



LENT

"Behold, now is a very acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation."
2 COR 6:2

February 18, 2024 • First Sunday of Lent

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday 7:00 & 11:45 AM
Saturday 7:00 AM, Vigil 5:00 PM
Sunday 7:00, 9:00, 10:30 AM & 12:00 Noon
Holy Days of Obligation Vigil 6:30 PM,
7:00 & 10:00 AM, 12:00 Noon, 6:30 PM

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Saturday: 4:00 PM • Sunday: One half-hour before each Mass

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Congratulations on your decision to immerse your child (or yourself) in the saving waters of Baptism, for the washing away of original sin, entry into Christ's Body, the Church, and to share in the divine life of the Trinity through sanctifying grace! We ask that all first-time parents attend a baptism class. Please contact the parish office to register.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY Congratulations on your engagement and your decision to make a lifelong commitment to each other in the vocation of marriage! Please review our marriage guidelines, found on our website, before contacting the parish office to begin your marriage preparation.

FATIMA DEVOTIONS ON FIRST SATURDAYS Eucharistic Adoration with Rosary and prayers in honor of Our Lady of Fatima begin after the 7:00 AM Mass.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION Exposition & Benediction every Friday 12:15 - 1:15 PM
Third Friday 8:00 PM - 7:00 AM — *Respect for all human life*
Fourth Friday 8:00 PM - 7:00 AM — *Vocations*

ANGELIC WARFARE CONFRATERNITY This is a supernatural fellowship of men and women bound to one another in love and dedicated to pursuing and promoting chastity together under the powerful patronage of St. Thomas Aquinas and the Bl. Virgin Mary. The Confraternity is an official apostolate of the Dominican Order. Enrollment is offered quarterly at Saint Patrick Church. For more information, visit www.angelicwarfareconfraternity.org

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JESUS IN THE HOLY EUCHARIST: Presence, Sacrifice, and Mission

St. Patrick Parish Lenten Mission

February 19, 20, and 21, 2024

Mission Preacher: Fr. Stephen Dominic Hayes, O.P.



Monday, February 19

"He is Here, He is Truly Here:

The Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist."

- 10:30 a.m. Morning Conference
- 6:40 p.m. Rosary
- 7:00 p.m. Evening Conference followed by
Confessions and Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday, February 20

*"Jesus' Passover and the God-established Worship
Which is Holy Mass."*

- 10:30 a.m. Morning Conference
- 6:40 p.m. Rosary
- 7:00 p.m. Evening Conference followed by
Confessions and Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday, February 21

*"The Spirit and the Bride Say 'Come.'
The Nuptial Summons and Mission of Fruitfulness
That Flow from the Pierced Heart of Christ."*

- 10:30 a.m. Morning Conference
- 6:40 p.m. Rosary
- 7:00 p.m. Evening Conference followed by
Solemn Mission Blessing (with Plenary Indulgence),
Confessions and Eucharistic Adoration

Fr. Stephen Dominic Hayes is a native of Boston, Massachusetts, born in 1953, has seven brothers and sisters and rejoices in his Irish heritage. He holds an A.B. in Biology from Saint Anselm College Manchester, NH; a J.D. from Boston University School of Law, and an S.T.B. from the Pontifical Faculty of the Immaculate Conception (the Dominican House of Studies) in Washington, DC. After practicing law for a few years, he entered the Dominican Order in 1982, made solemn profession in 1986, and was ordained a priest in 1988. He has served as a priest and pastor for the last 29 years in Ohio and Kentucky and is currently the prior of St. Patrick Priory in Columbus, OH. In addition to parochial service, Fr. Hayes has had experience in retreat work, parish missions, pilgrimage direction, and as a spiritual director and confessor, as well as experience in Catholic radio and print media. He has for many years been active in the Knights of Columbus and the Ancient Order of Hibernians. He is particularly interested in Holy Scripture, Sacramentology, and medieval Christian history.



