



ST. PATRICK PARISH

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO



SUNDAY'S ICE CREAM SOCIAL

CONGRATULATIONS DELANEY & QUINN!

PASTOR

Very Rev. Msgr. Robert J. Siffrin

SACRAMENTAL MINISTER

Fr. John Madden

PASTOR EMERITUS

Rev. Edward P. Noga

PERMANENT DEACONS

Bill Bancroft
Anthony Falasca
Syl Frazzini
Mark Izzo
Jesse McClain

LITURGICAL MUSICIANS

Kris Harper
James E. Johnston

PARISH SECRETARY

Debbie DelQuadri

PARISH CUSTODIAN

Steve Inglis

RECTORY HOUSEKEEPER

Christine Silvestri

MASSES

Sunday, 11:00 a.m.

Monday - 8:30 a.m.

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

Mondays, 8:30 a.m.

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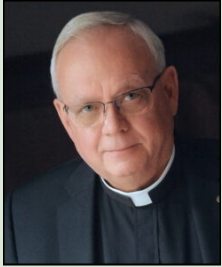
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As We Journey Together, May Christ Light Our Way.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



I love the image in the first reading from the Prophet Isaiah where the prophet compares the power of God's word to the transformative power of water in its raining down from heaven and not returning to the heavens until it has watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, giving seed to the one who sows and bread to the one who eats. The Word of God is poured out for us each Sunday and every time we listen to God's Word. As we listen to God's Word this morning may it not return to the Lord until it has nourished and transformed us today.

The passage today from Matthew is very challenging and it can be disturbing because all of us fall short of it in making our commitment to him first and foremost. When his word finds room in our fertile hearts and souls, the abundant growth can be amazing. Do we really commit ourselves fully to him? Probably not, but if our journey of discipleship is committed in growing close to him, then our journey is on the right path. Do we really want the grace and goodness of God to grow and multiply within us? Do we want to generously share with others the abundant growth God wants to produce in us? I grew up in two neighborhoods where many people had gardens that they worked on throughout the summer. The bounty of their efforts began to expand in July and August. Many of our neighbors feverishly looked for people to whom they could share the fruits of their abundance: tomatoes, squash, peppers and especially zucchini. They were proud of what their efforts produced, and they dreaded wasting any of their precious produce. Should we not have the same love and pride to share the even more precious gifts God's grace has produced in our lives?

Jesus says: "blessed are your eyes, because they see, and blessed your ears, because they hear. Amen, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it."

Where do we find the grace and strength to grow closer to Jesus? The best place is here with the Lord and each other. We listen to Him and receive his body and blood here in the celebration of the Eucharist.

Take some time this week to thank God for the gift of his Son given to us in the Eucharist.

One of the ways you can help bring the saving grace of Jesus into your life and that of the parish is to consider the ways you can be involved in the faith life of the parish through prayer and service. Take some time this week to hear about what parish council does for the parish. Let's thank those members of the parish who have served long and generously. Consider being a member of council yourself!

Also a thank you to everyone who made the golf outing a success!

In the next few months, I will be asking people of the parish to consider their time and talents in ministry. I pray that we can renew and expand our outreach to the homebound and those in nursing homes. Also, I invite members of the parish to consider helping with bereavement ministry and helping families with funeral preparation.

Special thanks to everyone who helped to make our prayer and celebration of July 4th on this 250 year so memorable.

With my daily prayers for you and your families as we return to the journey with Jesus and the disciples in Ordinary Time.

Sincerely in Christ,
Msgr. Robert J. Siffrin

P.S. Thank you to everyone who has pledged for the Annual Appeal! If you have not yet pledged, please do so and be as generous as you can. We are currently 65% of our goal! If you have not pledged, please help us support the work of Catholic Charities and the work of the Bishop!

MASS SCHEDULE**Sunday, July 26***17th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

11:00am Roxanne Kubala

Monday, July 27

8:30am Michele Leone

Sunday, August 2*18th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

11:00am Kurt Welsh

Monday, August 3

8:30am Dick Davis

Stewardship at St. Patrick

Regular (50 envelopes)	\$4,786.00
Visitor	218.00
Electronic Giving (29)	1,708.00
Weekly Budget Amount	7,500.00
Difference	- 788.00
Novena	117.00
Preservation	260.00

Attendance at Mass: 162

Thank you for your continued generosity!**The Sanctuary Candle
burns**

July 25 thru July 31
in memory of
Michele Leone
from Tom Leone.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Interested in learning more about Parish Pastoral Council? There will be an information meeting this Wednesday, July 29 at 6pm in the social hall. Refreshments will be served.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose."

- ROMANS 8:28

Do you really trust God? Do you really believe that God will provide all that you need? Faith is a challenge for everyone at times. Putting our trust in God, in everything we do, in good times and in bad, means that God's plan for our lives may be quite different than what we planned. When one door closes, another one opens. Trust in God, His plan is always better.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

The *Christmas in July* collection is in full swing! Your gift today will help Catholic Charities assist families facing difficulty during the winter months ahead - like choosing to pay for heat or other basic necessities. Please prayerfully consider supporting this important effort.

FIRST FRIDAY

The First Friday Club Luncheon & Speaker Series will be held on



Thursday, August 6 from 11:30am - 1:00pm at

Avion on the Water. George D. Beelen, PhD, Retired Professor and Chair Department of History at YSU, will be the speaker. His program is "Glimpses of the Holy Land." The cost to attend

is \$15. Call the rectory to reserve your seat.

CALLING ALL ARTISTS

The Parish Life Committee will be hosting an Art Show, *A Room With a View*, on Sunday, September 20.

Are you an artist looking to share your work with our parish community? We welcome submissions in fine art, photography or sculpture. For more information or to submit your artwork, please contact Jane at 330-758-7679.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field."
(Matthew 13:44)

Discernment is the process of discovering the treasure God has placed in your life, your unique calling and purpose. It requires prayer, reflection, and openness to God's guidance, helping you recognize where He is leading you, whether to priesthood, consecrated life, or holy matrimony. Take time to seek His wisdom, trusting that the joy of finding His treasure is worth every effort. If you feel a stirring desire to follow God's path, talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (330) 744-8451 or via email at vocations@youngstowndiocese.org.