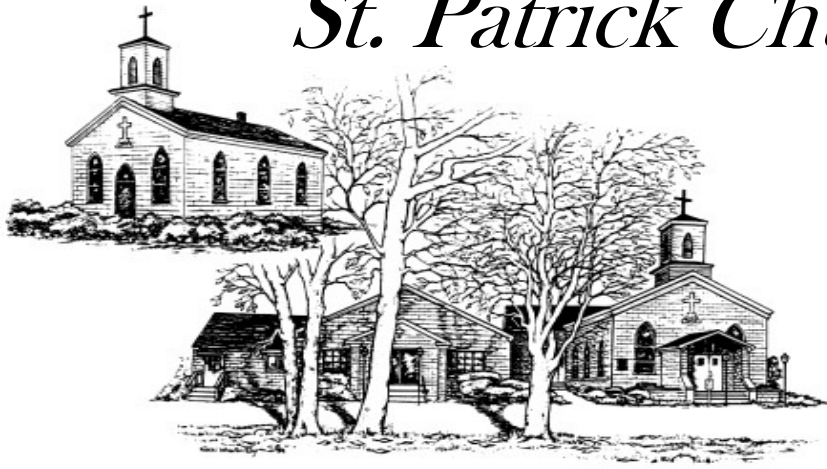


# St. Patrick Church, Providence



14010 S. RIVER RD. GRAND RAPIDS, OH

APRIL 29, 2018  
FIFTH 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

## **Mark All Your Calendars-Eucharistic Adoration:**

Everyone please join us next Friday May 4<sup>th</sup> from 7-8 p.m. for Eucharistic Adoration. The first Friday of every month we will have Eucharistic Adoration for all from 7-8 p.m. **Our May Adoration is on the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>.** This is an excellent opportunity to pray for 1hr in front of the Blessed Sacrament and to listen quietly to God. If you would like to try this ministry or even be a sub please contact Phil Hertzfeld at (419-878-6811, 419-466-2896).

**2018 Century Farm Award:** Applications Available Catholic Charities is now accepting applications for Century Farm Awards. This award designation honors Catholic families who have maintained a farm or homestead within their family for at least 100 years, with an emphasis on well-preserved working farms. Applicants will be asked to submit a registration form, copies of old deeds, and pictures to support claims. The information submitted must show family residence and ownership of a farm for at least 100 years. Applications should be submitted no later than May 31, 2018. A Mass honoring award recipients will be celebrated by Bishop Daniel E. Thomas at St. Patrick Church, 14010 South River Road(Old US 24), Grand Rapids, Ohio, at 9 a.m., Wednesday, September 19, 2018. For more information or to request the registration form, please contact Kate Pomrenke at (419) 214-4898 or [kpomrenke@toledodiocese.org](mailto:kpomrenke@toledodiocese.org).

**We give what we have been given:  
Sunday Offertory (4/22/18)**

Offertory Adult Envelopes (89)	\$ 3,336.00
Easter Mass	Loose \$ 373.00
	Total \$ 3,709.00
Votive Candles	\$ 22.00
Coffee & Rolls	\$ 77.81
Stipends	\$ 20.00
Stole Fees	\$ 100.00
Cemetery Maintenance	\$ 238.00
Offertory Received to Date (42 wk.)	\$ 170,813.44
Average	\$ 4,066.98



**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
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. Call our Parish Office @ 419-832-5215 for more details! We also hope that you utilize the prayer boxes at both of our main entrances to church for any special prayer requests. Thank You!

**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. As of April 27, 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. You can find white ACA contribution envelopes at both entrances of our parish. Every gift helps.

**Are you a Catholic homeschooling family in the Toledo diocese?:** Then please join us at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 5, 2018, at Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral in Toledo for our **14th Annual Diocesan Homeschooling Mass and Graduation**. Reverend Monsignor William J. Kubacki will be celebrating our Mass. It's a wonderful evening of prayer, fellowship, food and fun! Please bring a finger-food dish to share for the reception immediately following the Mass. If you have a student who will be graduating 8th grade, or a graduating high school senior, and would like your graduate to participate in the ceremony after the Mass, please email Lisa-Ann Brickner at [oyc81@yahoo.com](mailto:oyc81@yahoo.com) by **May 25th**. We can't wait to see you there!!

**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.

**Summer Plans for St. Patrick Youth Group:**

The Parish Youth Group will be meeting monthly during the summer. All Jr. High and High School students 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade are invited and encouraged to attend. More details to come.

**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 be starting this weekend. We have sold 260 tickets and have 40 tickets left to sell. 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 for 15 weeks so make sure you get your ticket.

**Churchill's Religious Goods & Gifts in Toledo**

**Closing May 12<sup>th</sup>:** Sales start now; please see both our bulletin boards for more information.

**Family Perspective:** Like the vine grower in today's gospel, parents must "prune and cleanse" the branches in their family if their children are going to be rooted. Discipline, limits and setting goals are a necessary part of parenting so our children will grow and "bear fruit."

**Pentecost Celebration:** Sunday May 20<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 2255 Central Grove, Toledo. For more information see flyer on both our bulletin boards.

**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.

**Cathy's Joke for the Week! –**

**THE FAMILY CIRCUS** By Jeff and Bill Keane



"The sermon was good, but I think you could've used a couple jokes to jazz it up a bit."

from JoyfulNoiseletter.com  
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**Fifth Sunday of Easter:** The good steward lives the advice of St. John, loving in deed and in truth, rather than just talking about it.

**LITURGY APPOINTMENTS: May 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>**

<b>Weekend Liturgies</b>	4:30 p.m.	M. Gase, M. Gearig, R. Potter
	7:30 a.m.	RM. Scherzer, P. Weimer, M. Hannewald
	11:30 a.m.	A. Warner, B. Wilson, D. Miller
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<b>Ministers of Communion:</b>	4:30 p.m.	K. Kessler, C. Lillevik, P. Hertzfeld, J. May, B. Krukowski
	7:30 a.m.	M. Wolfram, S. Hannewald, J. Sattler, S. Maas, C. Tippenhauer
	11:30 a.m.	L. McCready, K. & D. Hertzfeld, B. Kleis, R. Guyer
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<b>Servers:</b>	4:30 p.m.	R. Kessler D. Gase, N. Kress
	7:30 a.m.	S. & K. Johnson, K. Maas
	11:30 a.m.	S. & A. Shafer, M. Bailey

**LITURGY READINGS Apr. 30<sup>th</sup>-May 6<sup>th</sup>**

Mon.–Acts 14:5-18; Jn. 14:21-26  
Tues.–Acts 14:19-28; Jn. 14:27-31a  
Wed.–Acts 15:1-6; Jn. 15:1-8  
Thurs.–1 Cor. 15:1-8; Jn. 14:6-14  
Fri.–Acts 15:22-31; Jn. 15:12-17  
Sat.–Acts 16:1-10; Jn. 15:18-21  
Sun.–Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17

**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE May 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>**

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

**WEEKEND LITURGIES May 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>**

Sat. St. Patrick 4:30 p.m.  
Sun. St. Patrick 7:30 a.m. Shirley Mitchell  
St. Louis 9:30 a.m.  
St. Patrick 11:30 a.m.

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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