What is my wilderness?

Dear friends,

Immediately before today's Gospel passage, Jesus is baptized by John in the Jordan River.

Notice the important pattern that takes place in his baptism—a pattern that echoes throughout our readings:

1. Jesus is plunged under the water (a symbol of drowning and death)
2. Jesus rises out of the water (a symbol of rising from death to a new beginning of life)

And as soon as Jesus rises from the water, a new beginning unfolds. There is an opening of the heavens marked by a rare and solemn revelation of the glory, power, and inner communion of the Holy Trinity. The Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus like a dove, and he hears the voice of the Father: "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." Jesus is now beginning his public mission as our Redeemer.

Again, notice the pattern:

1. Plunging into a realm of suffering and purification.
2. Rising to a powerful new beginning.

Another baptism: The 40-day wilderness.

Yet immediately after this epiphany, the same Holy Spirit who descends upon Christ in the form of a dove drives him into the wilderness, plunging him into another, longer baptism; a baptism that plunges him into battle. Having voluntarily accepted the limitations of our human nature in all things but sin, Jesus is tempted by Satan in the midst of bodily fasting, weakness, and no human company.

Yet he does have company of another sort: Angels come to help Jesus, but he is also with wild beasts. It is a curious grouping, a strange combination of creatures. And here, the devil tempts Jesus. Jesus, as man, feels the strange predicament of human nature: part spirit, like the angels; yet part animal. Here, Jesus resists temptation, even though he is stretched to the limit of his mortality; even though his own human needs and desires are doubtless straining.

Only after this forty-day plunge into the wilderness, with its austerity and battle, does Jesus emerge to begin his public mission of drawing the people to follow the same pattern of repentance, turning away from the empty promises of Satan, and a new beginning of embracing hope in God's promises.

Lent is a time of wild beasts and angels.

It is a holy season to renew the combat against evil according to our baptismal promises, when we rejected

Satan and his empty promises, and professed our belief in God and his trustworthy promises.

It is a time to allow the hidden corruption to come to the surface so that it might be rejected, and so that we might be made clean of conscience and find purity of heart, and in this light share in the celebration of Easter, the new beginning.

Noah and his family also followed a baptismal pattern.

They were in another kind of wilderness for forty days: the flood waters, which stretched like a great sea beyond his sight in all directions.

They, too, were with the wild beasts. And they lost much that they had. And yet, they were not without messengers of good news: a dove returned to Noah with an olive branch to bring the good news that the waters had receded, and the land had begun once more to surface and bloom. Finally, after forty days on the watery wilderness, they embarked on a new beginning.

To mark this new beginning, Noah built an altar to the Lord, and offered sacrifices to him. And the Lord set a rainbow in the clouds as a covenant that he would not curse the ground again nor send such a flood to destroy all living things but would instead make both the earth and Noah's descendants fruitful.

This baptismal pattern is made clear in our second reading:

"The saving of eight persons through water on Noah's ark prefigured baptism. Baptism is not a removal of dirt from the body but an appeal to God for a clean conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ."

John the Baptist followed a baptismal pattern as well.

Our Gospel reading today notes that it is after John the Baptist is arrested—the prophet who heralded Christ's coming after spending much time in the wilderness himself—that Jesus emerges from the wilderness, saying: "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the Gospel."

Jesus invites us to follow the same pattern that John the Baptist followed, and that he himself followed.

And so, at the beginning of these forty days, I can ask myself, where is the Holy Spirit driving me? What is my wilderness, what are the ways I can simplify my life, re-center my life, on what is truly good, beautiful, and lasting?

The 40-day wilderness of John the Baptist and Jesus was a desert. The 40-day wilderness of Noah and his family was an open sea.

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In one way the desert and the sea are opposite, but in another way they are similar. Both have a stark, rough, landscape. Yet, both have their proper beauty and fierce endurance. Hundreds or thousands of years may pass, but little change would be evident. Time almost does not grip these places. They both point to what is lasting.

