

As We Journey Together, May Christ Light Our Way.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This last Sunday of the Liturgical Year reveals a stark contrast between the way the world sees things and how the Lord sees things. In the Gospel, the crowds see Jesus condemned, beaten and defeated, he is on the cusp of death and ultimate disgrace, The Lord reveals this as his hour of triumph – death is destroyed and salvation poured forth. He is the King sitting on his throne of the cross. In the Sacred Heart of Jesus Chapel in the Cathedral, to the right side of the picture of Jesus revealing his loving

I often use the image to reveal the connectedness of salvation and damnation as two sides of the same coin. On one side is victory, salvation and the joy of redemption. The other side of the coin is judgement against sin and evil and the reality of damnation.

heart to St. Margaret Mary is a crucifix of Jesus the King triumphant on the cross.

This last week of the Liturgical Year calls us to repentance, a witness of faith in Jesus Christ and a commitment to love and support our neighbors, especially the poor and oppressed. Thanks for your wonderful support of the poor! Also, today we make a special effort to welcome new members!

As we approach the end of our Church Year, we stop and thank God for his gifts to us. Help us to serve the poor in our midst.

Please join us for Mass on Thanksgiving. If you are traveling, please know that you will be in our prayers. Also, help us in these last days of the year to help the poor and suffering by our donations, prayers and sacrifices for them.

If you have not yet pledged to the Annual Appeal, please be generous! There is still time for us to make a difference! I offer a special thank you to everyone who has already contributed. Our parish has improved its response recently (we are currently at 70%), but let's all of us surpass the goal for the help of the poor and the support of the mission of the Church!

We start a new Liturgical Year next Sunday. Let's help each other to make these weeks of Advent a prayerful time of preparation and renewal as we prepare to celebrate Christmas.

Thank you to parishioners who are helping us to know about family or friends who are in nursing homes or are confined to their home.

Please support our Religious Education program. Please contact Sr. Regina if you have children of school age or know of someone who does not have a connection to a parish.

With my daily prayers for you and your families, I remain.

Sincerely in Christ, Msgr. Robert J. Siffrin

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

They gave their lives in service— now they need your help. For decades, women and men religious have cared for others, teaching, praying, and serving those in need. Many now face retirement without sufficient savings. Your support ensures they receive the care they deserve. Let us now offer them the dignity they have so selflessly granted to others. Your generosity today is not just a donation - it's a way of thanking them for their lifelong service. Please give to the Retirement Fund for Religious.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

"Sin - Original and Otherwise!"

Join facilitator Jim Johnston on Wednesday,

December 3, 10 and 17 from 11:30am – 12:45pm
(bring a bag lunch) in the rectory. To register, call the rectory at 330-743-1109.

YOUNGSTOWN HOLIDAY PARADE

St. Patrick's will be participating in the Holiday Parade on Friday, December 5. The parade will begin at 6:00 p.m. with the Christmas Tree lighting immediately following the parade. If you're interested in joining us, please call the rectory.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, November 23

Christ the King

11:00am Patsy & Theresa Mastramico

Monday, November 24

St. Andrew Dūng-Lac

8:30am Stan Mussler

Thursday, November 27

Thanksgiving Day

10:00am Mass for the People

Sunday, November 30

First Sunday of Advent

11:00am Angie DiMaio

Monday, December 1

8:30am Betty & Joe Baskey

The Sanctuary Candle

burns November 22 thru November 28 in memory of **Ed Brennan**

from Eleanor Brennan.



STUFF A STOCKING FOR A SENIOR

Often seniors in nursing homes can experience loneliness, especially during the holidays. This year, we are partnering with Windsor House at Guardian to make sure their residents' Christmas is a little brighter! How to participate:

- 1. Take a stocking off our Giving
- 2. Stuff your stocking (a list of suggested items is provided).
- 3. Return the stocking by Sunday, December 14.

Thank you for helping us spread some Christmas cheer!

Stewardship at St. Patrick

Regular (64 envelopes)	\$3,532.00
Visitor	493.00
Electronic Giving (28)	1,448.00
Weekly Budget Amount	8,700.00
Difference	- 3,227.00
Novena	74.00
Preservation	280.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Attendance at Mass: 183

TOM MASTRAMICO

Thank you to Tom Mastramico who is helping us end the church calendar year this morning. He plays Ave Maria every year in memory of his parents. Today's Coffee and Donuts is being sponsored by Tom and Jolene. Thank you!

#iGiveCatholic

#iGiveCatholic takes place on #GivingTuesday, December 2nd. The advanced giving phase runs through Monday, November 30th.

Due to the repairs on the church's exterior windows and the rectory roof and chimneys, our preservation fund has been significantly impacted. Your participation in this year's campaign will help us "Rebuild our Preservation Fund." All donations collected from #iGiveCatholic stay at St. Patrick's and will go into our Preservation Fund.

Gifts can be made by check or cash directly to St. Patrick's and placed in an envelope marked iGiveCatholic, by visiting our website (stpatsyoungstown.com), or visiting igivecatholic.org. We thank you for your prior generosity, and we hope you will consider supporting our parish during this year's campaign.

FIRST FRIDAY

The First Friday Club Luncheon & Speaker Series will be held on Thursday, December 4 from 11:30am - 1:00pm at Avion on the Water. Joseph Carocci, PhD Chair, Professor YSU, Dana School of Music will be the speaker. His program is "The Interplay of Culture and Cognition in Musical Understanding." The cost to attend is \$15. Call the rectory to reserve your seat.

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Our next Spaghetti dinner will be held on Sunday, December 7 from Noon - 3pm. Tickets: \$12, children 10 & under \$7 The Sauce & Song Concert will feature La Celebracion de Navidad and will be held in church from 1:15-2:00pm.