CHRISTMAS 2023

PEACE ONEARTH

Our Lady of Fatima Family of Parishes

St. Patrick, Troy

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ST. CLARE ADORATION CHAPEL

Entrance is at the back of St. Boniface. Saturday, 5:00 a.m.-Thursday, 11:59 p.m. Friday, 4:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.

ST. PATRICK

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

TRANSFIGURATION

Thursdays following morning Mass to 7:00 p.m.

CHURCHES

St. Boniface Catholic Church SB 937-773-1656

310 S. Downing Street, Piqua, OH 45356

www.piquaparishes.org

Monday-Thursday 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Friday 8:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

St. Mary Catholic Church SM 937-773-1327

528 Broadway Street, Piqua, OH 45356

www.piquaparishes.org

Monday-Thursday 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Friday 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

St. Patrick Catholic Church SP 937-335-2833

409 E. Main Street, Troy, OH 45373

www.stpattroy.org

Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

St. Teresa of the Infant Jesus ST 937-473-2970

6925 W. US Route 36, Covington, OH 45318

www.stteresacovington.org Hours By Appointment

Church of the Transfiguration TR 937-698-4520

972 S. Miami Street, West Milton, OH 45383 www.transfigurationcatholicchurch.org

Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

CHURCH INFORMATION

BULLETIN DEADLINE:

Deadline noon Thursday for two weekends ahead of that day. New submission instructions will soon follow. In the meantime, submit via email to office@tchurch.org.

BAPTISM:

By appointment only. Contact any Parish Office to schedule and for class location information. Class is required.

MATRIMONY:

Contact any Parish Office at least nine months in advance. Preparation program and parish registration is required.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Those weakened by age, afflicted by serious illness or preparing for serious surgery should receive this sacrament. Call any Parish Office to make arrangements.

HOMEBOUND:

Extraordinary Ministers can be arranged to visit homes and nursing facilities with the Eucharist for those unable to worship on Sundays. Please notify any Parish Office.

NEW MEMBERS:

We are happy to welcome new members to Our Lady of Fatima! Call any Parish Office for registration information.

CONTACT UPDATE:

Notify your registered Parish Office to update your address, phone number and email.

SAFEPARISH:

To volunteer with children within Our Lady of Fatima, you must be Archdiocesan compliant with the SafeParish program. Contact Susan at sanderson@stpattroy.org.

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE				
MASS TIME	PARISH	PRESIDER	INTENTION	READING
		,	MONDAY, JANUARY 1	
10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.		Fr. Eric Fr. Callan Fr. Jim Fr. Steve	†Carl Zimmerman Thomas Widener †David Mayor †Clete McEldowney	Solemnity of Mary Nm 6:22-27 Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21
			TUESDAY, JANUARY 2	
8:30 a.m.	St. Patrick St. Boniface Transfiguration	Fr. Eric Fr. Steve Fr. Callan	Holly Hartings †Ann Phyillaier †Jim McCartan	Sts Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen. Bishops & Doctors 1 Jn 2:22-28 Jn 1:19-28
			WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3	
8:15 a.m. 8:30 a.m.		Fr. Callan Fr. Steve Fr. Eric Fr. Jim	J. Steven Tolle Purgatorian Mass †Ole Anderson Hindmarch, Domski & Franzetta Families	The Most Holy Name of Jesus 1 Jn 2:29–3:6 Jn 1:29-34
			THURSDAY, JANUARY 4	
8:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m.	Transfiguration St. Patrick St. Boniface St. Teresa	Fr. Steve Fr. Callan Fr. Eric Fr. Jim	Bernie Grieshop Lynne Dusek †Johe Schweiterman Living & Deceased of the Mayor Family	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious 1 Jn 3:7-10 Jn 1:35-42
			FRIDAY, JANUARY 5	
		Fr. Callan Fr. Steve Fr. Eric	†Patrick Groff †Greg & Henrietta Coughlin †Kory Bachman	St. John Neumann, Bishop 1 Jn 3:11-21 Jn 1:43-51
	SATURDAY, JANUARY 6			
5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	St. Mary St. Boniface \$ St. Patrick St. Mary \$ Transfiguration	Fr. Eric Fr. Eric Fr. Callan Fr. Jim Fr. Steve	†Kay Holler-Cox †Daniel Bowman Ida Gillespie †Bob Schmidt †Brooks Barnes	St. Andre Bessette, Religious 1 Jn 5:5-13 Mk 1:7-11
SUNDAY, JANUARY 7				
7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	St. Mary \$ St. Patrick Transfiguration	Fr. Joe Fr. Steve Fr. Gene Fr. Jim Fr. Callan Fr. Steve Fr. Bensman Fr. Jim Fr. Callan	Jack Black Living & Deceased of TR †Dan Kendig Living & Deceased of SB & SM Sally Baumer Pat McEldowney †Shirley Strickland †Cory Bachman James Holter	The Epiphany of the Lord Is 30:1-6 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12

^{\$ = 2}nd collection – SB & SM: Outreach † = In memoriam * = Fellowship Sunday, coffee and doughnuts after Mass All weekday and Sunday Masses are streamed at Transfiguration: transfigurationcatholicchurch.org/streamspot.

