Rend your hearts, not your garments, and return to the

your God.

Joel 2:13

THE SEASON OF

# **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 | 937-335-2833 Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. or by appointment

# WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Sunday

> 9:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.

5:00 p.m.

7:30 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,	March 11	THURSDAY,	March 16
5:00 p.m.	Luz Mamitag	8:30 a.m.	Ray Guill
SUNDAY, March 12		FRIDAY, Mai	rch 17
7:30 a.m.	Jewell Curtis	7:45 a.m.	Pat Schlar
9:30 a.m.	Tom Pepiot	SATURDAY,	March 18
11:30 a.m.	Gene Gretch	5:00 p.m.	Monica G
MONDAY, March 13		SUNDAY, Ma	rch 19
7:45 a.m.	Roy Pitsenbarger	7:30 a.m.	John Quin
TUESDAY, M	larch 14	9:30 a.m.	Daniel Ke
7:45 a.m.	Lawrence & Eleanor Huter	11:30 a.m.	Living and
	& Family		Membe
WEDNESDA	Y, March 15		& Even
7:45 a.m.	Kevin Kelleher Family		

7:45 a.m. Pat Schlarter SATURDAY, March 18 5:00 p.m. Monica Gross SUNDAY, March 19 7:30 a.m. John Quinn 9:30 a.m. Daniel Kerber **11:30 a.m.** Living and Deceased

8:30 a.m. Ray Guillozet

Members of the Ridenour & Evenden Families

# FR. ERIC - RAMBLINGS

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

Reflections on Fatima 6 of 27: The first heavenly visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The first visit of Our Lady was on Sunday, May 13, 1917, the feast of Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament. May 13th of 1917 was a lovely Sunday day, with no clouds in the sky, but suddenly there came a flash of lightning. The children gathered



up the sheep to return home (thinking a storm was approaching, which was not uncommon in the mountains). Halfway down the hill they saw another flash. Taking another few steps, they saw a lady over a little holm oak tree. She was dressed in white, more brilliant than the sun, radiating light brighter and more intense than that from a crystal glass filled with clear water and penetrated by the most dazzling rays of sunlight. With the children actually standing within the light which the beautiful lady radiated, she spoke: "Do not fear, I will not harm you." Lucia responded, "Where do you come from?" Mary responded, "I come from heaven." "And what do you want of me?" "I have come to ask you to come here six months in succession, on the 13th, at the same time. Then, I will tell you who I am and what I want. Then, I will come back a seventh time."

Lucia asked our Lady if she and her cousins would go to heaven. She responded they would, but that Francsico would need to pray many rosaries. I was always smile at this response from Our Lady.

Our lady continued, "Do you want to offer yourselves to God to bear all the sufferings which He wants to send you, as an act of reparation for the sins which offend Him and as pleas for the conversion of sinners?" The children responded "yes" to this question from Our Lady. She told them, "You will have a lot to suffer then, but God's grace will be your comfort." Mary opened her hands, permitting the children to see themselves in God. By an interior impulse, they fell to their knees and repeated, "Most Holy Trinity, I adore thee. My God, my God, I love thee in the Most Blessed Sacrament."

#### After a moment our Lady added: "Pray the Rosary every day, to obtain peace for the world and the end of the war."

In this first encounter with Our Lady, we see the continual call from heaven, which began with the angel, to pray. In one of the final articles, we will explore the different prayers of Fatima, but it is clear that the call of Our Lady is for all of us to pray more, to sacrifice more and to offer all to God to attain Heaven and the conversion of sinners.

#### **Easter Flower Memorial Donations**

Envelopes for the Easter Flower Memorial Donations are in the vestibule and on the table at the ramp door entrance. Be sure to print clearly on the envelopes. If you choose to do an online payment, please email <u>sanderson@stpattroy.org</u> with the memorial information. The envelopes and information must be turned in or emailed by March 27 so that your loved one may be remembered in the church bulletin on Easter Sunday.



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 https:// pathway.catholicaoc.org/parish-vitalityreport.

#### **CONFESSION SCHEDULE**

St. Patrick's Confession Times:

Wednesday: 6:00-7:45 p.m. with Adoration Saturday 4:00-4:30 p.m.

Please see the parish website for a list of Confession Times at our Parish Family Churches.

