

# **ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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

Fr. Eric Bowman, *Pastor* Fr. Steven Shoup, *Parochial Vicar* Fr. Matthew Lee, *Parochial Vicar* Fr. Jim Duell, *Parochial Vicar* 

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

409 East Main Street, Troy, Ohio 45373

# **WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE** Saturday Vigil 5:00 p.m.

Saturday Vigil Sunday

www.stpattroy.org

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

	WA55 IN LEN HONS FOR THE WEEK	
SATURDAY, Februa	ry 18	
5:00 p.m.	Wesley Jones	
SUNDAY, February	19	
7:30 a.m.	Dominique Christman	
9:30 a.m.	Living and Deceased Members of Gwisdala & Fisher Families	
10:30 a.m.	Baptism – Barbara Deanise Adams	
11:30 a.m.	Living and Deceased Members of the Ridenour & Evenden Families	
MONDAY, February 20		
7:45 a.m.	Marty Timko	
TUESDAY, February	y 21	
7:45 a.m.		
WEDNESDAY, Febr	uary 22 – ASH WEDNESDAY	
8:30 a.m.		
-	Ray Guillozet	
THURSDAY, Februa		
	Dan Bowman	
FRIDAY, February 2		
	Lucy Kirsch	
SATURDAY, Februa		
5:00 p.m.	Deceased Members of St. Patrick	
SUNDAY, February		
	Lynne Dusek	
9:30 a.m.	Colleen O'Grady	
11:30 a.m.	Ron Frederickson	
For Mass times of c	hurches throughout the United States, visit <u>www.masstimes.org</u> .	
	FR. ERIC – RAMBLINGS	
Deflections on Est	ime 2 of 27. The Angel of Descenticit and	

**Reflections on Fatima** 3 of 27 – The Angel of Peace visit one.

Heaven sent an angel to prepare the hearts of the children of Fatima for the heavenly visits of our Blessed Mother. Lucia, the oldest of the three children, saw the angel three times in 1915. She never engaged the angel, but usually saw the angel from a distance. But in 1916, the Angel of Peace appeared to the children three times.



The first visit of the angel was in the spring of 1916 at the Loca do Cabeco. The children, Lucia and her two younger cousins Francisco and Jacinta, would take the sheep into the mountains early each day. They would play, but only after they had said their prayers. Now being children, they found ways to pray as fast as they could so they had more time for playing. Sr. Lucia wrote that they would say only the first lines of the Our Father and the Hail Marys to finish their Rosary as quickly as possible. On one occasion, a spring storm popped up on them, so they went to a cave at which time they prayed. They saw approaching them from the east over the little dale "a light, whiter than snow, in the form of a young man, transparent, and brighter than crystal pierced by the rays of the sun. As he drew nearer, we could distinguish his features more and more clearly. We were surprised, absorbed, and struck dumb with amazement." The angel addressed the children, "Fear Not! I am the Angel of Peace. Pray with me." The angel taught the children the first of the prayers of Fatima. The angel had the children kneel prostrate and pray "My God, I believe, I adore, I hope, and I love You! I beg pardon for all those that do not believe, do not adore, do not hope, and do not love You." Then standing, the angel addressed the children, "pray thus; the Hearts of Jesus and Mary are attentive to the voice of your supplication."

In the next article we will explore the second visit of the angel to the children of Fatima.



# BEACONS CORNER

The Parish Vitality Report helps us understand the progress being made in each of our 57 Families of Parishes. This honest snapshot of the work our pastors and leadership groups are undertaking shares wins to celebrate and also obstacles to overcome. To read more, go to <u>https://pathway.catholicaoc.org/parish-vitality-report</u>.

# THE SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



#### THE WAY OF THE CROSS

The Way of the Cross will begin this Friday, February 24 at 7:00 p.m.

# INTO THE BREACH

Men, Satan is out to destroy your family. But he has to go through you to do it. Come join a video series and discussion group that seeks to answer what it means to be a Catholic man in today's world. Each episode explores a different aspect of authentic Catholic masculinity and features well-known Catholic speakers. No charge for series or study guide. Series starts Tuesday, February 21, 2023, 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center Board Room (Room 6). Ready to start? Email <u>Knights3873@gmail.com</u> with your contact information or questions.