The 40 days points to endurance—and enduring in the good leads to lasting change for the better.

If we can hold on to a good pattern in our life for forty days—a re-balancing, by reducing one aspect of our pursuit in favor of something we really need more of—we will be ready for a new beginning.

We reduce: Both wildernesses demand discipline and simplicity; neither allows much excess baggage.

By submitting myself to the simplicity and purifications of Lent, through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, I allow the Holy Spirit to purify me, re-center me in the wilderness, so that we can recognize the empty promises of Satan, turn away from them, and hold fast to the promises of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, in whose name we were baptized.

We expand: Those things that we need more of: prayer; investing in our relationships; growing virtues. But not too much at once; only enough so that we see the improvement and feel it, without only pain.

After the forty days of Lent, I hope to emerge from the wilderness closer to God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and ready to enter the mysteries of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday: the Paschal Mystery, the ultimate new beginning, a beginning that will continue without end.

We will hear this pattern echoed in the Preface to the Eucharistic Prayer: “By abstaining forty days from earthly food, [Christ] consecrated through his fast the pattern of our Lenten observance and, by overturning the snares of the ancient serpent, taught us to cast out the leaven of malice, so that, celebrating the Paschal Mystery, we might pass over at last to the eternal paschal feast.”

What is my wilderness?

I invite you to open your minds and hearts to the Holy Spirit, and ask him:

Holy Spirit, where is my 40-day wilderness? How can I repent, pray, fast, and give alms?

What are my wild beasts—the desires of my flesh, good in themselves, that have become distorted and destructive and out of control?

What are my spiritual enemies—the disordered pride, envy, and lust for power that tempt me?

Who are the good angels—the people, the graces, the inspired words, and the sacraments—that will sustain me?

How can I be prepared for a new beginning in my life, and find my way to you?

Let us close with a prayerful reflection on the words of our Psalm:

Your ways, O Lord, make known to me; teach me your paths. Remember that your compassion and love are from of old. The Lord is good and upright; thus, he shows sinners the way, and guides the humble to justice, and teaches the humble his way.

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Please be sure to attend our parish mission with Fr. Stephen Dominic Hayes this week: Jesus in the Holy Eucharist: Presence, Sacrifice, and Mission. Fr. Hayes will give his mission conferences on Monday through Wednesday this week, and each conference will be given twice each day so that you can attend either at 10:30 a.m. or at 7:00 p.m. For those unable to attend every conference in person, they will also be live-streamed. Each evening conference will be followed by confessions. This is an excellent way to rekindle your love for Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist.

Peace,

Fr. Stephen, O.P.

RETIREMENT NEWS

I am happy to report that after 42 years in one position or another here, with ten or so pastors and an untold number of associate friars, I am retiring in April!

You have all been extraordinarily kind to me, forgiving of my lapses, and generous with praise. It's been a wonderfully blessed, quite humbling ride. If you are so inclined, please keep my family and me in prayer.

God bless, Susan Livingston

Soon to be former:-) Office Administrator

We Are Hiring!

For current job openings here at St. Patrick Church, please visit: columbuscatholic.org/jobs.

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

Confessions: Saturdays from 4:00-5:00 p.m.
Sundays at: 6:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

SATURDAY, February 17

5:00 p.m. +Mary Ellen Tully

SUNDAY, February 18 – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Mission Preacher speaks at all Masses.