#### **BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS** FOR PARENTS

Families preparing to have their child baptized must be registered members of our parish family. First-time parents must plan to attend a preparation class. To register for this free class, please call the St. Patrick Parish Office at 335-2833. Babysitting is available upon request.

Next class is Monday, March 13, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in Room #3 in the St. Patrick Parish Center. (Located behind the school -444 E. Water Street.)

#### **NEW MEMBERS**

John & Nicole Prasko and their son, John. 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.

#### MINISTRY OF CARE

Just a reminder that if you are in the need of rides to church, shopping, errands, respite care or meals, St. Patrick is offering a Ministry of Care. If you are in the need of this help or able to help in any of these ways, please contact the Parish Office to request the help or volunteer. When a need is requested, an email goes out to those who have signed up for that need and whoever can help will be assigned. Thank you so much to those who have volunteered for this ministry and help out our fellow parishioners.

#### A LENTEN PARISH EVENT THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST Saturday, March 25

We will be showing this powerful movie about the Passion of Christ following the 5:00 p.m. Mass in the undercroft. We will serve soup and crackers at 6:00 p.m. with the movie beginning at 6:45 p.m. No reservations; just come and join us as we near the end of Lent and prepare for Holy Week coming up soon.

#### PRAYER CHAIN

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

# SUNDAY COLLECTION REPORT – FEBRUARY 26, 2023

Sunday Masses	\$ 8,091.00
Sunday Mail-Ins	\$ 390.00
Electronic Giving	<u>\$ 3,560.68</u>
Total	\$ 12,041.68
Amount Needed	\$ 14,230.00
Variance (shortfall)	\$ (2,188.32)

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

WEEKLY RAFFLE WINNER: February 27 – Mary Keeney Month of February - Marcella Hare

# Our Lady of Fatima Stations of the Cross

St. Patrick & Transfiguration | Fridays 7 PM \*2 PM St. Patrick School February 24\* March 3,\* 10, 17, 24,\* 31\* St. Mary | Thursdays 7 PM February 23 March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 St. Boniface | Sundays 2 PM St. Teresa | Sundays 6 PM March 5, 12, 19, 26 April 2

#### **TOILETRY DRIVE FOR FIRST** PLACE FOOD PANTRY March 25th and 26th

St. Vincent de Paul is hosting a toiletry drive for the First Place Food Pantry of Troy the weekend of March 25th and 26th. Bins will be posted in the back of church and Undercroft until 1:00 p.m. Sunday. At this time, First Place has special need for:

- deodorant
- toilet paper
- disinfectant wipes
- toothpaste/toothbrushes
- paper towels
- chapstick
- disposable razors •
- laundry soap
- Band-Aids
- O-tips
- cotton balls •
- dish soap
- diapers sizes 5 and 6
- body wash
- baby wipes

Thanks in advance for your generosity!

# **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 info@stpattroy.org.

MARCH 12, 2023

# LIVING WATER

Reflection on John 4:5-42

Throughout John's Gospel, there are many scenes like the one today describing Jesus' encounter with the woman at the well, where there is so much going on behind the surface dialogue. John will often leave nameless the character whom Jesus encounters, inviting us to imagine ourselves in the role, receiving some certain gift, some truth, from the exchange.

This woman takes her bucket to the well, as no doubt she has done countless times, there to encounter Jesus who offers Himself as living water, welling up to eternal life. Here is where we might place ourselves in the story. To what "well" do I return over and over again to attain those things I think I need? Career? Wealth? Human affection? Sexual fulfillment? Pornography? Alcohol? Food? Social Media? Where do I go to get what I believe I need to be satisfied, to feel alive or whole?

Of course, Jesus proposes Himself as the true fulfillment of all that is needed or desired by us to be made whole, alive, and complete. But even more, in His encounter with the woman – and us – at the well of our obsession, idolatry, and sin, He reveals the depth of God's divine thirst for each of us. Jesus longs to share His life – welling up to eternal life – with us.

