

# **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

SATURDAY, February 4	
5:00 p.m.	Gene Gretch
SUNDAY February 5	
7:30 a.m.	Alan Braun
9:30 a.m.	Marilynne Bebrosse
11:30 a.m.	Charles Heckman
MONDAY, February 6	
7:45 a.m.	Caitlin O'Grady
TUESDAY, February 7	
7:45 a.m.	Alton Ording
WEDNESDAY, February	8
7:45 a.m.	Luz Mamitag
THURSDAY, February 9	, i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i
8:30 a.m.	Jewell Curtis
FRIDAY, February 10	
7:45 a.m.	Coach Jack Hollon
SATURDAY, February 11	l
5:00 p.m.	Tom Pepiot
SUNDAY, February 12	-
7:30 a.m.	Dee Collins
9:30 a.m.	Jack Black
11:30 a.m.	James Holter
12:30 p.m.	Baptism – Beau Patrick
For Mass times of church	hes throughout the Unit

For Mass times of churches throughout the United States, visit <u>www.masstimes.org</u>.

# FR. ERIC - RAMBLINGS

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As we draw together as a family of parishes under the patronage of Our Lady of Fatima, I would like to use the next several months to share short reflections on the Fatima event to enhance our devotion to Our Lady of Fatima.



The apparition of Our Lady at Fatima is an important event in the life of the world. She appeared several times to three young shepherds (Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta) in the mountains of Portugal in 1917. She challenged the children, and through them the world, to pray the Rosary every day for peace. Her visit was not limited to the call to pray the Rosary, but was a call for conversion of heart.

In the next article, we will briefly look at the historical setting and the political climate in which Our Lady appeared.

# JESUS IS WAITING FOR YOU...

With the season of Lent just a few weeks away, I would like to take this opportunity to encourage everyone to make some time each week to visit Our Lord in Adoration. "Jesus is waiting for us. He is waiting for us to come to Him within the Mass. We also have opportunity to go to Him during Eucharistic Exposition. He wants us to come to Him. He waits for our little Acts of faith, Adoration, love, thanksgiving, repentance, reparation and charity that we can offer Him as we contemplate – His Divine Majesty – in the Blessed Sacrament (St. John Paul II)."

There are numerous opportunities in our family of parishes for Adoration. We are also going to be adding times for Adoration of Our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament. Here is a list of opportunities:

-St. Clare Chapel at St. Boniface. This is perpetual exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Stop in any time of the day or night to spend time with Our Lord. For more information, see the Piqua Parish bulletin.

-Transfiguration Parish. Every Thursday, Our Lord is exposed at the end of the morning Mass and remains exposed all day until 7:00 p.m. when Our Lord is reposed.

-St. Teresa will begin offering Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday evenings, 5:00-7:00 p.m. during the season of Lent.

-St. Patrick Parish will be extending the Wednesday Adoration hours to all day. Our Lord will be exposed at the end of morning Mass on Wednesdays, beginning on March 1st, and conclude with Benediction at 8:00 p.m. We are asking St. Patrick parishioners to sign up a time slot for Adoration. The sign-up sheets are in the back of Church.

# FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY

Hosted by the Knights of Columbus **next weekend** after all Sunday Masses. Donuts and refreshments in the undercroft.



# BEACONS CORNER

Please pray for Our Lady of Fatima Family of Parishes priests and parish members.

# HAVE YOU CONSIDERED HAVING A MASS SAID FOR A FAMILY MEMBER OR FRIEND, LIVING OR DECEASED?

When we have a Mass said for a deceased person, we are presuming they are at least in purgatory and that the Mass will help lessen or ease the temporal punishment due to their sins. Normally, the custom is to have a Mass on the anniversary of the death or near to it. You may also want to have it said on the anniversary of their birthdate. A Mass can be said for a donation of \$5.00. You can contact the Parish office with the names of your loved ones and we will work to accommodate your date requests.



