



# ST. PATRICK PARISH

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

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## MASSES

Sunday, 11:00 a.m.

Monday - 8:30 a.m.

## MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

Mondays, 8:30 a.m.

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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:

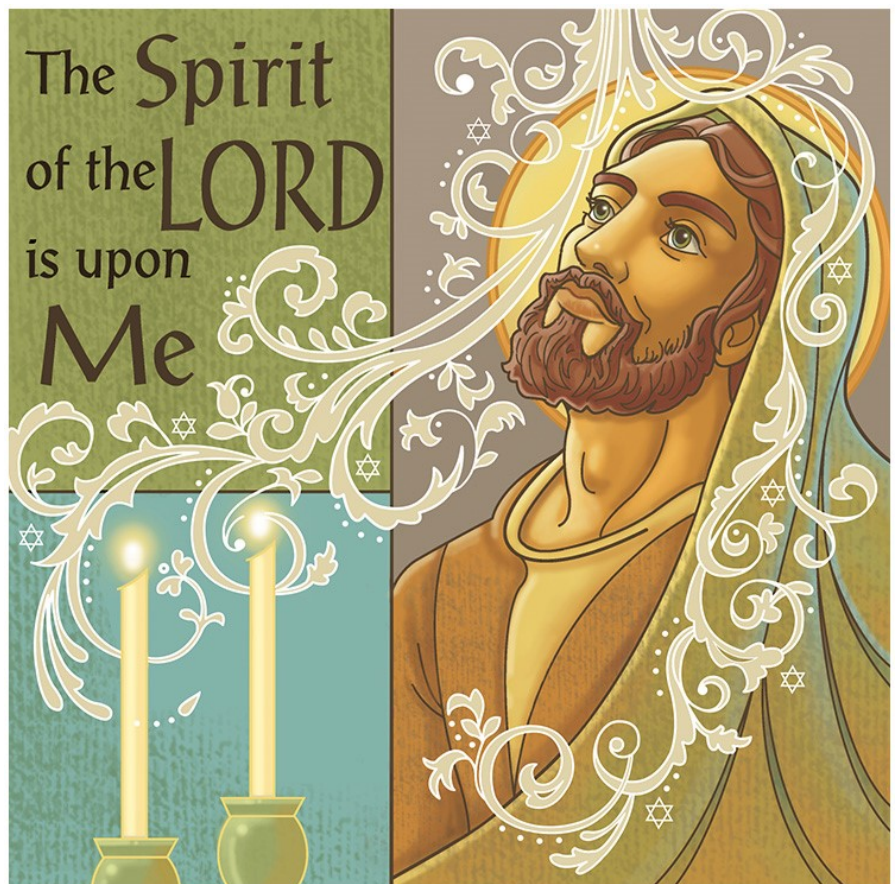
- welcome others without prejudice;
- embrace works of charity and justice;
- lift the burdens of the needy;
- and show reverence for one another and for all creation.

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.**



January 26, 2025

## SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Pope Francis has designated the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time as the Sunday of the Word of God. While every Sunday is a day to focus on God's Word as proclaimed at Mass, we make special emphasis on God's Word this Sunday. This 'Sunday of the Word of God' celebrates the gift of Scripture, encouraging us to listen to and live by God's word. In the scripture readings, the word of God is proclaimed publicly to the people.

The Jewish people, recently returned from captivity, listen attentively as the high priest Ezra reads from the Book of the Law in the first reading. Ezra then helps them to understand what they hear. Though moved to tears, he bids them rejoice: 'for the joy of the Lord is your strength'. The Responsorial **Psalm** highlights the beauty of God's law, providing guidance, refreshing the soul and bringing joy to the heart.

St. Paul in the **second reading** uses the image of the body to explain how we are joined together through the Spirit at our own baptism to form the body of Christ. Just as each part has a unique function, each person's gifts and responsibilities are needed and respected.

In the Gospel, Jesus reads from the prophet Isaiah when he reaches the synagogue at Nazareth, his hometown. *'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.'* He sets before the people a new way of life, announcing that he is God's anointed one. His mission is to bring good news to the poor, proclaiming liberty to captives and freeing the downtrodden.

As Pilgrims of Hope in this **Jubilee Year**, we pray for all who long for joy and refreshment, especially the oppressed and those caught up in modern-day slavery. We give thanks for the generosity and courage of all who work to support and liberate those held captive.

### VITA PROGRAM

The **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program**, a partnership between the United Way of Youngstown and the Mahoning Valley Initiative, is looking for volunteers to help complete tax returns for individuals and families in need of assistance.

