

# St. Patrick Church, Providence

14010 S. RIVER RD. GRAND RAPIDS, OH

APRIL 22, 2018  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

## Novena to the Holy Spirit

A novena is a nine-day period of private or public prayer to obtain special graces, to implore special favors, or make special petitions. Novena is derived from the Latin novem, meaning nine. As the definition suggests, the novena has always had more of a sense of urgency and neediness.

The origin of the novena in our Church's spiritual treasure is hard to pinpoint. The Old Testament does not indicate any nine-days celebration among Jewish people. On the other hand, in the New Testament, at the Ascension scene, our Lord gives the Apostles the Great Commission, and then tells them to return to Jerusalem and to await the coming of the Holy Spirit. Acts of the Apostles recounts, "After that they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet near Jerusalem—a mere Sabbath's journey away. Together they devoted themselves to constant prayer" (Acts 1:12,14). Nine days later on the tenth day, the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles at Pentecost. Perhaps, this "nine-day period of prayer" of the Apostles is the basis for the novena.

Novenas still hold a legitimate place in our Catholic spirituality. The Enchiridion of Indulgences notes, "A partial indulgence is granted to the faithful, who devoutly take part in the pious exercise of a public novena before the feast of Christmas or Pentecost or the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary." Here the Church is again emphasizing that the novena is a pious, spiritual exercise to bolster the faith of the individual, and that the individual should be truly devout, always remembering the goodness of the Lord who answers all of our prayers according to His divine will.

(taken from: <http://www.ewtn.com/library/ANSWERS/NOVENA.HTM>)

This year in preparation for the feast of Pentecost I plan on five days of novena to the Holy Spirit from **Monday, May 14 to Friday, May 18. There will be a mass at 7:00 pm during these days at St. Patrick's Church**, during which we will pray the Novena Prayer to the Holy Spirit. Of course, you are welcome to pray the Novena Prayer on your own so as to cover all nine days.

Rev. Walter Tuscano  
Pastor

**Pray for our First Communion Students:** First Communion will take place on Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at the 11:30 Mass. Please keep the following 11 students in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Eucharist for the first time:

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| Ted Agosti           | Jonah Bailey    |
| Jayda Cole           | Ethan Bechstein |
| Addison Hertzfeld    | Owen Heyman     |
| Isaiah Miller        | Bianca Nagel    |
| Ashlyn Rider         | Sophia Borer    |
| Emma Warner @ School | St. Joan of Arc |

**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 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade are invited and encouraged to attend.

**2018 Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA):** Support meaningful ministries. 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. As of April 22, 2018, St. Patrick-Providence has had 38 out of 421 families (Individuals) pledge/donate to the 2018 Annual Catholic Appeal. We are at \$6,160.00 of our parish goal of \$11,500.00. Every gift helps. Thank you!

**We give what we have been given:  
Sunday Offertory (4/15/18)**

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| Offertory Adult Envelopes (90) | \$ 3,420.00       |
| Easter Mass                    | Loose \$ 547.00   |
|                                | Total \$ 3,967.00 |

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| Votive Candles           | \$ 10.00  |
| Coffee & Rolls           | \$ 114.00 |
| Stipends                 | \$ 50.00  |
| Cemetery Maintenance     | \$ 20.00  |
| Easter                   | \$ 115.00 |
| Central & Eastern Europe | \$ 10.00  |

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| Offertory Received to Date (42 wk.) | \$ 170,813.44 |
| Average                             | \$ 4,066.98   |



**Please pray for the following housebound and sick:**

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| **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       |
| Jace               | Abby              |
| Walter             | Lela Schultz      |
| Christopher Begley | Kim Houseman      |
| Sharon Weber       | **Bob             |
| **Holly Potter     | Charlie           |

\*\* 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!

**Election Day-Tuesday, May 8, 2018:** It is the policy of the Diocese of Toledo that the only election materials to be shared through the parishes and diocesan institutions are those that come directly from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, the Ohio Catholic Conference or our own diocesan Chancery. Information left in our buildings or on windshields that is not from the above mentioned sources is not endorsed by the Diocese of Toledo, its parishes or institutions.

**World Day of Prayer for Vocations:** Pope Francis has designated the date of Sunday, April 22, 2018 as a World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life. This annual observance offers us a prime opportunity to be united in prayer in our parishes for an increase in priestly and religious vocations, as well as keeping this vital component of the New Evangelization front and center.



**Operation Rice Bowl:** Through our Lenten prayers and donations, we have touched the lives of millions of people served by Catholic Relief Services, our representative to the poorest communities in the world. Thank you for your donations. You can place your Operation Rice Bowl in the box under the balcony or in the hall.

**Project Rachel:** Come back to God who is love and mercy. For hope and healing after an abortion, contact the local confidential Project Rachel Helpline at 1-888-456-HOPE or [projectrachel@toledodiocese.org](mailto:projectrachel@toledodiocese.org). Learn more at [www.hopeafterabortion.org](http://www.hopeafterabortion.org).