# 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>.



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING

The Knights of Columbus will be holding their monthly meeting this Thursday, February 9, 2023 in the Parish Center Board Room beginning at 7:00 p.m.

# SUNDAY COLLECTION REPORT - JANUARY 22, 2023

Sunday Masses	\$ 5,990.00	
Sunday Mail-Ins	\$ 1,463.00	
Electronic Giving	<u>\$ 6,568.16</u>	
Total	\$ 14,021.16	
Amount Needed	\$ 14,230.00	
Variance (shortfall)	\$ (208.84)	
Thank you for your continued support and generosity!		

WEEKLY RAFFLE WINNER: January 23, 2023 – Adrianna Rich

# **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.

# **CONFESSION SCHEDULE**

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.

# **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Saint Patrick and Piqua Catholic are in need of volunteers to judge at the Junior High Science Fair on Wednesday, February 15th starting at 6:00 p.m. at Piqua Catholic School. If you have any sort of scientific or teaching background, we would greatly appreciate your help! Please email Robyn Sprock at <u>rsprock@stpattroy.org</u> with your name and phone number for more information.

#### **ASSISTANCE NEEDED**

The Ministry of Holy Communion for healthcare and homebound parishioners is requesting your assistance. Individuals and couples are needed to visit our brothers and sisters unable to attend Mass. A visit with Holy Communion is a spiritual encounter for everyone participating. For additional information, please contact: Deacon John Carlin at 937-339-0726 or Ken Vendryes at <u>ksvend80@roadrunner.com</u> or 937-545-9197. <u>THANK YOU.</u>

# **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>.

# SALT AND LIGHT

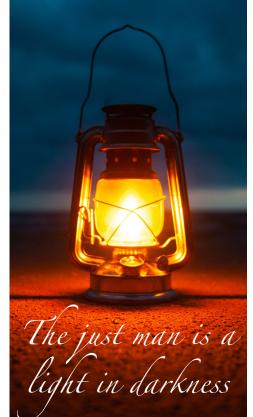
Reflection on Matthew 5:13-16

Salt has many virtues; it is an effective preservative, it perks up the taste of everything from tomatoes to margaritas, and warm salt water promotes healing. Few of us would like to live in a saltless world. A lightless world would be incomparably worse. Without light, nothing grows, we trip over our own two feet, and we don't feel safe.

When Jesus says we are salt and light, He gives us high praise indeed. We are not - at least, God does not intend us to be – useless. But we know that a light can sputter and go out, and Jesus contemplated the possibility that salt might lose its tang, and be no better than sand. So if we are to merit Jesus' implicit praises, we need to do something - perhaps a lot of somethings. And all of these good works that flavor the world with justice and enlighten our brothers and sisters with mercy and love, are not accomplished to be a source of personal pride, but to glorify God's name.

~ Fr. Jay

# HIS HEART IS STEADFAST; HE SHALL NOT FEAR.



# WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

# Sunday, February 5, 2023

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 58:7-10 Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 1 Cor 2:1-5 Mt 5:13-16

# Monday, February 6, 2023

Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs Gn 1:1-19 Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10,12, 24 and 35c Mk 6:53-56

# Tuesday, February 7, 2023

Weekday Gn 1:20–2:4a Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Mk 7:1-13

# Wednesday, February 8, 2023

Weekday Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17 Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30 Mk 7:14-23 **Thursday, February 9, 2023** *Weekday* Gn 2:18-25 Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 Mk 7:24-30

# Friday, February 10, 2023

Saint Scholastica, Virgin Gn 3:1-8 Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 Mk 7:31-37

# Saturday, February 11, 2023

Our Lady of Lourdes Gn 3:9-24 Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13 Mk 8:1-10

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

# **OUR LADY OF LOURDES**

# Feast Day: February 11

On December 8, 1854, Pope Pius IX proclaimed the dogma of the Immaculate Conception in the apostolic constitution *Ineffabilis Deus*. A little more than three years later, on February 11, 1858, a young lady appeared to Bernadette Soubirous. This began a series of visions. During the apparition on March 25, the lady identified herself with the words: "I am the Immaculate Conception."

