

## 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

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#### **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.

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#### Mission Statement

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

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#### FR. ERIC - RAMBLINGS

**Reflections on Fatima** 5 of 27: The third and final visit from the Angel of Peace. The final visit from the angel was back where it began at the Loca do Cabeco. The children were praying when they saw the angel before them "holding a chalice in his hands, with a host above it from which some drops of blood were falling into the



Sacred vessel." The Angel left the chalice and host suspended in the air, and prostrated himself upon the ground with the children and prayed the following prayer with them three times: O Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore Thee profoundly. I offer Thee the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifferences by which He is offended. By the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary I beg the conversion of poor sinners

This was the last visit of the Angel to the three children. We cannot express more perfectly what the Angel accomplished in his mission than by recalling Lucy's own words: "Impelled by the power of the supernatural that enveloped us, we imitated all that the Angel had done, prostrating ourselves on the ground as he did and repeating the prayers that he said. The force of the presence of God was so intense that it absorbed us and almost completely annihilated us. It seemed to deprive us even of the use of our bodily senses for a considerable length of time. During those days, we performed all our exterior actions as though guided by that same supernatural being who was impelling us thereto. The peace and happiness which we felt were great, but wholly interior, for our souls were completely immersed in God."

Christ is there in the Blessed Sacrament waiting for us; how willing our Angel is to pray with us, to strengthen us in our prayers and sacrifices. Nothing is lacking for us to become holy.

#### Clarification...

I would like to clarify a statement I made in my homily dated February 19. In my homily I stated that the church did not change the tradition of not eating meat on all Fridays throughout the year. I went on to say that in the 1980s the United States Bishop Conference gave permission for the eating of meat on Friday. The first point of clarification is that the United States Bishop Conference made this statement in the 1960s. In 1966 the United States Episcopal conference put out a document entitled: "Pastoral Statement on Penance and Abstinence," in which they stated in several paragraphs, under the title, that Christ Died for Our Salvation on Friday:

In the following paragraphs they discuss the economic, dietary and social elements that have changed over time, in which meat (once an exceptional form of food) is now commonplace. "Accordingly, since the spirit of penance primarily suggests that we discipline ourselves in that which we enjoy most, to many in our day abstinence from meat no longer implies penance, while renunciation of other things would be more penitential. For these and related reasons, the Catholic bishops of the United States, far from downgrading the traditional observance of Friday, and motivated precisely by the desire to give the spirit of penance greater vitality, especially on Fridays, the day that Jesus died, urge our Catholic people to be guided by the following norms. Friday should be in each week something of what Lent is in the entire year. For this reason we URGE all to prepare for that weekly Easter that comes with each Sunday by freely making every Friday a day of self-denial and mortification in prayerful remembrance of the passion of Jesus Christ. Among the works of voluntary self-denial and personal penance which we especially commend to our people for the future observance of Friday, even though we terminate the traditional law of abstinence binding under pain of sin, as the sole prescribed means of observing Friday, WE GIVE FIRST PLACE TO ABSTINENCE FROM FLESH MEAT. We do so in the hope that the Catholic community will ordinarily continue to abstain from meat by free choice as formerly we did in obedience to Church Law.

As you can see from the above article, the church still calls us to penance/fasting/self-denial on all Fridays (unless a Solemnity falls on a Friday). What the US Bishops did, was to remove the moral obligation to abstain from eating meat on Friday. So if you eat meat on Friday, it is no longer a sin. BUT we are, as I mentioned in my homily, required to do some other form of self-denial. So in conclusion, the United States Bishops Conference, allowed for the eating of meat, if it was no longer sacrificial. The person who eats meat on Fridays, outside of Lent, does not incur the weight of sin for the actions. BUT the Bishops stated that we must treat all Fridays as if they are Fridays of Lent, by uniting our suffering with Christ's suffering. "Catholic peoples from time immemorial have set apart Friday for special penitential observances by which they gladly suffer with Christ."

#### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

#### SATURDAY, March 4

**5:00 p.m**. Michele Hudson

SUNDAY, March 5

7:30 a.m. Ruthanne Wildenthaler

**9:30 a.m.** James Holter **11:30 a.m.** Jack Josza

MONDAY, March 6

**7:45 a.m.** Alton Ording

TUESDAY, March 7

**7:45 a.m.** Poor Souls of Purgatory

WEDNESDAY, March 8

**7:45 a.m.** Deceased Members of St. Patrick Church



## **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 <a href="https://pathway.catholicaoc.org/parish-vitality-report">https://pathway.catholicaoc.org/parish-vitality-report</a>.





#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING

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

#### THURSDAY, March 9

8:30 a.m. Joan McVay

FRIDAY, March 10

7:45 a.m. Emma Noonan

SATURDAY, March 11

**5:00 p.m.** Luz Mamitag

SUNDAY, March 12

7:30 a.m. Jewell Curtis9:30 a.m. Tom Pepiot11:30 a.m. Gene Gretch

For Mass times of churches throughout the United States, visit <a href="https://www.masstimes.org">www.masstimes.org</a>.

#### SUNDAY COLLECTION REPORT - FEBRUARY 19, 2023

\$ 5,459.00
\$ 1,880.00
\$ 4,871.74
\$ 12,210.74
\$ 14,230.00
\$ (2,019.26)

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

#### 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 takehome fully cooked ham dinner with all the fixings to Troy families in need this Easter. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

#### 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 started Tuesday, February 21, 2023. 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center Board Room (Room 6). Ready to start? Email Knights3873@gmail.com with your contact information or questions.

#### **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.

WEEKLY RAFFLE WINNER: February 20 - Gerald Schwieterman

#### **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 <a href="mailto:info@stpattroy.org">info@stpattroy.org</a>.

#### **LISTEN**

Reflection on Matthew 17:1-9

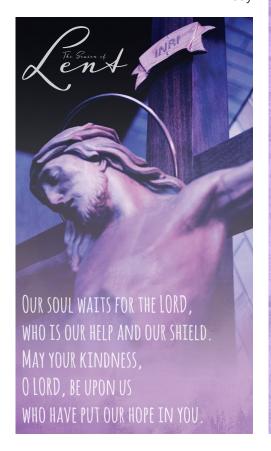
The transfiguration scene is packed with symbolism, majesty and mystery. There is so much to fill us, like the disciples, with awe. I invite you to focus on a single word in the story, the word, "listen."

When the Father speaks to Peter, James and John from the cloud, he says, "'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased, listen to him."

How do we listen to Jesus? Vatican II says, "Christ is present in his word, since it is he himself who speaks when the holy scriptures are read in church." This really is "the Word of the Lord" that is proclaimed at Mass. Is our listening, our hearing of Jesus, as earnestly and breathlessly open as it is to the other voices that speak to us in this world? Do our hearts burn within us, as with the disciples on the road to Emmaus, when Jesus talks to us? Can we listen to Jesus speaking to our hearts as powerfully and as truly as someone we profoundly love speaks to us?

A wonderful way to prayerfully prepare for every Mass is to say, with Samuel, "Speak Lord, for your servant is listening."

~ Fr. Jay



#### **WEEKLY SCRIPTURE**

Sunday, March 5, 2023

2nd Sunday of Lent Gn 12:1-4a Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 2 Tm 1:8b-10 Mt 17:1-9

Monday, March 6, 2023

Lenten Weekday
Dn 9:4b-10
Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13
Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday, March 7, 2023

Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs Is 1:10, 16-20 Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday, March 8, 2023

Saint John of God, Religious Jer 18:18-20 Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 Mt 20:17-28 Thursday, March 9, 2023

Saint Frances of Rome, Religious Jer 17:5-10 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 Lk 16:19-31

Friday, March 10, 2023

Lenten Weekday Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday, March 11, 2023

Lenten Weekday Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

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

The Second Week of Lent
Loving God,
There is so much darkness in my life
and I hide from You.
Take my hand
and lead me out of the shadows of my fear.
Help me to change my heart.
Bring me to Your truth
and help me to respond to Your generous love.
Let me recognize the fullness of Your love
which will fill my life.
Tree me from the darkness in my heart, Amen.