CONFESSIONS						
CHURCH	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
ST. PATRICK			6:00-6:45 p.m.			4:00-4:30 p.m.
TRANSFIGURATION				6:00-7:00 p.m.		3:30-4:30 p.m.
ST. BONIFACE					6:00-6:45 p.m.	
ST. MARY						9:00 a.m.
ST. TERESA		5:00-6:00 p.m.				

OUR LADY OF FATIMA

FR. ERIC'S RAMBLINGS



Since we celebrate the Feast of Mary, the Mother of God, on New Year's Day, may we take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and peaceful New Year? I pray that the Lord Jesus and His Mother Mary may enrich your lives this year with an abundance of God's blessings. Today's Feast of Mary, the Mother of God is a very appropriate way to begin a new year. This celebration reminds us that the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, is also our Heavenly Mother. Hence, our ideal motto for the New Year 2024 should be "Through Mary to Jesus!" This is an occasion to renew our devotion to Mary, who is also Mother of the Church because she is our spiritual mother – and we are the Church. In 1970, Pope Paul VI instituted the

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. In his encyclical on devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Marialis Cultus, he wrote, "This celebration, assigned to January 1 in conformity with the ancient liturgy of the city of Rome, is meant to commemorate the part played by Mary in this mystery of salvation. It is meant also to exalt the singular dignity which this mystery brings to the holy Mother...through whom we were found worthy...to receive the Author of life."

The solemnity shows the relationship of Jesus to Mary. It's a perfect example of how we should venerate Mary under all of her titles and is a good foundation for our understanding of Mary's place in Christology. The Church puts the feast of this solemnity on the first day of the New Year to emphasize the importance of Mary's role in the life of Christ and of the Church. We commemorate the various saints on different days of the year, but Mary is the most prominent of them all. She has a special role and mission given to her by God. As Mother of our Redeemer and of the redeemed, she reigns as Queen at the side of Christ the King. She is a powerful intercessor for all of our needs here on earth. In celebrating her special feast day, we acknowledge this great gift for the Church and for the world; we call on her to be actively involved in our daily life; we imitate her virtuous life as a great inspiration; and, we cooperate with all the graces we get through her.

The Church also observes this day as the World Day of Peace and invites us to pray specially for peace in the world. Inspired by Pope St. John XXIII's 1963 encyclical, Pacem in Terris, Pope Paul VI instituted this feast in 1967.

PARISH MISSION

Coming this Lent to Our Lady of Fatima... A Parish Mission with Brother Mauricio Torres WITH FOCUS ON THE DIVINE MERCY OF GOD

Evening programming to include the Rosary, Special Talks, Live Stations of the Cross, Mass, Relics & Social Hour

Mark Your Calendar for 6:30 p.m.!

Monday, March 11 Transfiguration
Tuesday, March 12 St. Patrick
Wednesday, March 13 St. Boniface
Thursday, March 14 St. Mary

OUR LADY OF FATIMA MINISTRIES

SAFE PARISH

FROM ARCHDIOCESE OF CINCINNATI SAFE ENVIRONMENT OFFICE

Please make sure you are up-to-date on the child protection quarterly bulletins through SafeParishTM. You will not be able to work/volunteer with youth until your SafeParishTM account is approved. Please direct questions regarding bulletin completion to your parish/school safe environment coordinator. Thank you for all you are doing and please stay safe and healthy! (Our Lady of Fatima: sanderson@stpattroy.org)

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

GRIEFSHARE FACILITATOR REQUEST

"GriefShare" is a support group that has been offered for more than 16 years and has proudly provided an outlet of love, peace and support for those going through the loss of a loved one. It offers a place where you can be around people who understand how you are feeling and to be offered encouragement. The next sessions begin in February on Wednesdays, either at 1:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. The evening session facilitators will be out of state until spring. If you have gone through GriefShare, or understand a loss, and would have an interest in facilitating, please contact Pat Smith at rsmith3055@aol.com with your interest or questions. It is such a beautiful ministry, offering great satisfaction to be able to help others who are going through this experience. Thank you.



