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St. Patrick Parish, Providence

May/June 2016

Dear St. Patrick-Providence Parish Family,

I give praise and thanks to almighty God for the gift of children and youth. Praise God! Isn't our God awesome? He gives us a variety of nature, weather, people, and animals. Now some animals he could've forgot about, but I won't go there.

On May 1st our parish religious education program came to a hiatus (I can't say end because our religious education/formation never ends). I want to take a moment to thank the many volunteers for their hard work and dedication to passing on the faith to our children and youth. If it wasn't for these volunteers, a vital part of our faith formation would be lacking. Thanks to: Heather Johnson, Angie Bechstein, Cathy Agosti, Michelle Shafer, Aimee Heller, Cheyene Lambert, Tracy Getzinger, Sue Hannewald, Mike Hannewald, Nancy Scott, Colleen Lillevik, Christine Nelms, and Kevin Hertzfeld. Our deep appreciation to Gary & Elizabeth Overmier for Children's Liturgy of the Word during 11:00 am mass. Also, thanks to the RCIA team-Marie Wolfram, Bev Wilson, Tony & Barb Kleis, and Ruth Herndon for their faithfulness.

I need to take a moment to thank the parents for their cooperation in our religious education program. It takes dedication and a lot of work to get students back and forth for religious education classes and I truly admire the sacrifice our parents make to pass on the faith. Your sacrifice and cooperation is appreciated.

Thanks from a grateful pastor to all parents, students and volunteer teachers. Big thanks also to Chris Nelms, our parish coordinator of religious education for another successful year. God Bless You All!!!

On May 4th the priests of the Toledo Diocese gathered to celebrate our annual Jubilees of Ordination. We come together for Mass, fellowship and dinner as we congratulate our brother priests on the significant jubilee. Our priest jubilarians this year are:

25th Anniversary

Rev. Monsignor Marvin Borger Rev. Kenneth Lill Rev. Joseph Weigman

40th Anniversary

Rev. Nelson Beaver Rev. Stephen Blum Rev. James Holmer Rev. Frank Murd Rev. Richard Saelzer Rev. John Stites

50th Anniversary

Rev. Raymond Ensman Rev. Philip Feltman

60th Anniversary

Rev. Norbert Howe

70th Anniversary

Rev. Frederick Nietfeld

School's out and the teachers have sent the little and big urchins home to continue their adventures under the watchful care of parents and others. As I begin writing this letter, I am celebrating my 39th ordination anniversary (June 11th). It's hard to believe so many years have passed since that day. I have experienced ministry in ten different parish settings and three different health care settings and many varied organizational settings. I've loved them all. So often, I don't understand why the Lord called me. I am just a simple, common individual. There are so many much more talented. Yet, I know that I was called by Him. I don't say this to get pity. As I lead our parish in worship, I am overwhelmed when I look out to all of you and I see that hunger and longing to be nourished in the Lord. You are truly striving to deepen your walk with the Lord and I often feel inferior to your holiness and spirituality. You are such an inspiration to me. Thank you.

June 18/19, we will celebrate Father's Day, a day to appreciate our dads who have guided us along life and given us big shoes to fill. Thanks Dad!!! God bless dads, living and deceased.

St. Pat's will be bursting with children, helpful youth and volunteer teachers as we celebrate the 2016 Grand Rapids Community Vacation Bible School June 27-July1st .The VBS is an ecumenical endeavor by Calvary United Methodist, First Presbyterian, Hosanna Lutheran, and St. Patrick's Catholic Churches. It is good for our community and our churches. Thanks to God for blessing us again with this wonderful event.

June 20, 2016-June 23, 2016 the priests of the Toledo Diocese will gather together at Sawmill Creek in Huron, Ohio for our bi-annual Priests' Convocation with the theme being "The Priest as a Man of Mercy". Our guest speaker will be Cardinal Edwin O'Brien, Grand Master of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher of Jerusalem. It is an opportunity of continuing education, prayer, fellowship, hospitality, and recreation. Most of all, our convocation is a wonderful opportunity to renew and deepen our priestly identity, unity and fraternity

Sunday August 7, 2016, St. Louis-Custar will hold their Annual Summer Festival which starts with delicious BBQ Chicken/Ham dinners served from 11 am-3pm, kids' games 12 noon-7pm, bingo 12 noon-10pm, children's pedal tractor pull at 2 p.m., euchre tournament at 4pm, and much more. Fun for old and young alike, mark Sunday August 2th on your calendar for Saint Louis Custar Annual Festival. Come and join in the fun.

