

## ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. Patrick Church of Our Lady of Fatima Family of Parishes in the Sidney Deanery with Transfiguration Church in West Milton, St. Teresa in Covington, St. Boniface and St. Martyrs' in Piqua Ohio

Fr. Eric Bowman, Pastor

Fr. Steven Shoup, Parochial Vicar

Fr. Matthew Lee, Parochial Vicar

Fr. Jim Duell, Parochial Vicar

#### **PARISH OFFICE | 937-335-2833**

Monday-Thursday 8:30 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

#### Mission Statement

St. Patrick Catholic Church accompanies people in becoming disciples of Christ through community, Sacrament, scripture and prayer.

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#### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**SATURDAY, August 20** 

5:00 p.m. Bob Widener

SUNDAY, August 21

7:30 a.m. AJ Holter 9:30 a.m. Sean Enright

11:30 a.m. Return of Family Members to the Church

MONDAY, August 22

**7:45 a.m.** Peggy Charette

TUESDAY, August 23

7:45 a.m. Jameson & Lexington Maleszewski

WEDNESDAY, August 24

7:45 a.m. Deceased Members of St. Patrick Parish

THURSDAY, August 25

8:30 a.m. Daniel Kerber

FRIDAY, August 26

**7:45 a.m.** Repose of the Soul of Ladd Michael Orr

SATURDAY, August 27

**5:00 p.m.** Conversion of Souls

SUNDAY, August 28

7:30 a.m. Joseph Thompson 9:30 a.m. John and Carol Gross 11:30 a.m. George Dixon

For Mass times of churches throughout the United States, visit www.masstimes.org.

#### FR. ERIC - RAMBLINGS

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS....

1. For the parishioners of St. Patrick: Parish council has recently approved the spending of money to improve the sound system. I apologize for the poor quality of sound recently. There are several factors that have contributed to this decline in quality. I believe the upgrade in equipment will help to improve the sound.



- 2. For the Piqua parishes: Beginning on the first weekend of September, we will be reducing the number of Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist at all Masses. We will be reducing from four bowls to two and from four chalices to two.
- 3. For St. Teresa: Beginning on the first weekend of September, we will be reducing the number of Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. We will now only use one distributor for the chalice.
- 4. For all parishes: Just a reminder that those who will be assisting with the distribution of the Holy Eucharist, please wait outside of the sanctuary until after the priest has received Communion (both the Body and the Blood).

#### **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions from 6:00-7:00 p.m. on Wednesday. We welcome you to come and spend some time in prayer and worship of Our Eucharistic Lord.

#### **CONFESSION SCHEDULE**

St. Patrick: Wednesday, 6:00-7:00 p.m. with Holy Hour; Saturday, 4:00-4:30 p.m. Please see the parish website for a list of Confession Times at our Parish Families Churches.

#### MINISTERS STILL NEEDED!

St. Patrick is still in need of several additional ministers of Holy Communion for all Mass times. This beautiful ministry is an easy way to get involved in our parish without a major time commitment. If you have any interest in becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, please contact Matt Wagner at the parish office at 937-335-2833, ext. 2005.

#### ST. PATRICK YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

The St. Patrick Young Adult Ministry is open to all parishioners of St. Patrick, ages 21 to 35. We are a group of vibrant young Catholics seeking fellowship and community in the Troy area. If you are interested in joining us for any of our upcoming events, please contact Matt Wagner at the parish office at 937-335-2833, ext. 2005. You can also ask to join our Facebook group, "St. Patrick Young Adult Ministry."



To help parishes foster unity and to rally spiritually during the Beacons of Light transition period, the Archdiocese has permitted a naming of our region. On August 3, 2022, a joint pastoral and finance council meeting of all five parishes was held. I asked that members help me determine a temporary name for our family of parishes. Therefore, instead of The Family of Parishes of Northwest-6 Region, we will now refer to our region as Our Lady of Fatima Family of Parishes. This name does not replace any of our parishes' names, nor is it permanent at this time.

