

# The Season of *Advent*



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## ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

*St. Patrick Church of Our Lady of Fatima Family of Parishes in the Sidney Deanery with Church of the Transfiguration in West Milton, St. Teresa of the Infant Jesus Catholic Church in Covington, St. Boniface and St. Mary Catholic Churches in Piqua Ohio*

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or by appointment

409 East Main Street, Troy, Ohio 45373 [www.stpattroy.org](http://www.stpattroy.org)

**Sacramental Emergency After Hours 937-335-2833**

### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

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

### *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, December 3

5:00 p.m. Mary Kirves

SUNDAY, December 4

7:30 a.m. Jewel Curtis

9:30 a.m. Donald Arkenberg

11:30 a.m. Living &amp; Deceased Members of the Ridenour and Evenden Families

MONDAY, December 5

7:45 a.m. Ruth Koverman

TUESDAY, December 6

7:45 a.m. Justin Spoon

WEDNESDAY, December 7

7:45 a.m. Dorothy Depweg

THURSDAY, December 8 – Feast of the Immaculate Conception

6:00 a.m. John Zimmerman

12:10 p.m. Dan Bowman

7:00 p.m. Bill Hutson

FRIDAY, December 9

7:45 a.m. Cheryl Carlin

SATURDAY, December 10

5:00 p.m. Dee Collins

SUNDAY, December 11

7:30 a.m. Janet Rayve

9:30 a.m. Jack Black

11:30 a.m. Gene Gretch

12:30 p.m. Baptism – Roman Lou Foster

For Mass times of churches throughout the United States, visit [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org).

## FR. ERIC – RAMBLINGS

1. Thank you so much for all the love and support over the past few weeks with the passing of my father. The cards, flowers, prayers and support were deeply appreciated by my whole family. Please continue to keep my family in your prayers, especially my mom.



2. Thank you for your participation in the Disciple Maker Index. A big thank you to the staff for all their work in this endeavor. Catholic Leadership Institute will begin working on tabulating your responses which should be ready by early February.

3. Finally, December 8th is a HOLY DAY of OBLIGATION. Please check the bulletin, websites and social media for the Mass times.



## BEACONS CORNER

Please keep Our Lady of Fatima Family of Parishes' priests in your prayers.

ALL ARE WELCOME

*Celebrate Christmas Mass 2022*

Church:	Eve 12/24	Eve 12/24	Day 12/25	Day 12/25
Transfiguration West Milton		5 PM	Midnight	9 AM
St. Patrick Troy	3 PM	5 PM		10 AM
St. Mary Piqua		6 PM	Midnight	8 AM
St. Boniface Piqua		4 PM		10 AM
St. Teresa Covington		4 PM		9 AM

New Year's Eve and New Year's Day schedules will follow the normal Sunday Mass schedule for the churches.

OUR Lady of Fatima  
FAMILY OF PARISHES



## SUNDAY COLLECTION REPORT – NOVEMBER 20, 2022

Sunday Masses	\$ 7,084.00
Sunday Mail-Ins	\$ 1,468.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 7,039.05
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 15,591.05</b>
Amount Needed	\$ 14,230.00
<b>Variance (shortfall)</b>	<b>\$ 1,361.05</b>

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

## CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL FLOWERS

Envelopes for Christmas Memorial Flowers can be found in the vestibule. Please return your donation to the parish office by December 12 to ensure your loved ones are listed in the Christmas bulletin. Be sure to print clearly on the envelopes. If you choose to make a donation online, please be sure to contact Susan Anderson at [sanderson@stpattroy.org](mailto:sanderson@stpattroy.org) with the information for who the Christmas flowers are in memory of and whom they are from.

## EUCCHARISTIC 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 Family Churches.



## GIVING TREE 2022

If you know of a family or individual in need and would like more information, please contact Kate Lins at 937-418-1371 or [klins@woh.rr.com](mailto:klins@woh.rr.com). Forms are

available in the Parish office. If you would like to help someone in need this Christmas season, our tree with Angel tags is up. Please return wrapped gifts with Angel Tags attached by December 11. This year, we are supporting Miami County Right to Life, Partners in Hope, and our own St. Patrick parishioners in need. Volunteers are needed to help take the gifts to the holding room after each Mass. Please contact Kate if you can help. Special thank-you to the Lins family for taking lead on the Giving Tree.

