



# ST. PATRICK PARISH

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

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**MASSES**

**Sunday, 11:00 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.**  
**Monday - 8:30 a.m.**

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**Congratulations to our First Communicants!**



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## From Fr. Kevin



Among the most obnoxious and irritating challenges in life are those self-absorbed, entitled, aggressive drivers who are convinced that wherever they are heading is much more important than anyone else's destination. Those drivers determined not to let anyone get ahead of them, intent on being the first to any given traffic light, in order to reach their destination before anyone else gets to theirs. These drivers are selfish and angry and probably a bit insecure, and their success rate is increased by their ability to avoid eye contact. Oh, don't kid yourself. They know exactly what every other driver is doing. They can estimate the speed of every other vehicle on the road, and they can detect the slightest acceleration. Peripheral vision is their greatest tool, and a several thousand-pound vehicle is their weapon. It seems to me that anonymity makes this sort of behavior possible. Without the need to

make a connection with another driver, another human being, considering what might be going on in someone else's life, the competition gets heated.

It's the same reason we are able to turn a blind eye to the needs of poor people; the reason we can turn a deaf ear to the cry of those who suffer. It's the reason we can ignore the gospel command we hear today to "love one another."

The love of which Christ speaks begins with our own attitudes and perspectives in life, and it is made known in everything we do and say, whether in church or at home, at the grocery or any stretch of highway. That kind of love often asks us to do what is difficult and counter-intuitive. It requires us to be humble, to place the needs of other before our own. It demands that we consider the feelings of other people and how our behavior might impact them. It fosters a respect for others that acknowledges the holy dignity of every other person. It is a love that grows stronger the more it is tested and tried. It is

a love that endures and remains more steadfast the more it is applied. It is a love that continues to heal and forgive the more it is engaged.

Our very identity as Catholic Christians, as disciples of Christ, is centered and relies on such persistent and constant love. Our faithfulness in imitating the compassion and forgiveness of the Risen One is lived out in our openness of heart and spirit of selfless love, completely and unconditionally, as God has loved us in Christ.

In our humanness, we make mistakes, we cross the line, we display our imperfection. But humanness doesn't exonerate us, and it doesn't silence the command - the command which has echoed throughout the centuries since the day the curtain in the sanctuary was torn down the middle, and the day the tomb was found empty. Since that time the command has remained the same and just as compelling; "Love one another."

Easter Blessings!!

**The Sanctuary Candle**  
burns May 14 thru May 20  
in memory of  
Henry & Elizabeth Hanna  
from Nina Hanna.

### FIRST FRIDAY

The next First Friday Club Luncheon & Speaker Series will be held on Thursday, June 2 from 11:30am - 1:00pm at Avion on the Water Banquet Center. Reverend James Daprile, Retired DOY, will be the speaker. His program is "The Crucifixion in Art Through the Ages." The cost to attend is \$10. Please call the rectory at 330-743-1109 to reserve your seat.

### MASS SCHEDULE

#### Sunday, May 15

*5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter*

11:00am Judy Savage Deibel

5:30pm Joey DeSantis

#### Monday, May 16

8:30am Scott Musser

#### Sunday, May 22

*6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter*

11:00am John & Joan Eicher

5:30pm James Gorman

#### Monday, May 16

8:30am Teresa DiPaola



## OUR GRADUATES

This is the time of year when we acknowledge the accomplishments of our graduates! If you are graduating from high school or college, please call the rectory at 330-743-1109 and let us know.

## FIRST COMMUNION

Our parish family congratulates the following students who received their First Holy Communion last Sunday:

Abigail Gatto  
Ben Shrake  
Maggie Kennedy  
Emma Sloan  
Alison McCullough

May God continue to bless them and fill their lives with his love and grace!

## THANK YOU!

Many thanks go out to all the people of St. Pat's family who participated in the Ukrainian Pysanky Egg Fundraiser. A total of \$910 was sent to Catholic Relief Services/Ukraine in the name of our parish to help care for the victims of war.

## ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST BONFIRE

We are now collecting items for this year's St. John the Baptist bonfire, which will be held on Thursday, June 23. Old Bibles, prayer books, pictures, holy cards and other items can be dropped off at the rectory.

## Stewardship at St. Patrick

Regular (64 envelopes)	\$3,648.00
Visitors	483.00
Electronic Giving (32)	1,427.00
Weekly Budget Amount	7,375.00
Difference	- 1,817.00
Novena	69.00
Preservation/Restoration	160.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Attendance at Mass:  
11:00am: 188      5:30pm: 49

## HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

Join Fr. Lawrence on a 10-day and 8-night Pilgrimage to The Holy Land September 5 - 14, 2022. Interested? An informational meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 1 at 6:30pm in our social hall.

## ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

**Thank you** to everyone who has made a commitment to the 2022 Annual Diocesan Appeal, *One in Hope, One in Mission*. As of May 5<sup>th</sup>, we were at 58.57% of our parish goal of \$37,700 with 66 pledges. We need the support of every member of our parish if we are to be successful. If you have not yet made your commitment, please take a commitment envelope located at the church doors and return it next week.

## FIRST STEP FOR CHANGE

One way to support the Catholic Church's pro-life, pro-family position is to participate in *First Step for Change*, a campaign sponsored by Catholic Charities to assist low-income pregnant women and families with food, formula, clothing, diapers and other items essential to a child's health, safety and well-being. Pick up a **FIRST STEP PACKET**, and return it to our parish by June 30. Support the Gospel of Life by reaching out to women, children and families who need a helping hand.

## MILL CREEK MAPLE SYRUP

The Rocky Ridge Neighbors recently bottled their 2022 batch of Mill Creek Maple Syrup in our social hall. We still have a few bottles for sale in the rectory for \$15 each.

## NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles: 15:1-2, 22-29  
Second Reading: Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23  
Gospel: John 14:23-29