

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. Isaiah Callan, 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

SATURDAY, August 19
5:00 p.m. Peter Jenkins
SUNDAY, August 20
7:30 a.m. Dorothy Depweg
9:30 a.m. Linda Henry
11:30 a.m. Gene Gretch
MONDAY, August 21
7:45 a.m. Joseph Attenweiler
TUESDAY, August 22
7:45 a.m. Poor Souls of Purgatory
WEDNESDAY, August 23
7:45 a.m. Jamie & Lex Maleszewski
For Mass times of churches through

FR. ERIC'S RAMBLINGS

Father Eric is on vacation for the next few weeks. We will continue the Reflections on Fatima in September.



THURSDAY, August 24 8:30 a.m. Marty Timko FRIDAY, August 25 7:45 a.m. Mary Huelskamp SATURDAY, August 26 5:00 p.m. Mary Lou Kirner 6:00 p.m. Baptism - Maxwell Jude Miller SUNDAY, August 27 7:30 a.m. George Heitkamp 9:30 a.m. Roseanne Nagel 11:30 a.m. Jean Evenden 12:30 p.m. Baptism – Ruth Helen Koester

ghout the United States, visit www.masstimes.org.

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.

LETTER TO THE PEOPLE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA FAMILY OF PARISHES FROM THE PRIESTS

Recently, Fr. Eric received an email from a young mother, very upset, because someone approached her after Mass and "scolded her" because her young children were noisy at Mass. This person was made to feel that she and her children are not welcome at Mass. There have been other families that have been told the same over the past couple of years. First and foremost, we, the spiritual fathers of Our Lady of Fatima parish, would like to state that we openly and warmly welcome all our families with young children and all of our families that have children with special needs. As priests celebrating Mass, we don't mind the noise, the crying, the talking or the child that "escapes" and runs around the church. We fully understand that you, as parents, are doing the best you can, but children will be children. You should never be made to feel ashamed or embarrassed because someone tells you to "stay away from church until you have your children under control." Secondly, to those individuals that are reproaching our families with young children, we are asking you to cease this immediately. It is not your place to correct, scold, or to reproach these families. When you take it upon yourself to act in this way you are no different than the apostles that tried to prevent the children from approaching Jesus. Remember Our Lord's response, "but Jesus said, 'Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven."

ST. PATRICK ROOF REPAIR

As you'll notice, work has begun to repair the church roof and replace the tiles. This will also include interior ceiling repairs. Thank you for your patience the next few months while this much-needed construction continues. And thank you for your financial assistance with this project to maintain our beautiful church! If you would like to support the project, please send your donation to the church office or place it in the collection basket in an enveloped marked "roof project." Further updates will be noted in the coming weeks.





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).

PRAYER CHAIN

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



NEW MEMBERS

Laura Rabatsky and daughters Paige and Jenna; Mark & Janel Frilling and children, Micah and Mia.

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.

LOOSE CHANGE COLLECTION FOR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

AUGUST 19 AND 20 AT ALL MASSES

Thank you for your continued support of St. Vincent de Paul and our mission to provide emergency utility, medical, rent, food and transportation assistance to the Troy community. In July, you gave \$3,746.42 through the monthly loose change collection, electronic donations, and envelopes. This past month, we received 136 calls and helped 38 Troy families with the following assistance:

July Total	\$ 9,248.29	
Water	\$ 460.42	
Natural Gas	\$ 213.00	
Rent	\$ 6,785.87	
Electric	\$ 1,789.00	

The need for rent and utility assistance is very high right now and our pandemic surplus has been spent down. Many requests are now being turned down due to lack of funds. We ask that you prayerfully consider donating to our ministry if you do not already, and we thank those that have been faithful donors throughout the years! Fully 99.9% of your donations are used directly to serve those in need in the 45373 zip code. In addition, we are also looking for volunteers who are willing to help with returning phone calls and making home visits. Please stop by our table at the Ministry Fair the last weekend in August for more information. May God continue to bless you and your families. John Tishaus

(President, St. Patrick Conference)

CHOIR

The St. Patrick Children's Choir will hold its first rehearsal Thursday, August 31st, from 4:00-5:00 p.m. in the Church. The choir is open to all public and private school students in 3rd through 8th grades. Performances are once monthly at 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass. Childcare is available for participating St. Patrick School students between the dismissal of school and rehearsal. Should you wish to preregister your child, you may contact Matt Wagner at the Parish Office. The 9:30 a.m. Adult Choir will hold its first rehearsal on Wednesday, September 6th.

Rehearsal is from 7:15-9:15 p.m. in the Church. Come join this positive community for fellowship and song – no audition required!



SAFEPARISH

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.

Liturgical Ministry Training

.ectors | eucharistic ministers | ministers to the homebound

If you're being called to serve... as a **new or returning liturgical minister** at your church location, please <u>attend one</u> of these identical, required training sessions:

 Mon., 8.21.23
 @ St. Patrick Church, Troy | 7:00-8:30 PM

 Wed., 8.23.23
 @ St. Mary Church, Piqua | 7:00-8:30 PM



Contact Matt Wagner, Director of Music and Liturgy for Our Lady of Fatima, with questions: 937. 335.2833 ext. 2005.