CALLING ALL MEN

WHO ARE WILLING TO ENGAGE IN THEIR FAITH AND LEAD THEIR FAMILIES IN THESE TROUBLING TIMES

Who: Men of Our Lady of Fatima Family of Parishes

What: Eucharistic Adoration & Men's Fellowship

When: 3rd Saturdays | 7:00 AM | Starting 1.20.24

Where: Transfiguration Center for Spiritual Renewal

3505 Calumet Rd. | Ludlow Falls, OH 45339

Why: To bring men into a deeper relationship with Christ and His Catholic Church through a worthy celebration

of the sacraments, engaging talks to strengthen their faith, opportunities for true fraternity and exposure to resources to aid them in living their faith as

disciples of Christ.

As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.

-Proverbs 27:17

CONTACT WADE DEXTER WITH QUESTIONS 937-875-7132 | 6DEXTERS@GMAIL.COM.

OCIA

Christmas Break - OCIA resumes the week of January 8.

For more information on how you can become initiated into the Catholic Church through OCIA (formerly RCIA), please contact Our Lady of Fatima's Director of Religious Education, Susan Anderson, at sanderson@stpattroy.org, or contact any of the Our Lady of Fatima church offices. We look forward to journeying with you!

CCD

Christmas Break - CCD resumes the week of January 8.

To volunteer, for questions or to register your child for Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD), please contact Susan Anderson, at sanderson@stpattroy.org or 937-335-2833, ext. 2006.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Enjoy Christmas Break with Your Family!

No Bosco Nights – January 1 No Youth Group – December 31

ALL PARENTS of students who are now in 6-12th grade, including those whose children are currently attending activities: Please list your children's names and grades here so that you can stay informed of Youth Ministry programming, special announcements and changes:



For questions, to register or to volunteer, please contact Annie Canavan at **coe@tchurch.org** or 937-703-2798.

YOUNG ADULTS



Visit Dayton Catholic Young Adult's Facebook page to learn more and get your ticket at Facebook.com/DaytonCatholicYA.

ST. BONIFACE & ST. MARY

ST. CLARE CHAPEL

St. Clare Eucharistic Adoration Chapel is open currently during the week from Saturday, 5:00 a.m. through Thursday, 11:59 p.m. and on Friday from 4:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. Guardians of Our Lord are still needed:

- † Thursday, 2:00 a.m., 6:00 a.m.
- † Friday, 7:00 p.m. (every other week), 9:00 p.m.
- † Saturday, 11:00 a.m. (weeks 1, 2), 1:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m. (every other week)
- † Monday, 3:00 a.m., 6:00 a.m.

SUBSTITUTES ARE NEEDED year-round, but especially now during the "snowbird" season. Journey toward the love and mercy of Jesus' love present in the Holy Eucharist, and allow Him to heal and renew your soul. To inquire about chapel, please contact Mike Epperly at 937-622-0112 or Mary Jane Karn at 937-778-0496.

PIQUA CHURCHES CONTACTS

Prayer ChainGretchen Roeth778-0325Knights of ColumbusDennis DeBrosse214-7945Knights of St. JohnDoug Francony214-4915

MISSION COMMITTEE MEETING

There will be a Mission Committee meeting in the North Street Campus meeting room on January 8, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. Everyone welcome.

PIQUA CATHOLIC DAILY DRAWING

December 25-29: Ruth Baker, Margaret White, Joe Quinn, Samuel Miller, Dennis Pax

\$7-A-MONTH CLUB WINNERS – DECEMBER

LUCINDA & KEITH ZIMMERMAN

LITURGICAL MINISTERS – ST. BONIFACE		
Saturday, January 6 – 3:30 p.m.		
Altar Server	C. Calvert, B. Daniel, F. Friend	
Extraordinary Ministers	B. Brush, K. Henne, J. Herbe, V. Pierson	
Lectors	S. Earhart, R. Curtis	
Sacristan	Barbara Brush	
Ushers/Greeters	Chuck Peltier, Joan Wright, Paul Penny, Diane Penny	
Sunday, January 7 – 11:00 a.m.		
Altar Servers	I. Karn, K. Petty, L. Knapke	
Extraordinary Ministers	B. Decknadel, D. Decknadel, K. Earhart, V. Pierson	
Lectors	E. Baker, M. E. Buechter	
Sacristan	Mary Ellen Buechter	
Ushers/Greeters	Volunteer, Jody Josefovsky, Tom Jenkins, Marv Cool	

