

# 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time



## ST. PATRICK PARISH

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

*"Blessed  
are you  
who are  
poor,  
for the  
kingdom  
of God  
is yours."*

*Luke 6:20*

#### 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

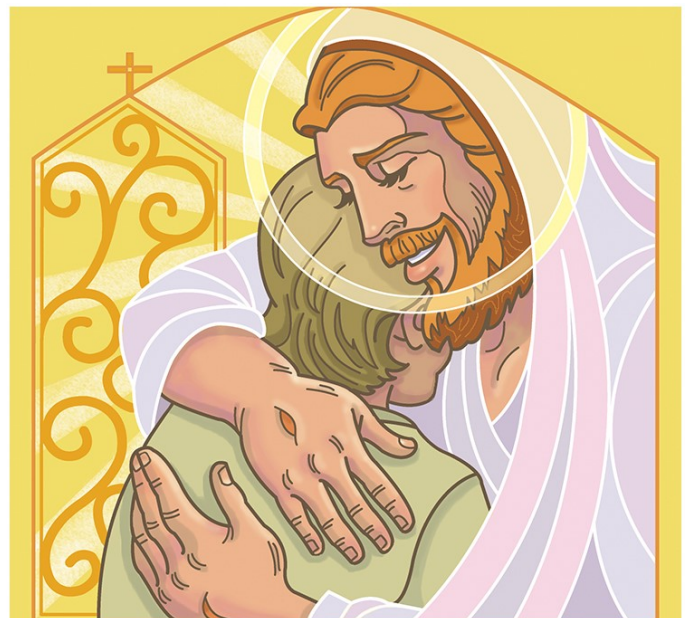
Loving God, as a parish community, nourished by your Word and Eucharist, we ask you to grant us wisdom, courage and generosity so that we might:

- 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.**



*Your reward will be great in heaven*

## From Fr. Tom

Dear Brothers and Sisters,



We will begin our third week of February, the shortest month, and two and a half weeks until we begin the Season of Lent. You might remember something about a Priority Plan developed out of the Catholic Leadership Institute's Disciple Maker Index. If you recall the three priorities for our parishes are to Build a Multigenerational Parish, Foster Spiritual Growth for Adults, and to Expand our Social Outreach. The representatives from our parishes who were on the Priority Planning Team have got us to this point of having our three priorities and setting goals for each priority.

We are moving to the next step of working on the strategies to reach those goals. While the generous folks who volunteered can continue to work on this next part of the planning, it will still require more people to participate. The participation will also require some leadership from a few people. It is looking

like there will be a lot of asking and begging on my part. Will we ever get to place where that might not be the case?

The challenge we face these days is not only getting enough people to volunteer, but people who are willing to be leaders among the volunteers. We do have a small group of dedicated volunteers at each parish with a few individuals guiding them, but they are involved in the established activities and events already in place. I think we might need to step back and look at another issue. In the past fifty some years there has been a movement of lay involvement in church ministries, not just fundraisers and cleaning up things, and that involvement has been helped with lay empowerment. Lay empowerment can lead to healthy lay leadership. I guess the question we must ask, have we been empowered and if we have, has that empowerment sunk in or has it slid away?

Your brother in Christ,  
Fr. Tom

### 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.



### ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER

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. The **Luck of the Irish Raffle** will be held during the dinner.

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES

February is Catholic Charities Awareness Month in the Diocese of Youngstown! Did you know that the word "charity" comes from the Latin word "caritas," which is translated as "Christian love"? Catholic Charities shares the love and compassion of Jesus Christ with those in our community who are poor, vulnerable, and without hope. To learn more, visit [ccdoy.org](http://ccdoy.org).

### LENTEN REFLECTIONS

St. Angela Merici Parish is offering a 6-week Lenten series, facilitated by Sr. Janice Kusick, O.S.U. Classes are on Mondays, 10:00-11:30am, beginning March 3rd and running until April 7th. Please register by February 20th (so books can be ordered) by calling Sharon at the Parish Office, 330-747-6080. The cost is \$10 for materials.

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### MASS SCHEDULE

#### Sunday, February 16

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11:00am Michael Thomas

#### Monday, February 17

8:30am Ed & Peggy Yatsko

#### Wednesday, February 19

9:00am Mass at St. Angela Merici

#### Friday, February 21

8:00am Mass at Christ the  
Good Shepherd

#### Sunday, February 23

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11:00am Denise Skowron

#### Monday, February 24

8:30am Sr. Janet Frantz

### Stewardship at St. Patrick

Regular (50 envelopes)	\$6,829.00
Visitor	20.00
Electronic Giving (28)	1,638.00
Weekly Budget Amount	8,700.00
Difference	- 213.00
Novena	65.00
Preservation	270.00

Attendance at Mass: 106

**Thank you for your continued generosity!**

### The Sanctuary Candle burns

February 15 thru February 21  
in memory of  
Virginia Kelly  
from Jack Kelly.

### 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.

### PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

*"Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours."*

(Luke 6:20)

A vocation to religious life calls for a life of simplicity and dedication to God's kingdom. Could God be calling you to this blessed path? Talk to your priest or reach out to Fr. Chad Johnson at (330) 744-8451 or [cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org).

### 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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### LUCK OF THE IRISH

We are just 28 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 180 tickets sold. To purchase a ticket *and/or split one with friends/family*, please call the rectory at 330-743-1109.

### 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 concert in church from 1:15 - 2pm will feature Craig Ziobert / Organ Recital.

Craig attended Youngstown State, earning his undergraduate degrees in organ performance and religious studies. Craig furthered his undergraduate studies in meteorology through the Distance Learning Program at Mississippi State University. Craig was the music director at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Basilica. Thereafter, he studied philosophy and theology at Saint Mary's Seminary in Wickliffe, Ohio. He is a substitute and fill-in organist around the Youngstown area and is a full-time meteorologist for WKBN and WYTV television stations.