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## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY	Y, April 29	Т
5:00 p.m.	John and Carol Gross	
	Wedding Anniversary	F
SUNDAY, A	April 30	
7:30 a.m.	Deceased Members of St. Patrick	S.
9:30 a.m.	Jacob Koesters	
11:30 a.m.	Paul & Jean Grusenmeyer	S
MONDAY,	May 1	
7:45 a.m.	Special intentions of the	
	Naas Family	1
TUESDAY,	May 2	
7:45 a.m.	Michele Hudson	1
WEDNESD	AY, May 3	I
7:45 a.m.	Wilford Trembly	

THURSDAY, May 4 8:30 a.m. Alton Ording FRIDAY, May 5 7:45 a.m. Sarah Schumacker SATURDAY, May 6 5:00 p.m. Jewell Curtis SUNDAY, May 7 7:30 a.m. James Holter 9:30 a.m. Jack Black 10:30 a.m. Baptism – Charlie Cristopher Dunlap 11:30 a.m. Gene Gretch For Mass times of churches throughout the United States, visit <u>www.masstimes.org</u>.

#### FR. ERIC - RAMBLINGS

#### Reflections on Fatima 13 of 27

July 13 continued: the morning of July 13

Like the sun after a storm, when July 13 dawned, Lúcia felt herself completely changed. Her clouds of doubt had scattered, her tears had dried, and she went to her cousins' house dressed in her best clothes, smiling and inviting them to go to meet the Lady. This was probably the first miracle obtained



through the intercession of Francisco and Jacinta. The simplicity with which Lúcia tells us about this change has a special beauty.

"The next day, when it was nearly time to leave, I suddenly felt that I had to go [to the Cova]. I was impelled by a strange force that I could hardly resist. So I set out on the way and passed by the house of my uncle and aunt to see whether Jacinta was still there. I found her in her room with her little brother Francisco, kneeling by the foot of the bed crying. 'Aren't you going?' I asked them. 'We didn't dare to go without you. Come on, come.' 'Yes, I'm going.' I answered them. Their faces lit up with joy and they left with me. So many crowds of people (two to three thousand) were waiting for us along the way that we managed to arrive there only with difficulty."

The children arrived at Cova for the visit of Our Lady. The dialogue and the importance of what transpired in the July visit is too long for one article, so we will look at it in two parts. Mary stated in response to Lúcia's question of "What do you want from me?":

"I want you to come here on the 13th of next month, to continue reciting the Rosary every day in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary, in order to obtain peace in the world and the end of the war, because only She can help you."

"I should like to ask You to tell us who You are, and to work a miracle so that everyone will believe that Your Grace is appearing to us."

"Continue to come here every month. In October, I will say who I am and what I want, and I will perform a miracle so that all might see and believe."

Here, I made some requests which I do not remember. What I do remember is that Our Lady said it was necessary to say the Rosary in order to obtain these graces throughout the year.

Our Lady continued: "Sacrifice yourselves for sinners, and say often to Jesus, especially whenever you make a sacrifice: *O Jesus, it is for love of Thee, for the conversion of sinners, and in reparation for the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary.*"

In the next article, we will continue to look at the July Visit of Our Lady.

#### 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 envelope marked: *roof project*). Thank you for your support.

#### WEEKLY RAFFLE WINNER: April 17 – Mary Sweeney

#### 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

#### **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Wednesdays following morning Mass until 7:00 p.m. Please see sign-up sheet in the narthex. We need people to sign up for a time and commit to that time weekly. Please consider spending some time with Jesus in Adoration.

#### WEEKLY COLLECTION

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 through 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!

#### 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, May 8, beginning at 7:00 p.m in Room #3 in the St. Patrick Parish Center. (Located behind the school – 444 E. Water Street.)

# 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.



## **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

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>.

# **GOOD SHEPHERD**

Reflection on Jn 10:1-10

We certainly think of Jesus as the Good Shepherd; He is the one who leads and guides us, whose voice we know, who nourishes us, who protects us from the thieves and robbers. We also know Jesus as the gate – the path we follow, "the way, the truth, and the life."

On this Good Shepherd Sunday, we do well to reflect on how we familiarize ourselves with the voice of Jesus so that we easily recognize it, as well as how we identify the many voices of the "strangers" referred to in this parable, so we know what to run away from.

We are told in this Gospel that Jesus "came that they might have life and have it more abundantly." The voice of the Good Shepherd will always draw us more deeply into this new and abundant life, in a oneness of mind and heart. On the other hand, the voices that continue to plague our world will try to divide us, drawing us into who is "in" and who is "out," whether according to amounts in bank accounts, color of skin, place of origin, and countless other humanmade categories.





# WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

#### Sunday, April 30, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Easter Acts 2:14a, 36-41 Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 1 Pt 2:20b-25 Jn 10:1-10

Monday, May 1, 2023 Easter Weekday Acts 11:1-18 Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 Jn 10:11-18

**Tuesday, May 2, 2023** Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Acts 11:19-26 Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 Jn 10:22-30

**Wednesday, May 3, 2023** Saints Philip and James, Apostles 1 Cor 15:1-8 Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 Jn 14:6-14

# **SAINT PIUS V**

Feast Day: April 30 Patron Saint of: Valletta, Malta

During his papacy (1566-1572), Pius V was faced with the almost overwhelming responsibility of getting a shattered and scattered Church back on its feet. The family of God had been shaken by corruption, by the Reformation, by the constant threat of Turkish invasion, and by the bloody bickering of the young nation-states. In 1545, a previous pope convened the Council of Trent in an attempt to deal with all these pressing problems. Off and on over 18 years, the Fathers of the Church discussed, condemned, affirmed, and decided upon a course of action. The Council closed in 1563.

Pius V was elected in 1566 and charged with the task of implementing the sweeping reforms called for by the Council. He ordered the founding of seminaries for the proper training of priests. He published a new missal, a new breviary, a new catechism, and established the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine classes for the young. Pius zealously enforced legislation against abuses in the Church. He patiently served the sick and the poor by building hospitals, providing food for the hungry, and giving money customarily used for the papal banquets to poor Roman converts.

In striving to reform both Church and state, Pius encountered vehement opposition from England's Queen Elizabeth and the Roman Emperor Maximilian II. Problems in France and in the Netherlands also hindered Pius' hopes for a Europe united against the Turks.

Pius' ceaseless papal quest for a renewal of the Church was grounded in his personal life as a Dominican friar. He spent long hours with his God in prayer, fasted rigorously, deprived himself of many customary papal luxuries, and faithfully observed the spirit of the Dominican Rule that he had professed.

**Thursday, May 4, 2023** *Easter Weekday* Acts 13:13-25 Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27 Jn 13:16-20

**Friday, May 5, 2023** *Easter Weekday* Acts 13:26-33 Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab Jn 14:1-6

**Saturday, May 6, 2023** *Easter Weekday* Acts 13:44-52 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 Jn 14:7-14

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

## AROUND OUR PARISH

# DEAR PARISHIONERS OF THE ST. AUGUSTINE B DEANERY (formerly the Sidney Deanery):

I pray that you and your families are experiencing the joy of the Easter Season. May Jesus, risen from the dead, fill you with hope.

I am seeking your input and opinion about a Sunday evening Mass in our Deanery. For the last two years, there has been a Sunday evening Mass in the Wapakoneta area. In March, the pastoral council of these four parishes recommended to me, their pastor, to adjust the Mass schedule so that we could have a Sunday morning Mass at all four parishes.

However, the Sunday evening Mass seemed to meet a genuine need in our area. There is a Sunday evening Mass in Coldwater, but there is not another evening Mass along the I-75 corridor from St. Michael, Findlay to Immaculate Conception, Dayton. At these Masses, I noticed numerous attendees wearing apparel of the neighboring schools: Lehman, Russia, Fort Loramie, Anna, and Piqua. The Sunday evening Mass aided people in the entire area, not just our own parishioners.

The priests of the deanery are discerning the possibility of having a Sunday evening Mass at a particular location and rotating the celebrant between the priests of the Deanery. Currently, there are fourteen active priests in the deanery.

As we discerned this possibility, we have reached an impasse. We are curious what is actually helpful for the Catholics of the deanery. Would you please complete the five-question survey by Sunday, May 7? This will aid us in knowing how to best serve the Catholics in our local area. Visit <u>https://s.surveyplanet.com/n6wwb7p4</u>.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Sean Wilson

Dean of the St. Augustine B Deanery

#### WHAT WOULD YOU GIVE TO SAVE A BABY'S LIFE?

For 34 years, Elizabeth's New Life Center has been a leader in helping women choose life, saving more than **45,000 babies**. This cannot be done alone. We understand that we must all work together to make this happen. We provide the tools and ask you to provide the resources. Because of our community partners, we operate 9 women's centers from Cincinnati up to Sidney. In addition, classes are available for marriage, sexual risk avoidance, and parenting. God continues to call us all to join together and fulfill His ministry.

Mother's Day is a great time of the year to remember mothers who need help. We are asking you to partner with us so that mothers can carry their baby to term.

Will you pray about supporting this ministry during the month of May? To give, simply go to our website at <u>enlc.life</u> and click on Support and then the "Mothers Day Link" or click the button below. You can also give by credit/debit card over the phone by calling Lori at 937-226-7414, ext. 430. She will help you make your gift.

Thank you so much for giving and praying for mothers and the gift of life.

God bless you for giving!