# IN SYMPATHY

Please pray for the families of Ruth Anne Wildenthaler, Lynne Dusek, and Lucy Kirsch, who recently passed away. *May their souls rest in the glorious peace of heaven*.

# SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a second collection at all Masses on March 4th and 5th to support the Easter dinner program put on by FISH of Troy. FISH is providing a delicious take-home, fully cooked ham dinner with all the fixings to Troy families in need this Easter. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

# **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.

Beginning March 1, St. Patrick Church will have Eucharistic Adoration beginning at the end of morning Mass until Benediction at 8:00 p.m. There are sign-up sheets in the back of church. We need two people in church at all times.

SUNDAY COLLECTION			
<b>REPORT – FEBRUA</b>	RY 5, 2023		
Sunday Masses	\$ 7,421.00		
Sunday Mail-Ins	\$ 1,029.00		
Electronic Giving	<u>\$11,047.99</u>		
Total	\$ 19,497.99		
Amount Needed	\$ 14,230.00		
Variance (shortfall)	\$ 5,267.99		
Thank you for your continued support			
and generosity!			

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WEEKLY RAFFLE WINNER: February 6 – Thomas Sheehan



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 3873

Now through June 2023, you can sign up for free membership in the Knights of Columbus. Follow the special promotion instructions at <u>kofc.org/join</u> or scan the QR code to go directly to the application. Any questions, contact Kevin Hess at <u>Knights3873@gmail.com</u>.

# **CONFESSION SCHEDULE**

**St. Patrick's Confession Times:** 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's Churches.** 

# ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

This weekend is Loose Change Collection for St. Vincent de Paul. After Mass, there will be representatives at the door of the church with red baskets to collect your loose change. All money collected is kept local for people of Troy. Thank you for your generosity.

#### LENTEN FISH FRY

Transfiguration Church, 972 S. Miami Street, West Milton, is having a Lenten Fish Fry on Friday, February 24 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. The cost is \$15.00 with a menu of fried cod, slaw, French fries, applesauce, baked beans, bread and butter, pop and desserts. Beer: Extra charge. Carry-out is available. There will also be games, raffles, horse races and a 50/50 drawing. Good food and good fun!

# ST. PATRICK SCHOOL ALUMNI & FRIENDS 9TH ANNUAL SHAMROCK SHUFFLE 5K RACE Saturday, March 18, 2023, in the Troy

Memorial Stadium, following the race in the Church Undercroft, 409 E. Main Street, Troy. Following the race, the now-famous **KEGS & EGGS BREAKFAST.** Awards and door prizes given out at that time. Register at <u>www.cantstoprunningco.com</u>. Questions? Contact Chuck Karnehm at 937-524-1517 or <u>ckarnehm@gmail.com</u>.

**FEBRUARY 19, 2023** 

# CHURCH INFORMATION

# 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.

#### **BULLETIN DEADLINE:**

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

# NON-DISCRIMINATING

# Reflection on Matthew 5:38-48

Last week, we heard that our sincere attempts to do as the law requires are not enough, as Jesus said, "Unless you show yourselves far better than the scribes and the Pharisees, you can never enter the kingdom of heaven." Today, this sentiment continues as Jesus' Sermon on the Mount continues with the two paragraphs that are perhaps among the most difficult teachings to hear. They demand a righteousness that may seem to go beyond human possibility. After all, if someone kills, ought he not to be killed in turn? And if someone steals from me, ought I not to exact a penalty?

Yet here is the hard and unapologetic teaching of Jesus - God expects us not to exact any retribution - none at all. God expects us to love everyone, especially those who do not love us, especially those who do not respect us, especially those who do us grievous injury. God expects us to show in our dealings with others the same non-discriminating love God shows to the human family. If we are windows through which God's glory shows itself to the world, then we must act like God; we must forgive those we regard as unforgivable, and we must love even those who seem unlovable. Remember, Jesus Himself lived and died by these words.

