

# Ordinary Time Week 7



## ST. PATRICK PARISH

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

### PASTOR

Rev. Thomas Kraszewski

### PASTOR EMERITUS

Rev. Edward P. Noga

### PERMANENT DEACON

Jesse McClain

### LITURGICAL MUSICIANS

Kris Harper  
James E. Johnston

### DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION

Beth Jones

### PARISH SECRETARY

Debbie DelQuadri

### 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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### SAINT PATRICK PARISH PRAYER

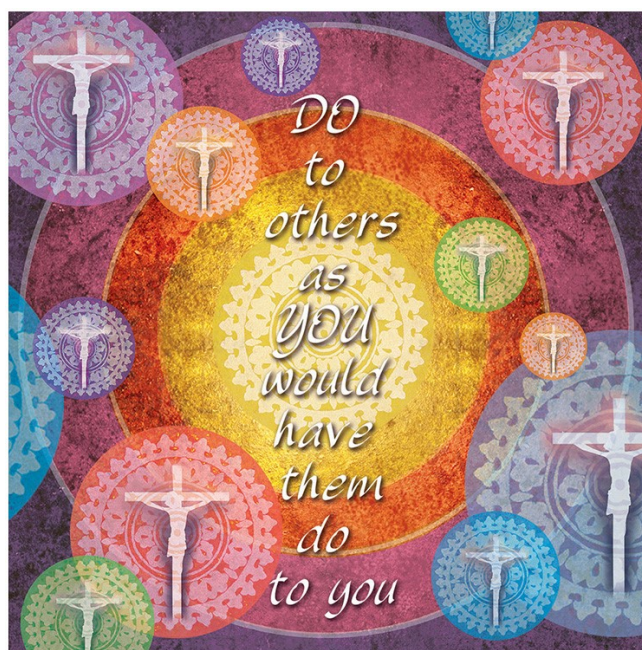
Loving God, as a parish community, nourished by your Word and Eucharist, we ask you to grant us wisdom, courage and generosity so that we might:

- 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.**





## From Fr. Tom

Dear Brothers and Sisters,



There was exciting news last week, when Pope Francis named Fr. John Keehner to be the next bishop of the Diocese of Sioux City in Iowa. I have known Fr. Keehner since my days in the seminary and we have been good friends. Fr. John is a kind and holy man and a very pastoral priest and pastor. It will be a blessing for the Church and the good people of the Sioux City Diocese. Unfortunately for the good people of the Diocese of Youngstown it will be bittersweet, one of our own is doing well, but we lose a great priest.

Unfortunately the Holy See will not replace Fr. Keehner with another priest to take his place. It means our Diocese will have 51 active priests serving 71 parishes. It does mean that we will need to promote and pray for more vocations to the priesthood, but it will not be something that will happen overnight. Formation for the priesthood requires four years of college and five years of graduate school including a parish internship.

There is another vocation that everyone has from the day of our baptism, it is our baptismal call to be a disciple of Jesus. We still need to answer this call and cultivate it in our faith communities. This can play an important part to promoting vocations to the priesthood and religious life, but can also play an important part in the life of the parish in the present. This means reflecting on how we can become a more active participant in the life and ministry of the parish, instead of merely being a passive consumer of religion.

This will most likely not happen overnight as well, but it shouldn't take us nine years. This will mean learning about how we got to where we are and how we need to rethink our past and open ourselves to the transformative work of the Holy Spirit. As we observe this Jubilee Year of Hope, we can look at the life and mission of Jesus, who came to show us the way to new life. A life transformed by His life, death, and resurrection, and shared with us through the waters of baptism.

Your brother in Christ,  
Fr. Tom

### SPAGHETTI DINNER

Join us Sunday, March 2, 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 Craig Ziobert / Organ Recital.

In conjunction with National Reading Month being celebrated in March, parishioner and author Thomas G. Welsh will be available with his latest book, *The Ursuline Sisters of Youngstown: Serving the Mahoning Valley since 1874*. You will have the opportunity to purchase the book, and have it autographed by Tom.

