



# LENT

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

March 17, 2024 • Fifth 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

**CONFESSIONS** Monday-Friday, 12:15 PM until all are heard  
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](http://www.angelicwarfareconfraternity.org)

## DIOCESAN SHRINE OF SAINT MARGARET OF CASTELLO, O.P.

Veneration of the relic of St. Margaret's incorrupt heart at Wednesday Masses.  
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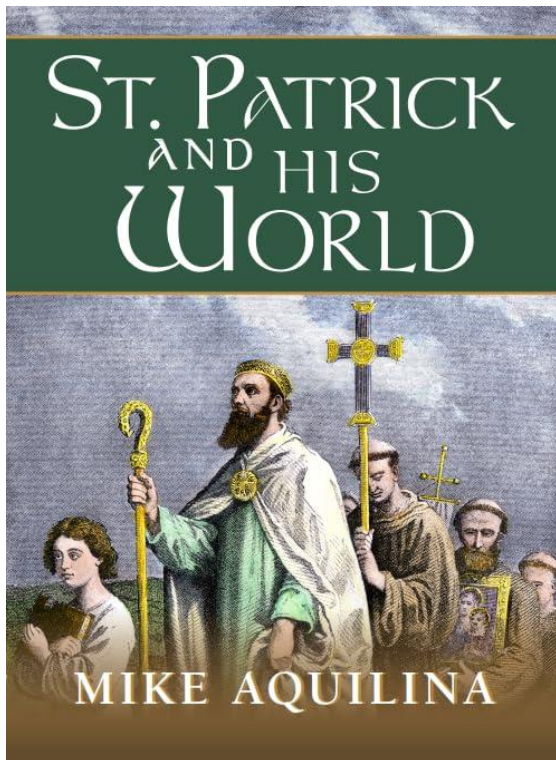
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## A new book about our patron, Saint Patrick; the desire to see Jesus

Dear friends,

This year, Saint Patrick's feast day falls on a Sunday of Lent, which outranks even the celebration of a parish's patronal feast, so we received permission from Bishop Fernandes to transfer our celebration of our patron to March 16 (and thus our solemn Vigil celebration on the evening of March 15) so that we could give due honor to him at Mass.



I was happy to discover that prominent Catholic author, Mike Aquilina, has recently published a new book about our patron: *St. Patrick and His World* (Scepter Publishers, 2024.) Aquilina brings to this easy to read (and hard to put down) book a wonderful balance: a careful review of the historical sources on the one hand and a deep appreciation for the life and lasting legacy of a saint who so effectively brought the Catholic faith to Ireland on the other. It isn't easy to write a history of a saint who is the only eyewitness to the entire fifth century of Ireland - whose writings still remain with us. While St. Patrick has two works that are unmistakably his own—his *Letter to the Soldiers of Coroticus* and his *Confession*—his massive popularity and the relatively late date of other writings about him make it notoriously difficult for historians to distinguish the factual underpinnings of the many stories about him from fanciful additions later on.

As the author notes:

In some ways, we know very little about St. Patrick. We don't even know when he was born, when he came to Ireland, or when he died. Various sources give us all those dates, but they give us different dates.

In another way, though, we know everything that's really important about St. Patrick. We know him from the inside—how he thought and how he felt. We know him because he put his heart and soul into his own writings. Those writings are a terrible frustration for historians, because Patrick never mentions dates and doesn't see the point of sticking to a chronological order. But for those of us who want to know the inner heart of a saint, the whole man is there in what he wrote.

Aquilina has done his research, without making his book overly academic. He has authored a concise (136 pages), engaging, down-to-earth, and yet inspiring portrait of St. Patrick that helps us come to know and relate to him more deeply than before.

Here is an excerpt from the book:

As he prayed, Patrick began to undergo a deep conversion. He recognized the sins of his former life, and he was grateful to God for the opportunity to detach himself from them. He saw his present difficulties as a blessing.