~ Fr. Jay



# WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, March 12, 2023 3rd Sunday of Lent

Ex 17:3-7 Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 Jn 4:5-42

**Monday, March 13, 2023** Lenten Weekday 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

*Lenten Weekday* Dn 3:25, 34-43 Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday, March 15, 2023 Lenten Weekday Dt 4:1, 5-9 Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 Mt 5:17-19 **Thursday, March 16, 2023** Lenten Weekday Jer 7:23-28 Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 Lk 11:14-23

**Friday, March 17, 2023** Saint Patrick, Bishop Hos 14:2-10 Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14, 17 Mk 12:28-34

Saturday, March 18, 2023 Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Hos 6:1-6 Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab Lk 18:9-14

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

The Third Week of Lent Loving Father, So many times I turn away from You and always You welcome me back. Your mercy and love gives me confidence Thank You for the invitation to share, fast and pray so that You can form a new heart within me. Your powerful compassion for my weaknesses leads me to ask for mercy and await with great hope the Easter joy You share with us. Amen,

# AROUND OUR PARISH

#### **CURTAINS**

LEHMAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL presents *CURTAINS*, a musical comedy whodunit from John Kander and Fred Ebb, the songwriting team that created the musical *Chicago*. Performances are MARCH 23, 24, and 25, 2023 at the Historic Sidney Theatre, 120 W. Poplar Street in downtown Sidney. Thursday at 7:00 p.m., Friday and Saturday at 8:00 p.m. For tickets, go to <u>sidneytheatre.org</u>.

#### **BLOOM SPRING FLOWER SALE!**

BLOOM Spring Flowers are coming to *LEHMAN JUNIOR HIGH ATHLETICS!* The BLOOM Spring Flowers program consists of this year's most popular spring flower choices. The sale will run from March 20th until April 3rd. Pick up your flowers on Saturday, May 13, 2023 from 12:30-2:00 p.m. at the Piqua Catholic School Southwest Parking Lot, **directly behind the school, on the corner of Franklin and Greene Streets.** 

Contact a ST. PAT'S student family or contact Courtney Witt at 937-638-0791 or Tricia Zimmerman at 937-418-1013.



#### 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, the now-famous KEGS & EGGS BREAKFAST. Awards and door prizes given out at that time. Register at <u>www.cantstoprunningco.</u> <u>com</u>. Questions? Contact Chuck Karnehm at 937-524-1517 or <u>ckarnehm@gmail.com</u>.

> 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



Are you crafty? Are you looking for a creative, fun night with fun, creative people? Come to Transfiguration Church's monthly Art and Craft Night starting on Monday, March 13. Come to the Parish Hall (back of church) at 6:00 p.m. For the first project, bring glass jars to decorate, decorative napkins and an old 1" or 2" brush. No need to register and bring a friend. Call Shelly at 937-698-4520 for questions. Transfiguration Church, 972 S. Miami Street, West Milton, OH 45383.

#### CAN YOU HELP?

The Ministry of Holy Communion for healthcare and homebound parishioners is SEEKING HELP. 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 ksvend80@roadrunner.com or 937-545-9197. THANK YOU!

#### RCIA

During Lent, RCIA Catechumens and Candidates enter a Period of Purification and Enlightenment. They are preparing for reception into the Catholic Church and the celebration of Easter Sacraments. Do you or someone you know desire a closer relationship with Jesus Christ or have questions about the Catholic Church? For information, you may contact Ken Vendryes at <u>ksvend80@</u> roadrunner.com or 937-545-9197, or Susan Anderson at <u>sanderson@stpattroy.org</u> or 937-335-2833.





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 LOV 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 PARISHHALL | COVINGTON | FR. JM

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

#### AN EVENING OF PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED THE LOSS OF A CHILD

All of us have suffered the loss of a loved one and the pain that accompanies a loss. There is a special pain that accompanies the loss of a child, no matter how old the child may be at the time of loss. On March 27th at 7:30 p.m., the Respect Life Committee will be holding an evening of prayer for anyone who has experienced this pain. We invite everyone to St. Mary in Piqua. Come pray with us or those who have experienced losing a child. This is our gift to anyone who may be suffering from this loss.

#### ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH



"At the Last Supper, on the night he was betrayed, Our Savior instituted the Eucharistic sacrifice of his body and blood" #1323 Catechism of the Catholic Church

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#### Lenten Retreat

Presenters: Fr. Eric Bowman on the True Presence, Ann and Mike Epperly and Dick Steineman and Deb Grant with personal witnesses. Adoration in St. Mary's church in conclusion.

#### Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup> Piqua Catholic North St<sup>.</sup> cafeteria, 9:00-noon A continental breakfast provided.

No cost. A free will donation will be given to the St. Clare Chapel and the St. Patrick's Soup Kitchen.