### SOUP & STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join us on **Fridays** during Lent for soup and stations. Beginning on Friday, March 7, the schedule will be: 5:30pm - Soup; 6:15pm - Stations.

### ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER / LUCK OF THE IRISH RAFFLE

Our St. Patrick's Day Dinner will be held on Sunday, March 16 from 12:15 - 2:15pm in our social hall. Catered by Chef Christopher Bonacci, the menu will include the following: Corn Beef & Cabbage, Pierogi, Chicken Francaise, Potato, Vegetable, Salad & Dessert.

Tickets must be purchased by Sunday, March 9.

No tickets will be sold at the door.

Adults: \$10; children 10 and under: \$6. Dine-in only.

### FIRST FRIDAY

The next First Friday Club Luncheon & Speaker Series will be held on Thursday, March 6 from 11:30am - 1:00pm at Avion on the Water Banquet Center. Very Rev. John-Michael Lavelle, Vicar of Missionary Discipleship and Pastor, Saint Michael Parish, Canfield will be the speaker. His program is "A Church in Search of Hope: Celebrating the Jubilee." The cost to attend is \$15. Call the rectory at 330-743-1109 to reserve your seat.

February 23, 2025

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**Sunday, February 23**

*7th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

11:00am Denise Skowron

**Monday, February 24**

8:30am Sr. Janet Frantz

**Wednesday, February 26**

*9:00am Mass at St. Angela Merici*

**Friday, February 28**

*8:00am Mass at Christ the Good Shepherd*

**Sunday, March 2**

*8th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

11:00am Sherry Veauthier

**Monday, March 3**

8:30am Watson & Palmer Family

**The Sanctuary Candle  
burns**

February 22 thru February 28  
in memory of  
Richard & Teresa Kelly  
from Jack Kelly.

**ELEMENTARY FAITH  
FORMATION**

Remember that on February 23 we will not meet for in-person classes, but ALL families are asked to attend Mass together that weekend. Students will receive a Full Family Formation sheet on 2/9 to complete as a family at the 2/23 Mass. This sheet will also be available on your parish website. Let's see how many completed Mass sheets we can have returned on March 2! See you then!

**First Communion Families** - You should have received an email from me this week regarding First Reconciliation and Communion. Let me know if you did not get this information.

Beth Jones

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**Stewardship at St. Patrick**

<b>Regular</b> (54 envelopes)	\$6,436.00
<b>Visitor</b>	460.00
<b>Electronic Giving</b> (26)	1,298.00
<b>Weekly Budget Amount</b>	8,700.00
<b>Difference</b>	- 506.00
<b>Novena</b>	42.00
<b>Preservation</b>	215.00

Attendance at Mass: 153

**Thank you for your continued generosity!**

**ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE**

Ash Wednesday is March 5. We invite you to join us as we begin the Lenten season and celebrate Ash Wednesday.

Our Mass schedule is:

8:30am - St. Angela Merici

12:05pm - Christ the Good Shepherd

6:00pm - St. Patrick's

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

“Four Shady Ladies: The Genealogy of Jesus in Matthew’s Gospel”

Join facilitator Jim Johnston on the following Tuesdays from 11:30am - 12:45pm in the rectory: March 11, March 25, April 1, and April 8. Please call 330-743-1109 to register.

**LUCK OF THE IRISH**

We are just 21 days away from our biggest annual parish fundraiser, our **Luck of the Irish Raffle!** Beside the collection, it is the second largest source of income for our parish. First prize is \$10,000. Tickets are \$100, and only 500 are sold. Congratulations to Kathie Gaige who was the winner of the January drawing! To date, we have 215 tickets sold. To purchase a ticket *and/or split one with friends/family*, please call the rectory at 330-743-1109.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES**

February is Catholic Charities Awareness Month in the Diocese of Youngstown! Did you know that Catholic Charities receives 60% of the funds raised through the Annual Diocesan Appeal to provide material goods and services to people in our community? To learn more, visit [ccdoyle.org](http://ccdoyle.org).

**LITTLE BLACK BOOKS**

The Little Black Books for Lent have arrived. They are available after Mass or at the rectory for \$2 each or 3 for \$5.