#### 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 for Totus Tuus can be found on the St. Patrick website or contact Susan Anderson at <u>sanderson@stpattroy.org</u>.

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



#### DEAR COMMUNITY OF THE CHURCH

ST. MICHAEL OLIVE WOOD sale this weekend, 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.

#### **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 <u>RWpsych.org</u> to learn more.

#### REQUESTING VOLUNTEERS TO HELP AT THE MIAMI COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE FISHING BOOTH DURING THE TROY STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL: JUNE 2, 3, 4.

If you enjoy seeing smiles on young faces, then please volunteer to help us at our Fishing Booth where kids get to fish for stuffed animals. They win a prize every time and the funds are used to help local families. We have two-hour shifts on Friday evening and during all Festival hours on Saturday and Sunday. Volunteers may be Junior High age or older. Please call us at 937-339-3198 or 937-726-7299 (Mary Jo or Dave Enneking) to volunteer. Invite a friend to work with you. Hours can be used as Community Service time.

#### 2023 RURAL URBAN FARM MASS

2023 Rural Urban Farm Mass will be held on Thursday, July 20 at 7:00 p.m. at the farm of Buck and Fran Siefring, 3598 State Route 705, New Weston, Ohio. The farm is located one mile west of New Weston. The Mass will recognize Catholic families who have farmed the same land for 100 years or more. If you own a farm that has been in your family for 100 years or more and has not already been recognized, please call Roger Hoying at 419-733-4543 for an application. Please respond by June 1, 2023. Please join us for refreshments, music, and square dancing. Bishop Dennis Schnurr will be the celebrant.



# **Day of Renewal**



	Fr. David Zink ecoming Children of Light Through a	the Holy Spirit"
Date:	Tuesday, May 9, 2023	
Times:	Mass with Father David Zink	8:00am
	Program	9:00am-3:00pm
Where:	St. Mary's Church (937) 548 233 W. Third St. Greenville, OH 45331	3-1616
* [	ight lunch, snacks, and water will be provide	d.
* #	ree will donation will be accepted.	
* (	church is air conditioned. You may want to br	ing a sweater or wrap.
RSVP: Rese	rvations are required.	
Pleas	se call, text, or email by May 1, 2023 to re	serve your spot.
	Contact: Ginny Metzcar	

call: (937) 916-5020 text: (937) 417-1305 email: gmetzcar47@gmail.com

#### CCD

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

**THIRD GRADE HAD A VISITOR** – Gordon Alexander, writer and our third grade teacher Kandy Hammond's father. They were blessed with his words of wisdom and faith.



# YOUTH MINISTRY

#### High School Ministry and 7th-8th Grade Confirmation Ministry Youth Ministry website – <u>www.stpattroyym.org</u>.

April 2023

**High School Ministry** 

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

30 End-of-Year Family Party, from 12:30-2:00 p.m.

Dear Families of St. Patrick,

My time as your Coordinator of Youth Ministry here is coming to a close, and I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to Fr. Eric, the staff, and the families for allowing me to love and journey with you towards Jesus. My three years will conclude on May 5, 2023.

When God made it clear he was calling me to a new youth ministry position in spring 2020, I prayed for the priest and parish I would serve before I even knew who you were. From the moment I set foot here, Jesus made it so clear that He had been preparing my heart to receive you all so personally and my heart has been OVERWHELMED with love and joy ever since! I love this parish! I have never in my life and ten years of youth ministry encountered youth that were so radically open to the Holy Spirit. Your middle and high schoolers have blown me away with their love for the sacraments, and their desire to seek Jesus radically and pray. They are filled with so many beautiful questions, boldness, kindness, and authenticity. I've witnessed so many of your children meeting the person of Jesus and growing in a life of prayer, and that fills me with such deep hope and joy for the future of our Church. I will miss the teens so dearly and you will forever be in my prayers!

I know that God is good and is always leading us to the greatest good, and as a missionary, I follow His heart. The fruitfulness of the girls' ministries here have aided in my discernment to move even deeper into that ministry calling. I will be stepping into the new position of Director of Retreats and Outreach for the New Eve Foundation, which seeks to bring women to an encounter with Christ through the truth, beauty, and goodness of their femininity. So much has come from serving your teens in the Beloved Daughter ministries and girls C Cell small groups that I am excited to be doing women's ministry full time.

I am so excited for what God has in store for this parish and the foundation of youth ministry He has built here! We have an amazing group of volunteers and so much in place for the new minister to step into. And I am sure they will love you all as much as I do! I am working on a plan with the Core Team and Staff for both continuation of ministry this summer and the smooth transition of the new hire. Please pray for whoever the Lord is bringing next and welcome them into the St. Patrick family.

God bless! In the Heart of Jesus, Abby Schmid





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