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 info@stpattroy.org.

SINKING DOUBT

Reflection on Matthew 14:22-33

Peter, the "rock" upon whom Jesus will build His Church, sinks like a rock in today's Gospel. Jesus' outstretched hand saves Peter, in his doubt born of the strong wind, from sinking.

There seems to be a universal disenchantment today with leaders and authorities in all our institutions – government, church, business, and education – because they come wrapped in faith that sometimes falters, character that sometimes stumbles, vision that sometimes goes murky. Not only can they not walk on water, but they cannot even swim either. Of course, the same is true of all of us.

The Swiss psychiatrist, Carl Jung, had these words inscribed above the door of his office: "Called or not, God is present." The transcendent, Almighty God, chooses to be with humankind: to commune with us, to love and move among us, to be always near, to abide with us, to be present whether called or not, in peace as well as in panic. The same grace and compassion that rescued Peter will rescue us, whether our lives are moving along swimmingly or sinking in some mire.

~ Fr. Jay

KINDNESS AND TRUTH SHALL MEET; JUSTICE AND PEACE SHALL KISS. TRUTH SHALL SPRING OUT OF THE EARTH, AND JUSTICE SHALL LOOK DOWN FROM HEAVEN.

Ps 85:11-12



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, August 13, 2023

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 Rom 9:1-5 Mt 14:22-33

Monday, August 14, 2023

Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr Dt 10:12-22 Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday, August 15, 2023

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 1 Cor 15:20-27 Lk 1:39-56

Wednesday, August 16, 2023

Saint Stephen of Hungary Dt 34:1-12 Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17 Mt 18:15-20 **Thursday, August 17, 2023** *Weekday* Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17 Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Mt 18:21–19:1

Friday, August 18, 2023 Weekday Jos 24:1-13 Ps 136:1-3 16:18 21:22 and

Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24 Mt 19:3-12

Saturday, August 19, 2023 *Weekday* Jos 24:14-29 Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 11 Mt 19:13-15

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

SAINT JOHN EUDES

Feast Day: August 8 Patron Saint of: Astronomers

John joined the religious community of the Oratorians and was ordained a priest at 24. During severe plagues in 1627 and 1631, he volunteered to care for the stricken in his own diocese.

At age 32, John became a parish missionary. His gifts as a preacher and confessor won him great popularity. He preached over 100 parish missions, some lasting from several weeks to several months.

In his concern with the spiritual improvement of the clergy, John realized that the greatest need was for seminaries. After prayer and counsel, John decided it was best to leave the religious community. That same year John founded a new community, ultimately called the Eudists—the Congregation of Jesus and Mary– devoted to the formation of the clergy by conducting diocesan seminaries.

In his parish mission work, John was disturbed by the sad condition of prostitutes who sought to escape their miserable life. Temporary shelters were found, but arrangements were not satisfactory. A certain Madeleine Lamy, who had cared for several of the women, one day said to him, "Where are you off to now? To some church, I suppose, where you'll gaze at the images and think yourself pious. And all the time what is really wanted of you is a decent house for these poor creatures." The words, and the laughter of those present, struck deeply within him. The result was another new religious community, called the Sisters of Charity of the Refuge.

Holiness is the wholehearted openness to the love of God. It is visibly expressed in many ways, but the variety of expression has one common quality: concern for the needs of others.

AUGUST 20, 2023

MINISTRY FAIR - AUGUST 26-27 - PARISH CENTER Saturday, 6:00-8:00 p.m.; Sunday, 8:30-11:30 a.m. Come join in all the fun! Saturday, will have a special guest, Happy the Clown, doing balloon art. Our Teens will offer some special surprises for the kids. The Knights of Columbus will serve Hot Dogs, chips and pop. Kona Ice will be on hand serving Shaved Ice – All Free! Get to see all the many Ministries at St. Patrick. Fellowship with our Parish Family. Welcome new members. Register as new parishioners. Fellowship Sunday – Coffee & Donuts Come check out all the Ministries. It's a special way to end the Summer!



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
A A LONY LON	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

Like most directories, the upcoming publication of <u>Our Lady</u> of <u>Fatima's 2023 Parish Directory</u> will include a contact information section for parishioners to reference. Names, addresses and phone numbers of registered parishioners will be included. If you should need to **OPT-OUT** of this section, please contact Karen Magoteaux at 937-418-4754 or <u>smagoteaux.4251@</u> <u>gmail.com</u> by August 28, 2023. Thank you.

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 <u>hog182@yahoo.com</u>, Susan Anderson at <u>sanderson@</u> <u>stpattroy.org</u>, or any of the Our Lady of Fatima Church offices.



BOX OF JOY MINISTRY COMING SOON!

Box of Joy is sponsored through Cross Catholic Outreach to bless extremely poor children in other countries at Christmastime. Parishioners fill a shoebox-sized package

for a boy or girl of a certain age and pay for the shipping. Suggested items to pack are toys, apparel and school supplies. Since most of the recipient children live in warm climates, now is the time to buy flip flops, sunglasses, tank tops and school supplies, as they are on sale right now. Save these items until you see the official boxes and instructions appear at church in late August/early September. Questions? Contact Shelly at 937-698-4520.