~ Fr. Jay



# WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

# Sunday, February 19, 2023

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Lv 19:1-2, 17-18 Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 1 Cor 3:16-23 Mt 5:38-48

# Monday, February 20, 2023 Weekday Sir 1:1-10

Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 Mk 9:14-29

# Tuesday, February 21, 2023

Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Sir 2:1-11 Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 Mk 9:30-37

# Wednesday, February 22, 2023

Ash Wednesday JI 2:12-18 Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 2 Cor 5:20–6:2 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

# EKLY SCRIPTURE

**Thursday, February 23, 2023** *Thursday after Ash Wednesday* Dt 30:15-20 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 Lk 9:22-25

**Friday, February 24, 2023** *Friday after Ash Wednesday* Is 58:1-9a Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 Mt 9:14-15

**Saturday, February 25, 2023** Saturday after Ash Wednesday Is 58:9b-14 Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Lk 5:27-32

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

# SAINT PETER DAMIAN

Feast Day: February 21 Patron Saint of: Faenza and Font-Avellano, Italy

Peter escaped poverty and the neglect of his own brother when his other brother, who was archpriest of Ravenna, took him under his wing. His brother sent him to good schools and Peter became a professor.

Already in those days, Peter was very strict with himself. He wore a hair shirt under his clothes, fasted rigorously and spent many hours in prayer. Soon, he decided to leave his teaching and give himself completely to prayer with the Benedictines of the reform of Saint Romuald at Fonte Avellana.

The abbot commanded that when he died Peter should succeed him. Abbot Peter founded five other hermitages. He encouraged his brothers in a life of prayer and solitude and wanted nothing more for himself. The Holy See periodically called on him, however, to be a peacemaker or troubleshooter, between two abbeys in dispute or a cleric or government official in some disagreement with Rome.

Finally, Pope Stephen IX made Peter the cardinal-bishop of Ostia. He worked hard to wipe out simony – the buying of church offices – and encouraged his priests to observe celibacy and urged even the diocesan clergy to live together and maintain scheduled prayer and religious observance. He wished to restore primitive discipline among religious and priests, warning against needless travel, violations of poverty, and too comfortable living. He even wrote to the bishop of Besancon complaining that the canons there sat down when they were singing the psalms in the Divine Office.

With the monks gathered around him saying the Divine Office, he died on February 22, 1072. In 1828, he was declared a Doctor of the Church.

# **AROUND OUR PARISH**

Join us for the 2023 Shamrock Shindig The best St. Patrick Day Party in town!

March 18, 2023, 7-11:00PM @ St. Patrick Parish Center

Included in \$35 ticket cost: Live Band - Shaken & Stirred \* Food \* Drinks \* Games \* Large Raffle \* 50/50 \* Queen of Hearts Drawing

We are looking for donations for our raffle & event games; examples include: experiences, tickets, gift cards, large items, and bottles of wine or whiskey.

We are raising money to go toward the school's expenses associated with security, ECHO counseling services and programs and extra curricular activities.

Tickets go on sale February 1, 2023. Need more info? Contact Stephanie Ratermann @ 937-638-4841

# IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN ARCHBISHOP SCHNURR'S STUDY OF THE MASS.

It doesn't matter if you have not yet begun or if you have fallen behind, because *The Mass* will be available free of charge for all of 2023. Visit <u>catholic.org/theMass</u> to find every episode of this excellent video series from Bishop Robert Barron's *Word on Fire Ministries*, along with Archbishop Schnurr's own brief insights. Each episode of the series is only about 25 minutes long.

This is a great way to deepen your understanding and appreciation of the Mass and experience it in a whole new way.

# NATIONAL CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

Saturday, March 25, 2023 in Cincinnati at the Cintas Center (Xavier University). Headlining the speakers is Jonathan Roumie, who plays Our Lord in *The Chosen*. Also appearing: His Royal Highness, the Archduke of Austria, Christian Habsburg-Lorraine, Fr. Robert Spitzer, Bishop Earl Fernandes, David Henrie, Lorenzo Henrie, and from the Bengals, Ted Karras and Mark Duffner. Mass celebrated by Most Reverend Daniel Schnurr.