Now, after I came to Ireland, tending flocks was my daily occupation; and constantly I used to pray in the daytime. Love of God and the fear of him increased more and more, and faith grew, and the spirit was moved, so that in one day [I would say] as many as a hundred prayers, and at night nearly as many, so that I used to stay even in the woods and on the mountain [to this end]. And before daybreak I used to be roused to prayer, in snow, in frost, in rain; and I felt no hurt; nor was there any sluggishness in me—as I now see, because then the spirit was fervent within me.

Six years passed this way. Patrick developed a deep intimacy with God the Trinity. Patrick saw this intimacy as a grace—and it was. But grace builds upon nature. His experience of prayer in the cold nights of Ireland is a tribute, too, to the lessons his parents and the town clergy had tried to instill in him. Something stuck.

You can order *St. Patrick and His World* as a paperback or e-book from Scepter Publishers or from Amazon for \$15.95. This would be a great way to enter the life and world of our holy patron, so that he can be more present in ours.

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**As St. Patrick was drawn to God in the long silences of his life as a slave and a shepherd, so in today's Gospel some Greek pilgrims are drawn to God in Jerusalem during the tumultuous feast of Passover, and said to Philip, *We would like to see Jesus.***

Jesus attracts us, draws us to himself. He provides a motive to follow him that is stronger than the inertia that mires us in lesser things, to things that cannot deliver what they promise.

Some Greeks, converts to Judaism who had come to Jerusalem for the Passover, were drawn to Jesus. They told Philip that they would like to see Jesus. Why did they want to see him? Perhaps they had heard of the healings he had done, the miracles he had worked, the man named Lazarus he had raised from the dead.

But Jesus gives a strange answer to this request to see him, relayed to him through his disciples Philip and Andrew. In effect, he tells them that he cannot be truly seen for who he is until he is lifted up on the cross. Even though his signs have already begun to draw many people to him, when he is lifted up he will draw *everyone* to himself.

He draws everyone to himself by being lifted up on a cross in an hour of desolation and pain. This is a strange way of drawing everyone, for this seems more of a defeat than a victory, more an embarrassment than a glory. Yet in the heart of this desolation there is glory, because when everything else is stripped away, there is something that cannot be conquered: a love stronger than death. It is that love that attracts us, draws us to him. It is this strange combination of suffering and glory that imprints itself on our heart, and does not leave us.

How, then, do we see Jesus?

*Whoever serves me must follow me,  
and where I am, there also will my servant be.*

When we pray the Stations of the cross, we following Jesus in his suffering for us. And yet, even though we see his suffering, we are drawn towards him, because we see that he suffers because of his love for us.

For example, consider the sixth station of the cross: Veronica meets Jesus on the way, and wipes his face with her veil. This small act of kindness leaves an imprint of the face of Christ on her veil.

We are Veronica: we have each been given an image of Christ to keep, to hold dear, written on our hearts.

What does Veronica see in the face of Jesus?

A face that draws her.

A face that is weary, the face of a man whose life is slipping away. Despite all of this, his is a face that somehow still draws her to him, in the violence and chaos of the execution. There is a gentleness, a welcome, that is irresistible.

Why? We see in him our weakness, our failure, our chaos. But we also see in him an unconquerable spirit—for we sense that there is something unconquerable in us, too. Something even death cannot conquer, or time erode. It is an unconquerable love, stronger than death, that cannot be corrupted. A love, in fact, that reverses corruption, and renews, restores to innocence.

A face that forgives.

A face that is mocked and crowned with thorns, but responds with mercy. As we heard in the first reading, to be forgiven is to know God: "All, from least to greatest, shall know me, says the Lord, for I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sin no more." This new covenant takes away our sins—and helps us know God.

When Jesus is lifted up on the cross, he overthrows the rule of Satan over the world. Jesus also breaks our own bonds—whatever holds us back from knowing and loving God.

A face that inspires courage to follow.

A face that is beaten, but not conquered. Jesus learned obedience through what he suffered—in his human nature—and has become the source of eternal salvation for all who obey *him*. We don't need to blaze a new trail. We need only to follow the one who has already found the way.

In this image, imprinted on Veronica's veil, and indelibly on her heart, is the new covenant, a covenant of infinite mercy, a covenant that burns through all false images of God. For this *is* the face of God.

