



St. Patrick Church, Providence

14010 S. RIVER RD, GRAND RAPIDS, OH

SEPTEMBER 10, 2017
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IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I am honored to be your pastor. It is about 2.5 months since I am here and my experience here has been beautiful one. I want to thank you for your love and appreciation of me. I have come across many people asking, "How do you like it here?" I must say, "I love being here." I want to appreciate your presence and involvement in the church here. The recent parish picnic was a real witness of your involvement in the church.

I want to thank you for your generosity toward the upgrading of the Rectory. We have upgraded the appliances and windows of the Rectory. A few works remain to be done – kitchen floor and carpet replacement.

During the last two months, we have accomplished a lot of works at the church. We have had the training and recommissioning of the Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist, Altar Servers Training, the Youth Core Team is ready to kick off the Youth program for this year on 09/20, Religious Ed will begin on 09/17.

The physical changes and upgrade to the church building are in the process. Last week we have replaced the east side windows of the church. We will begin the work on the much-needed handicapped access bathrooms during fall or winter. The Sacristy Carpet and ceiling painting are in the pipeline.

All these above-mentioned works have been possible with your support and cooperation. Do continue to support the church and we will get the rest of the works done.

We have a beautiful cemetery. I am looking forward to establishing a Cemetery Board. I need 5-7 volunteers to be on this board. I appeal to you to prayerfully consider being the member of the same board.

Fr. Walter Tuscano, SAC
Pastor

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE: The key word in today's gospel is "listen." We cannot change another person; not alone, not with others and not with a whole Church. All we can do is state our position and "if he listens to you" then he/she can take the steps necessary to change themselves. Change comes from within.

Helping Hands of St. Louis-Toledo(Soup Kitchen)

Our St. Patrick's Team served 230 meals on our August volunteer day. The need is always there and our desserts are much appreciated. If you wish to donate cupcakes, cookies, cakes, brownies, etc please drop off at St. Patrick's Providence kitchen. The month of Sept. desserts must be here by Sept. 16th or 17th and the latest would be Tuesday the 19th by Noon. There are mixes, pans, and frosting available on our kitchen counter for your use. Thank You!

Funeral Luncheon Help: If you would be interested to be on the call up list to make a dessert for the funeral luncheons there is a sign-up sheet in the hall. This is a ministry that we do for the families of those who have passed.

Donuts at both our Sunday Masses starts on September 17th with Religious Education Kicking off! Please Join us for Fellowship, Fresh Pastries, and Coffee/Juice after Sunday Masses! God Bless our Children and Families!

Families of Religious Ed Students: Please make sure to get your registration forms in for the 2017-18 Religious Education program ASAP. Religious Education will begin Sunday, September 17th for K-4 and September 24th for 5-9 all classes still begin at 9:15 a.m. and end at 10:45 a.m.

St. Patrick Youth Group is BACK!

An active parish begins with an active youth group. We have assembled a core group of adult leaders to guide and plan this process. Our youth program will kick off on Wednesday, September 20th for High School grades 9-12. Stay tuned for more information as we progress!

RCIA Program Starting Soon

Our Right of Christian Initiation for Adults, RCIA program will be beginning soon and we are looking forward to welcoming inquirers. If you or someone you know would like to explore more about joining our Catholic faith please call the church or contact any of our RCIA Team. Sessions are custom designed to be friendly and to answer questions. Please pray for those considering becoming part of our faith community! Thank You!

Hurricane Harvey Recovery

This weekend we will take a second collection for the relief funds for those affected by hurricane Harvey. Checks should be made out to Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo, with a Hurricane Harvey Recovery notation, or sent to 1933 Spielbusch Avenue, Toledo, OH 43604.

BAKED STEAK/CHICKEN BREAST DINNER:

Everyone is invited to our fall Baked steak and Chicken dinner on Saturday, September 16th from 4:30-7:00 pm. The dinner includes: Steak or Chicken, homemade noodles, potatoes and gravy, vegetables, rolls, salad, drinks and pie. Carry-out is available. All proceeds benefit St. Louis school tuition assistance. Free will offering accepted.

2017 Mass on the Anniversaries of Marriage

Our Lady Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral October 1, 2017 @ 3:00 P.M. Join Bishop Daniel Thomas, Celebrant. For Couples Celebrating **25, 40, 50, 60,** and **60+** years of marriage that are also from the Diocese of Toledo. A reception featuring refreshments and the distribution of commemorative certificates will follow. Contact Marsha Rivas at 419-214-4938 or go to toledoanniversarymass.org. The registration deadline is Tuesday September 19th.

“Marriage is the icon of God’s love for us” –Pope Francis

**We give what we have been given:
Sunday Offertory (9/3/17)**

Offertory Adult Envelopes (96)	\$ 4,785.50
Loose	\$ 532.31
Total	\$ 5,317.81
Votive Candles	\$ 70.40
Coffee & Rolls	\$ 95.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 35.00
Stipends	\$ 40.00
Memorial Donations	\$ 200.00
Cemetery	\$ 20.00
Catholic University	\$ 111.00
Offertory Received to Date (10 wk.)	\$ 39,055.40
Average	\$ 3,905.54



Please pray for the following housebound and sick:

