



4TH SUNDAY OF
LENT



**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.

Then let us
celebrate
with a feast,
because this
son of mine
was dead,
and has come
to life again,
he was lost,
and has
been found.

Luke 15:23, 24



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Choosing And Acting Lent Spring Cleaning for Freedom

So many of us have accumulated much more than we need. It bursts from our closets, overflows our shelves and clutters our lives. Lent might be a wonderful time to deliberately release ourselves from the many "things" we own by cleaning out our closets and simplifying our lives in a prayerful and intentional way.

On one level, this is ridding ourselves of things we don't need, or things that we hated to part with except that they are so "out of style." Certainly, many of us have many things that are "extra" or "unneeded" for us, but could be wonderful for those who can't afford to buy clothes at a store. Another level of this journey into personal freedom is to ask ourselves how much I really do need. How many sweaters do I want to choose to have? How many jackets, sport shirts, dresses, shoes? How much jewelry? How much sporting equipment? How much electronic equipment? How many sets of silverware or dishes? How much of so many things we have in our lives? We can get as serious and go as deeply into this as we desire to find fruit.

This is not "should I get rid of what I don't need?" This is different, more faith-filled and takes us into giving up 'good' stuff -- perhaps stuff we are attached to -- because we want to experience the exercise of freedom. We do this because we sense that we are not free in some areas that are tremendously important for us, important for our salvation, and growing in freedom before the things of our lives can be a great grace.

This freedom, too, will place us in greater solidarity with those who find such great happiness and joy in trusting in God, while having so much less than we imagine we could survive on.

What else might we do, that fits with my circumstances and the needs around us and in the world?

From Praying Lent an Online Ministry of Creighton University

SEDER MEAL

Join us for our Seder Meal on Wednesday, April 16 at 6pm in our social hall. We will be joined by Arthur Einzig from Congregation Ohev Beth Sholom. Tickets are \$8 and children 10 and under are free. **Tickets must be purchased by April 11.**

INTERCHURCH BIBLE STUDY

The Interchurch Bible Study is a group of Christians intentionally from different communities, traditions, and racial and ethnic groups studying and discussing the Word together in order to grow in our relationship with God and with others.

The sessions are on the following Thursdays from 6:00pm - 7:30pm:

- April 3: New Bethel Baptist, Youngstown
- April 10: Third Baptist, Youngstown
- May 1: TBD
- May 15: St. James Episcopal, Boardman
- May 22: St. Patrick, Youngstown
- May 29: Canfield Presbyterian, Canfield

This year's focus is "Living the Faith - The Sermon on the Mount."

LUCK OF THE IRISH RAFFLE

Congratulations to the following Luck of the Irish Raffle winners:

5th Place: Pat McMurray

4th Place: Linda Taylor

3rd Place: Brenden Sheridan

2nd Place: Tom Nally

1st Place: St. Pat's Parish Ministries

We sold 383 tickets this year.

Thank you for ALL your support!

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Join us Sunday, April 6 for our next Spaghetti Dinner. We will serve from Noon - 3pm in our social hall. Dinners are \$10; children 8 and under are \$5.

The Sauce & Song Concert in church from 1:15 - 2pm will feature Sue Black. Sue will take us on a journey through Native American music. The music will be a combination of traditional and modern musical styles. She will play various flutes all hand carved. Songs from the Cherokee and Huron nations will be featured as well as other musical styles.

You will not want to miss this unique concert!

March 30, 2025

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 30

4th Sunday of Lent

11:00am Tom O'Hara

Monday, March 31

8:30am Ann Monroe

Wednesday, April 2

8:30am Mass at St. Angela Merici

Friday, April 4

8:00am Mass at Christ the
Good Shepherd

Sunday, April 6

5th Sunday of Lent

11:00am Mary Ann Ebert

Monday, April 7

8:30am Rosemary Gultinan

Stewardship at St. Patrick

Regular (65 envelopes)	\$3,663.00
Visitor	1,545.00
Electronic Giving (27)	1,003.00
Weekly Budget Amount	8,700.00
Difference	- 2,489.00
Novena	57.00
Preservation	130.00

Attendance at Mass: 179

Thank you for your continued generosity!

The Sanctuary Candle burns

March 29 thru April 4

in memory of

Thomas & Ellen Kelly
from Jack Kelly.

ST. ANGELA MERICI'S SPAGHETTI DINNER

St. Angela Merici's Annual Spaghetti Dinner & Gift Card Raffle will be held on Palm Sunday, April 13, from Noon - 4pm in the Parish Hall. Adult dinners, \$12 - Children 12 and under \$5. Takeout available!

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

Our Lenten Penance Service will be held at St. Angela Merici on Wednesday, April 9 at 6:00pm.

SOUP & STATIONS

Join us on Fridays during Lent for soup and Stations of the Cross. Soup is at 5:30pm and Stations at 6:15pm. Thank you to St. Vincent de Paul for providing last week's soup and for leading the Stations!

ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION

With only a handful of in person class dates left on our Faith Formation calendar for the year, please remember the importance of making sure your student is present for the remaining classes. Those receiving First Communion or Confirmation must attend the remaining classes in order to receive the sacraments in May. Even if it is not a sacramental year for your child, it is just as important to continue their faith formation instruction as it is their academic instruction at this time of year. I look forward to finishing the year with full classes!

Beth Jones

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25TH, 40TH, 50TH AND OVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Diocese of Youngstown is sponsoring a Wedding Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, May 18th at 2:00 p.m. at Saint Columba honoring couples observing their 25th, 40th, 50th, and over wedding anniversaries in 2025. The Wedding Anniversary Celebration will include Mass with the Most Reverend David J. Bonnar, Bishop of Youngstown, with the blessing of couples celebrating significant anniversaries. Each couple will receive a personalized certificate. Following the Mass, there will be a reception for the couples and their families in the parish hall. You must make advanced reservations for this event by contacting the parish office and obtaining Fr. Tom's signature before April 25.

FIRST FRIDAY

The next First Friday Club Luncheon & Speaker Series will be held on Thursday, April 3 from 11:30am - 1:00pm at Avion on the Water Banquet Center. Judge Robert N. Rusu, Jr., Mahoning County Probate Court, will be the speaker. His program is "Who Is the Probate Judge and What Does He Do?" The cost to attend is \$15. Call the rectory at 330-743-1109 to reserve your seat.