If we walk with Christ on his way to the cross, in his hour of suffering, if we try to console him as Veronica did or help him as Simon did, we will be given a renewed image of God that will sustain us, and give us courage to follow. We will see Jesus.

If we look, we will see the face of Jesus all around us. That strange but attractive combination of weakened but unconquered.

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In the smile of a handicapped young man being pushed by his mother in a wheelchair.

In the confident eyes of a grandmother or grandfather praying, year after year, for their children and grandchildren who have drifted away from their faith.

In the welcome one family gives to someone new in our parish, even if they feel alone and new themselves.

Even when we see suffering, we see the beginnings of glory, we see an unconquerable love.

We sometimes feel stuck. Inertia makes it difficult to step forward, to keep going, to take delight in following the way of Christ.

What is it in our lives that holds us back from truly seeing and knowing Jesus?

In these last weeks of Lent, let us ask Jesus to help us recognize him and know him in our own lives, so that we may be *drawn* to him, be *forgiven* by him, and be inspired with the *courage* to follow him with abandon.

Peace,

Fr. Stephen, O.P.

### PASSIONTIDE AND THE VEILING OF IMAGES

The first several weeks of Lent are focused on Christ's fasting and temptation in the desert, with lessons urging the faithful to practice self-denial and ongoing conversion. Today on the Fifth Sunday of Lent, the season takes a dramatic turn. Traditionally, the Fifth Week of Lent and Holy Week are known collectively as "Passiontide," as the prayers and readings of the liturgy start to focus directly on Christ's coming Passion and death. One way Passiontide is typically observed is the *veiling* of all crosses and statues in the church, which we do at St. Patrick's. Part of this is penitential – the sorrow of these days makes us cover any signs of joy, such as sacred art. Another part of this practice is preparatory – crosses are covered from now until Good Friday, when the cross will be lifted high and unveiled by the priest for all the people to venerate during the Celebration of the Lord's Passion. Likewise, statues are covered until the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday, when they will be seen again in the light of the Paschal candle.

### HOSPITALITY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

To make St. Patrick's an even more welcoming parish – to our visiting guests (Catholic and non-Catholic), new parishioners and existing parishioners – the parish will be implementing a ***Hospitality Initiative*** later this spring and summer. In addition to enhanced facility signage and printed materials, a team of Hospitality volunteers is being formed. **Please prayerfully consider serving on this Hospitality team – we need 20+ volunteers.**

Hospitality volunteers will be stationed in Patrick Hall and the East entrance/Gallery area, will welcome our parishioners and guests, and answer questions regarding the parish, its facilities, Mass at St. Patrick's, parish/CCD registration, etc. Volunteers will also enhance the security of our parish by identifying any suspicious individuals or behavior and reporting it to the parish security team.

Volunteer shifts will be before and after all weekend Masses, and during Mass for a couple of the Sunday Masses (9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.) Duration of a shift will be between 20 minutes and an hour. Scheduling will be flexible; the frequency of your scheduled shifts will depend on the number of volunteers.

**Hospitality volunteers (men and women are welcome) must be registered parishioners, age 18+ and compliant with Protecting God's Children (if not PGC compliant, the parish will help with that process).** Volunteers will need to attend an April training session.

If interested in volunteering for the Hospitality team, or if you have questions, please contact Mike Melliere, Sr. no later than March 20<sup>th</sup> by email, text or phone at [michaelmelliere85@gmail.com](mailto:michaelmelliere85@gmail.com) or 614-214-7179.

*"Those who show hospitality grow richer, not poorer. Whoever gives, receives in return."* – Pope Francis

### BULLETIN DEADLINES – Take Note!

The deadline for the March 24 bulletin is March 15.  
The deadline for the March 31 bulletin is March 19.  
The deadline for the April 7 bulletin is March 26.

**EASTER NOVENA of MASSES:** Novena enrollments and Easter cards are available in the gallery to enroll your loved ones in the St. Patrick Easter Novena of Masses that begins on Easter Sunday and continues through the Octave of Easter. To participate, please fill out the envelope and return to the parish office.