LITURGICAL MINISTERS – ST. MARY		
Saturday, January 6 – 5:00 p.m.		
Altar Servers	A. Ford, M. Ford, S. Ford	
Extraordinary Ministers	J. Bell, C. Cianciolo, A. Ford, P. Heater	
Lectors	A. Epperly, M. Epperly	
Sacristan	A. Epperly	
Ushers/Greeters	R. Ventura, P. Larger, 2 Volunteers	
Sunday, January 7– 9:00 a.m.		
Altar Servers	D. O'Leary, D. O'Leary, J. O'Leary	
Extraordinary Ministers	J. Bates, T. Buecker, D. Cecil, B. Coffing	
Lectors	T. Anderson, C. Buecker	
Sacristan	A. Cecil	
Ushers/Greeters	R. Foster, S. Kalmar, D. Francony, P. Jenkins	

ST. PATRICK

THANK YOU TO THE LINS FAMILY FOR ORGANIZING THE GIVING TREE THIS YEAR!

THANK YOU to St. Pat's Giving Tree participants for sharing so many gifts for clients of the Miami County Center for Life. Your presents were much appreciated. We normally only have lightly-used clothing for our clients throughout the year so your gifts of brand new clothing items, diapers and toys brought huge smiles to the families that often can't afford much at Christmas. Thanks for sharing your blessings this Christmas. If you ever know of someone who could use our help, please send them our way at 305 E. Main Street or phone 937-335-LIFE. We are always here to help and to listen. May God bless you! Gratefully.

Miami County Right to Life

ST. PATRICK

ST. PATRICK CONTACTS

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WEEKLY RAFFLE WINNER

December 18 - Kathy Olberding



Children grades K-5 are invited to learn about saints and virtues! They will play games, make crafts, learn how to defend the faith and "Do little things with great love."

The Blue Knights (boys) meet in the Parish Center gym. The Little Flowers (girls) meet in the Parish Center cafeteria. We look forward to seeing your child **Sunday, January 7 at 10:30 a.m.**!

Mark your calendar:

January 7 April 7 February 4 May 5

March 3

Altar Servers	C. Hartley, K. Hartley	
Extraordinary Ministers	J. Scott, K. Scott, Dcn J. Carlin	
Lector	J. Gigandet	
Sacristan	S. Carlin	
Sunday, January 7 – 7:30 a.m.		
Altar Server	W. Rippey, L. Barsotti	
Extraordinary Ministers	A. Gehret, Dcn J. Carlin, J. Lehrter	
Lector	C. Bockey	
Sacristan	J. Lehrter	
Sunday, January 7 – 9:30 a.m.		

C. Johnson, W. Kelleher, A. Cianciolo

LITURGICAL MINISTERS – ST. PATRICK

Extraordinary Ministers A. Cianciolo, M. Gifford, P. Cartwright, A. McDonough Lector T. Cianciolo

Sacristan M. Henry

Altar Servers

Saturday, January 6 - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 7 – 11:30 a.m.

Altar Servers

M. Ratermann, S. Ratermann

Extraordinary Ministers A. Tremblay, N. Tremblay, M. B. Rindler, E. Sheridan

Lector S. Pellegrino

Sacristan N. Tremblay

ST. TERESA

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of
Columbus Council
15424 will be hosting
a Pancake Breakfast
at St. Teresa on Sunday,
January 14th, after the
10:30 a.m. Mass.
All donations will
go to Miami County
Right to Life





KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus Council 15424 will meet on Monday, January 22, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

ST. TERESA CONTACTS

Shelter RentalsAlex Moore937-418-8884Prayer ChainAnne Vanderhorst937-473-5497

LITURGICAL MINISTERS – ST. TERESA

Sunday, January 7 – 7:30 a.m.		
Altar Server	Need Volunteer	
Extraordinary Minister	D. Otte	
Lector	D. Otte	
Ushers	A. Otte, H. Stover	
Sunday, January 7 – 10:30 a.m.		
Altar Server	Need Volunteer	
Extraordinary Minister	J. Meyer	
Lector	D. Tobias	
Ushers	A. Meyer, J. Meyer	

TRANSFIGURATION

SAVE-THE-DATE: Art & Craft Night

Thursday, January 11, 2024 7:00 p.m. Project: Faux Stained Glass

PART-TIME MAINTENANCE EMPLOYEE NEEDED

We are looking to hire a part-time maintenance employee to work 20-24 hours per week for Transfiguration and St. Patrick churches. Desired individual will have basic maintenance skills and be physically able to perform various maintenance tasks. Candidates should submit an e-mail expressing interest to bmgr@tchurch.org.

BULLDOG BAGS

With rising food prices, we are spending a lot more to provide students with what they need. We have also had a rise in the number of kids receiving the packages. If you are considering a year-end gift to a charity, please consider giving to Milton-Union Bulldog Bags. We provide bags of food to 250 students each Friday to take home for the weekend. Your financial support, no matter the amount, would be put to great use. Thank you so much!