Sponsored by the St. Boniface/St. Mary Adult Faith Formatio



#### LENTEN ANGELS

**Lenten Angels,** be sure to be praying, sending cards or notes to your person. Don't reveal who you are until just before Easter. It is so nice to know someone is keeping you in prayer and giving you words of encouragement.

# **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 sessions began **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 Room 3, 444 East Water Street, Troy. You are welcome to just come and check it out. Registration is not required.



#### 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 <u>rsmith3055@aol.com.</u>

*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/link/1127545</u>. Deadline to sign up is April 6th, 2023.

# **SCHOOL**

Happy St. Patrick's Day!! The 17th day is such a big day for us!! We celebrate our patron saint. I can't wait to share pictures of the day with you next week.

March 17th is also the end of the 3rd quarter! Nine more weeks to go. Hard to believe. On March 23rd, we will do our awards ceremony for the 3rd quarter right after Mass.

Just a reminder that we will be on Easter Break from April 7th to April 14th.

Have a blessed week!

Cyndi Cathcart

# CCD

- March 14 Reconciliation grades 2-6, Liturgy talk for DD, Kindergarten, 1st grade
  - 21 Class, Jesus Night for 2nd grade
  - 28 Stations of the Cross

Classes for Kindergarten-sixth grade and a DD class. The registration information can be found on the website or contact Susan Anderson by email at <u>sanderson@stpattroy.org</u>.

# **SAVE THE DATES!**

Totus Tuus for grades 1-12 will be held June 18-23.

Bible Camp for preschool-Kindergarten will be held June 20-22.

# YOUTH MINISTRY

High School Ministry and 7th-8th Grade Confirmation Ministry Youth Ministry website www.stpattroyym.org.

#### March 2023 High School Ministry

- 12 Off for Confirmation
- 19 Dude's Day, 12:30-2:30 p.m. at Parish Center Beloved Daughter Day, 1:00-5:00 p.m.
  - at Lange Estate
- 26 Spring Break

#### 7th-8th Grade Confirmation Ministry Confirmation Cells

- 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. in the Parish Center
- 12 8th Grade Confirmation Rehearsal at 1:00 p.m. and Mass at 3:30 p.m.
- 19 7th Grade C Cell
- 26 8th Grade C Cell



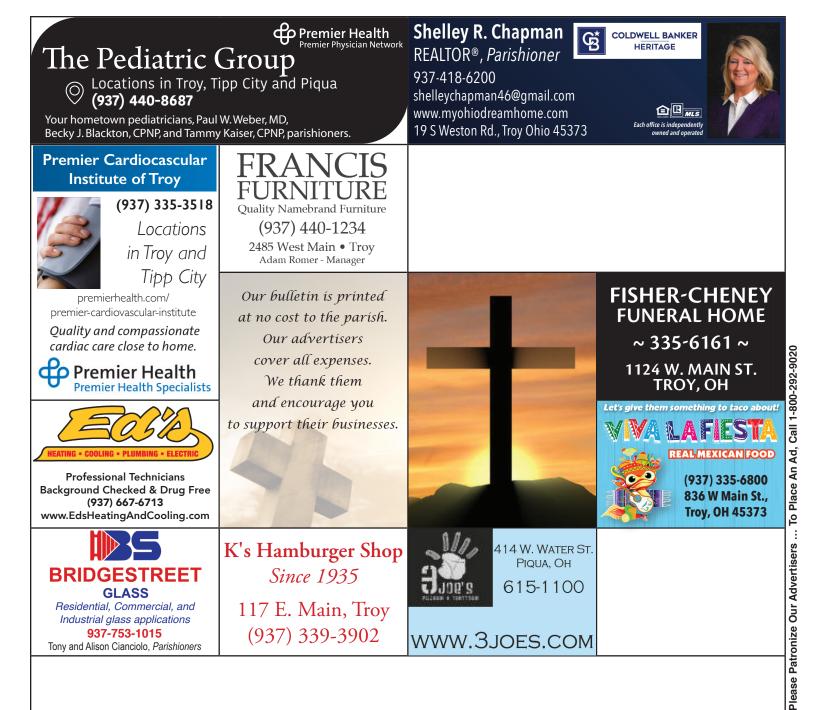


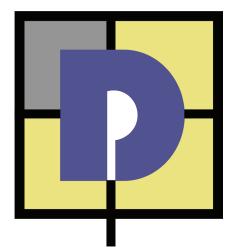
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March 19 April 23

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