# 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, March 16

5 p.m. *Vigil* +Larry Letzelter

## SUNDAY, March 17 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

7:00 a.m. +Robert D. and MaryFrances Livingston

9:00 a.m. +Dominic Cheeseman

10:30 a.m. Parishioners and Benefactors

12:00 p.m. Helen Richards; *Ad Orientem*

*3<sup>rd</sup> Scrutiny in preparation for the Baptism of the catechumens to be admitted to the Sacraments of Christian Initiation at the Easter Vigil*

1:15 p.m. Baptisms: *Theodore Bentley Hollback-Carter and Aylie Elise Giffin*

## MONDAY, March 18 – Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m. +Vilma Negron

11:45 a.m. dec. parents, benefactors, familiars, Brothers and Sisters of Order of Preachers

12:15 p.m. *Confessions*

## TUESDAY, March 19 – St. Joseph (S)

7:00 a.m. +Don Schaad

11:45 a.m. +Ray Tonneman (Mass with music)

12:15 p.m. *Confessions*

## WEDNESDAY, March 20 – Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m. +Gerard J. Tracy

11:45 a.m. Liv./dec. members of the St. Margaret Guild

12:15 p.m. *Confessions*

## THURSDAY, March 21 – Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m. +Stephen Muetzel

11:45 a.m. Francis and Elizabeth Hodos

12:15 p.m. *Confessions*

## FRIDAY, March 22 – Lenten Weekday

### Lenten Day of Abstinence

7:00 a.m. John and Ann Arcscott

11:45 a.m. Mark Conway

12:15 p.m. *Confessions*

7:00 p.m. *Lenten Stations of the Cross*

8:00 p.m. *All Night Adoration for Vocations*

## SATURDAY, March 23 – Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m. +Bill Schirtzinger

5 p.m. *Vigil* +Karen Pfahl

## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD – March 24

*The Solemn Entrance begins in the back of the church preceding the 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass, the 9:00 a.m. and the 10:30 a.m. Masses; the procession begins in Patrick Hall preceding the noon Mass.*

7:00 a.m. +Robert Moloney

9:00 a.m. Sophia M. Dean

10:30 a.m. James Meier, *100<sup>th</sup> birthday!* Parishioners and Benefactors; *Ad Orientem*

12:00 p.m. *Altar Boy Practice for Holy Thursday*

2:00 p.m. *Altar Boy Practice for Good Friday*

4:00 p.m.

# Dates to Remember

*The parish library is open 10 a.m. to 12 noon on Sundays.*

## Sunday, March 17

*40 Days for Life Sign-up*

10:15 a.m. CCD

## Monday, March 18

2:00 p.m. Confirmation Interviews (Library)

6:15 p.m. Confirmation Interviews (Library)

6:30 p.m. AHG (Patrick, Aquinas, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor)

7:00 p.m. Choir (Church)

## Tuesday, March 19

7:00 p.m. Chesterton Academy of St. Benedict H.S. Presentation (Aquinas)

7:00 p.m. Youth Ministry (PH, Lib., CH)

## Wednesday, March 20

*40 Days for Life Parish Witness Day*

9:30 a.m. FIAT90 Book Club (Kolbe)

12:30 p.m. Post-abortion Support Ministry (Library)

6:15 p.m. Confirmation Interviews (Library)

7:00 p.m. R.C.I.A. (Aquinas)

7:00 p.m. Choir (Church)

7:00 p.m. Mary-Martha Sewing (Kolbe)

7:30 p.m. Catholic in Recovery (Library, dePorres)

## Thursday, March 21

9:30 a.m. Mary-Martha Sewing (Kolbe)

6:15 p.m. Confirmation Interviews (Library)

7:00 p.m. Rosary Confraternity (Kolbe)

7:00 p.m. Evangelical Training (Aquinas)

7:00 p.m. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth Ministry (PH, Lib., CH)

## Friday, March 22

5:00 p.m. K of C Fish Fry (Patrick)

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (Church)

8:00 p.m. All Night Vigil for Vocations (Church)

## Saturday, March 23

*Church Cleaning for Easter, 8:30 a.m. (Volunteers)*

7:30 a.m. That Man is You (Aquinas)

9:00 a.m. Confirmation Interviews (Library)

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

## MARTHA-MARY CIRCLE ANNOUNCEMENT

M/M will not meet on Wednesday evening or Thursday morning of Holy Week (March 27-28.) M/M will not meet the following Wednesday evening (April 3.) We resume sessions on Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. and then again on Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Questions? Call or text Eunice at (740) 403-2960.