Catholic Times Subscription Month

Collection: Black and Indian Missions

7:00 a.m. +Noah Budd
9:00 a.m. +Joshua Schaad
10:30 a.m. Parishioners and Benefactors
12:00 p.m. +Mary Ellen Tully, *Ad Orientem*

MONDAY, February 19

7:00 a.m. Ian Kempf
10:30 a.m. Parish Mission
11:45 a.m. dec. parents, benefactors, familiars,
Brothers and Sisters of Order of Preachers
12:15 p.m. Confessions
7:00 p.m. Parish Mission, Adoration, Confessions

TUESDAY, February 20

7:00 a.m. +Virginia Noble
10:30 a.m. Parish Mission
11:45 a.m. +Dennis J. McGovern
12:15 p.m. Confessions
7:00 p.m. Parish Mission, Adoration, Confessions

WEDNESDAY, February 21

7:00 a.m. Patrick Ortega
10:30 a.m. Parish Mission
11:45 a.m. Those enrolled in the St. Margaret Guild
12:15 p.m. Confessions
7:00 p.m. Parish Mission, Adoration, Confessions

THURSDAY, February 22 - The Chair of St. Peter (F)

7:00 a.m. Joyce Cuneo
11:45 a.m. Patrick Ortega
12:15 p.m. Confessions
7:00 p.m. Christ in the City

FRIDAY, February 23

Lenten Day of Abstinence

7:00 a.m. Dick and +Joan Green
11:45 a.m. Richard R. Ruebusch
12:15 p.m. Confessions
7:00 p.m. Lenten Stations of the Cross
8:00 p.m. All Night Vigil for Vocations

SATURDAY, February 24

7:00 a.m. liv./dec. of the Letzelter family
5:00 p.m. +Walter Shea

SUNDAY, February 25 – SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Collection: Diocesan Seminarian Fund

7:00 a.m. Parishioners and Benefactors
9:00 a.m. Sisters and staff of John Paul II preschool
10:30 a.m. +Gordon and Joanne Howard
12:00 p.m. Mary Sue Dempsey, *Ad Orientem*

Special Collection for the Diocesan Seminarian Fund

February 24 and 25, 2024

Deacon Shawn Caslow will speak before all Masses.



It costs \$55,000 per year to educate and form a seminarian.



COLUMBUS CATHOLIC VOCATIONS

The Diocese of Columbus has a **GOOD AND GROWING NEED** by virtue of **16 ADDITIONAL** young men interested in the priesthood. A contribution from you today will support this immediate need to fund future priests throughout our Diocese.

Dates to Remember

Sunday, February 18

10:15 a.m. CCD

Monday – Wednesday

Lenten Mission with Fr. Stephen Dominic Hayes, O.P.
Conferences at 10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Monday, February 19

6:30 p.m. American Heritage Girls (PH, 2nd fl.)
7:00 p.m. Choir (Aquinas)

Tuesday, February 20

7:00 p.m. CGS (DePorres)

Wednesday, February 21

9:30 a.m. FIAT90 Book Club (Kolbe)
12:30 p.m. Post-abortion support (Library)
7:00 p.m. R.C.I.A.
7:30 p.m. Choir
7:30 p.m. Mary-Martha Sewing (Kolbe)
7:30 p.m. Catholic in Recovery (Library, dePorres)

Thursday, February 22

9:30 a.m. Mary-Martha Sewing (Kolbe)
7:00 p.m. Evangelical Training (Aquinas)

Friday, February 23

9:00 a.m. CGS
1:30 p.m. Catholic CCAD/CSCC Students (AH)
5:00 p.m. K of C Lenten Fish Fry (Patrick)

Saturday, February 24

Catholic Men's Conference

9:30 a.m. Chorus Angelorum (Patrick)

Sunday, February 25

10:15 a.m. CCD

WHAT IS LENT?

February 14 - March 28, 2024

Lent is a 40-day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. It is a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by giving alms; and we practice self-control through fasting. We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully. We recall the waters of baptism in which we were also baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ.

Many know of the tradition of abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent, but we are also called to practice self-discipline and fast in other ways throughout the season. ... In addition, the giving of alms is one way to share God's gifts—not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talents. As St. John Chrysostom reminds us: "Not to enable the poor to share in our goods is to steal from them and deprive them of life. The goods we possess are not ours, but theirs." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2446).

In Lent, the baptized are called to renew their baptismal commitment as others prepare to be baptized through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, a period of learning and discernment for individuals who have declared their desire to become Catholics.

