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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, April 22

5:00 p.m. Laura Gudorf

SUNDAY, April 23

7:30 a.m. Norman Shumaker

9:30 a.m. Marilyn Terando

11:30 a.m. John Quinn

MONDAY, April 24

7:45 a.m. Poor Souls of Purgatory

TUESDAY, April 25

7:45 a.m. Tom Pepiot

WEDNESDAY, April 26

7:45 a.m. Dan Bowman

THURSDAY, April 27

8:30 a.m. Anne Thiel

FRIDAY, April 28

7:45 a.m. Louise Rees

SATURDAY, April 29

5:00 p.m. John and Carol Gross

Wedding Anniversary

SUNDAY, April 30

7:30 a.m. Deceased Members of
St. Patrick

9:30 a.m. Jacob Koesters

11:30 a.m. Paul & Jean Grusenmeyer

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

FR. ERIC - RAMBLINGS

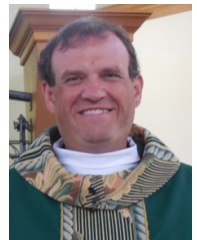
Reflections on Fatima 12 of 27

July 13 continued:

The more Lúcia thought about the matter, the more she was set against returning to the Cova da Iria. Besides, the temptation was attractive. In that way, without much trouble, she could put an end to all the complications and sufferings. Without knowing why, she began to feel annoyed at the company of Jacinta and Francisco and tried to avoid them. Her mother redoubled her efforts to dissuade her from returning to the Cova da Iria for the next apparition. Lúcia's two cousins suffered also, not because of any doubt, but because they were sorry for her, precisely because they were convinced that the visitor to the Cova da Iria really was Our Lady.

"Francisco suffered the most from this, and sometimes he complained to Jacinta. He would tell her that if she had only kept quiet, nobody would have known about it. Now they couldn't undo what had been done. With all his strength and all the reasons he could muster, Francisco set about convincing Lúcia she had to be present in the Cova da Iria on July 13. When he saw her perplexed, doubting, and wondering whether, in fact, it had been the devil who appeared to them, he would weep and urge her to go. He would ask her how she could possibly think it had been the devil. Hadn't she seen Our Lady in the great light? But even more, how could he and Jacinta go without Lúcia, when she did all the talking? After supper, when it was already dark, Francisco went again to Lúcia's house in a last effort to convince her. The meeting took place at the old threshing floor, the scene of so many happy moments for the three of them, looking up at the stars and talking about them in their childish fashion. Now it was a scene of sorrow. Francisco asked tearfully, hoping to get a positive answer: "Look, are you going tomorrow?" "I'm not going; I already told you I am not going back anymore." "That's too bad! Why are you thinking like that now? Don't you see it can't be the devil? God is already so sad on account of so many sins, and now if you don't go, you will make Him even sadder! Come on, come with us!" "I already told you that I am not going; there's no use asking me." I went abruptly into the house. A few days later he said to me: "Do you believe it? That night I did not sleep at all. I spent the whole night crying and praying so that Our Lady would make you go." The imperturbable determination of Jacinta and Francisco must have impressed Lúcia deeply and increased her interior suffering. They told her resolutely: "We're going. The Lady said we were to go."9"

"She asked Jacinta why she was crying, and the girl told Lúcia it was because Lúcia didn't want to go to the Cova. Lúcia reaffirmed her intention not to go and asked Jacinta to explain to the Lady why she would not be there: "No, I'm not going. Look! If the Lady asks you about me, tell her I'm not going because I'm afraid she may be the devil."



WEEKLY RAFFLE WINNER:
April 10 – Brandon Hoying

FIXING THE ROOF (HOPEFULLY)

As most of you know, the church has had a leaky roof for quite some time. Over the past couple of years, we have been working on a plan to fix the roof, both exterior and interior damage. What will be done is replacing the tile roof and to repair the damaged areas of the church ceiling. This project is just under one million dollars. We presently have just over half of the money needed for the project. I am asking for donations for this project. You can send the donations directly to the Parish Office or place them in the collection basket (in an enveloped marked: roof project). Thank you for your support.

RCIA

Congratulations to Michael, Brandon, Dana, Melissa, Jackson, Lauren, Heather, Jason, Sarah, Xena, Haleigh, Kira, Brittany for your reception into full Communion and Confirmation with the Catholic Church.

Our prayers continue for you and all those on their journey of faith with RCIA.



CHURCH INFORMATION

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00-4:30 p.m. In Church

Wednesday: 6:00-6:45 p.m.

