

ST. PATRICK CATH

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 5:00 p.m. Sunday 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

THURSDAY, July 20

SATURDAY, July 15 2:30 p.m. Wedding – Kevin Knapke and Corina Krell 5:00 p.m. Gene Gretch SUNDAY, July 16 7:30 a.m. Ray Guillozet 9:30 a.m. Lawrence and Eleanor Huter and Family 11:30 a.m. Tom and Mary Alice Dahlinghaus MONDAY, July 17 7:45 a.m. Dorothy Depweg **TUESDAY, July 18** 7:45 a.m. Lynne Dusek WEDNESDAY, July 19 7:45 a.m. Jean Evendon

8:30 a.m. Marianne Byrnes-Castaneda
FRIDAY, July 21

7:45 a.m. David Deller

SATURDAY, July 22

2:30 p.m. Wedding – Brandon Wehrley and Emily Mothmiller
5:00 p.m. Our Lady of Fatima Priests and Deacons

SUNDAY, July 23

7:30 a.m. George Heitkamp
9:30 a.m. Ladd Orr
11:30 a.m. Mary Pfahl
12:30 p.m. Baptism – Elijah Mullen

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

FR. ERIC'S RAMBLINGS

Reflections on Fatima 24 of 27

September 13: Our Lady's words The visit of our Blessed Mother was short and sweet, but packed. Mary opened the meeting with the children with a word of tenderness and motherly solicitude, as Lúcia reports: "Continue to pray the Rosary to obtain the end



of the war. In October, Our Lord will come, as well as Our Lady of Sorrows and Mount Carmel, and Saint Joseph with the Child Jesus to bless the world. God is pleased with your sacrifices, but He doesn't want you to sleep with the rope; wear it only during the day." This refers to a practice the children had begun, wearing a rough cord of rope as a form of penance. They used to wear it day and night. Lúcia explains: "Due to either the thickness or roughness of the rope, or because sometimes we tightened it too much, this instrument sometimes made us suffer horribly. Jacinta would shed tears at times because of the great discomfort it caused her; and sometimes when I would tell her to take it off, she would answer: 'No! I want to offer this sacrifice to Our Lord, in reparation and for the conversion of sinners." Such penances, of course, should be submitted to the judgment of a confessor or spiritual director in order to avoid imprudent excesses. In this case, there was a health risk: the children were not getting enough sleep and their health suffered. Perhaps the children did not know about these precautions; on the other hand, it would have been difficult for them to find a priest who could advise them on these matters. So in this case, Our Lady, like the best of mothers, decided to intervene, directing them spiritually. There is one more detail worth noting - the children's response: "Needless to say, we promptly obeyed her orders."

Lúcia hastened to present a list of the requests recommended to her: "'I was told to ask you for many things: the cure of some sick people, of a deaf mute.' 'Yes, some I will cure, but not others. In October, I will perform a miracle so that everyone will believe.' Then, starting to rise, she disappeared as usual.

The interview with heaven was short. Then, she went away toward the east, and I told the people to turn in that direction if they wanted to see her." As the children left, the crowd followed them. Olímpia feared that she might be recognized. Seeing that the children were safe, she told Maria Rosa that they should leave quickly. They walked toward Aljustrel and returned to their own homes.

FIXING THE ROOF (HOPEFULLY)

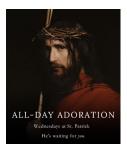
As most of you know, the church has had a leaky roof for quite some time. Over the past couple of years, we have been working on a plan to fix the roof, both exterior and interior damage. What will be done is replacing the tile roof and repairing the damaged areas of the church ceiling. This project 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: July 3 – Patrick Titterington

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 Family Churches.



Adoration will begin following morning Mass and conclude with Benediction at 7:00 p.m. We invite parishioners to sign up for a weekly, hourlong time slot for six months. We need

two Adorers each hour so our Lord is never left alone. A sign-up sheet is available in the Narthex (Church entryway).

FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY

Fellowship Sunday is returning in the fall with coffee and donuts after the 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Masses the second Sunday of each month, September through June. If your ministry or group would like to sponsor the event and get your message out, please contact Pat Cartwright at the Parish Office for details.

SCAM

Please note that any texts or emails from one of our priests asking for money or gift cards is a scam. Do not respond to these texts or emails.

PRAYER CHAIN

While Mary Grilliot recuperates, please contact Sue Hastings at 937-339-2945 or <u>shastings@woh.rr.com</u>.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

This weekend is Loose Change Collection for St. Vincent de Paul. After Mass, there will be representatives at the door of the church with red baskets to collect your loose change. All money collected is kept local for people of Troy. Thank you for your generosity.

