



# 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,

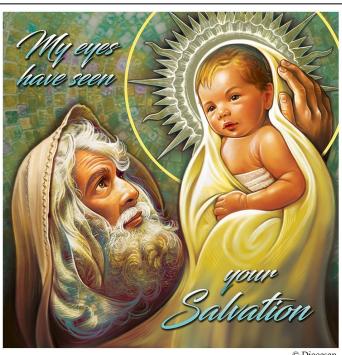
we ask you to grant us wisdom, courage and generosity so that we might:

- 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

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.





## **February 2, 2025**

## The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

## The story behind this celebration

- + On this day, the Church celebrates the feast of light, recalling that forty days after the birth of the Lord, Mary and Joseph took the Child to the temple in Jerusalem.
- + At this time of presentation and purification, the holy man Simeon recognized the infant Messiah and, taking the Child in his arms, proclaimed him to be the "light of revelation to the Gentiles and the glory of Israel."
- + The candles blessed on this day serve to remind us of Christ, the True Light, and the faith, hope, and love that illumine the Christian heart.
- + The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord was first celebrated in Jerusalem sometime before the year 400 and was first known as the "Feast of the Meeting."
- + In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II declared that the Feast of the Presentation would be celebrated as World Day of Consecrated Life, on which the Church prays for vocations to the religious life—including religious priests, brothers, and sisters—and celebrates the contributions of women and men religious in the life of the Church.

## For prayer and reflection

"How good it is for us to hold the Lord "in our arms" (Lk 2:28), like Simeon. Not only in our heads and in our hearts but also "in our hands", in all that we do: in prayer, at work, at the table, on the telephone, at school, with the poor, everywhere."—Pope Francis

## **FIRST FRIDAY**



The next First Friday Club Luncheon & Speaker Series will be held on Thursday, February 6 from 11:30am -1:00pm at Avion on the Water Banquet Center. Stan Boney, Reporter and

Evening Anchor, WKBN, will be the speaker. His program is "My Life in TV News." The cost to attend is \$15. Call the rectory at 330-743-1109 to reserve your seat.

## HOSPITALITY SUNDAY



The weather forecast for Sunday, February 16 is Chili. Get ready to warm up with a bowl of chili, served with all the fixings for just \$5. Tickets are

available after Mass or by calling the rectory at 330-743-1109.



#### LUCK OF THE IRISH

We are just 42 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.

To date, we have 137 tickets sold. To purchase *or split* a ticket, please call the rectory at 330-743-1109.

## The Presentation of the Lord

#### MASS SCHEDULE

## Sunday, February 2

The Presentation of the Lord
11:00am Sherry Veauthier

## Monday, February 3

8:30am Stan Mussler

## Wednesday, February 5

St. Agatha

9:00am Mass at St. Angela Merici

## Friday, February 7

8:00am Mass at Christ the Good Shepherd

## Sunday, February 9

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time 11:00am Jimmy Lucarell

## Monday, February 10

St. Scholastica

8:30am Peter & Anna Kelly

# The Sanctuary Candle

burns

February 1 thru February 7
in memory of
Johnny Kopnisky
With all our love,
Mom, Dad & Family.

#### PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

"When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord." (Luke 2:22)

God invites us to dedicate ourselves fully to His will. Could He be asking you to present your life to Him in a special way? Trust in God's plan for you. Talk to your priest or reach out to Fr. Chad Johnson at 330-744-8451 or cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org.

## **DONATION STATEMENTS**

Contribution statements for 2024 are available upon request. Please call the rectory at 330-743-1109.

# Stewardship at St. Patrick

Regular (56 envelopes)	\$3,275.00
Visitor	70.00
Electronic Giving (25)	849.00
Weekly Budget Amount	8,700.00
Difference	- 4,506.00
Novena	77.00
Preservation	395.00
Church Overseas Combined Collection	399.00

Attendance at Mass: 156

Thank you for your continued generosity!

## **ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION**

On this, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, we have the perfect opportunity to reflect on the model of faith we are presenting to our children. Mary and Joseph presented Baby Jesus to God in the Temple as God's Law dictated. Following this event, we are told that Jesus grew strong, grew in wisdom, and was favorable in God's sight. If we want our children to grow in wisdom and be favorable in God's sight we must continually present them to the Lord and show them a faithful example through our own lives of faith and Mass attendance. I have no doubt that Mary and Joseph were faithful members of their church and had conversations often in their home about faith and the future and fulfilling God's plan for their lives. Let us follow their example! Remember that we will not have class on 2/16!

Beth Jones

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## **CHURCH OVERSEAS COMBINED COLLECTION**

Last weekend, the Diocese of Youngstown sponsored the Church Overseas Combined Collection for ministries to needy people. Thank you for your participation in this important collection. If you did not have the opportunity to respond last week, there is still time to contribute to this combined collection.

## **CATHOLIC CHARITIES**

February is Catholic Charities Awareness Month in the Diocese of Youngstown! Did you know that you do not have to be Catholic to receive assistance from Catholic Charities? We help all people in need regardless of their faith or lack of faith as our resources allow. To learn more, visit ccdoy.org.

#### **BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS**

If you are a parent of a child who needs to be baptized, our next Baptism Prep Class will be held on Sunday, February 23 after the 11am Mass. Please call the rectory at 330-743-1109 to register.