#### AROUND OUR PARISH



#### **NEWLY BAPTIZED**

Barbara Deanise Adams, daughter of Michael & Madelyn (Smith) Adams.

We welcome you to St. Patrick Faith Community.

#### **IN SYMPATHY**

Please pray for the family of Michele Hudson who recently passed away. May her soul rest in the glorious peace of heaven.

#### PRAYER CHAIN

While Mary Grilliot recuperates, please contact Sue Hastings at 937-339-2945 or <a href="mailto:sharter:sharte

## 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).

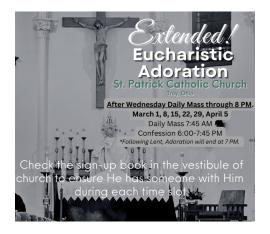
# ST. PATRICK SCHOOL ALUMNI & FRIENDS 9TH ANNUAL SHAMROCK SHUFFLE 5K RACE

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 <a href="https://www.cantstoprunningco.com">www.cantstoprunningco.com</a>. Questions? Contact Chuck Karnehm at 937-524-1517 or <a href="mailto:ckarnehm@gmail.com">ckarnehm@gmail.com</a>.

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 sidneytheatre.org.

#### **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 <a href="mailto:ksvend80@roadrunner.com">ksvend80@roadrunner.com</a> or 937-545-9197. THANK YOU.





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

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

Need more info? Contact Stephanie Ratermann @ 937-638-4841

#### **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.

#### **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 <a href="mailto:ksvend80@roadrunner.com">ksvend80@roadrunner.com</a> or 937-545-9197 or Susan Anderson at <a href="mailto:sanderson@stpattroy.org">sanderson@stpattroy.org</a> or 937-335-2833.



What: After two years, dine-in seating will be available! We will serve Spaghetti with Father Fox's sauce (meatless sauce available), garlic Texas Toast, garden salad, and a dessert buffet.

Cost: Free Will Donation

Cause: All donations go to the Run for the Call fundraiser, which supports Archdiocesan Seminarians. Run for the Call is an initiative made up of men and women of all ages who are dedicated through prayer, sacrifice, and running to promoting a culture of vocations and raising money to support seminarians of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. The funds raised pay for special retreats and unexpected expenses of seminarians.

Sponsored by: The Serra Club of Cincinnati NW Deanery

Contact: Heather Borchers for dinner details at 937-451-8363.



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#### HAPPENING AT TRANSFIGURATION!

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.



#### The Fucharist

"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

#### **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 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 Formation

#### 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.

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

#### **CCD**

March 7 Class

- 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 at <a href="mailto:sanderson@stpattroy.org">sanderson@stpattroy.org</a>.

#### BLUE KNIGHTS AND LITTLE FLOWERS BEGINS 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 <a href="mailto:loribkelleher@gmail.com">loribkelleher@gmail.com</a>. Register for the program at <a href="https://LFBK-STPATS.rsvpify.com">https://LFBK-STPATS.rsvpify.com</a>.

#### **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

- 5 Worship and Witness, 12:30-2:30 p.m. Parish Center Youth Ministry Room
- 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

- 7th Grade C Cell
- 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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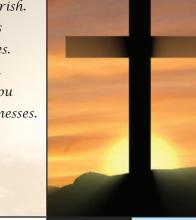
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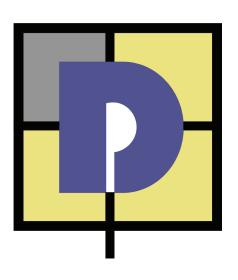
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