NEW MEMBERS

Luis and Annabel Figueroa and their daughter, Luisabel

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.

The Archdiocese of Cincinnati, in keeping with its policies, has completed the five-year revision of the Decree on Child Protection. We anticipate the revised Decree will be available for download and acknowledgment on the SafeParish website on or about July 1, 2023. Each user with a SafeParish account will need to download, acknowledge to have read, and agree to abide by the requirements of the revised Decree. If this is not completed within 30 days of the promulgation of the Decree by the Archbishop, the user's SafeParish account will show as pending until the user completes the acknowledgement. Users with pending SafeParish accounts are not permitted to work or volunteer with youth until they have met all the child protection requirements and their SafeParish account is approved. Please contact your parish or school safe environment coordinator with any questions.

VERY IMPORTANT!!! VOTE "YES" FOR ISSUE 1 DURING THE SPECIAL ELECTION ON AUGUST 8TH

Protect Ohio's Constitution from Outside Special Interest Groups, like the radical ACLU and Planned Parenthood. Strengthen our Constitution by requiring a 60% majority vote rather than the minimal current 50% plus 1 to add an amendment. July 10th was the Voter Registration deadline for this August Election. Make sure you are registered and make sure your family and friends are registered.

July 11th: Early in-person voting for the August Election Begins. Make sure to vote early or absentee since you may have a conflict with work or health or weather on August 8th. For more information or to request an absentee ballot, contact the Miami County Board of Elections. Visit <u>https://boe. ohio.gov/miami/</u>. Thank you,

Miami County Right to Life

The Deadline to request an absentee ballot is August 1st.

CELEBRATION OF CARING

Catholic Social Services of the Miami Valley's CELEBRATION OF CARING, an annual fundraiser to support Northern Miami Valley programs, will be held Friday, August 11 at the Round Barn at Orrmont, 150 Fox Drive, Piqua. The casual picnic-themed event runs from 6:00-10:30 p.m. Admission is \$50.00 per person and includes complimentary beer and wine, dinner catered by Mrs. B's, silent auction and raffle, and entertainment by Dueling Pianos International. To register, visit <u>www.cssmv.org/Events</u>. For more information, email <u>snydere@cssmv.org</u>. Sponsorship opportunities available.

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.**

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>.

THE WORD

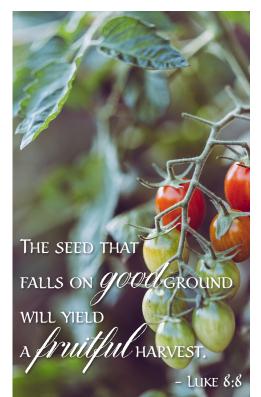
Reflection on Matthew 13:1-23

I don't remember where I first heard of this image, but it was most likely in a Scripture study class in the seminary. We were trying hard to offer interpretations of a section of St. Paul's letter to the Romans, when our professor said, "Forget what the words on the page say, what is The Word of God burning away? What do you see when the curtain is lifted?"

The words of Scripture are like a curtain in a theater; when you first sit down, the curtain is the focus. But it opens to reveal the action on the stage, and you no longer focus on the curtain. We struggle with the words of Scripture in order to discover The Word, which is always living, active, and inviting us to transformation.

So the Word comes down from heaven, and does not return until accomplishing the work for which it was sent. God indiscriminately and with great generosity continually sows the seeds of The Word in the soil of our lives, where rocks and thorns may at times deter its growth, or even choke it off. But the seeds are not sown just once, but over and over again, waiting for us to be fertile soil that will produce a grand harvest.

~ Fr. Jay



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, July 16, 2023

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time ls 55:10-11 Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14 Rom 8:18-23 Mt 13:1-23 or Mt 13:1-9

Monday, July 17, 2023 Weekday Ex 1:8-14, 22 Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8 Mt 10:34–11:1

Tuesday, July 18, 2023 Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest Ex 2:1-15a Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34 Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday, July 19, 2023 Weekday Ex 3:1-6, 9-12 Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7 Mt 11:25-27

Thursday, July 20, 2023

Saint Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr Ex 3:13-20 Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27 Mt 11:28-30

Friday, July 21, 2023

Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church Ex 11:10–12:14 Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18 Mt 12:1-8

Saturday, July 22, 2023

Saint Mary Magdalene Sgs 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17 Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

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

SAINT LAWRENCE OF BRINDISI

Feast Day: July 21 Patron Saint of: Brindisi, Naples

Lawrence was born on July 22, 1559, and died exactly 60 years later on his birthday in 1619. After the early death of his parents, he was educated by his uncle at the College of St. Mark in Venice. When he was just 16, he entered the Capuchin Franciscan Order in Venice and received the name of Lawrence. He completed his studies of philosophy and theology at the University of Padua and was ordained a priest at 23. With his facility for languages, Lawrence was able to study the Bible in its original texts. At the request of Pope Clement VIII, he spent much time preaching to the Jews in Italy. So excellent was his knowledge of Hebrew, the rabbis felt sure he was a Jew who had become a Christian.

