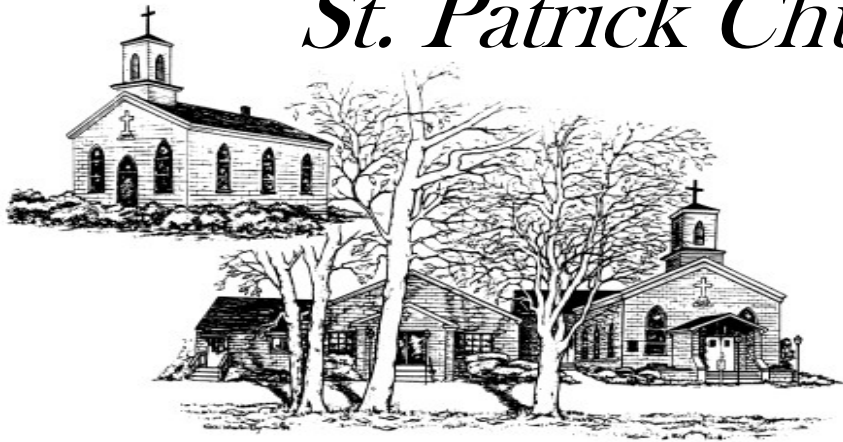


St. Patrick Church, Providence



14010 S. RIVER RD, GRAND RAPIDS, OH

FEBRUARY 4, 2018
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Influenza and the Sacred Liturgy: Until further notice the reception of the Precious Blood from a common chalice will be on suspension until such time that the flu crisis subsides. In addition, everyone is strongly encouraged to remain at home when they are sick. Thank you from the Diocese of Toledo.

Feb. 14-Lenten Regulations for Fast and Abstinence: Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the penitential season of Lent. In addition to the general penitential character of the Lenten Season:

Ash Wednesday Feb 14th and Good Friday March 30th are days of abstinence from meat and also days of fast, that is, limited to a single full meal. With regard to Good Friday the teaching of the Second Vatican Council should be recalled: Let the paschal fast be kept sacred. Let it be celebrated everywhere on Good Friday and, where possible, prolonged throughout Holy Saturday, so that the joys of the Sunday of the Resurrection may be attained with uplifted and clear mind.”

The other Fridays of the season of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. With regard to the obligatory days listed above, however, there is frequent question about the degree of seriousness of the matter. The teaching of the Holy Father may be simply paraphrased: the obligation to do penance is a serious one, the obligation to observe, as a whole or “substantially”, the penitential days specified by the church is also serious. No one should be scrupulous in this regard; failure to observe individual days of penance is not considered serious; rather it is the failure to observe a substantial number of penitential days, which must be considered serious. People should seek to do more rather than less. Fast and abstinence on the days prescribed would be considered a minimal response to the Lord’s call to penance and conversion. The law of abstinence binds all Catholics 14 years of age and older. The law of fasting binds all Catholics from their 18th birthday until their 59th birthday.

Year End Contributions Sheets: The 2017 contribution sheets have already been mailed out. If you have any questions please call the parish office @ 419-832-5215. Thank you all for your generosity.

Little Black Books: Our little black Lenten reflection books are available at both entrance ways to church. Pick up a book and enjoy spending a few extra moments with the Lord in prayer.

Snow Emergencies: If any of our counties (Lucas, Henry, Fulton, or Wood) declare either a Level 2 or 3 we will cancel. We will attempt to put the cancellation on Channel 11 WTOL and Channel 13 WTVG. However, on the weekends television stations have short staffs and so the cancellations may not go up on time for our classes.

This is different than the Diocese policy that mass can be cancelled only for Level 3. This is due to our parishioners/teachers coming from a wide area, and road conditions can be different in different counties. We will not wait until a Level 3 to cancel! Any questions call the parish office at 419-832-5215.

The Next Sunshine Committee Meeting: Sunday February 4th around 9:30 a.m. we will meet in the hall. All are welcome to attend!

St. Patrick Youth Group: The Parish Youth Group meets on Wednesday’s beginning at 6:30 p.m. with a meal and instructions at 7 p.m. All Jr. High and High School students 8th-12th grade are invited and encouraged to attend.

Helping Hands of St. Louis (Soup Kitchen): If you wish to donate cupcakes, cookies, cakes, brownies, etc please drop off at St. Patrick’s Providence kitchen. The month of February desserts must be here by the weekend of Feb. 17th or 18th and the latest would be Tuesday the 20th by Noon. There are NEW mixes, pans, and frosting available on our kitchen counter for your use. Thank You!

