replacing the church roof. We are still awaiting estimates but feel that we are looking at over \$250,000 for this project. Please consider making a donation on this day!



PRAYER TO SAINT PHILOMENA FOR THE SUCCESS OF BEACONS OF LIGHT

O faithful virgin and glorious martyr, Saint Philomena, who works so many miracles on behalf of the poor and sorrowful, have pity on me. Thou knowest the multitude and diversity of my needs. Behold me at thy feet, full of misery, but full of hope. I entreat thy charity, O great Saint. Graciously hear me and obtain from God a favorable answer to the request which I now humbly lay before you (here specify your petition). I am firmly convinced that through the merits, through the scorn, the sufferings and the death thou didst endure, united to the merits of the Passion and Death of Jesus thy Spouse, I shall obtain what I ask of thee and the joy of my heart I will bless God, who is admirable in His saints. Amen.

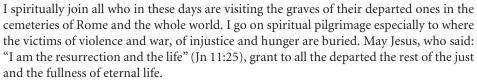
FR. ERIC - RAMBLINGS

ALL SOULS' DAY...

All Souls' Day is November 2 and as such, we will be celebrating the Mass of All Souls' Day at 7:00 p.m. to remember in a special way those who have preceded us in death this past year. Pope St. John Paul II stated at the Angelus address in 1997:

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Yesterday, we celebrated the Solemnity of All Saints and today the liturgy invites us to commemorate the faithful departed. The Church links her contemplation of those who have already attained God's glory with her remembrance of those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith and who now sleep in peace (cf. *Roman Canon*).



The Church's tradition has always recommended prayers for the dead. The basis for this prayer of suffrage is found in the communion of the Mystical Body. As the Second Vatican Council stresses: "In full consciousness of this communion of the whole Mystical Body of Jesus Christ, the Church in her pilgrim members, from the very earliest days of the Christian religion, has honored with great respect the memory of the dead" (*Lumen gentium*, n. 50).

Therefore, she encourages cemetery visits, the care of graves and prayers of suffrage as a witness of confident hope, amid the sorrow of being separated from one's loved ones. Death is not the last word on human fate, because man is destined for endless life, which finds its fulfilment in God.

For this reason, the Council emphasizes: "Faith, with its solidly based teaching, provides every thoughtful man with an answer to his anxious queries about his future lot. At the same time it makes him able to be united in Christ with his loved ones who have already died, and gives hope that they have found true life in God" (*Gaudium et spes*, n. 18).

With this belief in man's ultimate destiny, we now turn to Mary, who experienced the drama of Christ's death at the foot of the Cross and then shared in the joy of His Resurrection. May she, *the Gate of Heaven*, help us more and more to understand the value of praying for our departed loved ones. May she sustain us each day on our earthly pilgrimage and help us never to lose sight of the ultimate goal of life, which is paradise." To all who have lost a loved one, please know I share your pain and your grief and will continue to lift you all up in prayer and I ask the same.



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Sunday Masses	\$ 7,749.00	
Sunday Mail-Ins	\$ 1,855.00	
Electronic Giving	<u>\$ 4,616.01</u>	
Total	\$ 14,220.01	
Amount Needed	\$ 13,423.00	
Variance (shortfall)	\$ 797.01	

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!



CHURCH INFORMATION

BULLETIN DEADLINE:

3:00 p.m. Thursday for the following week; submit via email info@stpattroy.org.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

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

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.



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, October 31 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Dt 6:2-6 Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 Heb 7:23-28 Mk 12:28b-34

Monday, November 1

All Saints Rv 7:2-4, 9-14 Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 1 Jn 3:1-3 Mt 5:1-12a

Tuesday, November 2

All Souls' Day Wis 3:1-9 Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Rom 6:3-9 Jn 6:37-40

Wednesday, November 3 Weekday

Rom 13:8-10 Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9 Lk 14:25-33

Thursday, November 4

St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop Rom 14:7-12 Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14 Lk 15:1-10

Friday, November 5 Weekday

Rom 15:14-21 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 Lk 16:1-8

Saturday, November 6 Weekday Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27 Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11 Lk 16:9-15

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

QUESTIONS

Reflection on Mark 12:28b-34

"And no one dared to ask him any more questions." Really? I doubt that.