**Save the Date-Vacation Bible School June 25-29:**

It will be held here at St. Patrick from 9:00-11:30 a.m. The theme this year is Babylon. So we'll be traveling back in time to see what Daniel was up to in Babylon! There will be great songs, fun crafts, bible stories, outdoor recreation, and not to mention SNACKS! Please consider helping out and being energized right along with our children. If you are interested or have any questions please call Sue Hannewald at 419-250-2540 call or text and Wendy Hertzfeld at 419-466-7556. The website for this event is: <https://vbspro.events/p/grcommunityvbs>

**St. Louis 300 Club News:** Our drawings will soon be starting and we need to get all tickets sold. Please get your tickets in by next Sunday, April 29 for our first drawing. We have sold 200 tickets and have 100 tickets to sell yet. Tickets can be purchased for \$50 each at the school (419-669-1875), rectory (419-669-1864) or Ellie Panning (419-438-4317). Tickets can also be purchased after the weekend 7:30 a.m. Mass from Ellie Panning. There will be \$400 in prizes handed out each week so make sure you get your ticket.

**Save the Dates for Annunciation Radio's SPRING SHARATHON:** On May 8-11, 2018. Thank you for your support of Annunciation Radio! Our Pledge Line # is 1-888-215-0624.

**Family Perspective:** Today's gospel is a job description for Christian parents. For most people the most influential shepherds in their lives are their PARENTS. Every parent is called to be a "good shepherd" to "freely lay down their life" for their children, to "love" and "know" their children and to "lead" them so "they know your voice."

**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.

**Cathy's Joke for the Week!** –A woman was driving home from a business trip in Arizona when she saw an old Navajo woman walking on the side of the road. She stopped the car and asked the Navajo woman if she would like a ride. With a silent nod of thanks, the old woman got into the car. She sat silently through the trip until she noticed a brown bag on the driver's seat. "What's in the bag?" she asked. "It's a bottle of wine," the driver replied. "I got it for my husband." "Good trade," the Navajo woman said.  
-JoyfulNoiseletter.com-

**Fourth Sunday of Easter:** To be good stewards we must be good shepherds, willing to lay down our lives for those committed to our care, not mere hired hands who run off, "leaving the sheep to be snatched and scattered by the wolf."

**LITURGY APPOINTMENTS: Apr. 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>**

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| <b>Weekend Liturgies</b>       | 4:30 p.m.  | B. Krukowski,<br>H. & F. Zbierajewski                            |
|                                | 7:30 a.m.  | M. Hannewald, J. Hahn,<br>J. Prchlik                             |
|                                | 11:30 a.m. | T. Kleis, KA. Ross,<br>B. Wilson                                 |
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| <b>Ministers of Communion:</b> | 4:30 p.m.  | P. Hertzfeld, N. Athanitis,<br>C. Nelms, C. Balusik,<br>B. Heier |
|                                | 7:30 a.m.  | M. & K. Hertzfeld,<br>RM. Scherzer, P. Maas,<br>P. Weimer        |
|                                | 11:30 a.m. | A. & E. Coburn, N. Bump,<br>J. Collins, J. Coburn                |
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| <b>Servers:</b>                | 4:30 p.m.  | R. Kessler, D. Gase  |
|                                | 7:30 a.m.  | Z. & J. Jones, N. Corpus   |
|                                | 11:30 a.m. | D. Warner, T. & G. Miller  |

**LITURGY READINGS Apr. 23<sup>rd</sup>-Apr. 29<sup>th</sup>**

Mon.–Acts 11:1-8; Jn. 10:1-10  
 Tues.–Acts 11:19-26; Jn. 10:22-30  
 Wed.–1 Pet. 5:5b-14; Mrk. 16:15-20  
 Thurs.–Acts 13:13-25; Jn. 13:16-20  
 Fri.–Acts 13:26-33; Jn. 14:1-6  
 Sat.–Acts 13:44-52; Jn. 14:7-14  
 Sun.–Acts 9:26-31; 1 Jn. 3:18-24; Jn. 15:1-8

**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE Apr. 24<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>**

Mon. St. Louis 09:15 a.m.  
 Tue. St. Patrick 08:00 a.m.  
 Wed. St. Louis 09:00 a.m.  
 Thurs. St. Patrick 08:00 a.m. Billy Hertzfeld/Fam.

**WEEKEND LITURGIES Apr. 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>**

Sat. St. Patrick 4:30 p.m. Bill Heiman  
 Sun. St. Patrick 7:30 a.m.  
       St. Louis 9:30 a.m.  
       St. Patrick 11:30 a.m. George Andrijowych  
**Sacrament of Penance is on Saturdays from 3:30-4:00 p.m. Call Fr. Walter Tuscano for 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  
**Bell Choir**-Karol Westhoven  
**Cemetery Board**-Mike Metzger  
 \*\*Contact Parish Office on any Directory Questions!

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