Milton-Union Bulldog Bags | P.O. Box 93 | West Milton, OH 45383

SAVE-THE-DATE:

Wedding Anniversary Dinner

Saturday, February 10, 2024 After 5:00 p.m. Mass Parish Hall

THANK YOU!

Thank you, Mike Brown and Brown's Nursery for the gift-in-kind donation of Christmas trees to decorate the church this year!

TRANSFIGURATION CONTACTS

Prayer ChainShelly Thompson937-698-4520Altar Rosary SocietyRosalie Dzendzel937-698-3251Men's Prayer GroupMike Schubert937-836-5735Homebound MinistryMary Allen937-269-2558Street SaintsJeanne White937-829-5147

LITURGICAL MINISTERS – TRANSFIGURATION

Saturday, January 6 – 5:00 p.m.		
Altar Servers	O. Sanders, D. Harrison	
Extraordinary Ministers	V. Daum, K. Kehrer, F. Francis	
Lector	J. Volk	
Sacristan	C. Crabtree	
Ushers	C. Crabtree, G. Steele, M. Sergy, Volunteer	
Sunday, January 7 – 7:30 a.m.		
Altar Servers	Volunteers	
Extraordinary Ministers	E. Hummel, R. Gallegos, D. Kramer	
Lector	G. Mergler	
Sacristan	R. Dzendzel	
Ushers	D. Brown, A. Brown, M. Desch, B. Beaver	
Sunday, January 7- 10:00 a.m.		
Altar Servers	Volunteers	

Extraordinary Ministers D. Miller, M. Schubert, T. Fisher

R. Dzendzel

M. Hummel. M. Olenchuk

R. Winkler, C. August, E. Barga, S. Barga

STREET SAINTS

Lectors

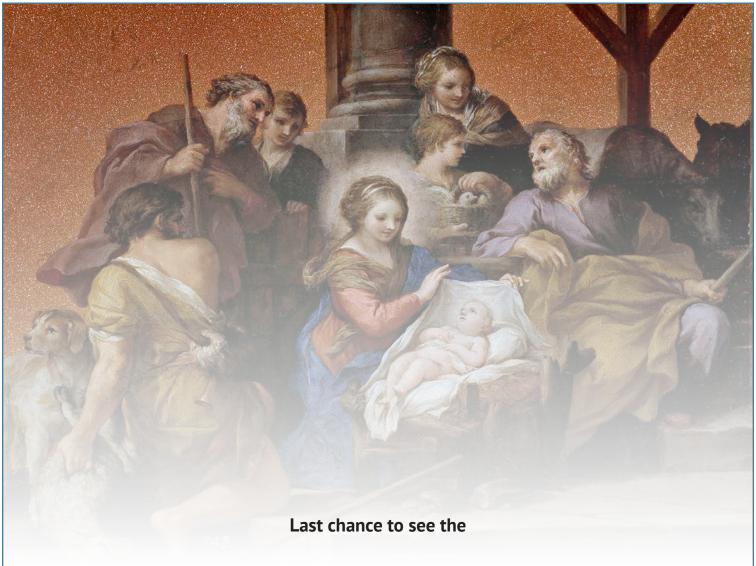
Sacristan

Ushers



"Street Saints" is collecting coats and blankets for the homeless and the needy in our area. Please drop your donation into the box in the vestibule.

TRANSFIGURATION CENTER



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Exhibit closing January 5
Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
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SCHOOLS

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Hello!

In November, our K-8 graders celebrated and honored our Veterans and heroes by inviting them to Mass and breakfast.

Congratulations to our Spelling Bee winner, Max Peterson! Max is a 4th grader in Ms. Langenkamp's class. Braden Ulbrich (8th) took second place, and Celeste Martin (6th) came in third!

Students teamed up to bring in their gently used or new toys to donate them to The Bethany Center. The Bethany Center collects toys each year to provide gifts to those who are less fortunate. We enjoy the partnership we have with The Bethany Center and thank them for all they do for our community!

Our Cavaliers In Action PTO put on the first Santa Shop for our students to purchase gifts for their loved ones. This reminds me of when I was a kid! It was a great success!

Many Christmas season events and celebrations took place this December as we remind ourselves and learn about Jesus and our Blessed Mother.

Thank you to our generous Business Partners who support the school throughout the year!

From all of us here at Piqua Catholic School, we hope you had a very Merry Christmas and wish you a Happy New Year!

Brad Zimmerman Piqua Catholic School, principal



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