<https://www.usccb.org/prayer-worship/liturgical-year/len>



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

- All Fridays at 12:15 p.m.
- 3rd Fridays from 8:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.
- 4th Fridays from 8:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.
- St. Patrick's participates in the diocesan 40 Days of Adoration which begins Friday, March 1, at 7:30 p.m. continuing through Saturday, March 2, at 4:30 p.m.

FASTING

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of Fasting (ages 18-59).

ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT

Abstinence from meat (beast or fowl) is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all the Fridays of Lent. This obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk, or cheese.

PARISH LENTEN LITURGICAL PRACTICES

At Masses with music (5pm, 9am, 10:30am, and Noon), Mass will begin with the proper Entrance Antiphon and verses, rather than a hymn. The lector will announce the page number for these antiphons before Mass begins. At Masses with music, we will chant the "Our Father" in Latin (*Pater Noster*). Cards with the text and chant notation will be provided in the pews. There will be no recessional hymn; the priest and altar boys will depart the sanctuary in silence.



FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS 7:00 P.M.

The Stations of the Cross, also known as the Way of the Cross or Via Crucis, commemorate Jesus' passion and death on the cross. There are fourteen stations that each depict a moment on his journey to Calvary, usually through sacred art, prayers, and reflections. The practice began as pious pilgrims traced his path through Jerusalem on the Via Dolorosa. Later, for the many who wanted to pass along the same route, but could not make the trip to Jerusalem, a practice developed that eventually took the form of the fourteen stations currently found in almost every church throughout the world. Similarly, the 150 Hail Mary's that were recited for the rosary were an adaptation of the medieval monastic practice of reciting the 150 psalms in the Psalter. (USCCB)

CONFESSIONS

- Monday-Friday: 12:15 p.m.
- Saturday: 4:00 p.m.
- Sunday: 6:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m.



Living the Faith

JOURNEY TO THE FOOT OF THE CROSS: BISHOP RICKEN OFFERS 10 THINGS TO REMEMBER FOR LENT

Bishop David L. Ricken of Green Bay, Wisconsin, former chairman of the Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), offers “10 Things to Remember for Lent”:

1. Remember the formula. The Church does a good job capturing certain truths with easy-to-remember lists and formulas: 10 Commandments, 7 sacraments, 3 persons in the Trinity. For Lent, the Church gives us almost a slogan—Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving—as the three things we need to work on during the season.

2. It’s a time of prayer. Lent is essentially an act of prayer spread out over 40 days. As we pray, we go on a journey, one that hopefully brings us closer to Christ and leaves us changed by the encounter with him.

3. It’s a time to fast. With the fasts of Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, meatless Fridays, and our personal disciplines interspersed, Lent is the only time many Catholics these days actually fast. And maybe that’s why it gets all the attention. “What are you giving up for Lent? Hot dogs? Beer? Jelly beans?” It’s almost a game for some of us, but fasting is actually a form of penance, which helps us turn away from sin and toward Christ.

4. It’s a time to work on discipline. The 40 days of Lent are also a good, set time to work on personal discipline in general. Instead of giving something up, it can be doing something positive. “I’m going to exercise more. I’m going to pray more. I’m going to be nicer to my family, friends, and coworkers.”

5. It’s about dying to yourself. The more serious side of Lenten discipline is that it’s about more than self-control—it’s about finding aspects of yourself that are less than Christ-like and letting them die. The suffering and death of Christ are foremost on our minds during Lent, and we join in these mysteries by suffering, dying with Christ and being resurrected in a purified form.

6. Don’t do too much. It’s tempting to make Lent some ambitious period of personal reinvention, but

it’s best to keep it simple and focused. There’s a reason the Church works on these mysteries year after year. We spend our entire lives growing closer to God. Don’t try to cram it all in one Lent. That’s a recipe for failure.

