

# 5TH SUNDAY of Easter

## ST. PATRICK PARISH

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

**PASTOR**

Rev. Kevin Peters  
Rev. Edward P. Noga, Pastor Emeritus

**PERMANENT DEACONS**

Jesse McClain  
William Bone

**LITURGICAL MUSICIANS**

Kris Harper  
James E. Johnston

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

Regina Oliva

**ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION**

Alvera Bell

**PARISH SECRETARY**

Debbie DelQuadri

**COMMUNICATIONS****COORDINATOR**

Diana Hancharenko

**PARISH BOOKKEEPER**

Vince Mediate

**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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Genesee Abbey Retreat

## From Fr. Kevin



There is a story told about an old doctor who had been diagnosed with incurable, stage-four prostate cancer. After exhausting every conventional and non-conventional treatment, he came to accept that the wonderful life he had lived would be coming to an end relatively soon. So, in preparation, he decided that he would build his own coffin. His family and friends were uncomfortable with the idea. They felt it was a sign he had given up. But he felt it was just the opposite. He wanted to design and construct something beautiful that would be both a celebration of his life and an acceptance of his death. He teamed up with a carpenter who agreed to work with him, and the two couldn't have been more different. The doctor was a fussy, proper, somber surgeon, while the carpenter was a tattooed, pierced, free-spirited artist. This was an unlikely match who had just enough in common to create something both practical and emotionally meaningful. When the project was finished, the doctor said, "We made a stunningly beautiful pine box, and a stunningly beautiful friendship." He went

on to say, "Something else happened too. The project and the friendship smoothed the edges of my thoughts. It put things in proper perspective. It is hard to rant and rave at someone driving too slow in front of you when you've just come from sanding your own coffin. Coveting material objects, holding onto old grudges, failing to pause and see the grace in the eyes of strangers are all equally foolish." The doctor takes comfort in the fact that embossed on the inner lid of his coffin is his favorite line of poetry: "***I have loved the stars too fondly to be fearful of the night.***"

This whole story, along with the doctor and his carpenter friend, may sound a little creepy. But no creepier than the Gospel passage we share this weekend. Jesus offered the disciple the same sort of preparation the doctor undertook in anticipation of his own death. He gave them a glimpse into eternity. We just don't recognize it as easily because Jesus spoke in terms of heaven and the dwelling places and mansions prepared for us by God instead of caskets. But the two stories and their conclusions are the same. Cherish the gift of life in every moment both now and in eternity. Admittedly, it may be more of a challenge for us to cher-

ish life every moment, especially this side of heaven. Here and now, we never know what to expect from one moment to the next. Jesus didn't say, "Do not let your hearts be troubled" for nothing. Our hearts are troubled, that's why he said it. Do you think that doctor's heart wasn't troubled when he first heard the terrifying news of his cancer? Aren't parents' hearts troubled when their children venture out for the first time on their own? How troubling do you think it is to discern a vocation to priesthood or to religious life? Is it the right thing to do, or is it a mistake? And what about marriage? We fret over the possibility of making mistakes. We fret over insults we've received over money, health issues, our future, our sense of security, and in our imperfection and frailty our hearts are troubled. Jesus invites us to relax, to truly put our trust in God with the promise that it has all been taken care of. There is no need for troubled hearts. Convinced of God's love and providence, what else can we do but embrace the gift of life we've been given and cherish every moment? This is the Good News we're given today if only we can believe it.

Easter Blessings!!

### STREETSCAPE 2023



The 25th annual Planting Day, *Under Construction and Growing*, will be held on Saturday, June 3 from 9am - Noon in downtown Youngstown. The first 500 participants will receive a Streetscape T-shirt.

If you'd like to volunteer with St. Patrick's, please call the rectory at 330-743-1109.

### FIRST COMMUNION

Three young people will be receiving their First Communion on Sunday, May 21. Please keep the following First Communicants and their families in your prayers:

Caleb Hill  
Rory Sheridan  
Giovanni Torres



## MASS SCHEDULE

### Sunday, May 7

5th Sunday of Easter

11:00am Jim Doran

### Monday, May 8

8:30am Mary & Paul Handy

### Wednesday, May 10

8:30am Mass at St. Angela Merici

### Sunday, May 14

6th Sunday of Easter

11:00am James Spencer

### Monday, May 15

8:30am John Catherline

## Stewardship at St. Patrick

<b>Regular</b> (53 envelopes)	\$3,918.00
<b>Visitor</b>	560.00
<b>Electronic Giving</b> (29)	1,612.00
<b>Weekly Budget Amount</b>	8,700.00
<b>Difference</b>	- 2,610.00
<b>Novena</b>	124.00
<b>Preservation/Restoration</b>	187.00

**Thank you for your continued generosity!**

Attendance at Mass: 177

## The Sanctuary Candle burns

May 6 thru May 12

in memory of

Kimberly Ann Carney  
from the Carney Family.

## CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS

The Catholic War Veterans will sponsor a brunch on Sunday, May 21 following Mass in the social hall for their essay contest winners and families.

They will also have their Poppy Drive on Sunday, May 28 before and after Mass.

## EASTER SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

There will be an Easter Scripture Reflection on Saturday, May 20 at 12:30pm in the social hall. A light lunch will be provided. Please call 330-743-1109 to register. All are welcome.

## NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles  
8:5-8,14-17

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18

Gospel: John 14:15:21

## MOTHER'S DAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Join us on next Sunday in the social hall following the 11am Mass for a Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast sponsored by The Parish Life Committee. Tickets are \$5 per person; children 3 – 8 are \$3. FREE tickets for all ladies. Menu includes pancakes, sausage links, fruit, coffee and juice.

## TREE PRUNING

Eric Barrett will be here on Wednesday, May 17 at 6pm to teach us how to prune our apple trees. He will also be bringing material to place at the tree bases to allow us to properly mulch them, which will cut down on weeds. Hope to see you there!

## ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

We are just a few weeks away from the end of Phase One of the **Annual Diocesan Appeal: One in Hope, One in Mission**. When we celebrate the end of the Easter season on Pentecost, we hope that the fire of the Spirit will have enkindled in many of us a strong desire to offer a share of our resources to bring both help and hope to those in need, as well as extending the mission and ministry of the Church. To date, our parish family has pledged \$18,646.00 toward our parish goal of \$41,400.00. This is our share of the \$4,000,000 total goal of the Diocese of Youngstown in support of the work of Catholic Charities and the many ministries throughout our diocesan community. On behalf of Bishop Bonnar, thank you to everyone who has already made a gift and to those who are prayerfully considering their gift. May these remaining days of the Easter season challenge us to offer the best of ourselves for and with each other.

## FIRST STEP FOR CHANGE

Catholic Charities will hold its annual *First Step for Change* campaign from Mother's Day through Father's Day honoring the faith, humility and love it takes to raise a child, and recognizing that many parents lack adequate financial resources for their children. Each family interested in participating is asked to pick up a packet after Mass next week and return it by June 30.