

ST. PATRICK PARISH

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BULLETIN DEADLINE

The deadline for items to be placed in the bulletin is Friday at 12 Noon.

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday and Friday
9:00 am—2:00 pm
Closed Tuesdays, Wednesday,
and Thursdays



SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday Vigil.....5:00 pm
Sunday.....9:30 am
Weekdays.....see schedule

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays—4:15 pm to 4:45 pm
Sundays—8:45 am to 9:15 am

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Normally celebrated on Sunday and are encouraged at a Sunday Eucharist. Baptism preparation is required.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements must be made one year in advance. Marriage preparation is required.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

A family member must notify the parish office if a parishioner is hospitalized or confined to home. Eucharist is brought to the homebound on the third Sunday of each month.

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 27, 2022

Masses For The Week

Saturday, March 26: Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Lent
5:00 pm—For all Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Patrick Parish

Sunday, March 27: Fourth Sunday of Lent
9:30 am—James & George Geibel—Family

Monday, March 28: Lenten Weekday
6:00 pm—Joe & Minnie Curran—Estate

Tuesday, March 29: Lenten Weekday
9:00 am—Jennie Stimac—Forster Family

Wednesday, March 30: Lenten Weekday
9:00 am—Lois Sirich—Young At Heart

Thursday, March 31: Lenten Weekday
9:00 am—Mary Lou Kinkela—St. Paddy’s Ladies Group

Friday, April 1: Lenten Weekday
9:00 am—Cathy Coe—Phyllis

Saturday, April 2: Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Lent
5:00 pm—Raymond C. & Mildred Henderson—Chris

Sunday, April 3: Fifth Sunday of Lent
9:30 am—For all Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Patrick Parish

Upcoming Events

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| March 28 | Bible Study in the hall (after 6 pm Mass) |
| March 30 | Stations of the Cross at 6 pm |
| March 31 | Penance Service—St. Lawrence in Cadogan at 6:30 pm |
| April 1 | Fish Dinner in the hall 4 pm to 6:30 pm |
| April 2 | Penance Service—St. Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe in Kittanning at Noon |
| April 4 | Penance Service—St. Patrick Parish in Brady’s Bend at 6:30 pm |

We are beloved sons and daughters whom the Father awaits and celebrates.

In the tradition of the Church, the Fourth Sunday of Lent has been know as Laetare Sunday. The name comes from the first word of today’s entrance antiphon in Latin, laetare meaning “rejoice.” With Easter Sunday now twenty-one days away, we are symbolically at the midpoint of Lent, and the Church takes a moment to rejoice. Today’s readings are rich with the spirit of celebration, as we are invited to “taste and see the goodness of the Lord.” At the heart of the liturgy is today’s Gospel, the famous “parable of the prodigal son.” While the joy of the Father is an obvious example of celebration, we learn from this Gospel that not everyone shares equally in his joy.

The Father can be described as generous, patient, compassionate, forgiving, merciful and joyful. He begins by generously giving the younger son his share of the inheritance. He patiently waits for his son’s return, never giving up hope. When the son does return, the merciful father meets him with tender compassion and forgiveness. The Father is filled with joy because, as he puts it, “this son of mine was dead and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found.”

The younger son can be described as greedy, selfish, entitled, irresponsible, short-sighted, and immoral. He wants his inheritance even before his father has died. The older son can be described as resentful, proud, angry, self-righteousness and ungrateful. He dutifully obeyed his father, but not out of love. He believed he was doing everything right and yet was never acknowledged or rewarded.

The parable challenges us. Any parent who has had a child go astray can certainly relate to the father who is overjoyed upon his return. God is merciful, the father is merciful, this is God’s greatest attribute. He is mercy itself—overflowing, generous, forgiving, healing and joy-filled! In the second reading, St. Paul speaks of the reconciliation that this parable demonstrates, “And all this is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ.” We are called to be ambassadors of this reconciliation.