## SAFEPARISH – THE NEW 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. To register or for more information, please contact Susan Anderson at the office at 937-335-2833, ext. 2006 or email [sanderson@stpattroy.org](mailto:sanderson@stpattroy.org). All old accounts from VIRTUS will be deleted after December 31.

## COME CELEBRATE

### THE FEAST OF SAINT NICHOLAS

We will hear from Saint Nick himself, sing some carols, and enjoy refreshments. We are inviting all children to meet in front of church Monday, December 5, at 6:00 p.m. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

## THE CATHOLIC FAITH ON DEMAND – FORMED

FORMED allows you to get thousands of movies, programs, audio and books instantly, pulling together the best in Catholic movies, children's programming, stories of the Saints, audio drama and books. They also provide Bible Studies, sacramental prep materials, documentaries, and talks from leading Catholic experts – all to help you grow in understanding your faith. This is a gift from the parish for all of us to enjoy. It is like a Catholic Netflix; you will be surprised at all that it has to offer. Go to [www.stpattroy.org](http://www.stpattroy.org). Find St. Patrick Church, Troy, OH. Add your name and email and start watching.

## PARTNERS IN HOPE CHRISTMAS SHOP

December 14 and 15, 2022; **Wanted: 10 dozen cookies from each sponsoring church and business. Please note change:** We ask that cookies (homemade are the best) be prebagged with three cookies per sandwich bag. This eliminates any extra handling of cookies. Each client's household will receive a box of assorted prebagged cookies to take home. Cookies can be delivered to the **First Presbyterian Church** on December 12 or 13, 2022 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please use the Walnut Street door and the secretary will buzz you in. The PIH Christmas Committee thanks you. Questions? Contact Deanna at 937-335-2332 or Lynn at 937-335-4187.

## CHURCH INFORMATION

### BULLETIN DEADLINE:

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

## DREAM COME TO LIFE

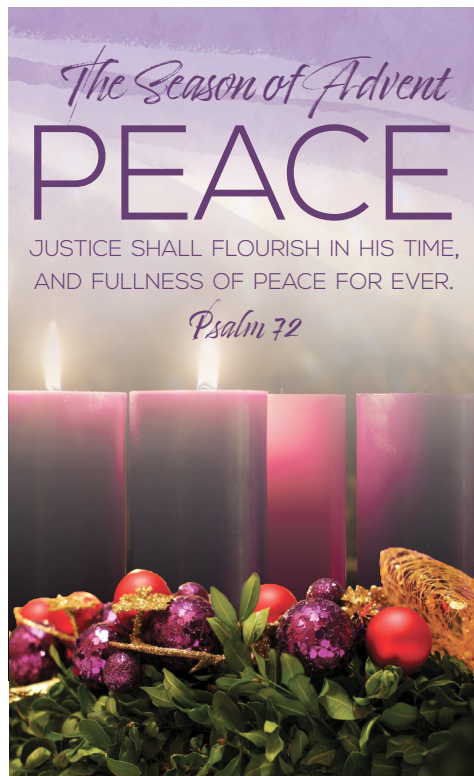
*Reflection on Matthew 3:1-12*

In this season of Advent, as we prepare to celebrate Christ's first arrival on earth, and look forward to His second coming at the end of time, we focus our gaze on the many and varied ways Christ comes among us in these current times. On this second Sunday of Advent, we are given the majesty of Isaiah's dream and the ferocity of John the Baptist's message for our encouragement.

Isaiah's dream is glorious! Arising from the "stump of Jesse" as a blossoming bud is the One who gathers all into His peaceable kingdom, where "the wolf shall be the guest of the lamb," "there shall be no harm or ruin," and "the earth shall be filled with knowledge of the Lord."

Dreams are lovely, but it takes work and time to put them into action, and so John, the Baptist prophet, urges us to conversion, to "give some evidence that you mean to reform." A somewhat harsh but indeed necessary message, calling us to repentance, confession of our sinfulness, and the change that will bear fruit for the kingdom as well as prepare us for the coming of the Lord. Encountering Christ now in the faces of everyone we meet will enable us to bear this fruit of love and service.