The day runs from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. with a light breakfast and boxed lunch provided. Tickets are on sale at <u>https://nationalmensconference.</u> <u>com/</u> or contact Kevin Hess at 937-451-1142 for group tickets.

# **PRO-LIFE JOB OPENING:**

Elizabeth's New Life Center has been saving babies and changing lives for 33 years. We have an immediate need in the Dayton area. Please visit our website at <u>https://enlc.life/careers/</u> for more information or to apply.

• Associate Director of Operations and Grant Management – management and coordination of grant applications; oversight responsibilities of Finance, IT and Facilities functions.

# ARE YOU CELEBRATING A SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARY IN 2023?

Request a certificate signed by Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr by visiting <u>https://www.centerforthenewevangelization.org/marriage-family/resources</u>. Anniversary certificates will be mailed once a month through March 2023. For requests after March 1 through June 15, anniversary certificates will be mailed to your parish in late June 2023. Questions? Contact the Marriage and Family Evangelization Office at cnd@catholicaoc.org. OUR LADY OF FATIMA FAMILY OF PARISHES PRESENTS A LENTEN SERIES:

The Eucharist

**TUESDAY, 2/28 - EUCHARIST, THE SOURCE AND SUMMIT** TRANSFIGURATION PARISH HALL | WEST MILTON | FR. LEE

Monday, 3/6 - Jesus Waits for Us in the Sacrament of Love st. mary school cafeteria | piqua | fr. eric

Thursday, 3/16 - Eucharist as Mercy st. patrick undercroft | troy | fr. steve

WEDNESDAY, 3/22 - GO FORTH, THE MASS IS ENDED ST. TERESA PARISH HALL | COVINGTON | FR. JIM

Talks 7:00 PM | Social Gatherings 6:30 PM

# PRAYER CHAIN

While Mary Grilliot recuperates, please contact Sue Hastings at 937-339-2945 or <u>shastings@woh.rr.com</u> with prayer requests. Thank you.

# CARE FOR CREATION CONFERENCE

Saturday, March 4, 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Curran Place, University of Dayton.

Connect with others from across the Archdiocese to pray, grow in fellowship, learn about the *Laudato Si*' Action Platform, and act together to care for God's creation. Everyone (all ages) who has a passion for caring for God's creation and who wants to be part of something big, bold, and vital is invited. Register by Wednesday, February 22 to attend this free conference (lunch included) at <u>tinyurl.</u> <u>com/careforcreation2023</u>.

Additional information is available on the website or by contacting Andrew Musgrave at 513-263-6691 or <u>amusgrave@catholicaoc.org</u>.

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A LENTEN ANGEL?

Lent begins on February 22. Once again, let us take this opportunity to reach out to a fellow parishioner during this Lenten Season. During Lent, as a Lenten Angel, you may remember this person with cards, letters, prayers, words of encouragement and cheer. At the conclusion of Lent, you will let your person know who you are, maybe a new friend or someone you already know. Please fill out the form below or in the bookrack in the back of church or ramp door, place in baskets found at the doors. Then on the weekend of February 25-26, pull one form out and that is who you will be a Lenten Angel to.

**PLEASE** be sure to take a form if you filled one out. If you choose to be a Lenten Angel, we ask that you follow through and contact your person. Please don't disappoint. During Holy Week or Easter weekend, you can then contact this person to let them know who you are. It is a fun way to pray for a fellow parishioner and possibly make a new friend.

We all need some encouragement these days. So simple and fun.

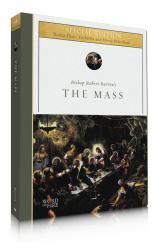


# **ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

#### **GRIEFSHARE NEW SESSIONS FOR 2023**

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 sessions began on **February 8th** and 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.



# BIBLE STUDY – *THE MASS* SERIES BY BISHOP ROBERT BARRON

Hopefully, several of you are already watching each Sunday as suggested by Archbishop Schnurr for the diocese to do. We will watch the videos together and then have a discussion about what we watched. Hopefully, this will help us have a better understanding and refresh how powerful the Mass truly is. Continue watching on Sundays, but we will begin with Session 1. We will offer two sessions as we do the Bible Study, Sundays from 6:00-7:00 p.m. or Wednesdays from 9:00-10:00 a.m.,

both held in the church undercroft.

