



THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

ST. PATRICK PARISH

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

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SAINT PATRICK PARISH PRAYER

Loving God, as a parish community,
nourished by your Word and Eucharist,
we ask you to grant us wisdom, courage
and generosity so that we might:

- welcome others without prejudice;
- embrace works of charity and justice;
- lift the burdens of the needy;
- and show reverence for one another
and for all creation.

Make our parish a beacon of hope and
a sign of peace in our valley
as we continue to praise you with our
voices and the witness of our lives.
To you, O God, be the glory forever
and ever. Amen.

ST. PATRICK, PRAY FOR US.

God Bless
OUR FATHERS

I will instruct you
and show you the
way you should
walk, give you
counsel with my
eye upon you.

Psalms 32:8

From Fr. Kevin



The miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes has always generated a lot of discussion and speculation about what really happened in that deserted place where Jesus and the disciples gathered with the multitude. One school of thought is, of course, that it all happened just as it is written; that Jesus took a few fish and a few loaves of bread and miraculously turned them into hundreds of fish and hundreds of loaves of bread, maybe even thousands. Those who hold to this line of thinking reject any attempt to water down the miracle by offering some alternative explanation like, the numbers two and five, referring to the fish and the bread, really just being metaphors for some other, deeper meaning, and there really was more food there than we are led to believe. Or that the number 5,000 didn't literally mean 5,000, it just meant a lot of people. In that case, if there were fewer people and more food than the passage suggests, it could look like a miracle. Others might suggest that the miracle has more to do with the people's willingness to share what little they had with one another, and that in their generosity they found they had more than they needed. Some feel as though this miracle, and others, simply serve the purpose of proving that Jesus is truly God.

I've been out of school far too long to suggest that I know the right and only answer, and I'm not willing to dismiss any of these theories. With the passing of time we come to realize how much we don't know. But I'm also not above promoting yet another possibility based on my experience in these parishes, and the challenges faced by other parishes in our diocese these days. This is a theory which seems to reveal the powerful and miraculous effect that Eucharist, the Body and Blood of Christ, has on our lives. As the story goes, Jesus changed a little bit of fish and bread into a lot of fish and bread; enough to feed more than five thousand people and to have some left over. That's a pretty good miracle. But at the same time, he was able to get a multitude of people to hang out with each other. I would presume this multitude was made up of a significant number of strangers and competitors and enemies and those who would not normally get along or hang out with each other. But Jesus got them to sit down together and share a meal. He not only changed a little fish and a little bread into a lot, but he changed multitude into a community; he changed strangers into family. Having been through a parish merger, I think if I had to choose between multiplying fish and bread or unifying a divided community, I'd take my chances with the fish and bread. But luckily, I don't have

to do either.

Bringing a community together as one body of believers doesn't happen in the pastor's office, or in the bishop's office. It doesn't happen at pastoral council meetings. It can't be mandated by a papal or episcopal document or decree. It happens at the altar, when bread and wine become Body and Blood of the One who calls us together on any given Sunday. Eucharist is the force that brings us together, it's the force that keeps us together, and it's the force that sends us out into the world to feed the multitudes we encounter with what little bit we have. We come together in Church either willingly or unwillingly. We come out of habit or out of desire. We bring our own sorrow and joy, our own pain and peacefulness, and we gather around the altar not as divided individual diners, but as a family united by the faith we share in common. We leave all that divides us at the door, and we open ourselves up together, to the healing and strengthening power of the Eucharist we share. What happens as we gather around the altar is no less a miracle than what happened in that deserted place of long ago. We come together as a family, and we are fed by the presence of the Lord ... to be nourished, to be unified, and to be sent out to live and to share the Good News of our salvation.

Blessings!!

PARISH LIFE FUNDRAISER

The Parish Life Committee is selling raffle tickets for a \$500 Sheetz Gas Card! Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. The drawing will be held at our Parish Picnic. (Winner need not be present.) There will be an "Early Bird" drawing on Sunday, July 17 for a \$50 Rulli Brothers Gift Card, so get your tickets early!

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:16b, 19-21
Second Reading: Galatians 5:1, 13-18
Gospel: Luke 9:51-62

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, June 19

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

11:00am Jim Jordan

Monday, June 20

8:30am Peter & Anna Kelly

Friday, June 24

3:30pm Snyder / Dando Wedding

Sunday, June 26

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00am Val & Bertha Eicher

Monday, June 27

8:30am James Lanzo

Stewardship at St. Patrick

Regular (54 envelopes)	\$5,237.00
Visitors	420.00
Electronic Giving (25)	1,005.00
Weekly Budget Amount	7,375.00
Difference	- 713.00
Novena	31.00
Preservation/Restoration	190.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Attendance at Mass:

11:00am: 155

**The Sanctuary Candle
burns June 18 thru June 24
in memory of
Bertha Eicher
from Ed & Mary Lou Palguta.**

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST BONFIRE

We are now collecting old, worn and/or broken religious articles that no longer have any use for our St. John the Baptist Bonfire, which will be held this Thursday, June 23. Items can be dropped off at the rectory. We will begin with Outdoor Stations of the Cross at 6pm, followed by a prayer service and bonfire. Refreshments will be provided.

FIRST FRIDAY

The next First Friday Club Luncheon & Speaker Series will be Thursday, July 7 from 11:30am - 1:00pm at Avion on the Water Banquet Center. H. William Lawson, Executive Director Mahoning Historical Society will be the speaker. His program is "Keeping the Faith: Religion and Culture in the Mahoning Valley." The cost to attend is \$10. Please call the rectory at 330-743-1109 to reserve your seat.

KIDS SUMMER ARTS CAMP

All children ages 5-11 are invited to attend a **Kids Summer Arts Camp** held in St. Patrick Social Hall July 18th - July 22nd from 10am-2pm daily. There is no cost to participate. Children will engage in dance and movement, visual arts, creative writing and poetry, drum circles, Orff instruments, singing and Ukuleles. A light breakfast and lunch will be served. To register please call Melanie at 330-518-5992 or email summerartcamp040@gmail.com. You can also see Kris Harper before or after Mass or call or text 330-540-8589.

The **Kids Summer Art Camp** is in need of volunteers to help with the children. We ask that your background checks and FBI finger printing is on file for those 18 and older. We are also in need of financial donations and food donations such as:

Bottled water	Animal crackers
Light Breakfast items	Juice boxes
Pop tarts	Fresh fruit
Breakfast bars	Cookies

Items can be dropped off with Kris before after or Mass the weekend of July 17th. If making a financial donation, please make checks out to the Valley Fine Arts Academy. We hope to make the Arts Camp a huge success for our kids.

FIRST STEP FOR CHANGE

Catholic Charities' First Step program provides assistance to pregnant women and families with children ages 0-3. Funds collected are used to supplement case management services with material goods, such as food, formula, diapers and hygiene products. Please support this important fundraiser that helps Catholic Charities provide help and create hope for people in need. The *First Step for Change* campaign concludes today. Please remember to bring your completed packet to Mass with you no later than June 30. **Thank you!**