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. We will be using a new updated version this year. The next sessions begin **September 13-December 13.** 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. You can register on **griefshare**. **org/finadagroup**.

Mark your calendars for: *Loss of a Spouse*, Saturday, September 9, 10:00-11:30 a.m. Our *GriefShare* Team will be offering *Loss of a Spouse* to those grieving the death of a spouse. You will hear practical advice from others who've been there. What to expect in your grief. How to cope with life without your spouse. Why it won't always hurt this much. Please join us for this encouraging seminar. Everyone who attends receives a booklet with over 30 short readings on how to live with grief and eventually rebuild your life.

We will also be offering *Surviving the Holidays*, Saturday, November 18 at 10:00 a.m. for those facing the holidays after a loved one's death It is a helpful, encouraging seminar that features video interviews with counselors, grief experts and other people who have experienced the holidays after their loved one's death and who offer practical suggestions and reassurance. This is also an updated version this year. All will be held at St. Patrick Church Parish Center, upstairs Room 3. Questions? Contact Pat Smith at <u>rsmith3055@aol.com</u> or call the Parish Office at 937-335-2833. You don't have to go through it alone.

FOLLOW ME: MEETING JESUS IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

Following Christ takes more than simply believing in Him or doing what He asks of us. Jesus wants you to be more than just a believer – He wants you to be His disciple and friend. *Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John* is a guide to a personal encounter with Christ. *Follow Me* invites you to experience the joy of a renewed friendship with Christ. The Transfiguration Center for Spiritual Renewal will begin this eight-week Bible Study on John's Gospel on August 22/23. The classes are on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. or Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. There is not a charge for the classes, unless you would like to order an accompanying workbook (not necessary). They can be purchased at www.ascensionpress.com. For questions or to register, call 937-698-7180.



BIBLE STUDY – WHAT WE BELIEVE – THE BEAUTY OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH

Be sure to order your books for our next Bible Study, "*What We Believe.*" We offer two sessions:

Sundays, beginning September 10, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. or Wednesdays, September 13, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. and runs for 10 weeks, meeting 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? If interested, go to **Ascensionpress.com** to order your study set for *"What We Believe."* Total with shipping is \$35.70.

Please email Pat Smith at <u>Rsmith3055@aol.com</u> once you register so I know who has registered. Any questions, contact Pat by email.

SCHOOL

Welcome back to school!! Open House for registered families is Sunday from 12:30-2:00 p.m. We will also be kicking off our 135th year of Catholic Education in Troy, Ohio. This is an awesome accomplishment and we are so proud of 135 years of bringing the Catholic faith to thousands of children.

I want to thank a few people for helping me over the summer to get ready for the new school year: Tiffiny Peltier, for keeping everything running smoothly in the office; Jenny Reinmann, for all of her support and hard work on the administration side of things; Robyn Sprock, for completing all the schedules; Luke Dexter and Brian and Bradley Baumann, for their help with putting all the desks together and setting up the classrooms; Home and School, for purchasing the rest of the new desks and chairs we needed for the classrooms; John Cianciolo and his children, John and Anna Marie, for the landscaping; Luciana Barsotti and Alex and Hazel Anthony, for redoing the prayer garden; The Hartley family, for fixing up the GaGa pit.

I truly appreciate all of you and I hope I didn't forget anyone.

We are looking forward to a great year!!

Pray hope and don't worry! – St. Pio

Cyndi Cathcart.

CCD

Classes for Kindergarten-sixth grade and a DD class. Registration has begun for the 2023-2024 school year. You can find the registration information on the parish website or contact Susan Anderson for information. Email <u>sanderson@stpattroy.org</u> or call 937-335-2833, ext. 2006.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Registration for our 7th and 8th grade program has begun. You can find the registration information on the St. Patrick website or contact Annie Canavan at <u>COE@tchurch.org</u> for more information.



Lange Estate | 3505 Calumet Rd. | Ludlow Falls | 45339

QUINCEAÑERAS RETREAT

The Hispanic Evangelization Team of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati sends a reminder to all of you about the *Quinceañeras Retreat* that will take place on *September 23rd*, 2023 at St. Peter Church in Huber Heights, OH from 8:30 a.m to 4:30 p.m. The Quinceañeras should be accompanied by her parents (ar at least, one of them). Lunch, snacks, and beverages are provided. Donation per family: \$40.00.

Registrations can be made by visiting <u>https://www.</u> <u>centerforthenewevangelization.org/event/retiro-para-</u> <u>quinceaneras-otono-2023</u>.

You may also register by sending the registration form filled out with a personal check for \$40.00. Make the check to "The Order to Archdiocese of Cincinnati" and send them to:

Archdiocese of Cincinnati

100 E. 8th Street, 9th Floor, Cincinnati, OH 45202 Attention: Ana C. Ramirez

Or, you may register by contacting Ana Ramirez. Call 513-263-3384 or send an email to <u>aramirez@catholicaoc.org</u>.

Registration closes on Wednesday, September 13th, 2023.