We will meet for sessions on these dates. Sundays, February 19, 26 and March 5; Wednesdays, February 22, March 1 and 8.

Please feel free to stop in at any time and no registration is necessary. Questions? Contact Pat Smith at 937-335-2833, ext. 2008 or rsmith3055@aol.com.



# THE TRAVELING SHAMROCKS PRESENTS... Hawaiian Adventures with Fr. Eric –

Travel dates: January 25-February 3, 2024.

Go to <u>gateway.gocollette.com/link/1116563</u> to see the electronic flyer.

Questions? Please contact Pat Smith at 937-335-2833, ext. 2008 or **rsmith3055@aol.com**.

# Colors of New England - October 16-23, 2023.

It is not too late to sign up for this beautiful fall colors New England trip.

Check out the itinerary and electronic flyer by going to **gateway**. **gocollette.com/link/1127545**.

Deadline to sign up is **April 6th**, **2023**.

# SCHOOL

Happy Birthday (February 14) to our fearless leader!! The school staff and students want you to know how special you are to us and how much we appreciate you!!

Thank you, Father Eric, and we hope you had the best birthday!! Love,

St. Patrick Catholic School staff and students!!



# PRESCHOOL

Sully May's dad, Officer Josh, came to talk to both pre-K classes about police officers and safety. They loved seeing the lights on the car!



# CCD

February 21

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Special liturgy lesson for 3rd and 4th grade

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 <u>sanderson@stpattroy.org</u>.

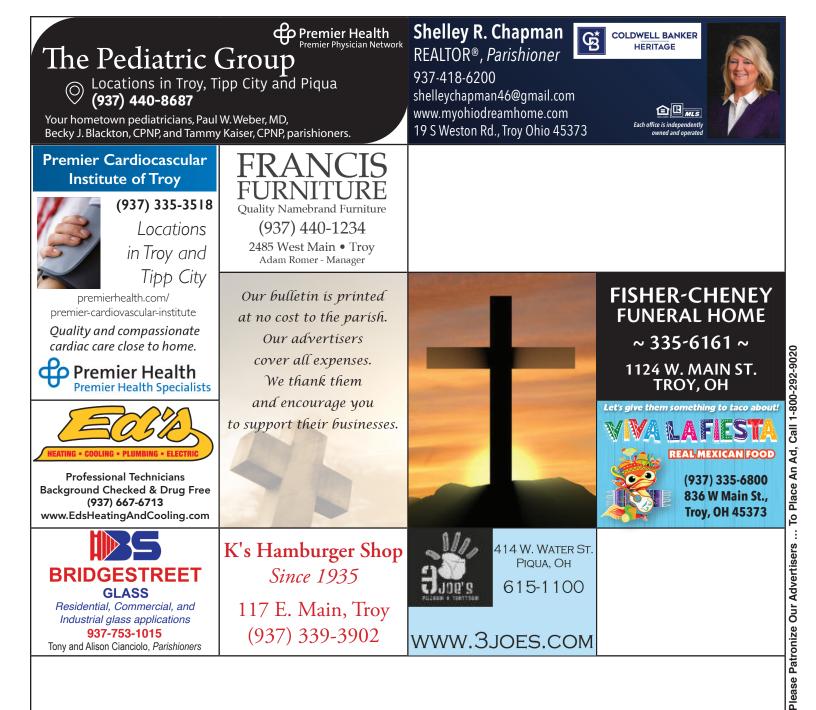
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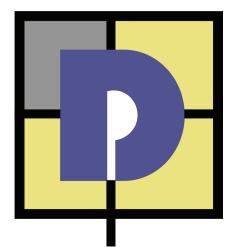
Totus Tuus for grades 1-12 will be held on June 18-23. Bible Camp for preschool-Kindergarten will be June 20-22.

# YOUTH MINISTRY

# HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY AND 7TH-8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION MINISTRY

Registration is going on now on our Youth Ministry website at <u>www.</u> <u>stpattroyym.org</u>.





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