## EASTER FLOWERS IN MEMORIAM

Offerings are being accepted in memory of deceased family and friends of St. Patrick's to help offset the cost of Easter flowers and decorations.

*In Memoriam* envelopes are included in the monthly packet or you may use the form below. Place donation and list of *In Memoriam* names in the collection basket or return to the parish office by March 22 for inclusion in the bulletin.

**In Memoriam names received in the office by March 22 will be printed in the Easter bulletin.**

**Please write legibly!**

I am offering a donation in honor of or in memory of those listed here:

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**Please note:** If including your Easter flower donation in your regular Sunday offering envelope, please clearly indicate the amount of the donation for the Easter flowers. Names received by March 22 will be included in the bulletin. Thank you.

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

### **PALM SUNDAY – March 24**

*The Solemn Entrance begins in the back of the church preceding the 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass, the 9:00 a.m. and the 10:30 a.m. Masses; the procession begins in Patrick Hall preceding the noon Mass.*

**Masses:** Saturday Vigil at 5:00 p.m.; Sunday morning at 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12 Noon

### **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday of Holy Week** **March 25, 26, 27**

**Masses:** 7:00 a.m. and 11:45 a.m.

**Confessions:** 12:15 p.m.

**Eucharistic Adoration:** 12:15-7:00 p.m.

**Solemn Vespers; Benediction (Incense):** 7:00 p.m.

**Confessions:** 7:30 p.m.

**Monday Intention:** *Peace in the world and the safety of our men and women in the Armed Forces and especially the sons and daughters of St. Patrick Parish.*

**Tuesday Intention:** *Compassion, respect, and appreciation of the dignity of all human life.*

**Wednesday Intention:** *Vocations to Christian Life; Single, Married, Religious and Clergy.*

### **HOLY THURSDAY – March 28**

**Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper (Incense):** 7:00 p.m.

**Procession to the Repository** in Patrick Hall at the conclusion of Mass.

**Confessions** will be heard after the procession.

**Eucharistic Adoration** in Patrick Hall until Midnight

**Sermo Dominicus:** 11:30 p.m.

**Compline:** 11:50 p.m.

### **GOOD FRIDAY – March 29**

*Day of Fast and Abstinence*

**The Seven Last Words of Christ:** 12 Noon-3:00 p.m.

**Confessions:** 12 Noon-2:45 p.m.

**Celebration of the Lord's Passion:** 3:00 p.m.

**Tenebrae:** 7:30 p.m.

### **HOLY SATURDAY – March 30**

*No Confessions today.*

**Easter Vigil in the Holy Night (Incense):** 9:00 p.m.

*Reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist for those persons entering the Catholic Church.*

### **EASTER SUNDAY**

#### **The Resurrection of the Lord, March 31**

*No Confessions today.*

**Masses** at 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. (Incense) and 12 Noon (Incense)



**Stations of the Cross**

Friday evenings at 7 p.m. at St. Patrick

# 40 DAYS OF LENT

## What is the Easter Duty Obligation?

Each of the faithful, after having received their first Holy Communion, is obliged to receive Holy Communion during the Easter season (Canon 920). This is traditionally linked to the requirement to confess grave sins at least once a year (Canon 989).

## What is Fast and Abstinence?

Fasting is the limitation of food, allowing a person to eat one full meal and two smaller meals, with no solid foods eaten between meals. The two smaller meals combined should not exceed the amount eaten at the full meal. All Catholics over the age of 18 and who have not yet completed their 60<sup>th</sup> year are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Abstinence prohibits the eating of meat (beast or fowl), though eggs, milk, and cheese are permitted. All Catholics 14 years old and older are obliged to abstain on Ash Wednesday, all the Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday.