Our St. Patrick Parish Picnic is scheduled for Sunday August 28th. Save the date. It is always fun. There will be a waterslide, crazy bingo, food, and lots of fun.

More information will be published later in the summer.

Well I better stop and get this to the presses.

Love, Peace & Prayers,

The Continuing Saga of Woody Woodchuck

At the St. Patrick's Day Celebration, the following letter was handed to Fr. Dave with a bag hiding something in a mess of shredded paper.

To: Father David Tscherne
From: The Reformed Church of the Most Holy
Woodchuck

As a congregation, we the wildlife of the Most Holy Church of the Woodchuck, as we fellowship in God's creation, take into consideration, your rant on ALL of our fellow woodchuck family! Therefore, we give an offering of peace to you and all members of the St. Patrick's community.

Wally Woodchuck was an old and cherished member of The Reformed Church of the Most Holy Woodchuck for many hears. Sadly, Wally passed on to the great dirt hole in the heavens!

So, as a community we decided to have Wally stuffed. For we knew that, in your mind, the only good woodchuck is a stuffed one. We continue to pray for you, Father Dave, that one day all of us can live in harmony. Praise the Lord! Halleluiah!

(I now have a stuffed Wally Woodchuck sitting on my office bookcase.)

Parishioner Funeral Email Notifications

We have had parishioners show an interest in being notified when one of our fellow parishioners passes on. If you are interested in being put on the parish funeral email list please contact Cathy in the parish office 419-832-5215 or email at spgr@frontier.com. By giving your email to us we will be able to notify you prior to the funeral. Thank you for all your help.

Annual Catholic Appeal: As of June 2nd, 47 Families/Individual have participated with a total pledged/paid of \$9,010.00 towards our parish goal of \$10,750.00. Thank you & God bless you all!

Ed Byers Receives Medal of Honor

Chief Special Warfare Operator Ed Byers recently received the Medal of Honor from President Barak Obama. The navy seal was awarded the medal for his heroic acts while on a mission to rescue an American hostage in December 2012, who had been captured by the Taliban. The Medal of Honor is the highest military honor. Byers is the first living sailor to be awarded the Medal of Honor since 1988. Ed was baptized here at St. Pat's. St. Patrick's thanks you for your service to our country and loved ones.

Widow/ers Luncheon has been postponed til further notice due to low attendance

Food/Other Items for Needy:

Regularly we shall deliver your contributions to the Otsego Area and Liberty Center food pantries. As before, you can place your bags on the wood counter at the east end of our hall. Thanks for all that has been done thus far.

HELPING HANDS St. Louis Kitchen/East Toledo

On the third Wednesday of every month St. Patricks has volunteered at the St. Louis Helping Hands kitchen in east Toledo. This service has gone on for many years. We are in need of additional volunteers to help with this ministry. (For the 12Noon Meal) This is a wonderful chance to feed the hungry. Another way to help is to bake or provide deserts by Tuesday before the 3rd Wednesday of every month. There are plenty of cake mixes in the St. Pat's kitchen to take home, prepare and return. We thank all who participate in that effort. May God continue to bless our mission to serve. For more info. or to sign up as a volunteer, please call Gene Heising 419-878-4962 or the church 419-832-5215.

Quiet Prayer Before the Blessed Sacrament

Prayer is available 40 hours each month beginning with the first Friday of the month (4:00 a.m. Friday – 10:00 p.m. Saturday). This is an excellent opportunity to pray before the Blessed Sacrament and to listen quietly to God. Many types of prayer aids and other books are available for your use. If you would like to experience this first hand please contact Phil Hertzfeld at 419-787-6811/419-466-2896 or just stop in any time; entrance is by knocking on the south ramp door. It will be July 1st & 2nd, and Aug. 5th & 6th.

SAVE THE DATE!!!! We will be having a church cleaning day on Monday July 11th from 9 until noon. Please see the flyer in the hall for additional information.



Y.E.S. Project 2016

Y.E.S. Project 2016! We hope you're all as excited as we are to kick off this year's project on July 13th! Please remember

that all student applications are out. Project takes place July 13-16 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help. For more information go to www.ToledoYesProject.org or call Kevin @ 419-878-0731.