James n" Duell

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Eric Bowman, Pastor, Our Lady of Fatima Family of Parishes

SUNDAY COLLECTION REPORT - AUGUST 7, 2022	
Sunday Masses	\$ 7,381.00
Sunday Mail-Ins	\$ 1,650.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 8,992.58
Total	\$ 18,023.58
Amount Needed	\$ 14,230.00
Variance (shortfall)	\$ 3,793.58







#### **MUSIC MINISTRY**

The St. Patrick children's choir will hold its first rehearsal Thursday, September 1st, from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Church. The choir is open to all public and private school students in 3rd through 8th grades. Registration is \$10.00 per student or \$20.00 for families with multiple participants. Performances are once monthly at 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass. SACC is available to participating St. Patrick School students between the dismissal of school and rehearsal. Should you wish to preregister your child, you may contact Matt Wagner at the parish office by calling 937-335-2833, ext. 2005 or emailing <a href="mailto:mwagner@stpattroy.org">mwagner@stpattroy.org</a>.

The 9:30 a.m. adult choir is seeking additional members for their 2022-2023 season! The choir rehearses on Wednesdays from 7:15 to 9:15 p.m. in the Church and sings for various liturgies throughout the year. We are in particular need of MEN this year! If you are interested in joining the choir, please contact Matt Wagner at mwagner@stpattroy.org at the parish office. Interested, but not sure choir is right for you? Join us for our second annual choir amateur hours on Sundays, August 21 and 28 and September 4. Come sing with the choir in the loft for 9:30 a.m. Mass and see if choir is right for you - no strings attached!

#### **CHURCH INFORMATION**

#### **BULLETIN DEADLINE:**

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

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

Wednesday: 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 and 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 into 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.

#### **NARROW GATE**

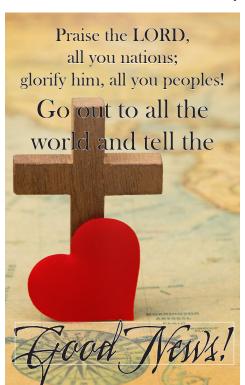
Reflection on Luke 13:22-30

Lurking behind the question, "Lord, will only a few people be saved?" is the deeper question, "What must I do to be saved?" In response to this, we hear that we are to "strive to enter through the narrow gate." We may or may not be recognized by the master of the house, and we may be surprised at who is let in to recline at table in the Kingdom of God.

Salvation is not guaranteed, and we are reminded that God has faithful disciples from everywhere around the globe ("people will come from the east and the west, and from the north and the south.") So what are we to do?

The strength, endurance, and discipline required of us to "enter through the narrow gate" comes not from our own efforts, nor is this something we merit or earn. Salvation is a pure gift, offered through the death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. The primary scriptural, spiritual principle is that God initiates, and humans respond. Salvation comes to us through a life-long process of accepting the gift of divine grace, always given and ever new, and responding to this grace by giving it away again. This is what Bishop Barron calls "spiritual physics." The moment we try to possess the gift, it ceases to be a gift. But when we allow grace to flow into us, through us, out of us, we keep the cycle going.

~ Fr. Jay



#### **WEEKLY SCRIPTURE**

Sunday, August 21, 2022

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 66:18-21 Ps 117:1, 2

Heb 12:5-7, 11-13

Lk 13:22-30

Monday, August 22, 2022

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12 Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5

Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday, August 23, 2022

Weekday

2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17

Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13

Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday, August 24, 2022

Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

Rv 21:9b-14

Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18

Jn 1:45-51

Thursday, August 25, 2022

Weekday 1 Cor 1:1-9

Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7

Mt 24:42-51

Friday, August 26, 2022

Weekday

1 Cor 1:17-25

Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11

Mt 25:1-13

Saturday, August 27, 2022

Saint Monica

1 Cor 1:26-31 12 10 115;

Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21

Mt 25:14-30

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

#### **SAINT PIUS X**

Feast Day: August 21

Patron Saint of First Communicants

Pope Pius X is perhaps best remembered for his encouragement of the frequent reception of Holy Communion, especially by children.

Ever mindful of his humble origin, Pope Pius stated, "I was born poor, I lived poor, I will die poor." He was embarrassed by some of the pomp of the papal court. "Look how they have dressed me up," he said in tears to an old friend. To another, "It is a penance to be forced to accept all these practices. They lead me around surrounded by soldiers like Jesus when he was seized in Gethsemani."