Family Perspective: Today’s gospel challenges us to be a “light” to our family. Parents shine their guiding light, not in front but behind them, inviting their children to follow their “good deeds.”

**We give what we have been given:
Sunday Offertory (1/28/18)**

Offertory Adult Envelopes (88)	\$ 3,025.00
Loose	\$ 350.00
Total	\$ 3,375.00
Votive Candles	\$ 5.00
Coffee & Rolls	\$ 24.57
Stipends	\$ 10.00
Motherhood of Mary	\$ 162.00
Offertory Received to Date (31 wk.)	\$ 127,857.05
Average	\$ 4,124.42



Please pray for the following housebound and sick:

**Joe Periat	**Bonnie Piasecki
**Ed Bump	**Rich Piasecki
**Janis Wade	**Dick Mertes
**Don Westhoven	**Lillian Mertes
**Alma Westhoven	**Kelly VanOrder
Malory Beasley	Robert Freeworth
**Cindy Brown	Norm Liebrecht
Robert Bowman	Jean Bowman

** is a member of St. Patrick - On the first Sunday of every month the prayer list will be reset with names that have contacted the office for that month. You can call our Parish Office @ 419-832-5215 for more details! We also hope that you will utilize the prayer boxes at both of our main entrances to church for any special prayer requests. Thank You!

St. Louis's Reverse Raffle and Silent Auction:

Saddle up and come "Down on the Farm" to the 10th annual Reverse Raffle and Silent Auction on **Saturday, March 24, 2018**. It will be held at Nazareth Hall in Grand Rapids, Ohio. Doors open at 5:30. Our farmhand for the evening is auctioneer Steve Powell! Tickets are now available each weekend after Mass or by contacting Jennie Tussing (419)669-7007 or Melissa DeSmith (419)409-0376. They are \$50, which includes a raffle ticket and dinner. Additional dinner tickets are available for \$25. The menu for the evening is Chicken Parmesan, Betty's Salad, Roasted Garlic Mashers, Green Beans, New York Style Cheesecake with berries or Triple Chocolate Cake. A cash bar will also be available. You must be 21 years old to attend the event and need not be present to win. Items you wish to donate to the Silent Auction may be dropped off at the school office during school hours or at the rectory or by contacting Jennie Tussing or Luann Flowers (419)205-8848. We look forward to another successful year, thanks to your support!

Diocese of Toledo Safe Environment Program in Full Compliance with USCCB Norms:

Each year, the Diocese of Toledo is required to undergo an audit to ensure that it is in compliance with the articles of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. Bishop Daniel Thomas is pleased to announce that the Diocese was found to be in full compliance with the requirements in the Charter. The Diocese of Toledo remains committed to ensuring the protection of children and providing a safe environment for all young people. If you have any knowledge of abuse that has been committed by cleric or by any personnel or volunteer of the Catholic Church, please report the abuse to your local police department, Child Protection Services and Mr. Frank DiLallo, Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator. Mr. DiLallo can be reached at (419)-214-4880 or by mail at Mr. DiLallo 1933 Spielbusch Avenue; Toledo, Ohio 43604.

2018 Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA): Support meaningful ministries. We are all children of God, called and challenged to give witness to the Good News. Together we can spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ and invite our neighbors to share in that message through a gift to the appeal, which assists the various diocesan ministries. The weekend of Feb. 10th & 11th is our Commitment Sunday. Please give generously.

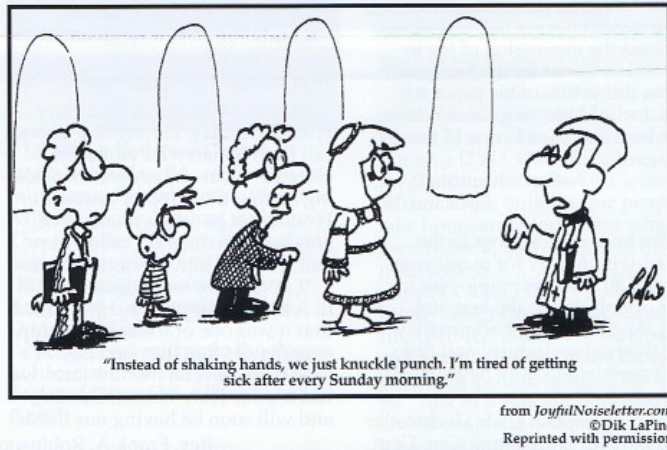
A Bench for Caps Program: St. Louis students are collecting all sorts of plastic caps that will be recycled and made into benches for the playground! Some examples are caps from bottled water, pop, milk, medicine bottles, detergent bottles, etc. Flip caps are acceptable, however, no trigger-spray caps. There is a basket available in our church hall. We ask that they are rinsed clean. The students will then sort and weigh the caps until we have reached the amount needed. Thank you for helping us!