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| **Patricia Cook | **Ed Bump |
| **Marge Hertzfeld | **Mary Ann Weasel |
| Marshal Geiselman | **Marcy Dick |
| Hope Burkin | Greg Paul |
| **Margaret Mockenstrum | **Tony Biesiot |
| **Denise Krabill | **Steve Hertzfeld |
| Deborah Page | **Kim Kempf |
| Jason Henderson | Richard Majewski |
| **Larry Hertzfeld | Susan Ammon |
| **Mary Ann Kowalik | **Beverly Liske |
| Norm Liebrecht | Jennifer Mifflin |
| Robert Bowman | **Jamee Bernthisel |
| Joe Boyle, Jr. | Wren |
| Corey Longenecker | Kim Houseman |
| **Bob Hertzfeld | Galvin Moore |
| Marie Thomas | **Rich Piasecki |
| Rita Biesiot | Forest Plotts |
| Tom Auth | Brynn Beemer |
| **Anna Durham | Theresa Metzger |
| Brenda Michaels | **Jean Burt |
| Susan Stohl | Janice Wade |
| Mindy Vance | Bob Freeworth |
| **Evan Simon | **Lillian Mertes |
| Brynn Beemer | **Georgia Curtis |
| Stacey Snyder | **Bonnie Piasecki |
| Audrey H. | **Don Westhoven |
| Jeannine Garrard | **Donald Majewski |
| Nick Fall | Tim Scheer |
| Summer Johnson | Gaylene McGrath |
| Mary Rosa | **Malory Beasley |
| Patrick Crotte | Shannon Jones |
| Landon Lightle | Steve & Sue Hurst |
| Chris Grunden | **Tony Kleis |
| **Dick Mertes | Dan Brennan |
| Mark Mackowiak | Claire Zbierajewski |
| Loretta Murano | Alvin Oberhaus |
| Addy Thieman | Grace Bower |
| Deb Fox | Jeanne Harnish |
| Frederick Coss | Alexa Cole |
| Donna Arp | **Joe Periat |
| Brayden Martens | |

** is a member of St. Patrick

If you know of anyone who needs to be removed please contact Cathy in the parish office 419-832-5215.

Prayer List Changes: You will need to contact the parish office on a Monday or Tuesday before the end of each month to keep a name on our prayer list. This also includes adding a name to our prayer list. Starting on the first Sunday of every month the prayer list will be only names that have contacted the office that prior month. We also ask that you utilize the prayer boxes at both of our main entrances to church for any special prayers.

If you have a key to the parish please contact the parish office ASAP! Thank You!

Quick Reminder that During Apple Butter Festival on Oct. 8th the Bridge will be CLOSED from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Please give yourselves extra time and enjoy the fall scenery.

Save the Date for St. Louis Ladies Retreat:

Please mark your calendars ladies for Saturday, October 28th our brother parish is hosting their women's retreat. More details to come!

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Am I my brother's keeper? All three readings today suggest that for the Christian steward the answer is "Yes!"

Cathy's Joke's for the Week!!

-“The churches of the land are sprinkled all over with bald-headed old sinners whose hair has been worn off by the friction of countless sermons that have been aimed at them and have bounced off and hit the man in the pew behind.”

-Sign outside a Church- “Honk if you love Jesus- Text while driving if you'd like to meet HIM!”

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.

LITURGY APPOINTMENTS: Sept. 16th & 17th

Weekend	4:30 p.m.	C. Balusik, M. Gearig
Liturgies	8:00 a.m.	P Weimer, C & B Taylor
	11:00 a.m.	K. Youngblood, L. Ellinwood, N. Bump

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Ministers of Communion:	4:30 p.m.	B. Hertzfeld, R. & T. Shine, C. Lillevik, C. Agosti
	8:00 a.m.	RM. & R. Scherzer, C. Tippenhauer, B. Weimer, S. Hannewald
	11:00 a.m.	A. & J. Coburn, D. Miller, R. Guyer, W. Wiewiora

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Servers:	4:30 p.m.	I. & R. Brewster, RJ Agosti
	8:00 a.m.	N. Corpus, G. Dolgoff, J. Jones
	11:00 a.m.	V. Ellinwood, S & A Shaffer

LITURGY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon.—Col. 1:24-2:3; Lk. 6:6-11
Tues.—Col. 2:6-15; Lk. 6:12-19
Wed.—Col. 3:1-11; Lk. 6:20-26
Thurs.—Num. 21:4b-9; Phil. 2:6-11; Jn. 3:13-17
Fri.—Heb. 5:7-9; Jn. 19:25-27
Sat.—1 Tim. 1:15-17; Lk. 6:43-49
Sun.—Sir. 27:30-28:7; Rom. 14:7-9; Matt. 18:21-35

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekday Liturgies: Sept. 12th & 14th

Mon.	St. Louis	09:15 a.m.-No Mass
Tue.	St. Patrick	08:00 a.m.-No Mass
Wed.	St. Louis	09:00 a.m.-No Mass
Thurs.	St. Patrick	08:00 a.m.-No Mass

WEEKEND LITURGIES

Sat.	St. Patrick	04:30 p.m.-For our Parish
	St. Louis	06:00 p.m.
Sun.	St. Patrick	08:00 a.m.-For our Parish
	St. Louis	09:30 a.m.
	St. Patrick	11:00 a.m.-For our Parish

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 for an appt. 832-2414

DIRECTORY

Pastor-Rev. Walter Tuscano
Parish Office-Catherine Agosti
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Debbie Hertzfeld
Youth Coordinator-Kevin Hertzfeld
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Ruth Herndon & Bev Wilson
Bell Choir-Karol Westhoven
Cemetery Board-Mike Metzger
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