## Listen to Catholic Radio AM 820 this Lent

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## HOLY WEEK EUCHARISTIC ADORATION March 25, 26, and 27

On the Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of Holy Week, St. Patrick's will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from the conclusion of the 11:45 a.m. Mass until the start of Solemn Vespers at 7:00 p.m. **We invite you to sign up for an hour of Eucharistic Adoration on these days.** Please see the sign-up sheet on the table in the Gallery.

# 40 DAYS FOR LIFE™

**Wednesday, March 20, 2024**

**7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

**Join St. Patrick parishioners  
for a silent, prayerful witness at:  
Planned Parenthood, 3255 E. Main St., Columbus**

**Sign up in the parish gallery for an hour of  
peaceful witness!**

Visit [gcrtl.org/40-days-for-life](http://gcrtl.org/40-days-for-life) or contact Gabriel Vance at [gabriel@catholicsforlife.us](mailto:gabriel@catholicsforlife.us) for information. **Sign-up sheets are located at church exits. A sign-up table will also be at our east gallery entrance this weekend.**

## 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:** March 20 (continuing 3<sup>rd</sup> Weds. of the month)

**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

**2024 VBS REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW.** Go to the parish website to register. PRIORITY REGISTRATION FOR PARISHIONERS THROUGH APRIL 21<sup>st</sup>. VBS registration closes on May 1, 2024. VBS dates are June 24-28, 2024.

**2024-25 CCD REGISTRATION:** Go to the parish website to register. Priority registration for registered parishioners through Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup>. Non-parishioners may register after that day. (If they register before, they will be put on a waiting list, to be added after July 21.)

Questions? Contact Sister Leonarda at 614-240-5912 or [sisterop@stpatrickcolumbus.org](mailto:sisterop@stpatrickcolumbus.org).





**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED  
FOR EASTER CHURCH CLEANING**

**March 23, 2024 - 8:30-11:00 a.m.**

We provide cleaning products, and ask that you bring a bucket and rags. Invite your family and friends to help, too! Please sign up in the gallery and let us know you are coming! Contact [joetesta9@icloud.com](mailto:joetesta9@icloud.com).

**Women's Club  
Get Ready to Bake!**

**SPRING BAKE+CRAFT SALE**

**April 27-28, 2024**

All women are invited to join us this Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> in Aquinas Hall at 10:30 a.m. for our bake sale planning meeting! Want to keep up to date on the Women's Club happenings? Contact: Anne: [annepnpm@gmail.com](mailto:annepnpm@gmail.com).



**FRIDAY FISH FRY**

**Join us for the final Fish Fry on March 22!**

**5-7 p.m. in Patrick Hall**

Baked Fish or Battered Fried Cod, Choice of Potato: Fries, Baked Potato (white or sweet), Macaroni and Cheese, Cole Slaw, Beverage, Dessert

Adult: \$10 \* Senior: \$8 \* Children: \$6



**CHESTERTON ACADEMY  
OF ST. BENEDICT**

**Coming to Columbus, Fall 2024**, a classical high school in the Catholic Tradition – Chesterton Academy of St. Benedict (grades 9-12.) **Learn about the school from the founding team at an info session on Tuesday, March 19, 7-8 p.m. in Aquinas Hall.** For details and to RSVP, visit: [www.chestertonacademystbenedict.org](http://www.chestertonacademystbenedict.org) or contact Stephanie Thornton, 330-328-7057.



**SAVE THE DATE**

**APRIL 20, 2024**

**PASTA and MEATBALL  
DINNER**



**REGINA CAELI ACADEMY OF COLUMBUS**

Regina Caeli Academy of Columbus is a new **classical liberal arts school in the Catholic tradition**, founded by parishioners of St. Patrick Church. Serving grades K-8, RCAC will open in the fall of 2024 for Kindergarten. We invite you to learn more at our **Virtual Open House!** Visit: [www.rcacolumbus.com/news-and-events](http://www.rcacolumbus.com/news-and-events) to register. Have questions? We'd love to connect with you! Email: [info@rcacolumbus.com](mailto:info@rcacolumbus.com) or call Jenn (614) 902-0118.



**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS AND EDCHOICE:** Catholic schools are renowned for helping students grow in virtue and academic excellence...and are now more affordable for all families!