Heartbeat of Toledo Baby Bottle Collection: St. Patrick's is now collecting the Baby Bottles. The collection boxes are located in the hall and the back of church. We will continue collecting for the next couple weeks. Thank you so much for your support of Heartbeat and the work that they do. For more information on Heartbeat call 419-241-9131 or visit www.heartbeatoftoledo.org.

"Entering Canaan" Day of Prayer & Healing Retreat for Men (Feb. 10): Suffering from a past abortion? You're not alone. Begin your healing journey and experience God's mercy. The day is hosted by Project Rachel, a ministry of Catholic Charities of Toledo. For more information and confidential reservations, please email projectrachel@toledodiocese.org or call 1-888-456-HOPE or 419-260-5811. For more information on Project Rachel visit hopeafterabortion.com.

Euchre Night at Little Flower Church: On February 17th from 6-10 p.m. in our O'Grady Hall. Team prizes, door prizes and concessions. Cost \$20 per team of 2. Call or text for reservations with Matt @ 419-261-5669 or John @ 419-215-3997.

Cathy's Joke's for the Week – "One reason George Washington stood up in that boat crossing the Delaware was because every time he sat down somebody handed him an oar."



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time: In the first reading, Isaiah urges us in the name of the Lord to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, and clothe the naked. If we do so, he assures us, the Lord will hear and answer *our* cries for help in time of need.

LITURGY APPOINTMENTS: Feb. 10th & 11th

Weekend Liturgies	4:30 p.m.	H. & F. Zbierajewski, M. Gase
	7:30 a.m.	P. Weimer, RM. Scherzer, J. Krueger
	11:30 a.m.	A. Warner, L. Ellinwood, N. Bump

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Ministers of Communion:	4:30 p.m.	T. Shine
	7:30 a.m.	J. Hahn
	11:30 a.m.	J. Collins

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Servers:	4:30 p.m.	RJ Agosti, D. Gase
	7:30 a.m.	Z. & J. Jones, N. Corpus
	11:30 a.m.	L. Brewster, N. & A. Nagel

LITURGY READINGS FOR FEB. 5th-11th

Mon.-1 Kgs. 8:1-7, 9-13; Mrk. 6:53-56
 Tues.-1 Kgs. 8:22-23, 27-30; Mrk. 7:1-13
 Wed.-1 Kgs. 10:1-10; Mrk. 7:14-23
 Thurs.-1 Kgs 11:4-13; Mrk. 7:24-30
 Fri.-1 Kgs. 11:29-32; 12:19; Mrk. 7:31-37
 Sat.-1 Kgs. 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Mrk. 8:1-10
 Sun.-Lv. 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Cor. 10:31-11:1; Mrk. 1:40-45

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Feb. 6th & 8th -No Weekday Liturgies-

WEEKEND LITURGIES

Weekend Liturgies: Feb. 10th & 11th
Sat. St. Patrick 4:30 p.m.
Sun. St. Patrick 7:30 a.m. Christopher Wolfram
St. Louis 9:30 a.m.
St. Patrick 11:30 a.m.
Holy Day Liturgies are at 7:00 p.m. Sacrament of Penance is on Saturdays from 3:30-4:00 p.m. or call Fr. Walter Tuscano for an appt. 419-832-2414

OUR VISION

We are a people of God, nourished by sacred Scripture and Sacrament. We believe in and are experiencing the mystery of God's unconditional love for us. Through Jesus Christ — and with the help of the Holy Spirit — we work to build God's Kingdom on earth. Our efforts within our parish will focus on: our fuller union with God, our strengthened relationships with each other and our caring service to others.

DIRECTORY

Pastor-Fr. Walter Tuscano, SAC
Parish Office-Catherine Agosti
Coordinator, Religious Ed.-Stacie Maas
Parish Pastoral Council-Sue Sochacki (Secretary)
Worship-Sue Sochacki
Liturgical Scheduling-Colleen Lillevik
Youth Coordinator-Kevin Hertzfeld
St. Vincent DePaul Society-Contact Parish Office
R.C.I.A.-Marie Wolfram, Tony & Barbara Kleis, Ron & Rachael Borders, Ruth Herndon & Bev Wilson
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****Contact Parish Office on any Directory Questions!**

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