Pondering the Word—The Anawim Way

Bishop Larry J. Kulick asks the faithful of the Diocese of Greensburg to assist the Ukrainian Nation and its people by praying for them as this tragic conflict unfolds. Please visit the Diocese website to find a daily prayer to say in your home. The website also includes a video of Bishop’s Lenten Reflection for Ukraine. Additionally, if you would like to make a donation to Catholic Relief Services to help families affected in Ukraine, please visit the Diocese website. CRS partner Caritas Poland assists Ukrainians crossing into Poland for safety and nearly 3 million people are in need of help. The website is DioceseofGreensburg.org/HelpForUkraine.



Liturgical Ministers for April 2-3

| Mass Time | Saturday | Sunday |
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| Lectors | Monica A. | Kitty M. |
| EMoC | Ann T. | Peggy W. |
| Altar Server | Karen T. | Peggy W. Joey O. |

Lector Needed: A second lector is needed for Palm Sunday vigil Mass on Saturday, April 9th. Please sign up on the schedule found on the bulletin board.

Ushers

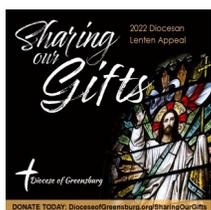
Beginning next weekend, April 2-3, the volunteer position of Mass helper will cease and ushers will resume taking up the collection and then presenting the offertory and gifts, when family members are not present.

As a reminder, all ushers must have their clearances, which many do. If you do not, please contact the parish office for assistance in completing the process. If you are unsure if you are complaint, please contact the office.

Fish Dinner

Fish Dinners will continue every Friday until April 8 from 4 pm to 6:30 pm. You may dine in or take out. Take out orders may be placed in advance by calling 724-526-5180 after 4 pm.

Thank you to the many volunteers who have been helping with the dinners. *It's great to be back!*



"Sharing our Gifts" 2022 Diocesan Lenten Appeal

Diocesan Goal: \$22,434

Parish Goal: \$5,000

Total Goal: \$27,434

Parishioner pledges received to date: \$5,935

Parishioner Participation: 15%

Thank you to everyone who has pledged to the appeal. The amount shown above contains contributions received as of Monday, March 21st. Pledges sent directly to the diocese are received every Tuesday or Wednesday. The thermometer found in the narthex contains updated information as of the Friday before weekend Masses.

If you did not receive a form in the mail, extra forms are available in the narthex. Please prayerfully consider your pledge.

Faith Formation News

Preschool—Grade 5: Faith Formation will be held immediately following Mass on Sunday. Just a reminder, please stay with your child until the teachers are in the classrooms. Faith Formation will end at 11:45 am. Parents must meet their children at their classrooms and sign them out.

Grades 6th & 7th Confirmation Prep will meet next Sunday, April 10, from 6 pm to 7:30 pm in the hall.

Youth Group (grades 8 through 12) will meet next Sunday, April 10, from 6 pm to 7:30 pm in the hall.

Stewardship of Treasure

| | <u>March 19-20</u> | <u>Year-To-Date</u> |
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| Adult Offertory | \$2,610.75 | \$108,487.50 |
| Children Offertory | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Loose | <u>\$20.00</u> | <u>\$2,364.06</u> |
| Total | \$2,630.75 | \$110,851.56 |
| Budget | <u>\$3,600.00</u> | <u>\$136,800.00</u> |
| Difference | -\$969.25 | -\$25,948.44 |
| Easter Flowers | \$170.00 | |

St. Paddy's Ladies Group

Designer Purses & More Party

Sunday, May 15, 2022

Doors Open at Noon ... Raffle begins at 1 pm

"Carry-All Satchel" Ticket..... \$30 donation

Tickets available from Jan Bishop at 724-756- 5015 or Anne Harmon at 724-526-5166. Winners need not be present to win. Event will be virtual if unforeseen circumstances occur. All proceeds will support our "Works of Mercy Program" which assists families in need within our local community.

FORMED

Just a reminder that our parish has a great tool to assist you during Lent. Formed offers many movies, videos, Bible studies, and books that will help enhance your Lenten experience. Below are just a few:

Living Lent as a Family

For kids: Lent with Brother Francis

The Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Shroud of Turin

Glimpses along the Way of the Cross

Logon to www.formed.org and establish an account.