During Adoration
 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.**

ANOIDING 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.

OUR PASSION

Reflection on Luke 24:13-35

Several years ago, as I was preparing to teach my first college course, I remember feeling panicky about how I would be received as an instructor. I took my concern and panic to a good friend who had been a university professor for years. "What if my students are not interested in what I have to say?" I asked. My wise and experienced friend remarked: "Don't teach to their interest. Instead, teach from your passion."

I remembered this lesson as I reflected on this Gospel, and how the disciples on the road remarked to each other: "Were not our hearts burning within us?" This is passion! Discipleship is a full body experience! Are we in touch with our passion for The Word? Are we serving, in whatever capacity and in whatever way we are called, from this passion? Here's good news: Jesus is always on the road with us, making our hearts burn, calling forth our passion!

~ Fr. Jay

You will show me the *pāth* to life,
abounding *joy* in your presence.

Psalms 16:11



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, April 23, 2023

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14, 22-33

Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11

1 Pt 1:17-21

Lk 24:13-35

Monday, April 24, 2023

Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen,

Priest and Martyr

Acts 6:8-15

Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30

Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday, April 25, 2023

Saint Mark, Evangelist

1 Pt 5:5b-14

Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17

Mk 16:15-20

Wednesday, April 26, 2023

Easter Weekday

Acts 8:1b-8

Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a

Jn 6:35-40

Thursday, April 27, 2023

Easter Weekday

Acts 8:26-40

Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20

Jn 6:44-51

Friday, April 28, 2023

Saint Peter Chanel,

Priest and Martyr

Acts 9:1-20

Ps 117:1bc, 2

Jn 6:52-59

Saturday, April 29, 2023

Saint Catherine of Siena,

Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Acts 9:31-42

Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17

Jn 6:60-69

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

SAINT PETER CHANEL

Feast Day: April 28

Patron Saint of: Oceania

Anyone who has worked in loneliness, with great adaptation required and with little apparent success, will find a kindred spirit in Peter Chanel.

Born in France, Peter's interest in the missions began in school, when he read letters missionaries to America sent back home. As a young priest, Peter revived a parish in a "bad" district by the simple method of showing great devotion to the sick. Wanting to be a missionary, he joined the Society of Mary, the Marists, at 28. Obediently, he taught in the seminary for five years. Then, as superior of seven Marists, he traveled to Western Oceania. The bishop accompanying the missionaries left Peter and a brother on Futuna Island northeast of Fiji, promising to return in six months. He was gone five years.

Meanwhile, Peter struggled with this new language and mastered it, making the difficult adjustment to life with whalers, traders, and warring natives. Despite little apparent success and severe want, he maintained a serene and gentle spirit, plus endless patience and courage. A few natives had been baptized, a few more were being instructed. When the chieftain's son asked to be baptized, persecution by the chieftain reached a climax. Father Chanel was clubbed to death.

Within two years after his death, the whole island became Catholic and has remained so. He was canonized by Pope Pius XII in 1954. Peter Chanel is the first martyr of Oceania and its patron.

Suffering for Christ means suffering because we are like Christ. Very often the opposition we meet is the result of our own selfishness or imprudence. A Christian martyr is one who, like Christ, is simply a witness to God's love, and brings out of human hearts the good or evil that is already there.

Read the full article: "Saint Peter Chanel" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars,
<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-peter-chanel/>. (Accessed 6 Apr 2023).

AROUND OUR PARISH

Catholic Relief Services collection is this week.

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

St. Patrick's Confession Times:

Wednesday: 6:00-6:45 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 Families Churches

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesdays following morning Mass until 7:00 p.m.

Please see sign-up sheet in the narthex.

Due to staff changes, the Weekly Collection
will be posted in a later bulletin.

WEEKLY RAFFLE

Beginning in June 2023, the new raffle tickets will start! Each registered household of the parish will receive a book of six tickets this month in the mail. Each ticket is \$20.00 or the book of six is \$100.00. Each week, a \$50.00 winner is drawn and if we sell 1,000 tickets, there will be a monthly drawing for a \$100.00 winner. Your purchased tickets are eligible to win throughout the entire year (June throughout the end of next May). This event typically grosses over \$19,000.00 for the parish, which is crucial to aid in supplementing our budget. Please support us! You may drop off your tickets to the office, place them in the collection, or mail them back in the return envelope provided. Any unused tickets may be returned to the office. Thank you!



