

5TH SUNDAY of Easter

ST. PATRICK PARISH

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

ADMINISTRATOR

Rev. Thomas Kraszewski

PASTOR EMERITUS

Rev. Edward P. Noga

PERMANENT DEACONS

Jesse McClain

William Bone

LITURGICAL MUSICIANS

Kris Harper

James E. Johnston

ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION

Alvera Bell

PARISH SECRETARY

Debbie DelQuadri

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Diana Hancharenko

COMMUNITY GARDENS

Deacon Jesse McClain

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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**Congratulations to Grace Juliette
who was baptized last Sunday.
Welcome to our parish family!**



**Congratulations
George & Pee Wee
on 60 years!**

From Fr. Tom

Dear Brothers and Sisters,



It will only be a matter of days and our pastoral landscape will be different. This Wednesday, May 1st, I will become the pastor of three parishes. I have been asked to be the pastor of three parishes by the bishop with the understanding that I work to bring all three communities to share more than a solitary pastor between them. That we will share parish staff, parish ministry and programs. This sharing and working together will be beneficial to each parish community as we will share the cost between us. It should help strengthen us in our mission to evangelize.

It does seem there is some confusion with the Diocesan Pastoral Plan. Earlier this year in January, Bishop Bonnar announced that there would be several parishes merging. St. Charles and St. Luke in Boardman, IHM and St. Joseph in Austintown are a few nearby parishes that will be merging by January of 2025. As some may be familiar from past experience, the merging of two or more parishes means becoming a completely new parish, with a new name and with all staff, people and resources brought together. There may be multiple sites from the previous parishes, but they become one new parish.

We found out on March 9th that we would be included in a Parish Collaborative Unit. This is not a

merger. Bishop Bonnar accepted the recommendation of the Diocese's Personnel Board and Diocesan Presbyterial Council to form several new parish collaborative units, in which parishes will continue to function as distinct entities, but share priests and other personnel. These collaborative units will also foster collaboration through coordinated Mass times and in a select number of additional ways, some of which are already occurring. Bishop Bonnar stated, "Even when parishes have their own identity, parish partnerships remind us that we all share in a common mission as the Church and help us be intentional about staffing our parishes and responding to the shortage of priests. We have come a long way on the diocesan pastoral plan, and we will make refinements and additional steps as needed. I want to express my gratitude to the clergy and faithful for their work and prayer for many years."

Out of the gate we will have our work cut out for us. We will have about two months to work out the Mass schedule between the three parishes to be in place by July 1st. We also need to look at forming a parish staff, and working out our religious education and sacramental preparation programs because September will be here before we know it. May our response to this challenge be prayerful and promising.

Your brother in Christ,
Fr. Tom

PRAYERS FOR OUR CONFIRMANDI

Seven young people will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday, May 7 at St. Columba Cathedral. Please keep the following in your prayers:

Allison Baldado
Juliana Baldado
Giada DeSantis
Quintino DeSantis
Lillyana Magielski
Madison Medvec
Lucy Mitchell



May they open their hearts and minds to receive the outpouring of the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

Jesus, better than anyone else, understands what kind of trust it takes to achieve intimate, strong friendship.

Today's Gospel is a love-letter from Jesus. God longs to have true friendship with his children. He is honest with us about what a relationship with Him requires and gives. Remaining with Him Requires pruning, and it bears much fruit.

Who doesn't want to bear "much fruit" (John 15:8)? Our parish seeks to abide in Jesus in this same way and you can help through your support of our **Annual Diocesan Appeal**. As you discern, abide in Jesus. Respond to how He, the vine, moves you, His beloved branch. Help us bear fruit as a parish so we can yield a greater harvest for Him together.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 28

Fifth Sunday of Easter

11:00am Ann Lawson

Monday, April 29

St. Catherine of Siena

8:30am George Banks

Wednesday, May 1

8:30am Mass at St. Angela Merici

Friday, May 3

Sts. Philip & James

3:00pm Wedding

Sunday, May 5

Sixth Sunday of Easter

11:00am Dick Davis

Monday, May 6

8:30am Steve & Anna Palmer

Stewardship at St. Patrick

Regular (70 envelopes)	\$5,748.00
Visitor	10.00
Electronic Giving (32)	1,597.00
Weekly Budget Amount	8,700.00
Difference	- 1,345.00
Novena	57.00
Preservation	132.00
Seminarian Support	401.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Attendance at Mass: 196

SEMINARIAN COLLECTION

Thank You for your generous support of the Seminarian Collection last weekend to assist with costs of their tuition, room, board, books, and with stipends for their summer ministry in parishes. Your support and prayers for our seminarians is greatly appreciated. Please continue to pray for an increase of all vocations.

For more information about seminarians in our diocese, visit <https://doy.org/vocations/seminarians>

FIRST FRIDAY

The First Friday Club Luncheon & Speaker Series will be held on Thursday, April 4 from 11:30am - 1:00pm at Avion on the Water. Sr. Melanie Svoboda, SND Retreat Director will be the speaker. Her program is "Mary: One of Us, A Woman of Hope." The cost to attend is \$10. Call the rectory to reserve your seat.

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Join us next Sunday, May 5 for our last Spaghetti Dinner until October! We will serve from Noon - 3pm in our social hall. Dinners are \$10; children 8 and under are \$5. The concert in church begins at 1:15pm and will feature Donnie Abraham. Donnie has headlined on over 450 cruises throughout the world. He has recorded nine albums. His music takes you back to the great classic songs of the past featuring artists like Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Elvis and many more!

FIRST COMMUNION

Two young people will be receiving their First Communion on Sunday, May 12. Please keep the following First Communicants and their families in your prayers:

Tabatha Mentzer

Lucia DePalma

The Sanctuary Candle

burns

April 27 thru May 3

in memory of

Sherry Veauthier

from Ed & Mary Lou Palguta.

TREE PRUNING

Eric Barrett will be here on Thursday, May 2 at 6pm to teach us how to prune our apple trees. Hope to see you there!

**MOTHER'S DAY
BREAKFAST**

The Parish Life Committee invites you to a Mother's Day Breakfast after Mass on Sunday, May 12. Watch next week's bulletin for more details.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles

10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-10

Gospel: John 15:9-17