Please pray for the following housebound and sick:

Bob Kingsley **Ma Ruth Hurd Greg Paul

**Margaret Mockenstrum

**Tony Biesiot

**Steve Hertzfeld

Deborah Page

**Kim Kempf

Jason Henderson Julia

**Larry Hertzfeld Susan Ammon

**Mary Ann Kowalik **Beverly Liske
Debbie Athanitis Michelle Harting
Robert Bowman **Jamee Bernthisel
Joe Boyle, Jr. Sister Carmiltia Stinn

Corey Longenecker **Jerry Hahn **Bob Hertzfeld Galvin Moore **Rich Piasecki Marie Thomas Rita Biesiot Forest Plotts Tom Auth **Ethel Sheeley **David Durham Theresa Metzger Brenda Michaels **Jean Burt Janice Wade Susan Stohl Mindy Vance **Bob Freeworth** **Evan Simon **Lillian Mertes **Troy Hertzfeld **Georgia Curtis Stacey Snyder **Bonnie Piasecki Audrey H. **Don Westhoven Jeannine Garrard Lois Plotts Deidre(Podiak) Delong Tim Scheer

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**Evelyn Gray

Mary Rosa

Patrick Crottie

Landon Lightle

Danny Roe

Lois Flotts

Tim Scheer

Gaylene McGrath

**Malory Beasley

Shannon Jones

Robert Holton

**Kristy Kitchen

Steve & Sue Hurst

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

HELP WANTED For Our Next School Year!

Looking for individuals willing to do the Children's Liturgy of the Word at our 11 a.m. Mass. Also our Parish Religious Educational Program has openings in Kindergarten, 3rd Grade and 7th Grade. Training and materials are provided. Please contact Chris at the parish office if you would like more information 419-832-5215.

SAVE THE DATE!!! The Annual Parish Picnic is scheduled for August 28th. There will be a waterslide, bingo, and lots of fun! More information will come later in the summer.

^{**} is a member of St. Patrick

NEWS FROM RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

A big thank you to all the teachers, students and parents who made the 2015-2016 religious education school year a success. Without volunteer teachers and dedicated students and parents, we could not hold a parish education program. Unfortunately every year a few teachers are unable to continue their ministry and so we have a few openings. We are looking for teachers to help out in Kindergarten, Third Grade and Seventh Grade. The requirements are simple, a love of children and a desire to pass on our faith. We have a program that is easy to teach. The teacher's manual provides lesson plans and instruction tips. We are open to co-teaching as well. The program meets between Sunday masses every other week from September to early May. If you think you might be interested, please call the parish office. I would be happy to meet with you and show you the program we use.

After 15 years of providing Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 11 am mass, the Overmier family has retired. And so we are asking for someone to step forward to take over this ministry. The program is laid out week by week to correspond to the Gospel for the week. Everything is provided, from the lesson to the activity. This ministry could be shared or cotaught as well. The Overmier family has graciously offered to be the back up in cases where the teacher cannot attend the mass for the week. Please call the office or contact Fr. Dave if you think you might like to try this wonderful ministry.

Vacation Bible School is just around the corner, June 27 – July 1. This ecumenical program is always a fun and faith filled week. If you would like to help/volunteer, please contact our representative, Sue Hannewald or the parish office and we will pass along your name.

Our Youth Group will again be participating in the YES project this summer. This event is held every summer by the Diocese and involves our youth spending a weekend together helping out the less fortunate in our community. Once again, Kevin Hertzfeld and Andy Coburn will be joining the group as chaperone/workers.

In this addition of the Shamrock, we have tried to include pictures of our religious education program in action. From a field trip to the Cathedral to a living Rosary said in the Church. Our teachers find creative,

fun and educational ways to pass on our Catholic faith to our youth, the future of our Church.

Please consider joining us next year. Have a wonderful summer!

Congratulations to our First Communion Class



Congratulations 2016 RCIA



Congratulations to our Confirmation Group

Ed Bump Will Gase
Dylan Hillesheim Zach Jones
Berckly Hertzfeld Ian Kress
Nathan Potter A.J. Thomas

Grades 5-8 Performed Living Rosary in Church





Grade 6 Field Trip to the Cathedral

2016 Graduates: High School and College You are



We're Froud of '<u>Yo</u>u!

asked quickly to give our parish office a photo and brief bio so that we can assemble them for "The Shamrock".



Tanya Lark Graduated from Maumee High School on Saturday, May 28th. She is the daughter of the late Sid Lark and her mother is Christine Krukowski. Her proud grandparents are Chuck & Brenda Krukowski. She is planning to go to Owens Community College and study Commercial Art. She received an Academic Excellence Scholarship from Owens. This summer she is working at Cedar Point.