A good teacher, and Jesus was the best, loves questions. Questions, when asked in sincerity and with a desire for deeper understanding, always lead the conversation between teacher and student(s) to profound places of not just new knowledge, but also to making connections and to wisdom. For the questioning scribe in this story, it led to Jesus' observation that he was "not far from the kingdom of God." Wow! Isn't that where we all want to be? If not in God's kingdom, then at least not far from it.

In my journey of discipleship over these last 6+ decades, I have discovered that age and wisdom continue to bring forth more questions than answers. Or maybe the questions just keep getting more refined or retuned, until I finally am asking the right ones.

"Which is the first of all the commandments?" Return this week, as often as you can, to this scribe's question, and meditate on Jesus' answer "to love God and to love your neighbor." What does this look like for you when acted upon? Who is your neighbor?

~ Fr. Jay

THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS' DAY)

Feast Day: November 2

The Church has encouraged prayer for the dead from the earliest times as an act of Christian charity. "If we had no care for the dead," Augustine noted, "we would not be in the habit of praying for them." Yet pre-Christian rites for the deceased retained such a strong hold on the superstitious imagination that a liturgical commemoration was not observed until the early Middle Ages, when monastic communities began to mark an annual day of prayer for the departed members.

In the middle of the 11th century, Saint Odilo, abbot of Cluny, France, decreed that all Cluniac monasteries offer special prayers and sing the Office for the Dead on November 2, the day after the feast of All Saints. The custom spread from Cluny and was finally adopted throughout the Roman Church.

The theological underpinning of the feast is the acknowledgment of human frailty. Since few people achieve perfection in this life but, rather, go to the grave still scarred with traces of sinfulness, some period of purification seems necessary before a soul comes face-to-face with God.

Whether or not one should pray for the dead is one of the great arguments which divide Christians. Appalled by the abuse of indulgences in the Church of his day, Martin Luther rejected the concept of purgatory. Yet prayer for a loved one is, for the believer, a way of erasing any distance, even death. In prayer we stand in God's presence in the company of someone we love, even if that person has gone before us into death.

Read the full article: "Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed." Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saintof-the-day/commemoration-of-all-the-faithfuldeparted. (Accessed 1 Oct 2021).





Led by Fr. Michael Friday, November 5, 2021 Confession 5:30-6:00 p.m., Adoration 6:00-7:00 p.m. First Saturday, November 6, 2021 Rosary 7:20 a.m., Mass 7:45 a.m.

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.



JOB OPENING ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

We are looking for two part-time classroom aides. Hours would be 4 days a week at 4.5 hours a day. Also, we are looking for a part-time intervention specialist. Please call the school or send resume to Cyndi Cathcart at <u>ccathcart@stpattroy.org</u>.

AROUND OUR PARISH

FISH COLLECTION NOVEMBER 13TH & 14TH TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING MEALS

As we look forward to gathering in late November with family for a delicious meal, we remember our Troy families that struggle to put food on the table. But we can help: FISH of Troy is requesting donations to provide take-home Thanksgiving dinners to local families in need. These are delicious fully-cooked meals with all the trimmings - turkey, potatoes, gravy, green bean casserole, sweet potato casserole, pumpkin pie, and rolls. Volunteers will be at the doors after all Masses November 13th and 14th. FISH of Troy thanks you in advance for your generosity!

NEW MEMBERS

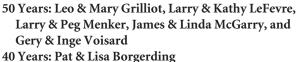
We have been blessed to have new members register to be part of St. Patrick Parish. Please take a moment to welcome our new members into the St. Patrick Family. Welcome:



Abby & Chris Pittenger and Jim & Janice Miller

Congratulations to all those celebrating special anniversaries this year. We had a wonderful time celebrating with them and all anniversaries.

60 Years: Mel & Pat Schlater



BEACONS of LIG Round Processing

BEACONS 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, sign up for the free monthly Beacons Update newsletter at <u>www.BeaconsAOC.org</u>.

FIRE OF LIFE PRAYER GROUP

Fire of Life prayer group is an intercessory group that prays for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon St. Patrick Parish and the universal church. We intercede for all priests to be holy priests. We pray for the protection of all priests. We pray for an outpouring of God's grace to give priests courage, wisdom and strength in all they do. We meet on Thursday mornings after the 7:45 a.m. Mass from 8:30-11:00 a.m. in the church basement following regulations required by the church. Our meetings consist of prayer, song, Scriptural Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Anyone who feels called to pray for priests and our church is welcome.