Interested in politics, Pope Pius encouraged Italian Catholics to become more politically involved. One of his first papal acts was to end the supposed right of governments to interfere by veto in papal elections—a practice that reduced the freedom of the 1903 conclave which had elected him.

In 1905, when France renounced its agreement with the Holy See and threatened confiscation of Church property if governmental control of Church affairs were not granted, Pius X courageously rejected the demand.

While he did not author a famous social encyclical as his predecessor had done, he denounced the ill treatment of indigenous peoples on the plantations of Peru, sent a relief commission to Messina after an earthquake, and sheltered refugees at his own expense.

His humble background was no obstacle in relating to a personal God and to people whom he loved genuinely. Pius X gained his strength, his gentleness and warmth for people from the source of all gifts, the Spirit of Jesus. In contrast, we often feel embarrassed by our backgrounds. Shame makes us prefer to remain aloof from people whom we perceive as superior. If we are in a superior position, on the other hand, we often ignore simpler people. Yet we, too, have to help "restore all things in Christ," especially the wounded people of God.

Read the full article: "Saint Pius X" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-pius-x. (Accessed 29 July 2022).

#### **AROUND OUR PARISH**

#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS "GOLF OUTING"

The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a "golf outing" Thursday, August 25 at Longshots driving range, 2315 South County Road 25A. Not a Knight? Not a problem. Come and enjoy fellowship with other parishioners at Troy's newest 19th hole. First round is on us. This fun event will begin at 7:00 p.m. Any questions, call Kevin Hess at 937-451-1142.



#### ST. CLARE ADORATION CHAPEL

(Attached to St. Boniface in Piqua)
Open for visitors Saturday at 6:00 a.m.

throughout each night until Thursday at 9:00 p.m. Open Friday from 6:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. Substitute and regular guardians are needed. Ask how this might work with your schedule. Contact Mike Epperly at 937-622-0112 or Mary Jane Karn at 937-778-0496.

#### UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON'S ECHO PROGRAM

Are you looking for an exciting career in school mental health? Would you like summers off and not have to endure rigorous productivity requirements or insurance billing?!

University of Dayton's ECHO program has five full-time positions for School-Based Mental Health Therapists in several area schools. The positions offer premium health insurance, dental, vision, a retirement plan, tuition remission, and several other benefits (including UD season ticket discounts!).

The School-Based Mental Health Therapist will offer individual and group therapy, crisis intervention, consultation with teachers, and SEL education. We are seeking passionate clinicians with a commitment to serving our school communities who can work independently with the support of a caring team of therapists for backup and consultation. We seek experienced clinicians, as well as recent graduates, who hold a current LSW, LISW, LPC, or LPCC. We also offer clinical supervision opportunities.

If interested, please contact **Rhonda H. Mercs, MS, LPCC-S,** Director, ECHO (Empowering Children with Hope and Opportunity), University of Dayton, 300 College Park, Fitz Hall 652B, Dayton, OH 45469-2967, at 937-229-1454 or <a href="mailto:rmercs1@udayton.edu">rmercs1@udayton.edu</a>.

#### MIAMI COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE

Please join us for the dedication of the new building and to show your appreciation for including the Safe Haven Baby Box. Ohio's Safe Haven law permits a mother or father who does not feel equipped to raise their baby to leave the newborn with a medical worker in a hospital, with a fire department or with a peace officer at a law enforcement agency (within the first 30 days after birth). With the overturning of *Roe vs. Wade* and more babies being saved by restricting abortions in Ohio, this is another option for the safety and well-being of the baby.

Thanks, Miami County Right to Life

#### **SAFEPARISH**

SafeParish is now the Child Protection Platform for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. This online class is a requirement for anyone who wants to volunteer or work at any parish in the Archdiocese. If you were on the VIRTUS platform, your information should show up when you register for SafeParish. To register or for more information, please contact Susan Anderson at the office at 937-335-2833, ext. 2006 or email <a href="mailto:sanderson@stpattroy.org">sanderson@stpattroy.org</a>.

#### RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation, RCIA, begins Monday, August 29; 6:00 p.m. in St. Patrick Catholic Church Undercroft. *Baptized Christians and those unbaptized, Catholics wanting to come home, couples and families, are invited to this blessed journey of a lifetime.* For information or to register, please contact: Ken Vendryes at 937-545-9197 or <a href="mailto:ksvend80@roadrunner.com">ksvend80@roadrunner.com</a>, or Susan Anderson at 937-335-2833 or <a href="mailto:sanderson@stpattroy.org">sanderson@stpattroy.org</a>.

#### **HELP NEEDED**

The Marianist Mission seeks a full-time phone service operator to answer calls to our 800 line. Applicant must be proficient in Microsoft Office, professional with good communication skills and detail oriented. Please call 937-222-4641 for an application.

#### SPECIAL REQUESTS

- 1. Deacon John is requesting help to provide a ride for parishioners who no longer drive. They would like to attend the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Sundays. Please contact the parish office for contact information
- 2. A Storypoint resident called to request rides on a weekly basis to St. Boniface for the St. Clare Chapel Exposition. Please contact the parish office for more information. Thanks.

#### **ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

#### **GRIEFSHARE**

No matter what the circumstances, grief recovery is a painful process. St. Patrick Church will be offering *GriefShare*, a seminar and support group to our parish and local community. This is a weekly seminar/support group for people grieving the loss of a loved one by death. It's a place where you can be around people who understand how you are feeling and are able to offer you encouragement. At *GriefShare*, you will learn valuable information that will help you through this difficult time in your life. We will feature videotape seminar sessions with nationally recognized experts on grief and recovery topics. The next sessions begin **September 7.** We meet weekly for 13 weeks. We offer an afternoon session at 1:00 p.m. or an evening session at 7:00 p.m. Meetings are held in St. Patrick Parish Center, upstairs in Room 3; 444 East Water Street, Troy. You are welcome to just come and check it out. Registration is not required.

Mark your calendars for *Loss of a Spouse*, Saturday, August 27, 10:00-11:30 a.m. Our *GriefShare* Team will be offering *Loss of a Spouse* to those grieving the death of a spouse. You will hear practical advice from others who've been there: what to expect in your grief, how to cope with life without your spouse, why it won't always hurt this much. Please join us for this encouraging seminar. Everyone who attends receives a booklet with over 30 short readings on how to live with grief and eventually rebuild your life.

ST. PATRICK'S ANNUAL CELEBRATING MARRIAGE DINNER: A special invitation to all married and engaged couples! Dinner Saturday, September 24th, 6:00 p.m. in the undercroft. Come help couples celebrate significant anniversaries! Who will tell their "Love Story" this year? Come enjoy an evening of good food, company and celebration of marriage! Cost: \$40.00/couple. Make check out to St. Patrick Church. Please place in an envelope. ATTN: Pat Smith; send to office or place in collection basket. Note: If you are celebrating a significant anniversary and did not get a special invitation, please call the parish office at 937-335-2833.

#### FALL BIBLE STUDY - Ephesians: Discover Your Inheritance

One of the most remarkable things about our Faith is that by God's grace, we have become His adopted sons and daughters. In your dayto-day life, what does it mean to be a son or daughter of God – an heir to His promises and blessings? When you sit in the pews each Sunday, what does it mean to you to be part of His family, the Church? To help you uncover this meaning, St. Patrick will begin an eight-week Bible Study - *Ephesians: Discover Your Inheritance*. Participants will meet every week to view an engaging video presentation followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship. For more information or to register, visit ascensionpress.com and order the Study Set at \$29.95 plus shipping. For questions, contact Pat Smith at the parish office or rsmith3055@aol.com. You will not only discover your unique gifts and calling as a member of Christ's Church, you will also help us to grow in fellowship as a parish as we grow closer to Christ together. We offer two sets of times: Sundays at 6:00 p.m., starting September 11, 2022, or Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m., starting September 14, 2022. Session runs for eight weeks, meeting in Church Undercroft.