Bernadette was a sickly child of poor parents. Their practice of the Catholic faith was scarcely more than lukewarm. Bernadette could pray the *Our Father*, the *Hail Mary* and the *Creed*.

During interrogations Bernadette gave an account of what she saw. It was "something white in the shape of a girl." It was "a pretty young girl with a rosary over her arm." Her white robe was encircled by a blue girdle. She wore a white veil. There was a yellow rose on each foot. A rosary was in her hand. Bernadette was also impressed by the fact that the lady did not use the informal form of address (tu), but the polite form (vous). The humble virgin appeared to a humble girl and treated her with dignity.

Through that humble girl, Mary revitalized and continues to revitalize the faith of millions of people. People began to flock to Lourdes from other parts of France and from all over the world. The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes became worldwide in 1907.

Lourdes has become a place of pilgrimage and healing, but even more of faith. Church authorities have recognized over 60 miraculous cures, although there have probably been many more. To people of faith this is not surprising. It is a continuation of Jesus' healing miracles – now performed at the intercession of His mother. Many who visit Lourdes return home with renewed faith and a readiness to serve God in their needy brothers and sisters.

Read the full article: "Our Lady of Lourdes" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/our-lady-of-lourdes/. (Accessed 20 Jan 2023).

# 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

# RUAH WOODS AT THE TRANSFIGURATION CENTER

Desiring to experience the fruits of the Holy Spirit in a greater way in your life or relationship, including peace, patience, and joy? Yearning to experience more stability and security within yourself or your relationships? Thought about counseling, but not sure where to turn or what provider will respect and uphold your Catholic faith? Good news: With a location at the Transfiguration Center, Ruah Woods Psychological Services provides Catholic faith-informed mental health care to the Northern Area of the Archdiocese and beyond. Please call 513-407-8878 or visit us at <u>RWpsych.org</u> to learn more.

# 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 Fernandez, 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 on sale below or contact <u>Kevin Hess at 937-451-1142</u> for group tickets. Visit <u>https://nationalmensconference.com/</u>.



The Catholic Ministries Appeal is the annual campaign to support six local ministries that teach, feed, and heal.



www.catholicaoc.org/cma

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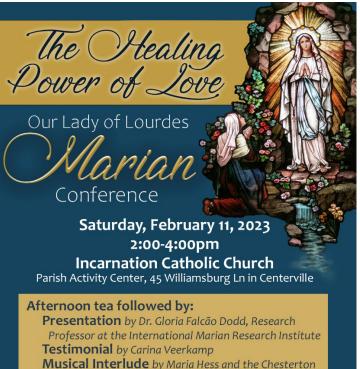
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Our Lady of Fatima Family of Parishes



Academy of St. Joseph High School Choir

Lourdes, France hosts one of the greatest Marian shrines in the world. Like St. Bernadette, praying to Our Lady of Lourdes can provide spiritual refreshment, courage, and inspiration. Join us for an afternoon of formation and community. For more information contact: 937-609-5318 or info@casjdayton.org

# WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Looking for the perfect Valentine's gift for your spouse? Looking to spend a weekend alone with them? Give the gift of yourself, better communication, more romance and a weekend together with a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. The next Marriage Encounter Weekend experience is March 3-5, 2023 at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center in Cincinnati, OH. Not available then, check our website for other upcoming weekends. Apply today at <u>https://esharing.org/applyWeekend.php</u>. For more questions or more details, contact Andy and Melanie Reinersman at 859-653-8464, <u>application@esharing.org</u> or visit <u>esharing.org</u>.