OCTOBER LUNCHEON – Winners for October 22

\$25.00 – Brian Williamson, \$100.00 – Brent Black, \$325.00 – Rosemary Jones, \$1,000.00 – Kathy Braun

SAVE THE DATE

Put a note on your calendar for a fabulous opportunity coming up November 14 to hear Dr. Ray Guarendi who is a Catholic father of ten adopted children, author, professional speaker and a national radio (The Doctor is In on Radio Maria) and TV host (Living Right on EWTN). He will be giving two talks on Sunday. He is known for his humor and lighthearted presentations that will keep you laughing while learning some great information.

- Talk 1: 2:00 p.m. at Queen of Martyrs church (4134 Cedar Ridge Road) and the topic is: "*How to get your kids and grandkids to turn out to be wonderful adults*"
- Talk 2: 6:00 p.m. at Incarnation Church (55 Williamsburg Lane) is entitled "*Let's talk Marriage*."

Reservations are not required and a love offering will be requested at the end to help cover expenses. Light refreshments and a chance to purchase books will be available after Dr. Ray's talk at both churches.

SAFEPARISH

The new Child Protection Platform for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. This class is a requirement for anyone who wants to volunteer or work at any parish in the Archdiocese. To register or for more information, please contact Susan Anderson at the office at 937-335-2833, ext. 2006 or email <u>sanderson@stpattroy.org</u>.

GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER?



There have been some requests to bring back the **St. Patrick Dinner Club.** This is a wonderful way to get to know your fellow parishioners in a more intimate way. You just sign up to join in

and we put 4 couples or singles together. Each group decides when to meet and takes turns hosting. The host home provides the main course and coordinates other dishes with the guests. Prefer not to host? That is fine – decide where to meet at a restaurant instead; it is still a nice evening visiting. This is open to everyone, not just couples so get ready for some **Fun Times, Good Conversation & Delicious Food. Form can be found in the bookrack of the church!** Fill it out and send into Parish Office by November 1.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

ST. PATRICK CHURCH IS OFFERING "SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS" Sponsored by The GriefShare Team

Saturday, November 6 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Are you facing the upcoming holidays after a loved one's death? Please consider coming to "*GriefShare: Surviving the Holidays*" which is a helpful, encouraging seminar that features video interviews with counselors, grief experts and other people who have experienced the holidays after their loved one's death and who offer practical suggestions and reassurance. This seminar will be held in St. Patrick Parish Center, 444 E. Water Street, Troy, Upstairs Room 3.

You'll discover:

- What emotions to expect during the coming days
- How to prepare for the holidays
- · How to manage relationships and holiday socials
- How the holidays can help you heal

Those who attend will receive a book with over 30 daily readings providing additional insights and ideas on holiday survival. Please share this information with someone who might benefit from attending this special event. We welcome everyone.

Registration is not necessary; if you have questions, please call Pat Smith at the church office at 937-335-2833, ext. 2008.

RICA - RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS



The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults offers a glimpse of what it means to be converted and to live a loving relationship with Jesus Christ in the Catholic Church. Monday evenings, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Room 3 in the Parish Center. We discuss the Catholic

Faith as it leads to a conversion of heart in preparation of receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation. For additional information, please contact Ken Vendryes, 937-545-9197 or email <u>ksvend80@roadrunner.com</u> or Susan Anderson, <u>sanderson@stpattroy.org</u>. Thank You!

PRESCHOOL NEWS

The preschool class waters the new flower boxes during playground time. We are learning to be helpers and share with one another.







FAITH FORMATION

CLASSES HAVE BEGUN

CCD classes for Kindergarten-6th Grade and special needs have begun. To register, go to the St. Patrick website or contact Susan Anderson by email at <u>sanderson@stpattroy.org</u>.

CCD Classes are held on Tuesdays, from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the school.

OCTOBER YOUTH MINISTRY

High School Ministry

Weekly Discipleship Cells and Monthly Connect Fun Nights

31 D Cell in the Parish Center from 12:30-2:30 p.m.

Confirmation Ministry

Confirmation Cells in the Parish Center

31 7th and 8th Grade C Cell Meeting from 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.



All Saints' Day Party!

Sunday, October 31 @ Transfiguration 6 - 8 pm

Join us for saint parade, (come dressed as your favorite saint) games, food, and fellowship

Questions: Annie Canavan coe@tchurch.org





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