~ Fr. Jay



## WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

### Sunday, December 4, 2022

*2nd Sunday of Advent*

Is 11:1-10

Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17

Rom 15:4-9

Mt 3:1-12

### Monday, December 5, 2022

*Advent Weekday*

Is 35:1-10

Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14

Lk 5:17-26

### Tuesday, December 6, 2022

*Saint Nicholas, Bishop*

Is 40:1-11

Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13

Mt 18:12-14

### Wednesday, December 7, 2022

*Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

Is 40:25-31

Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10

Mt 11:28-30

### Thursday, December 8, 2022

*The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Gn 3:9-15, 20

Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4

Eph 1:3-6, 11-12

Lk 1:26-38

### Friday, December 9, 2022

*Advent Weekday*

Is 48:17-19

Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6

Mt 11:16-19

### Saturday, December 10, 2022

*Advent Weekday*

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11

Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19

Mt 17:9a, 10-13

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

## AN ADVENT PRAYER OF PEACE



*My powerful Lord,  
You sent Saint John the  
Baptist before You,  
so as to prepare many hearts  
to receive You and  
Your transforming truth.  
Please humble me, dear Lord,  
so that I will listen to the words  
spoken by John and will  
indeed continually  
repent of all of my sin  
with all my heart.  
Jesus, I trust in You.*



## AROUND OUR PARISH

## NEW MEMBERS

**Bryton and Haley Lear and their daughter, Renleigh**

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

## NEWLY BAPTIZED

**Paisley Colleen Freitag Rhea,  
daughter of Elijah Freitag & Cady Rhea**

We welcome you to St. Patrick Faith Community.

## CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

If you would like your statement of contributions for 2022, you need to request one by contacting the Business Manager, Amy Schmidt, at 937-335-2833, ext. 2003, email [Aschmidt@stpattroy.org](mailto:Aschmidt@stpattroy.org) or place your request in the collection basket. If you have an email address on file, the system will automatically send it to you via that email address. All others will be mailed. We ask that you make sure that we have your updated information on file. Please do not wait until the day you need this information to ask!



Bible, Bourbon & Bros will be meeting Tuesday, December 13 at 7:00 p.m., Minster Knights of Columbus. Father Andrew Reckers is the guest speaker.

## ADVENT

**Are you prepared for a life-changing Christmas?**

Advent is meant to help us prepare for Jesus to enter our lives on Christmas, but we often get so busy we let the season slip without intentionally getting ready. Go to Dynamic Catholic and sign up for our **BEST ADVENT EVER** program. It has helped millions of people prepare for Christmas for seven straight years.

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**ST. CLARE ADORATION CHAPEL**

(attached to St. Boniface in Piqua) Open for visitors Saturday, 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 guardians are needed, especially during the snowbird season. Ask for a trial hour or how this might work with your schedule. Contact Mike Epperly at 937-622-0112 or Mary Jane Karn at 937-778-0496.

## ADVENT SERIES

Please join us this Advent for a series of talks by Fr. Eric and Fr. Lee on the Journey of Advent. This is a 3-week series with the last night being a night of Adoration with the Children of Mary.

November 29th - Father Lee

December 6th - Father Eric

From Nazareth to Bethlehem, a Journey of Faith  
December 13th - Children of Mary  
Adoration

6:30 - 6:50 - Welcome and social

6:50-7:30 - Talk

7:30-7:45 - Q&A

Tuesday nights from 6:30-7:45 pm

Transfiguration Catholic Church

For more information contact Annie Canavan at [coec@church.org](mailto:coec@church.org)

**PARTNERS IN HOPE CHRISTMAS BOX**

The bin for collection is located in the Church narthex.

The collection this year includes toys and gifts for seniors; toiletry items such as shampoo, toilet paper, paper towels; laundry detergent, toothpaste, deodorant, etc.; stocking stuffers for teens and seniors to local restaurants, coffee shops and businesses; gift cards up to \$50.00 for Walmart, Meijer, Kroger, Amazon and Kohl's. Please tape the receipt to the back of all gift cards. You can also turn in gift cards to the church office.

 **Partners In Hope  
Family Christmas Shop  
December 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>**



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Tuesday, December 6, Opens at 5:30 p.m.

Boys Basketball Game vs. Ansonia, 6:00 p.m.

Music Department Christmas Concert, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 10, Opens at 11:30 a.m.

Girls Basketball Game vs. Covington, 12:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 15, Opens at 5:30 p.m.

Girls Basketball Game vs. Troy Christian, 6:00 p.m.