7. Lent reminds us of our weakness. Of course, even when we set simple goals for ourselves during Lent, we still have trouble keeping them. When we fast, we realize we’re all just one meal away from hunger. In both cases, Lent shows us our weakness. This can be painful, but recognizing how helpless we are makes us seek God’s help with renewed urgency and sincerity.

8. Be patient with yourself. When we’re confronted with our own weakness during Lent, the temptation is to get angry and frustrated. “What a bad person I am!” But that’s the wrong lesson. God is calling us to be patient and to see ourselves as he does, with unconditional love.

9. Reach out in charity. As we experience weakness and suffering during Lent, we should be renewed in our compassion for those who are hungry, suffering, or otherwise in need. The third part of the Lenten formula is almsgiving. It’s about more than throwing a few extra dollars in the collection plate; it’s about reaching out to others and helping them without question as a way of sharing the experience of God’s unconditional love.

10. Learn to love like Christ. Giving of ourselves in the midst of our suffering and self-denial brings us closer to loving like Christ, who suffered and poured himself out unconditionally on the Cross for all of us. Lent is a journey through the desert to the foot of the Cross on Good Friday, as we seek him out, ask his help, join in his suffering, and learn to love like him.



St. Patrick Parish
Day of Eucharistic Adoration
for the Season of Lent

participating in the Diocese of Columbus' "40 Days of Adoration Campaign"

Friday, March 1st to Saturday, March 2nd
Sign up to spend time with our Eucharistic Lord:

<https://bit.ly/495BmFF>

(30-minute and 60-minute time slots available)

Adoration begins on Friday at 7:30 p.m. after the
Stations of the Cross, concluding with
Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament on Saturday at 4:30 p.m.

For more information, please email Fr. Paul Marich, O.P. at
frpaulmarich@stpatrikcolumnbus.org or call him at (614) 240-5917



Use this QR code to sign up!

A CATECHISM, A LECTURE, AND A DAY OF RECOLLECTION

This Lent and Eastertide, deepen your understanding of our wonderful Catholic Faith with the following opportunities:

Tuesday, February 27 – 7:00 p.m.

Continuing the tradition of Adult Catechism

Speaker: Fr. Paul Marich, O.P. presents:

“The People of God and the Headship of Christ: A Thomistic Understanding of the Church and Non-Christian Religions.”

Tuesday, March 12 – 7:00 p.m.

Introducing a new tradition at St. Patrick’s

“The Inaugural Aquinas Lecture”

Speaker: Fr. Reginald Lynch, O.P.

Saturday, April 6, 2024

Presenting a very unique opportunity!

Join the “Godsplaining” Podcast Friars for

“Eucharist: Sign and Sacrament”
St. Patrick Day of Recollection

with Fr. Gregory Pine, O.P.
and Fr. Bonaventure Chapman, O.P.

Please register at: <https://godsplaining.org/events-2/>



Catholic in Recovery

Wednesdays, 7:30–8:30 p.m. in the Parish Library

We welcome all Catholics who are interested in recovery from addiction and deepening their relationship with Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church. Our program integrates the twelve steps of recovery with the Holy Sacraments. If you struggle with alcohol, drugs, food, gambling, pornography, or sex, join us for a safe place to work through your recovery. We also welcome those who have friends and family struggling with addiction issues. **For more information, contact Jon: 614-588-4022.**

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An Experience of Hope ***Post-abortion Support Group***

There are no words to describe the loss and sorrow for the mothers of aborted babies. Group meetings are a most important place to find understanding and comfort. As we begin to draw strength from understanding, we can then begin to share with one another. This provides hope and encouragement needed for mothers of aborted children to begin to accept the greatest gift of all... God’s Mercy. *An Experience of Hope* is a confidential, safe place, providing support, prayer, hope, and reconciliation in the context of spiritual renewal.

Date: February 21st (3rd Wednesday)

Time: 12:30-2:15 p.m.