Sincere Thanks/Funeral Luncheon Deserts

Thank you for the tremendous outpouring of parishioners who signed up for the desert call-in list, over 80 positive responses. We have enough for 4 groups, each group will be called on a rotating basis for the funeral luncheons. If not called quickly, don't lose heart, "Thanks be to God" it would be due to a lack of funerals!

Vacation Bible School 2016

It's coming! Yes, summer will be here before we know it and so will our annual Ecumenical VBS! "Deep Sea Discovery" is coming to St. Pat's the week of June 27 -July 1! Round up the kids and bring them to the week long plunge into discovering the wonders of our Lord! Anyone ages 4 (as of June 30) up to those entering the sixth grade in the fall are invited to join the adventure! We'll meet every day from 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. to sing, play, snack, and learn about the workings of God our Father through people like Noah, Jonah, Peter, and more! Come feel the Spirit working through all of us! Our week will conclude with a music program on Friday at 11:30 a.m. followed by a potluck lunch to celebrate the week long adventure! Registration forms are available at the church entrances. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help out for a day or two, or the week please call Wendy Hertzfeld at 419-466-7556 or Sue Hannewald at 419-250-2540.

Bishop's Corner Radio Show Now Available!

Annunciation Radio's longest running program, "The Bishop's Corner," now offers a video broadcast of the show via the Diocese of Toledo YouTube page on your computer, tablet or smart phone. The show airs weekly at 8 p.m. Thursday on Annunciation Radio, and an audio podcast is also available at www.annunciationradio.com. Submit your question for Bishop Daniel Thomas to answer on the show by emailing bishop@annunciationradio.com or visiting www.facebook.com/toledobishopscorner.

Morning Reflection on "The Joy of Love"

Madonna Hall at Sisters of St. Francis in Sylvania, Oh on Wednesday, June 22nd at 10 a.m.-Noon. Please RSVP by June 15th you can email jjurski@sistersosf.org or phone 419-824-3528. Donation of \$10. Please see the flyer in the hall for additional information.

Priests' Convocation

Bishop Daniel Thomas will gather with the priests of the Diocese on Monday June 20th-Thursday June 23rd, at Sawmill Creek Resort in Huron, OH. This is for the biannual Diocese of Toledo Priests' Convocation. In this Year of Mercy, the Convocation will focus on "the Priest as a Man of Mercy." The keynote speaker will be Cardinal Edwin O'Brien. The week will include prayer, concelebrated Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Penance, and time for fellowship and relaxation.

Please pray for Bishop Thomas and the priests of our Diocese, as well as for Cardinal O'Brien and the other presenters, that this year's convocation will bear fruit for our priests in holiness of life and in their service to the Lord and His Church.

Our Sunshine Committees Mini-pilgrimage

Please join our parish on a mini-pilgrimage to the Franciscan Center in Sylvania, Ohio. It will be on Thursday July 21. We will meet at St. Pat's for 8 a.m. Mass and then depart by 9 a.m. via carpool. We will return to church at approximately 3 p.m. the following information is from the Sylvania Franciscans website: A pilgrimage is a journey inward, a journey of the heart. We invite you to come away for two hours and visit seven shrines and sacred spots on the 89-acre campus. Beginning with the San Damiano Cross located in Our lady Queen of Peace Chapel, you will visit shrine and images that proclaim the life and journey of Fracis of Assisi. Spend time reflecting on Francis's Canticle of the Creatures, the icon of Francis and the Sultan, the Portiuncula Chapel (St. Mary of the Angels), as well as St Francis and the Wolf of Gubbio. At each stop, we will consider our Franciscan history and take time for prayer and reflection. The cost is \$15.00 per person, which includes lunch. Please see the flyer in the hall for additional information. Please consider taking this journey with us!

Heather Johnson

St. Louis 300 Club Tickets: On June 5th the Drawings were #126 \$100 Frank Weasel-Malinta, #127 \$200 Susan & Paul Smith-Haymarket, VA, and #128 \$100 Jason Bechstein-Custar.

Heart of the Nation/TV Mass: TV Mass for the Homebound has started on WMNT channel 48 @ 9 a.m. and WTOL channel 11 @ 5 a.m. On Buckeye Cablesystem, EWTN is available on Ch. 179, and Freeform is on Ch. 35. On AT&T U-verse, EWTN is available on Ch. 562, and Freeform is on Ch. 178. On Time Warner out of Waterville, EWTN is available on Ch. 60, and Freeform is on Ch. 43. On Time Warner Cable out of Bowling Green, EWTN is available on Ch. 385, and Freeform is on Ch. 57. On DirecTV, EWTN is available on Ch. 370, and Freeform is on Ch. 311. On Dish Network, EWTN is available on Ch. 261, and Freeform is on Ch. 180. The radio broadcast of the Sunday Mass is aired at noon on WNOC 89.7 FM Annunciation Radio. Please share this with your loved ones for more information please see the flyer on our hall bulletin and in the front of Church. To watch the Heart of the Nation/TV Mass online, please visit www.heartofthenation.org.