Ohio is blessed with 301 Catholic K-8 schools and 72 Catholic high schools across the state with a good number of them in Central Ohio. Perhaps you have considered a Catholic education for your children, but found it to be cost prohibitive. If so, now is the time to look again at a Catholic school!

Now ALL Ohio students qualify for the EdChoice program. A family of four making \$140,400 per year or less is eligible for a full scholarship for each child in the amount of \$6,166 for K-8 and \$8,408 for grades 9-12. Families above that income level are eligible for scholarships awarded on a sliding scale based on income and household size, with no less than \$650 awarded per child.

Generous scholarships are also available for special needs students as well as students with Autism.

The best way to learn more is by contacting the Catholic K-8 or high school you are interested in having your child attend. They will walk you through the entire process and help determine the scholarship amount per child for your family. To learn more about EdChoice Scholarship opportunities, visit [www.ohiocathconf.org/edchoice](http://www.ohiocathconf.org/edchoice).

| <b>Sunday Collection 3/10/24</b>                     | <u>Actual</u>      | <u>Budget</u>      | <u>Over/Under</u>     |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Weekly Offertory:                                    | \$24,889.55        | \$30,169.00        | \$(5,279.45)          |
| Other Income ( <i>parish activities, programs</i> ): | \$ 1,138.00        | \$ 1,474.00        | \$ (336.00)           |
| Capital Repair Fund (Pipe Organ)                     | \$ 114.00          | \$ 125.00          | \$ (11.00)            |
| <b>Total Income:</b>                                 | <b>\$26,141.55</b> | <b>\$31,768.00</b> | <b>\$(5,626.45)</b>   |
| Year to Date Offertory:                              | <u>YTD Actual</u>  | <u>YTD Budget</u>  | <u>YTD Over/Under</u> |
|  | \$987,603.87       | \$929,670.00       | \$57,933.87           |

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**2<sup>nd</sup> Collections (Diocesan, Dominican, Other)**

|   |                   |
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| Little Margaret's Charity:                              | \$ 227.00         |
| Catholic Relief Services:                               | \$ 908.50         |
| Diocesan Seminarian Formation:                          | \$ 685.00         |
| Central and Eastern Europe:                             | \$ 476.00         |
| Lenten Mission Preacher:                                | \$ 287.00         |
| Easter Flowers:   | \$ 70.00          |
| Holy Land/Good Friday:                                  | \$ 35.00          |
| J.O.I.N./Ash Wednesday:                                 | \$ 10.00          |
| Ukraine Relief – Dominican Sisters:                     | \$ 30.00          |
| <b>Total Offerings from 2<sup>nd</sup> Collections:</b> | <b>\$2,728.50</b> |



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## C.R.A.S.E. TRAINING - Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> 12-3 p.m. in Aquinas Hall

**Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events Training:** St. Patrick Church and the Columbus Division of Police will offer another important C.R.A.S.E. training session on Saturday, April 27, 2024 at 12 Noon to help increase our awareness and preparedness during a potential active shooter scenario (with the hope we never need it.)

The more aware we, as a community, are of how to handle these potentially chaotic situations, the more help we can be to each other and the police response team in a crisis situation. We encourage all members of ministries and the parish community at large to participate in this training event. (Please, no one under 16 years of age, though.)

The training session consists of a seminar and a facility walk-through. All ages and physicality are welcome. For the benefit of St. Patrick Parish, we ask that you make room in your schedule to accommodate a training session.

**Reserve your place by calling the parish office at 614-240-5910 or emailing [office@stpatrickcolumbus.org](mailto:office@stpatrickcolumbus.org).**

## ***Presenting an incredibly unique opportunity!***

Join *Godsplaining* Friars, Fr. Gregory Pine and Fr. Bonaventure Chapman, for a Day of Recollection! Register at: <https://godsplaining.org/events-2/eucharist-sign-and-sacrament/>

# ***Godsplaining Day of Recollection*** **Saturday, April 6, 2024, in Patrick Hall** ***Eucharist: Sign and Sacrament***