Location: St. Patrick Parish Library

Bring: Sack lunch, bottle of water, notebook, and pen
Questions? Judy Schlueter, RN, MAPC at (614) 537-6452

*God bless and hold you close to the Heart of Jesus
through the Immaculate Heart of Mary.*

Frassati Society

Ballroom Dance Crash Course + Party

Saturday, February 24, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

At Ballroom Dance Experience, 2100 Tremont Ctr., #C, 43221. No experience or partner necessary! \$10/person paid in Cash; Venmo, or PayPal. RSVP appreciated, but not necessary. Contact Sarah with questions: 937-212-1614.

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FISH FRIES AT ST. PATRICK

Downtown Columbus | 280 N. Grant Ave.
Park east side of church

FEB. 16 & 23 | MARCH 1, 8 & 22

5 pm to 7 pm (Stations of the Cross 7 pm)

Menu (Dine-in or carryout):

Fried Cod or Baked Fish
Baked Potato or Sweet Potato, or Fries
Mac 'n Cheese
Cole Slaw
Desserts, Beverages Included

Cost (cash or credit/debit card):

Senior (65+): \$8
Adult (13-64): \$10
Children (5-12): \$6
(Includes 1 piece of fish and pancakes if desired)
Family (children 5-18): \$45
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A Sacrifice Made with Friends

Every time you see a church building in the United States, think of the triumph of what a large group of people doing a little bit over an extended period of time accomplished. Sure, there are a few churches that are paid for by one or a few wealthy patrons, such as the Episcopalian church in Akron built and paid for by Harvey Firestone. But, more frequently in the United States, churches have been built by a group of people, sacrificing over time to pay for the beautiful, soaring structures, which do not reflect their own modest, even impoverished, circumstances in which the givers themselves live.

The Germans, the Irish, the Italians, the many Latino communities, the Polish, and many other ethnic groups coming to the United States have been proud to be able to build churches that reflect their faith, not their lifestyles. Stained glass, often imported from Europe, would far exceed anything these railroaders, miners, or farmers could afford personally or put into their own homes. Together, though, these communities built churches and schools that are useful, strong, and beautiful as an expression of their love for their faith, their Church, and their Lord.

The beauty of these buildings was intended to be inspirational, but as it turns out, the *effort* it took to finance and build these parishes is also tremendously inspiring. As parishes in the United States regroup after so many closures and mergers, this kind of faith-filled group effort will be necessary for the Faith to grow and to spread anew.

Most parishes can look back at the generations after generations that built and sustained these original churches for inspiration. This is about more than buildings, as even more generations continue to be renewed in the Faith.

Sunday Collection 2/11/24

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Over/Under</u>
Weekly Offertory:	\$32,760.10	\$22,827.00	\$ 9,933.10
Other Income (<i>parish activities, programs</i>):	\$ 1,530.58	\$ 830.00	\$ 700.58
Capital Repair Fund (Pipe Organ)	\$ 220.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 95.00
Total Income:	\$34,510.68	\$23,782.00	\$10,728.68
Year to Date Offertory:	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>YTD Over/Under</u>
	\$889,938.51	\$826,600.44	\$63,338.07

The YTD Offertory total includes \$16K for "Parking Support," toward Fr. Stephen's goal of \$25K. Your continued support is needed!

2nd Collections (Diocesan, Dominican, Other)

Little Margaret's Charity:	\$ 825.00
Propagation of the Faith:	\$ 10.00
J.O.I.N./Ash Wednesday:	\$ 245.00
Parish Mission Preacher:	\$ 500.00
Total Offerings from 2nd Collections:	\$1,580.00



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Gentle Reminder: *Those who have not yet fulfilled their pledges – in order for the parish to receive the 100% rebate, your pledges must be paid by March 15th so that the diocese receives it before this year's campaign is closed out.*

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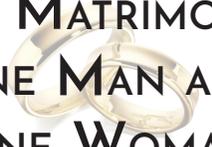
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