From Cathy's Desk Happy Mothers/Father's Day!!

The Forever Friend

"I'll always need my son/daughter no matter what age I am. My son/daughter has made me laugh... made me proud...made me cry...hugged me tight...seen me fall...cheered me up...kept me strong... and driven me crazy at times! But my son/daughter is a promise from God that I will have a friend forever!"



Retrouvaille Program

If your marriage has become troubled or stressed, unloving or uncaring, or if your relationship has grown cold or distant, if you are thinking of separation or divorce, or if you are already separated or divorced, but you want ot try again-then Retroubaille is the program that can help you. For more information, call 419-481-1116 or 1-800-470-2230. You may call anonymously. No group discussions. Hope is only a phone call away! The next Northwest Ohio Retrouvaille Program begins July 15-17, 2016. Call for other dates or visit our website at www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

Digging for Gold in Archetypal Images

Become more aware of the archetypal images and energies in dreams and daily experiences by participating in this summer workshop at Lial Renewal Center in Whitehouse on Saturday, July 30, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Carl Jung considers archetypes to be "the fundamental elements of the unconscious mind," and John Sanford sees the unconscious as "the ocean o out of which our conscious lives have sprung, and over which the ships of our souls sail their course through life." Presenters Rev. John Blaser and Joseph Mascazine join intereest in dream work with knowledge of literature to offer guidance for the spiritual journey. Cost: \$35 including lunch. Please pre-register at www.lialrenewalcenter.org or contact Sr. Dean at 419-877-0432 or mdpfahler@toledosnd.org. You can find a flyer on our bulletin board at the front of church and on the hall bulletin as well.

Please Pray for Our Priest of the Diocese

June 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Parents of Priests 5	Rev. John I. Extejt, OSFS 6	Very Rev. Paul A. Fahrbach, VF 7	Rev. Paul Faroh, OFM Conv	Rev. Philip S. Feltman 9	Rev. Earl Fernandes 10	Seminarian Mr. Jared Horstman
Rev. Timothy F. Ferris	Rev. Raymond A. Fisher 13	Rev. William Fisher, OSFS	Deacons and Missionary Priests 15	Rev. John W. Fleck 16	Rev. Anthony Fortman, CPPS	Rev. Richard Friebel, CPPS 18
Rev. Matthew Frisbee 19	Rev. F. Anthony Gallagher 20	Rev. J. Douglas Garand 21	Very Rev. Michael A. Geiger, VF 22	Rev. Randy P. Glesige 23	Rev. Jacob A. Gordon 24	Rev. Thomas J. Gorman 25
Seminarian Mr. Kyle Ink 26	Rev. John Raphael Hadnagy, OFM Conv 27	Rev. Scott Hahn 28	Rev. James E. Halleron 29	Deceased priests of the diocese 30	Pray daily for a priest. God Bless them and you!	

July 2016

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Bishop Daniel E. Thomas 3	Your Parish Priest 4	Parents of Priests 5	Rev. Dennis P. Hartigan	Rev. Adam L. Hertzfeld	Rev. Mark J. Herzog	Very Rev. Gregory R. Hite. V.F. 9		
Rev. Msgr. Michael G. Hohenbrink, V.F. 10	Rev. Robert A. Holden	Rev. James J. Holmer 12	Rev. Michael S. Houston, CSsR 13	Seminarian Mr. Kevin Moebius 14	Deacons and Missionary Priests 15	Rev. J. Norbert Howe 16		
Rev. Mark Hoying, CPPS 17	Rev. Monte J. Hoyles	Rev. Christopher Hudgin, OSFS 19	Rev. Matthew Jozefiak, CPPS 20	Rev. Jason J. Kahle 21	Rev. Krzysztof Kardzis 22	Rev. Raphael Karekatt, MSFS 23		
Newly Ordained Priests 24	Rev. Kent R. Kaufman 25	Religious Brothers and Sisters 26	Rev. Franklin P. Kehres 27	Rev. David Kidd 28	Rev. Robert Kelly 29	Deceased Priests of the Diocese30		
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"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer."

Romans 12:12

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