# **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 or grief and recovery topics. The next sessions begin **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 - WHAT WE BELIEVE**

It has been decided to wait until Fall to do this Study, since it is on backorder. We want everyone to be able to do the study, so we suggest you order in the near future and hopefully all books for the study will be in. In the meantime, we will do discussion sessions on 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 on these dates: Sundays, February 5, 19, 26 and March 5, and Wednesdays, February 8, 22, March 1 and 8. Please note we will not meet on February 12 or 15. 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 gateway.gocollette.com/link/1116563 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 <u>gateway.gocollette.com/</u><u>link/1127545</u>. Deadline to sign up is **April 6th, 2023**.



# SCHOOL

This is a picture of our 3rd grade boys' Little Cavs basketball team. They are kneeling on the gym floor in Botkins to say a prayer before their game. I love this and wanted to share with you our focus in and out of school as members of the St. Patrick Catholic School community. This week, we will start sending out registrations for school and preschool for 2022-2023. We have also sent out to our preschoolers entering Kindergarten next year information for the Kindergarten

readiness assessments that we will do in March. If you have a student that will be entering Kindergarten in the fall and is interested in St. Patrick Catholic School, please call the School Office to arrange a time for the assessment and to get the registration packet. Preschool will be having an Open House in March. More information will be sent out soon.

Have a wonderful first week of February!! Pray, hope and don't worry!! – St. Pio

CCD	
February 7	Special liturgy lesson for 5th and 6th grade
14	Valentine's Day/Fr. Eric's birthday
21	
28	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>.

# BLUE KNIGHTS AND LITTLE FLOWERS IS TODAY

The girls program will be in the undercroft and the boys program will be in the parish center beginning at 2:00 p.m. For more information, please email <u>loribkelleher@gmail.com</u>. Register for the program at <u>https://LFBK-STPATS.rsvpify.com</u>.

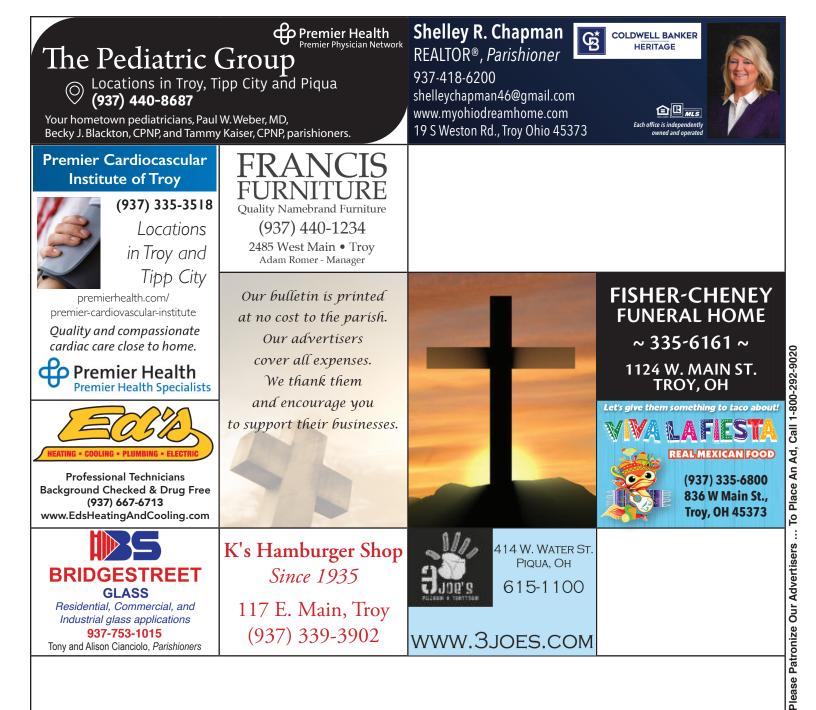
# SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR GIRLS

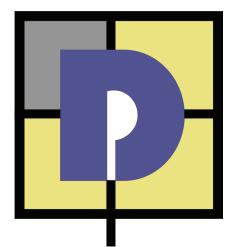
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# YOUTH MINISTRY

## 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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