## The Traveling Shamrocks presents... THE TRAVELING SHAMROCKS

Hawaiian Adventure, January 25-February 3, 2024

Here is your chance to travel to Paradise on a *Hawaiian Adventure* with Father Eric! Collette has put a trip together for us to beautiful Hawaii and you have time to save for it. Three islands, featuring O'ahu, Big Island and Maui. Highlights include: Waikiki Beach, Pearl Harbor, Iolani Palace, Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park, Kona Highlights, Iao Valley, Lahaina, Polynesian Luau. The cost for this 10-day trip is \$5,799.00/person; includes air, inter-island flights and 13 meals. If you have any questions, please contact Pat Smith at <a href="mailto:rsmith3055@aol.com">rsmith3055@aol.com</a>. For more information, you can view our electronic flyer at <a href="mailto:gateway.gocollette.com/link/1116563">gateway.gocollette.com/link/1116563</a>.

Watch for info on a Fall Trip for 2023: Colors of New England.

#### CCD

#### WE NEED YOU

CCD teachers and aides needed. We are in need of a third grade teacher, a Kindergarten teacher, and a few classroom aides, too. It is so fulfilling to help teach our young people about our beautiful faith. Please contact Susan Anderson at <a href="mailto:sanderson@stpattroy.org">sanderson@stpattroy.org</a> if you are interested.

#### CCD REGISTRATION FOR THE 2022-2023 YEAR HAS BEGUN

The registration information can be found on the website or by contacting Susan Anderson. For information on CCD classes, contact Susan Anderson by email at <a href="mailto:sanderson@stpattroy.org">sanderson@stpattroy.org</a>.

#### **QUINCEAÑERAS RETREAT**

October 8th, 2022, 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m., at St. Peter Church, in the basement, 6161 Chambersburg Road, Huber Heights, OH 45424. Donation:\$40.00 per family (Quinceañeras and parents—at least one of the parents must be present all day). Includes lunch and snacks. Register online at <a href="http://www.centerforthenewevangelization.org/pastors-evangelists/hispanic-evangelization">http://www.centerforthenewevangelization.org/pastors-evangelists/hispanic-evangelization</a> and scroll down to Upcoming Events or send the registration form with a check by regular mail to Archdiocese of Cincinnati, 100 E. Eighth Street, 9th Floor, Cincinnati, OH 45204, Attn. to Ana C. Ramirez. Make checks to the order of Archdiocese of Cincinnati and write "Quinceañeras Retreat" in memo. Please do not send cash.



#### **SCHOOL NEWS**

Today, we have an open house for the school families. It is from 12:30-2:00 p.m. I can't wait to see everyone! We have a few openings in our preschool and PK programs. Please call the school if you are interested or have any questions. If you are a school family or you are friends with any of the school families, you will occasionally hear the words: "School of Faith." I wanted to give a little explanation of what this awesome program is all about. The School of Faith is a program of adult catechesis designed to provide doctrinal and spiritual formation for Catholic school teachers, administrators, spiritual mentors, and individuals. Its purpose is to lay the theological foundation upon which an authentic Catholic culture can be developed. The School of Faith formation has four pillars:

- 1. Intellectual formation in the Catholic ideas or truths by studying the Old and New Testaments, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, virtue, moral principles, social doctrine, and the theology of the body.
- 2. Interior formation, concentrating on growth in a deep relationship with Christ through prayer.
- 3. Community and friendship, as our faith is relational.
- 4. Apostolate: Apply the truth, beauty, and goodness of the Catholic faith to everything we do in the school, as an application of our baptismal mission to draw others to Christ and His Church.

All staff members are required to attend the monthly training and formation. It's a critical part of who we are. This helps us in providing all students and families with an authentic Catholic culture.

Thank you for all of your support!!

Cyndi Cathcart

*Pray, hope and don't worry!* – St. Padre Pio

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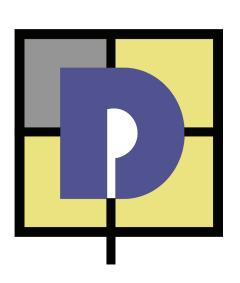
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