

SOLEMNITY OF

Mary, Mother of God

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.

MISSION STATEMENT

As a multi-cultural parish family,
Saint Patrick's is dedicated to enriching
the spiritual life of our community
through faith in Christ and the Eucharist.
We are a welcoming sign of permanence
amidst a neighborhood of change, striving
to provide love, trust and support to all.



From Fr. Kevin

A snippet appeared in *Sojourners* magazine, a little quip of a story about an unnamed group of volunteers who would annually transform the basement of their local downtown church into a homeless shelter for the winter. At Christmas time, the basement shelter would be festively decorated with pine roping and wreaths and Christmas trees and banners that would read things like “Peace on Earth” and “Christ is Born” and “Glory to God in The Highest” and “Good News.”

One of the homeless men who had lived many years on the cold streets looked around the room and said, cynically, “What exactly is the Good News anyway?” There was a long pause, and no one knew what to say. Finally, another old man, who had also spent many years on the cold streets spoke up and said, “The Good News is that it doesn’t have to be like this.”

That’s basically the Good News of the Incarnation, the Good News of Christmas. God kept tabs on the

created world and decided things didn’t have to be as they were. And at Christmas, God takes on our humanity in order that we might realize things can be better; it is possible for us to experience the joy for which we were created.

The Spirit of God, present within us and around us, can transform the human spirit and empower us to transform a world once driven by self-interest and selfishness into a world where God’s justice and peace can reign. It’s a world where we can find the courage and desire to dirty our hands and humble our pride at the service of another human being. A world where we are willing to give a little of what we have for the good of someone who has less. I know there are some misinformed people who call that sort of thing socialism. We can gather our best resources and together, make things better. We Catholics call it the Gospel!

This new year of 2023 begins today in wake of a year of recovery. Last year at this time, we were cautiously hopeful, and we actually have no idea what to expect in the year that lies ahead! We enter this new time

with hopeful anticipation. The excited energy that comes with great expectations is mixed with the nervous energy that, in the past, anticipated tragedy and disaster with only a glimmer of hope on the horizon. That horizon is getting closer, and our hope is growing stronger.

As Christians, we have to believe that God has made that tumultuous time holy, too. In God’s work of creation and in re-creation through Christ, fear has turned into the kind of longing and anticipation that makes us *want* to do the work of the kingdom, the work of the Gospel and by now, there is no one in our parish communities that doesn’t know what that work entails.

The Good News is that 2023 doesn’t have to be a time of fear and selfishness and division. By God’s grace and the presence of the Christ among us, we can make it a year of peace and hope, of mercy and compassion and healing and even prosperity. That’s the Good News! And all we have to do is to live the Good News.

Blessings

The Sanctuary Candle

burns

December 31 thru January 6

in memory of
Mary Owens

from Ed & Mary Lou Palguta.

NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 1 / Solemnity of Mary

11:00am Joseph Bacskaji (Baskey)

Monday, January 2 / Sts. Basil the Great &

Gregory Nazianzen

8:30am Peter & Anna Kelly

Wednesday, January 4 / St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

8:30am Mass at St. Angela Merici

Sunday, January 8 / The Epiphany of the Lord

11:00am Theresa Cicuto

Monday, January 9 / The Baptism of the Lord

8:30am Ed & Peggy Yatsko



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

The next St. Angela Merici / St. Patrick Blood Drive will be held on Monday, January 16, 2023 from Noon - 6pm at St. Angela Merici Parish Hall. Contact 1-800-733-2767 or 330-747-6080 to schedule an appointment. Give the gift of blood!

TWELVE WOMEN OF THE BIBLE

You are invited to sign up for the Small Christian Community on *Twelve Women of the Bible*, facilitated by Tania Testa. The small group will meet every Monday from January 9th – March 27th from 5:30pm – 7pm in our Social Hall. The group is limited to 8 participants. Call the rectory for more information.

CHRISTMAS STOCKING STUFFER

Congratulations to Michelle Geer who was the winner of our 4th giveaway, the Marc's gift card. Thank you to everyone who called in and participated in our Stocking Stuffer giveaways!

AN OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS PARTY

Join us on next Sunday following the 11am Mass for our Parish Christmas Party. Catered by Chef Christopher Bonacci, the menu will include, Italian Stuffed Pork, Rice Pilaf, Green Beans, Salad, Roll and Dessert. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Adults are \$10 and children 10 and under are \$5. Family discounts are available by calling the rectory.

Stewardship at St. Patrick

Regular (29 envelopes)	\$5,248.00
Visitor	110.00
Electronic Giving (25)	2,292.00
Weekly Budget Amount	8,700.00
Difference	- 1,050.00
Novena	91.00
Preservation/Restoration	346.00
Christmas (to date)	9,044.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Attendance at Mass:

Christmas Eve at 4pm: 256

Midnight: 112

FIRST FRIDAY

The next First Friday Club Luncheon & Speaker Series will be held Thursday, **Thursday, January 5** at 11:30am at Avion on the Water Banquet Center. Charles E. Wilkins, MD, Gerontologist, Mercy Health Physician, will be the speaker. His program is "The Baby Boomer Generation, aka the Alzheimer's Generation." The cost to attend is \$10. Please call the rectory at 330-743-1109 to reserve your seat.

DIOCESAN COMMUNICATIONS COLLECTION

In the Christmas Season, we are called to share the good news of Jesus who is made known in our faith community. One way we can do this is by supporting the "Diocesan Communications Collection: on January 8, the Solemnity of the Epiphany. This collection supports the new initiatives of the Diocese of Youngstown's Communications Office, including *The Catholic Echo* - a new magazine and multimedia website - along with a contemporary social media studio that will help us produce videos, podcasts and more. Your gift will help us to reach out to younger Catholics and help support critical services to the homebound, including the recorded Sunday Mass and radio and television ministry. Thank you for your gift on January 8, online through St. Patrick's e-giving, or at doy.org/communications-collection/.

ST. BRENDAN PARISH LIFE

St. Brendan Parish Life will be having a drive-thru Chicken Parmesan & Pasta Dinner at St. Brendan's Maxwell Hall. The dinner, made by Chef Christopher Bonacci, includes salad and dessert. It will be held on Sunday, January 15 from 10am - Noon or until sold out. Free will donation will be accepted.

*A Blessed and Happy New Year
from the Staff of St. Patrick Parish!*