



# 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT



## ST. PATRICK PARISH YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

**ADMINISTRATOR**  
Rev. Thomas Kraszewski

**PASTOR EMERITUS**  
Rev. Edward P. Noga

**PERMANENT DEACONS**  
Jesse McClain  
William Bone

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Kris Harper  
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**ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION**  
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Diana Hancharenko

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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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Jesus said to Nicodemus: “Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.”

*John 3:14,15*



From right to left, Jeannie (sponsor) and Katrina, (our candidate), Brian (sponsor) and Tracy (candidate) from St Angela Merici, and Bill Lawson at the cathedral, February 18 for the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion.



Elementary Faith Formation



## From Fr. Tom

Dear Brothers and Sisters,



It seems that when discussing issues or planning something in the parish, a go to statement is to blame any problems on the Covid-19 pandemic. I would agree that the pandemic did some harm to many things in our society and church. I also know at least from my experiences that many things like Mass attendance and participation in parish life was not exactly spectacular. The pandemic merely exposed these concerns and sped up the stresses we have been facing as parish communities.

While the Covid virus has become an annual thing along with the flu, and we have been learning to live with it, we can try and move on. We move on, not to return to the pre-pandemic time, but instead to gather and dust off what we need to bring a liveliness to our community and motivation to carry out our Lord's mission and evangelize. You know, that missionary discipleship you may have heard about. It can happen not far from where we worship.

The place many people experience the Catholic community is at weekly Sunday Mass. It might also include weddings, funerals, baptisms, First Communions, Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, Christmas Eve and Easter Sunday. If this is an important place of contact, then it would be important that our worship is prayerful, joyful, reverent, and life-giving. And not only for those who are here every Sunday, but people visiting or taking a look.

The parish worship committees are returning to minister in planning the celebrations, and environment for the various liturgical seasons, but also to learn more about the liturgy, prepare people to serve as liturgical ministers, and to evaluate the spiritual and liturgical life in the parish. One ministry is Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. It would be good to invite and train new Eucharistic Ministers, but also to review with those who have served in the

past. This will be helpful as we work to bring back receiving Communion from the cup.

Two years ago this spring, Bishop Bonnar after consultation with appropriate medical professionals, granted permission to return to the practice of offering the Precious Blood of the Lord at Mass during Holy Communion on the Solemnity of Pentecost Sunday, June 5, 2022. Many parish communities were reluctant to bring back Communion from the cup because of the pandemic, but there have been many people asking why we haven't been offering Communion under both species.

Fr. Michael Balash, Director of the Office of Worship, said at the time, "It is always an option, and not a requirement, for individuals to receive from the Chalice. At the same time, the Church refers to the fuller sign value of receiving the Body and Blood of Christ under both elements of consecrated bread and wine, which dates back to the first days of the Church's celebration of the Eucharist. Whether one receives Holy Communion from one or both elements, the total presence of the Lord, Body and Blood, is encountered in this act of faith." He also noted, "Our procedures for distributing the Precious Blood have always included safeguards, including wiping the interior and exterior rim of the chalice and rotating it as effective measures to mitigate infectious disease transmission. Of course, those who are not feeling well or are sick should refrain from receiving from the Chalice."

It will be two years this Pentecost that we have been able to receive from the Communion Cup. Again, it is an option, but it would be nice if those who would like to receive both the Body and Blood of our Lord have that option. The Worship Committees will be working on this, and we might begin after Easter Sunday, or Pentecost Sunday at the latest. Please consider participating as a Eucharistic Minister, Lector, or Hospitality.

Your brother in Christ,  
Fr. Tom

### DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX

**Have you filled out your DMI survey yet?**

The link could be found at <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/bxa615> or paper surveys are available in the All Saints Chapel. Thank you!

### RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

The next St. Patrick / St. Angela Merici Blood Drive will be held on Wednesday, March 13 from Noon - 6pm at St. Angela Merici. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-733-2767, visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org), or call the rectory at 330-743-1109.

**Together, we can save a life!**

## MASS SCHEDULE

### Sunday, March 10

*Fourth Sunday of Lent*

11:00am John & Mary Sheridan

### Monday, March 11

8:30am Ralph Ricci

### Wednesday, March 13

8:30am Mass at St. Angela Merici

### Saturday, March 16

10:30am AOH Mass

### Sunday, March 17

*Fifth Sunday of Lent*

11:00am Gordon Welsh

### Monday, March 18

8:30am Elizabeth Baskey

## The Sanctuary Candle burns

March 9 thru March 15  
in memory of Teresa DiPaola  
from Toni Jordan.

## ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY

Today is the deadline to purchase tickets for next Sunday's St. Patrick's Day Party. **No tickets will be sold at the door.** Tickets are \$10.

The **Luck of the Irish Raffle** will be held at the dinner. To date, we have 330 tickets sold. Tickets are \$100, and there are only 500 available. **If you would like to purchase or split a ticket,** please call the rectory at 330-743-1109. Thank you!

## LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

Our St. Patrick's / St. Angela Merici Lenten Penance Service will be held at St. Patrick's on Wednesday, March 20 at 6:30pm.

## NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

1st Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34  
2nd Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9  
Gospel: John 12:20-33

## Stewardship at St. Patrick

<b>Regular</b> (59 envelopes)	\$4,140.00
<b>Visitor</b>	428.00
<b>Electronic Giving</b> (36)	1,762.00
<b>Weekly Budget Amount</b>	8,700.00
<b>Difference</b>	- 2,370.00
<b>Novena</b>	81.00
<b>Preservation</b>	460.00

**Thank you for your continued generosity!**

Attendance at Mass: 203

## SOUP AND STATIONS

Join us on Thursday, March 14 for soup and stations. Soup will be served in the social hall at 5:30pm. Stations of the Cross will begin at 6:15pm. Thank you to the Altar Guild for providing last week's soup!

## BUILDING BRIDGES AT THE BORDER

Join Sr. Norma Raupple, O.S.U. and Vicki Vicars tomorrow at 6:00pm in our social hall as they share their experience while volunteering at the Catholic Charities Immigrant Respite Center at the Mexico - Texas Border this past December. They will talk about why they went, who they encountered, and what the needs and challenges are for all those involved.

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

A **Wedding Anniversary Celebration** sponsored by the Diocese of Youngstown will be held on **Sunday, May 5, 2:00pm at St. Columba Cathedral**, honoring couples observing their 25th, 40th, 50th, and *over* wedding anniversaries in 2024. Couples must make reservations in advance by contacting the parish office as soon as possible, but no later than **March 27**.

## EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS

Donations toward the cost of Easter flowers in the Church may be made in memory or honor of your family members and friends. *The suggested donation is \$10.00 per remembrance.* Please indicate your loved one's name(s) below and return in the mail or collection basket with your check. Thank you!

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

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From: \_\_\_\_\_