#### Why Volunteer for VITA?

- **No Prior Experience Needed:** Volunteers will receive all the training and support necessary to prepare tax returns.
- **Give Back:** Taxes are completed for FREE, allowing clients to keep their full refunds.
- **Gain Skills:** Volunteers will learn an essential skill and have the opportunity to earn **continuing education credits**.

This is a wonderful way for parishioners to live out their faith by loving and serving their neighbors, especially those who are financially vulnerable. For more information, contact Grimilda Ocasio-Santiago, [gosantiago@ymvunitedway.org](mailto:gosantiago@ymvunitedway.org) or 330-746-8494.

### ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION

Please remember our Confirmation students in your prayers this week as they attend a day-long retreat on February 1. Faith Formation classes are important for all of our students as they are the building blocks for sacraments such as Confirmation. If your children are not enrolled in classes, contact me to see about getting them signed up. Mark your calendars! On February 23 we will not have in-person classes and families are asked to attend Mass together that week. Students will be given a sheet to complete and return about your family's experience.

Beth Jones

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### FIRST FRIDAY

The next First Friday Club Luncheon & Speaker Series will be held on Thursday, February 6 from 11:30am - 1:00pm at Avion on the Water Banquet Center. Stan Boney, Reporter and Evening Anchor, WKBN, will be the speaker. His program is "My Life in TV News." The cost to attend is \$15.

Call the rectory at 330-743-1109 to reserve your seat.

## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

### MASS SCHEDULE

#### Sunday, January 26

*3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

11:00am Sherry Veauthier

#### Monday, January 27

8:30am Rosemary Gultinan

#### Wednesday, January 29

9:00am *Mass at St. Angela Merici*

#### Friday, January 31

*St. John Bosco*

8:00am *Mass at Christ the  
Good Shepherd*

#### Sunday, February 2

*The Presentation of the Lord*

11:00am Sherry Veauthier

#### Monday, February 3

8:30am Stan Mussler

### The Sanctuary Candle burns

January 25 thru January 31  
in memory of  
William L. Kelly  
from Jack Kelly.

### LUCK OF THE IRISH

We are just 49 days away from our biggest annual parish fundraiser, our **Luck of the Irish Raffle!** Beside the collection, it is the second largest source of income for our parish.

- Tickets are \$100
- Only 500 tickets are sold
- First prize is \$10,000/\$17,000 in prizes

To date, we have 132 tickets sold.

#### Luck of the Irish needs you!

To purchase *or split* a ticket, please call the rectory at 330-743-1109.

### DONATION STATEMENTS

Contribution statements for 2024 are available upon request. Please call the rectory at 330-743-1109.

### Stewardship at St. Patrick

<b>Regular</b> (49 envelopes)	\$8,099.00
<b>Visitor</b>	580.00
<b>Electronic Giving</b> (30)	1,269.00
<b>Weekly Budget Amount</b>	8,700.00
<b>Difference</b>	+ 1,248.00
<b>Novena</b>	95.00
<b>Preservation</b>	285.00
<b>Warm Hearts for Warm Homes</b>	1,270.00

Attendance at Mass: 150

**Thank you for your continued generosity!**

### SPAGHETTI DINNER

Join us for our next Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, February 2 from Noon - 3pm in the social hall. Dinners are \$10; children 8 and under are \$5.

The dinner will be a benefit for **The Youngstown Blue Coats** Their mission is simple. *"In America, nobody should freeze to death. We bridge the gap between the shelters and homeless camps in the winter. We march out into the woods in late evening hours looking for homeless. We give them coats, hats, gloves, sleeping bags, boots, tents, tarps, and socks. We look even harder for our Veterans."* More information can be found at [ytownbluecoats.org](http://ytownbluecoats.org).

The Sauce & Song Concert in church from 1:15– 2:00pm will feature Classical Guitarists Andrew and John Karkosiak.

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES

February is Catholic Charities Awareness Month in the Diocese of Youngstown! Did you know that you do not have to be Catholic to receive assistance from Catholic Charities? We help all people in need regardless of their faith or lack of faith as our resources allow. To learn more, visit [ccdoy.org](http://ccdoy.org).

Thank you to everyone who supported Catholic Charities' annual "Warm Hearts for Warm Homes" campaign last Sunday. The Campaign aims to provide utility assistance during the cold winter months to families with children, working poor adults and older adults on fixed incomes.

### CHURCH OVERSEAS COMBINED COLLECTION

This weekend the Diocese of Youngstown is holding the Church Overseas Combined Collection for ministries of the Church around the globe. These ministries of the **Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Holy Father/Peter's Pence, the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, and the Church in Latin America** assist the Church in serving people who are hungry, refugees, victims of natural disasters, and development projects. Please give generously to this collection which combines four collections in one.