## **EUCCHARIST: SIGN AND SACRAMENT**

**Godsplaining Day of Recollection**

hosted by Fr. Gregory Pine &  
Fr. Bonaventure Chapman

**St. Patrick Church**  
Columbus, Ohio  
April 6th, 2024

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**All are welcome!**

### **Schedule**

**9:00 a.m. – Welcome | Conference | Break**  
**10:00 a.m. – First Podcast | Break**  
**11:00 a.m. – Adoration and Confession**  
**12:15 p.m. – Mass**  
**1:00 p.m. – Lunch Break**  
**2:00 p.m. – Conference | Break**  
**3:00 p.m. – Second Podcast | End**

**CONVERSATION FOR CONVERSION:** *Godsplaining* is a podcast hosted by five Dominican friars of the Province of St. Joseph. In each episode, they help you to deepen your faith, pray with confidence, and tackle today's difficult issues. Taking ideas from the Church's Scriptures and tradition, they bring them to bear on life's most urgent questions. So, tune in, as they converse to convert. The friars of *Godsplaining* are priests in the Order of Preachers, better known as the Dominicans, a religious order founded in 1216 by St. Dominic to preach the truth of the Gospel for the salvation of souls. For over 800 years, the Dominican friars have sought to form hearts and minds through their preaching and their witness to Christ. On *Godsplaining*, the friars share the fruits of their prayer and study as contemplative preachers in a contemporary age.



# Catholic in Recovery

St. Patrick's Library  
Wednesdays from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Catholic in Recovery invites you to join us for our weekly meeting at St. Patrick Church. We meet every Wednesday evening from 7:30-8:30 p.m. and 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 12 steps of recovery with the sacraments of our Catholic Church. If you struggle with alcohol, drugs, food, gambling, pornography or sex, please join us for a safe place to work through your recovery. We also want to welcome those who have friends and family struggling with addiction issues.

If you have questions, please contact:  
Jon Weaver at 614-588-4022  
[circolumbus@gmail.com](mailto:circolumbus@gmail.com) \*\*\* [www.catholicinrecovery.com](http://www.catholicinrecovery.com)

*If you cannot meet us at St. Patrick, please join us at  
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Monday evenings from 8:00-9:00 p.m.*



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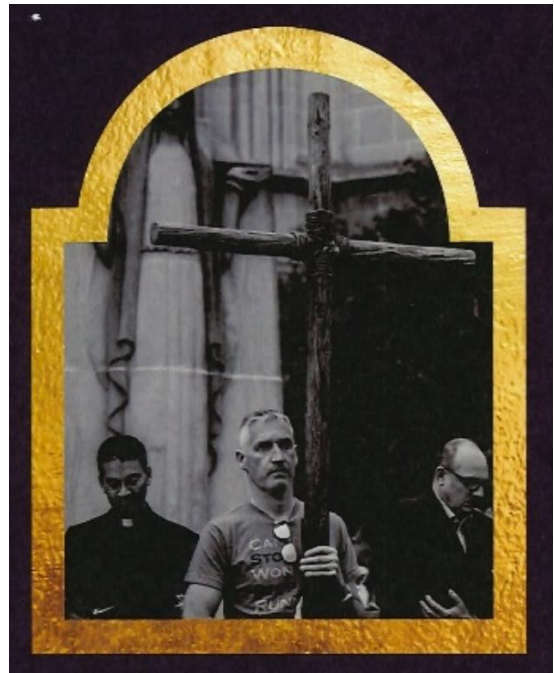
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## THE WAY OF THE CROSS

*In Downtown Columbus*

**March 29th**

Procession will start and end at  
St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St.  
2:00-4:00 p.m.

*The Most Rev. Earl K. Fernandes, Bishop of Columbus  
will lead the walk and the reflections.*

The Way of the Cross happens in the heart of a city where millions of people carry their daily cross, most of the time dreadfully alone: "If God exists, He has nothing to do with my daily life." This is the true cross of every day, the cross of a person abandoned only to himself in his innermost need for never-ending love, truth, beauty, and justice. We need the presence of "God with us," Jesus every day. And Jesus, because of the sacrifice of His cross and because of His resurrection, dwells among us, every day.

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