

# 6TH 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**

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**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 Adrianna, Kasey, Elizabeth and Blake who were recently confirmed at St. Columba Cathedral. May God bless them as they continue their journey in their faith!

## From Fr. Kevin

Whenever someone says, “Oh, I’m having one of those days,” the implication is usually negative.



“One of those days” does not suggest it is a good day. But every once in a while, I think it is possible to experienced “one of those days” that isn’t negative. In fact, one of those days that is more than just “okay.” I’m talking about one of those days that is something more than just the “same-old, same-old.” Every so often we might have one of those days that ends up being exceptional, maybe even extraordinary. It’s the kind of day when we notice we have a little more energy than usual. It’s one of those days when everything seems within the realm of possibility. A day that has at least as many successes as it has plans. A day when obstacles seem to fall out of our way, and the negativity of others doesn’t faze us. It’s the kind of day when we not only feel everything is all right, but we have that confidence that everything *is going* to be all right from now on.

Many of us haven’t had a day like that for a while. For some, this is a curious new idea they’ve never heard of before. Others have heard about such days, but are still waiting. I’m sure there are some eye rollers who consider such a notion to be foolish and dreamy. But days like I am describing here, are every bit a part of the reality of life as

those dog-eat-dog, shoulder to the wheel and nose to the grindstone days that grandfathers like to preach about.

The kind of extraordinary day I’m thinking of is not void of the typical trials and tribulations of life. It’s just that the trials and tribulations don’t have the same impact. We may still have aches and pains, sickness, broken hearts, shattered dreams, and looming grief. But on the extraordinary days, on the exceptional days, there is something bigger than all of these. There is something more powerful, something calming that puts us at ease.

I would contend that the day Jesus first spoke the Good News we shared today was an exceptional day; an extraordinary day for the disciples. They may not have realized it then, as we do now, but that “something bigger,” that “something more powerful and calming” was precisely the Advocate, the Holy Spirit which Jesus promised. It was the very presence of God within them and around them. The presence of the Spirit, the presence of God! That must be the secret ingredient! That must be what makes those days so extraordinary. In the simplest everyday celebration, in the simplest expression of love, of gratitude, God is there! In every calmed heart, every renewed hope, every fear relieved, God is there! It is none other than that Advocate, that Spirit of God that opens our hearts and spirits in

gratitude, and makes that connection between the human and the divine. God is with us in the love of spouses engaged in something as simple as holding hands whether those hands are young or not so young, whether sick or healthy, strong or fragile. God is with us in the love of new, first time parents trying to figure out what to do with this new born miracle, whether they are calm and confident, or nervous and scared. In the love of friends walking on some beach, or walking and talking anywhere, sharing the gift of their time and companionship with someone God undoubtedly placed in their lives. The love of a teacher of special needs children on a day when a non-verbal student speaks a word for the first time ever. That is an extraordinary day, and God is there in the moment. In the joy of this Easter season, we have a chance to become more keenly aware of the Advocate, the Spirit of God, empowering us, enlivening us, and making extraordinary days possible. It’s never too late! This could still be one of those days for any or all of us. And may it be the same with tomorrow and tomorrow and the tomorrow after that. The Spirit has been given. The Spirit is alive in us who are baptized into the life, the death and the resurrection of the Christ. By the grace of God, and living in the presence of the Spirit, may all of us enjoy some extraordinary days.

Easter Blessings!!

### 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.

### HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY

Happy Mother’s Day to all our mothers. Thank you for the gift of life and love!





## MASS SCHEDULE

### Sunday, May 14

6th Sunday of Easter

11:00am James Spencer

### Monday, May 15

8:30am John Catherline

### Wednesday, May 17

8:30am Mass at St. Angela Merici

### Sunday, May 21

The Ascension of the Lord

11:00am Grace Prezioso

### Monday, May 22

8:30am Teresa DiPaola

## The Sanctuary Candle

burns May 13 thru May 19

in memory of

Angie DiMaio

from Alice Noga.

## 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 and return it by June 30.

## NETWORK - THRIVING COMMUNITIES CAMPAIGN

Justice-seekers from across northeastern Ohio are gathering in Youngstown, OH to call on Congress to protect SNAP, WIC, Medicaid, and Housing subsidies. Join us as we build power in our community to demand that our elected leaders protect the vital human needs programs our neighbors need for shelter, nourishment, and medical care. Join us on Friday, May 26 at 6 pm at St Patrick Church social hall. For more information, please call Sr Eilis McCulloh, HM at 330-720-6838.

## Stewardship at St. Patrick

<b>Regular</b> (70 envelopes)	\$7,659.00
<b>Visitor</b>	75.00
<b>Electronic Giving</b> (39)	2,607.00
<b>Weekly Budget Amount</b>	8,700.00
<b>Difference</b>	+ 1,641.00
<b>Novena</b>	98.00
<b>Preservation/Restoration</b>	515.00

**Thank you for your continued generosity!**

Attendance at Mass: 220

## 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 FRIDAY

The next First Friday Club Luncheon & Speaker Series will be held on Thursday, June 1 from 11:30am - 1:00pm at Avion on the Water Banquet Center. Rev. Msgr. John A. Zuraw, Vicar General, Diocese of Youngstown, will be the speaker. His program is "Challenges of Being a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Catholic." The cost to attend is \$10. Please call the rectory at 330-743-1109 to reserve your seat.

## MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR MISCARRIED OR STILLBORN CHILDREN

As we celebrate Mother's Day, let us be mindful that many grieve the loss of a child to miscarriage or stillbirth. Next Sunday, May 21, the diocese is sponsoring a Memorial Service for Miscarried or Stillborn Children at 2pm in the Chapel of Calvary Cemetery. Parents, family, grandparents are encouraged to attend.

## NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20