If you have questions or would like to volunteer to wrap gifts, please contact Maura Gavit at [m.gavit@lehmancatholic.com](mailto:m.gavit@lehmancatholic.com).

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

**COMFORT FOR THE GRIEVING HEART  
YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO THROUGH IT ALONE**

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 cessation of a close personal relationship 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'll learn valuable information that will help you through this difficult time in your life. The videotape sessions will be watched online. We will meet in person for discussion of the topic addressed each week.

All sessions will meet in the St. Patrick Church Parish Center, 444 East Water Street, Troy, upstairs in Room 3. We offer two sessions: 1:00-2:30 p.m. or 7:00-8:30 p.m. Sessions meet each Wednesday for 13 weeks. Registration is not necessary.

**The Traveling Shamrocks presents...**

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**Colors of New England – October 16-23, 2023**

**Presentation from Collette Representative on**

**Wednesday, December 7th at 6:00 p.m. in church undercroft** (Ramp off Crawford Street). We invite you to come see the Highlights of this trip traveling through New England and seeing the beautiful fall colors. Check out the itinerary and electronic flyer by going to [gateway.gocollette.com/link/1127545](http://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1127545). Questions? Please contact Pat Smith at 937-335-2833, ext. 2008 or [rsmith3055@aol.com](mailto:rsmith3055@aol.com).

Mark your calendars also for **Tuesday, January 17th at 6:00 p.m. in the church undercroft** to see a presentation for our travel to paradise on a **Hawaiian Adventure with Fr. Eric** – Travel dates: **January 25-February 3, 2024**. Go to [gateway.gocollette.com/link/1116563](http://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1116563) to see the electronic flyer.

If you have any questions about either of these trips, or you have suggestions for other trips, please contact Pat Smith at [rsmith3055@aol.com](mailto:rsmith3055@aol.com) or the parish office at 937-335-2833, ext. 2008.

## SCHOOL

We had 250 family members attend our Preschool Thanksgiving Program.



## CCD

December 6	Class Reconciliation for grades 3-6
13	LAST CLASS FOR 2022
22	No CCD
25	Merry Christmas
29	No CCD

**Classes for Kindergarten-sixth grade and a special class for those students with special needs. The registration information can be found on the website or contact Susan Anderson by email at [sanderson@stpattroy.org](mailto:sanderson@stpattroy.org).**

## DECEMBER YOUTH MINISTRY

**High School Ministry**

Weekly Discipleship Cells

Sundays 12:30-2:30 p.m. in the Parish Center

4 D Cell

11 Dudes Day and

Beloved Daughter 1:00-5:00 p.m.

18 D Cell Advent Party

December 25-January 14 Off for Christmas and New Year's

**7th-8th Grade Confirmation Ministry**

Confirmation Cells

10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. in the Parish Center

4 8th Grade C Cell

11 7th Grade C Cell

18 8th Grade C Cell

December 25-January 21 Off for Christmas and New Year's

**Confirmation (C Cell) Registration for 7th-8th graders and High School Discipleship Cell (D Cells) Registration is going on now on our Youth Ministry website at [www.stpattroyym.org](http://www.stpattroyym.org).**

*Beloved Daughter*

Do not be troubled... am I not here who am your mother? are you not under my shadow and protection? Are you not in the folds of my mantle? In the crossing of my arms? Is there anything else you need?

—Our Lady of Guadalupe

8th grade - high school  
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For information contact Annie Canavan at [coe@tchurch.org](mailto:coe@tchurch.org) or  
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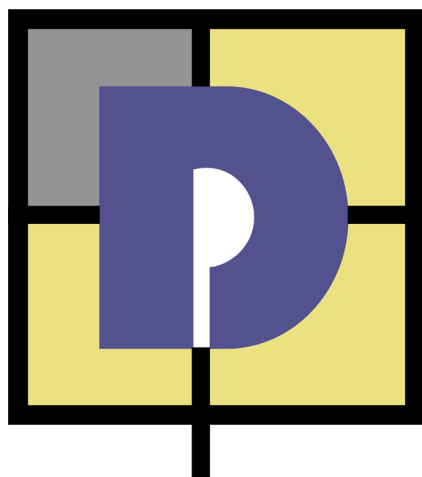
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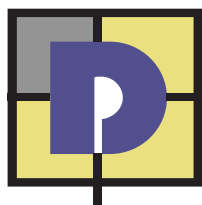
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