Lawrence's sensitivity to the needs of people – a character trait perhaps unexpected in such a talented scholar – began to surface. He was elected major superior of the Capuchin Franciscan province of Tuscany at the age of 31. He had the combination of brilliance, human compassion, and administrative skill needed to carry out his duties. In rapid succession he was promoted by his fellow Capuchins and was elected minister general of the Capuchins in 1602. In this position he was responsible for great growth and geographical expansion of the Order.

Lawrence was appointed papal emissary and peacemaker, a job which took him to a number of foreign countries. An effort to achieve peace in his native kingdom of Naples took him on a journey to Lisbon to visit the king of Spain. Serious illness in Lisbon took his life in 1619.

In 1956, the Capuchins completed a 15-volume edition of Lawrence's writings. Eleven of these 15 contain his sermons, each of which relies chiefly on scriptural quotations to illustrate his teaching.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



My name is Fr. Isaiah "Callan," and my assignment as Our Lady of Fatima's parochial vicar begins July 1, 2023. You'll find me celebrating many daily Masses at St. Patrick in addition to weekend Masses at the various churches. I'll be living in St. Mary's rectory with Fr. Eric.

I was born in Boston and grew up in Waterbury Center, Vermont with my mom, dad and 10 siblings. My sister, Grace, and I attended Franciscan University of Steubenville. (We are triplets.) She moved to Cincinnati ahead of me, and, after I arrived, she brought me to visit the seminary. I wasn't sure with what intentionality she had it in her mind to introduce me to it, but after that the rest was history. In high school I couldn't yet pursue something like that, and put it off to the side. I had encouragement to move faster because I wanted to do something worth pursuing while in my 20s, now 30. This was a gift that I had not yet opened.

When I was first in the seminary, we were told stories that not too long ago, there were only 30 men total, and the trend was that priests would potentially (and need to) be pastor within two to three years following Ordination. And now, it's already a different culture with 80-85 seminarians enrolled. With this increase, I can now change my mentality, relish my time and learn from other pastors before being assigned in that capacity. I believe that in being a parochial vicar I will discover what it means to be a priest through the work itself; to try new things and discover how the call has deepened. Over time, I'll see how that will change me into the priest that Jesus wants me to become. Whereas the buck stops with Fr. Eric, each priest might have his own category of oversight or charism – and I'll likely be involved with young adult and youth groups and some nursing home engagement. As vicar, I'll also be involved in walking with couples through marriage prep, marriage, anointing of the sick, confessions...

The Church is a body of people, it's a person infinitely complex and diverse, but a unified being. This example sets a model for what it means to be a unified Church, but still yet to become fully integrated. Beacons of Light might be difficult because of melding several different church cultures; at times, it might not be easy, but it's not impossible. The challenge here is to embrace each one's uniqueness without division – coming to discover the joy of what it means to be one parish with the experiences of so many different people. And I look forward to being a part of it.

St. Josemaria Escriva is someone I've looked up to. I like how very practical the short, spiritual books he wrote are: "The Way," "Furrow," and "The Forge." When looking for ideas on how to implicate the principles of the faith, they give you something to think about and act upon. Aside from reading and an occasional podcast, I like to get outside and take walks to learn about people. I'd like to think I'm good with youth, I enjoy learning about people's interesting experiences. I think I am a good listener. I'm ready to meet our people and get to know them.





NOTICE:

The public is invited to a Mass at the chapel at the Maria Joseph Center on Thursday, July 20, at 10:00 a.m. This will be the first time a Mass has been celebrated there for the residents since the pandemic, more than three years ago. The chapel is an incense-free environment, safer for those with lung issues. This beautiful chapel is part of what had been the Mother House for the Sisters of the Precious Blood. Join us for this historic moment as well as future Masses at 10:00 a.m. on the third Thursday of each month. Maria Joseph is located at 4830 Salem Avenue, Dayton, Ohio.

SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE WHO CELEBRATED SIGNIFICANT ANNIVERSARIES AT OUR CELEBRATING MARRIAGE DINNER.