DEAR COMMUNITY OF THE CHURCH

ST. MICHAEL OLIVE WOOD sale on the weekend of April 29/30 for the mission in the undercroft following all Masses. Religious items from the Holy Land to help and support the Catholic Christian to remain in their life and provide for their home.

There are a lot of reasons to support this mission through the visit.

Your help ensures that the churches and holy sites remain places of Christian worship, without the indigenous Catholic presence in the Holy Land, these places would turn into museums.

They are our brothers and sister in Christ.

They are suffering, and living conditions in the Holy Land are dire as a result of the border closures that restrict freedom of movement.

CAMP INVENTION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Camp Invention is in need of high school and college student volunteers to be Leadership Interns for the program on June 5th-9th. Please email Alexa Evans at saintpatrickcampinvention@gmail.com to sign up!

SECURE YOUR SPOT TODAY

Register at INVENT.ORG/CAMP or 800-968-4332

Grades: 1st-6th

Location: Saint Patrick School, 420 East Water Street, Troy, OH 45373

Date: June 5-9, 2023

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Cost: \$260.00 (before discount)

Camp Director: Jennifer Reinmann

saintpatrickcampinvention@gmail.com

Scholarships may be available for those who qualify. Families interested in financial assistance should contact Jennifer Reinmann at saintpatrickcampinvention@gmail.com for more information.

If these dates/times don't work for you, please visit invent.org/camp for other locations near you.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to Matt & Sarah Steel

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.

IN SYMPATHY

Please pray for the families of Nancy Loewer and Lucy Kirsch, who recently passed away. *May their souls rest in the glorious peace of heaven.*

RUAH WOODS DAYTON - AREA COUNSELING OFFICE

Desiring to experience the fruits of the Holy Spirit in a greater way in your life or relationship, including peace, patience and joy? Thought about counseling, but not sure where to turn or what provider will respect and uphold your Catholic faith? Discouraged by the potential need to drive to Cincinnati to pursue such services? Good news: With a location at the Transfiguration Center, Ruah Woods Psychological Services is bringing Catholic faith-informed mental health care to greater Dayton and beyond. Please call 513-407-8878 or visit us at RWpsych.org to learn more.





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SCHOOL

Upcoming

- April 27** Cincinnati Zoo Field Trip for grades K, 1, 6, 7, and 8
Dine to Donate Chick-Fil-A, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Troy Location Only
- April 28** School of Faith – No School
- April 29** First Communion for 2nd grade

St. Patrick School is hosting a
DINE TO DONATE

**THURSDAY,
APRIL 27
5:30-7:30**



Troy location only

**Please mention St. Patrick
Spirit Night when ordering!**



CCD

- April 25** Class and First Communion Practice
- April 29** First Communion
- May 2** Last Class Family Fun Night

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 sanderson@stpattroy.org.

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

Volunteers are needed and registration info can be found on the St. Patrick website or contact Susan Anderson at sanderson@stpattroy.org.

We are also looking for a family to help host the Totus Tuus team.

ALUMINUM CAN TAB COLLECTION

Lehman Teen Leadership Corps is collecting aluminum can tabs through the end of April 2023. This includes drink cans, soup cans, and pet food cans. All proceeds benefit the Ronald McDonald House Charities in Dayton and Cincinnati. If you have any tabs to donate, please bring to Lehman HS or contact m.safreed@lehmancatholic.com for pickup arrangements.

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

April 2023

High School Ministry

- 23 Dude's Day, 12:30-2:30 p.m. at Parish Center
Beloved Daughter Day, 1:00-5:00 p.m. at Lange Estate
- 30 End-of-Year Family Party, from 12:30-2:00 p.m.

7th-8th Grade Confirmation Ministry

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

- 23 7th Grade C Cell
- 30 End-of-Year Family Party, from 12:30-2:00 p.m.

The Blue Knights had an afternoon of
projects to learn about the Story of Easter



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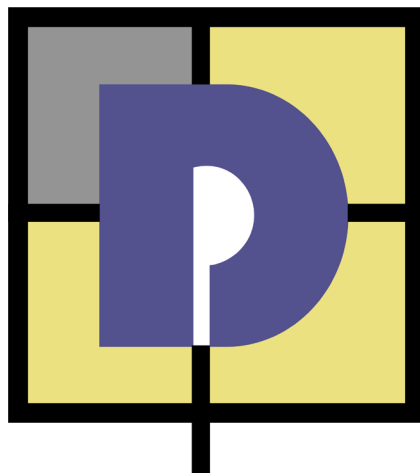


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