



ST. PATRICK PARISH

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO



Epiphany of the Lord

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MASSES

Sunday, 11:00 a.m.
Monday - 8:30 a.m.

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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

This is the feast of those who followed a star, but not just any old star because not all stars are created equal. With so many stars, it

would difficult for the untrained celestial eye to pinpoint the exact star made famous in today's Gospel story of the journey of the Magi. But they found it; they saw a star, and they followed it. King Herod saw a star too, though apparently leading to or from someplace very different than the star of the wise men. In the star of the wise men, they saw hope and promise and salvation. In Herod's star, he saw power and greed and jealousy. The wise men sought their Savior with the intention of giving honor. Herod sought his rival, intent on murder. These are the characters and their stars of long ago: wise kings from the orient, from the east, following their star to Bethlehem and a jealous king from the land of Judah. But as usual, as is the case with all Gospel stories, it wasn't really that long ago and not that far away. While the story of the Magi seems to have come to an end, the original journey on which they embarked continues to this day. Their journey, in search of the Savior, the Messiah, is the very same quest that brought all of us together.



We are in search of the One who will bring light into the darkness of our world. We are in search of the One who will conquer our demons and set us free. We are looking for the One who will bring peace to our hearts and souls, to our families and our town and our Church.

Like the wise men, like King Herod, we follow a star, and we seek what that star might reveal to us at the end of the journey. Our problem remains that it is so hard to distinguish one star from another. Are we lead by the same light that guided the magi on their way? Or are we motivated and compelled by the sort of light that inspired Herod? It's up to us to discern the difference. It's a matter of being able to identify the source of our star's light. Is it hope and promise; does it include forgiveness and acceptance? Does their show an aura of compassion and mutual respect? Does it glisten with faith and a longing for God, a hunger for what is good and right? If this describes the star we've been following, it's likely we've been following the star of the magi.

If our star burns with selfishness and self-gain, if it is harsh and hateful, if it is marked by greed and contempt for what is good, if it shines only on itself to reveal wealth and power and dishonest gain, then we

may have stumbled across King Herod's star. If we have, what are we willing to do about it, if anything at all? Will we pursue it in hopes of getting all we can get, even at the expense of the well-being of others? Or is it time to change course, to change stars and pursue a different kind of light - one that won't fizzle out in the sky and leave us in the dark?

That very choice is the reason we remember this story year after year. It's why we're given the chance to reflect on our story year after year: to take a moment to consider whose light we are following, and where it is taking us, to make a resolve to change our path if need be, and to pursue the only star that will actually lead us to renewed hope, to faith restored, to a new life in God.

This is not the first time this offer has been made. It's not a brand-new deal put before us on this feast of Epiphany 2023. The same story is told every year; the same chance is given time after time. Sooner or later, we're going to have to give in. We're going to have to choose the star that leads us to salvation. Who knows, maybe this is our year.

Blessings

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!

LUCK OF THE IRISH

We currently have 112 tickets sold for the *Luck of the Irish* Raffle. Only 500 tickets are sold for a chance to win \$10,000! Congratulations to Kay McCarthy who was the winner of the December drawing. **Don't have your ticket yet?** Call the rectory at 330-743-1109.

MASS SCHEDULE

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

Wednesday, January 11

8:30am Mass at St. Angela Merici

Sunday, January 15

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00am Jack Doran

Monday, January 16

8:30am Anna Prestage

The Sanctuary Candle burns

January 7 thru January 13
in memory of
Viola Reedy
from Marcy Fessler.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING

You will have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Anointing after the 8:30am Mass tomorrow. If you have a chronic illness, are preparing for or recuperating from surgery, or are advance in years, you are encouraged to take advantage of the sacrament.

EPIPHANY MUSIC

Our guest musician today is Erick Ramos on the violin. He is being sponsored by Steve and Patti Gondol in memory of Carl & Madelyn Pedaline and Steve & Theresa Gondol.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Gospel: John 1:29-34

Stewardship at St. Patrick

Regular (54 envelopes)	\$4,037.00
Visitor	571.00
Electronic Giving (33)	1,717.00
Weekly Budget Amount	8,700.00
Difference	- 2,375.00
Novena	93.00
Preservation/Restoration	247.00
Solemnity of Mary	685.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Attendance at Mass:

11:00am: 189

FIRST FRIDAY

The next First Friday Club Luncheon & Speaker Series will be held Thursday, **Thursday, February 2** at 11:30am at Avion on the Water Banquet Center. The speaker will be Diana Hancharenko, Parish Director of Young Adult Ministry at St. Angela Merici, with a panel of young adults. Her program is "Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation, *Christus Vivit*." The cost to attend is \$10. Please call the rectory at 330-743-1109 to reserve your seat.

DIOCESAN COMMUNICATIONS COLLECTION

On this celebration of Christ's Epiphany, we dare to believe that the light of Christ shines in each one of us. Our new diocesan Communications initiatives will shine a light on the good news of our Catholic community in every county of our diocese, including through:

- *The Catholic Echo* - a new magazine and multimedia website - and a contemporary social media studio that will help us produce videos, podcasts and more.
- Our diocesan Communications Department provides publicity and information services to parishes and diocesan offices.
- Reach out to younger Catholics and those who are searching for good news.
- Support critical services to the homebound, including the recorded Sunday Mass and radio and television ministry.

Thank you for your gift in today's second collection, online through St. Patrick's e-giving, or at doy.org/communications-collection/.

ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION

Elementary Faith Formation classes resume this Saturday, January 14 at 10:00am. There will also be a First Reconciliation Parent meeting.