It was an enjoyable evening Luau-style. Thanks to the Adult Faith Formation Team who helped decorate, serve and entertain. Also, thank you to Chef Todd Smith from Eloquence Catering for another great meal. Happy Anniversary to all couples! Each one is special.



Eric & Colleen Pearson - 25 Years



Robert & Jennifer Pfahl - 40 Years



Dennis & Christine Waller - 50 Years



Paul & Juanita Suerdieck – 65 Years



Maynard & Alfrieda Francis - 75 Years

Directory Photo Sessions Sign-ups Are Here!

- Use the QR code or visit:
 https://ucdir.com/schedule/login.php
- All churches' password = photos
 Choose any church or date that is
- convenient for you, using the code below.
- Families with more than FIVE members, reserve two consecutive appointments.

LOCATION	ONLINE SIGN-UP CODE	START DATE	END DATE
ST. MARY	oh2677a	6/20/23	6/24/23
ST-PATRICK	oh2677c	6/27/23 7/20/23	6/30/23 7/22/23
st. teresa	oh2677e	8/4/23	8/5/23
ST- BONIFACE	oh2677b	8/15/23 8/24/23	8/19/23 8/26/23
TRANSFIGURATION	oh2677d	6/27/23 8/17/23	6/29/23 8/19/23

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

GRIEFSHARE

GriefShare has ended; new sessions will begin in September.

JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT BIBLE STUDY THIS FALL: WHAT WE BELIEVE -

THE BEAUTY OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH

Our next Bible Study will take place in September. Sunday, September 10, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. or Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. The study is 10 weeks long and all sessions meet in the church undercroft.

Discover the Amazing Riches of the Catholic Faith. What is the Catholic Church all about? What does it mean to be Catholic? What do Catholics actually believe?

The Catholic Church is extraordinary. Founded by Christ Himself, the Catholic Church is where we encounter God in His Word, His sacraments, and His saints. The Church faithfully proclaims the fullness of faith, leaving no truth out. It proclaims the fullness of life, leaving no person out. It calls all to repent and to believe in God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, the source of all life and salvation.

Maybe you've been Catholic your entire life. Maybe you're just beginning to explore the Catholic Faith. Wherever you may be in your journey, you will be profoundly moved by the beauty and richness of the Catholic Church.

If interested, go to <u>Ascensionpress.com</u> to order your study set for "*What We Believe.*" Total with shipping is \$35.70. Please email Pat Smith once you are registered, so I know who has registered. Order early in case they sell out.

Blessings to all!

Please contact Pat Smith for any information or questions on these topics at 937-225-2833, ext. 2008 or <u>rsmith3055@aol.com</u>.

HAVE YOU EXPERIENCED A DESIRE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?

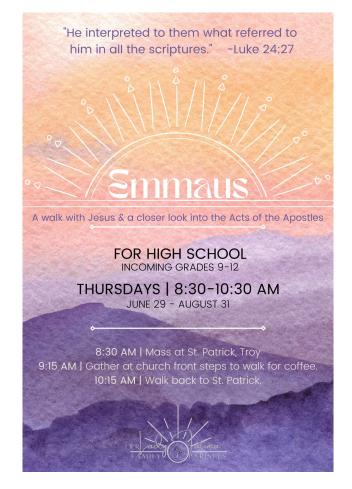
Our Lady of Fatima Family of Parishes Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is gearing up for a new year! OCIA (previously: RCIA; Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the process by which unbaptized adults, baptized Christians and Catholics wanting to come home journey to the Easter Vigil for full initiation into the Catholic Church with the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion.

To register or more information, please contact:

- Bill Hogston at 937-418-4323 or hog182@yahoo.com
- Susan Anderson at sanderson@stpattroy.org
- Or any of the Our Lady of Fatima Church offices.

CCD

Classes for Kindergarten-sixth grade and a DD class. For more information, contact Susan Anderson by email at <u>sanderson@</u> <u>stpattroy.org</u>.



RECLAIM THE FLAME

Second Annual *RECLAIM THE FLAME* music fest at St. Teresa's Church Shelter House and Field, 6925 US Route 36, Covington, on Saturday, July 22, 2023, 5:00-10:00 p.m., plus bonfire until 11:00 p.m. Join us for a FREE evening of MUSIC, games, short talks, and a bonfire of a good time! FEATURING THE MUSIC OF **Oak & Linden, Rosemont**, and back by popular demand, **Winona Avenue**. Also: Corn-hole, Volleyball, Kickball, Stilts, and Bubbles. FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY. CONCESSION STAND WILL BE OPEN, run by the St. Teresa's Knights of Columbus Council #15424. If you don't like sitting in the grass, bring a camp chair!



