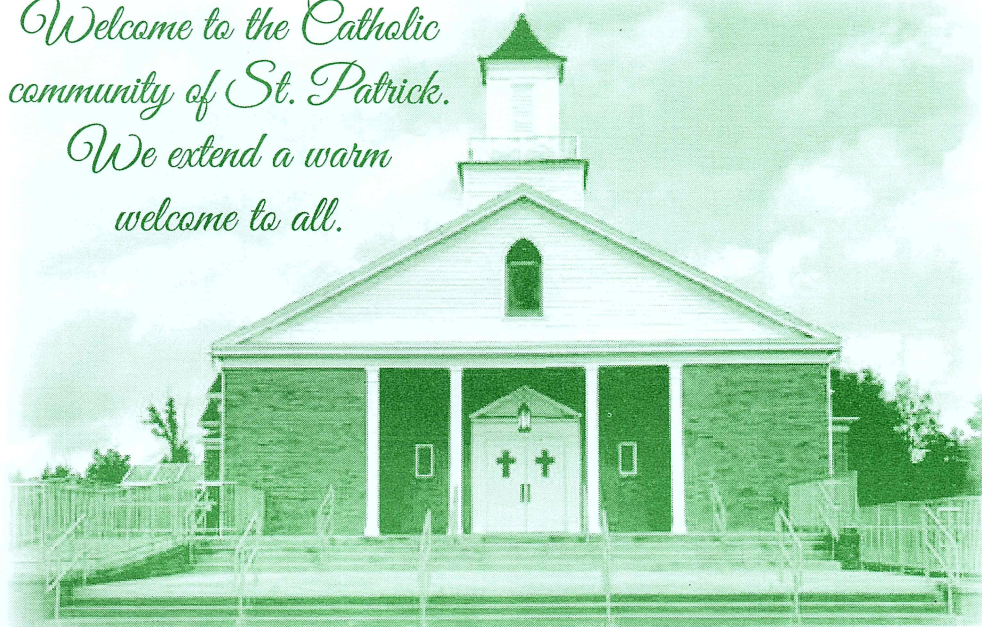


# St. Patrick Church

*Welcome to the Catholic  
community of St. Patrick.*

*We extend a warm  
welcome to all.*



## **PARISH STAFF:**

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Rev. Stephen M. Spisak, Parochial Vicar

Deacon Phillip Kraynik

Deacon Robert Schwartz

Mrs. Marilyn Schwartz, Parish Catechetical Leader

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Linda Ropchock, Bookkeeper

## **WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE:**

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 9:30 am

## **WEEKDAY MASSES:**

Monday—Thursday, 8:45 am

Check bulletin for cancellations.

## **HOLY DAY MASSES:**

Check bulletin for schedule.

## **RECONCILIATION:**

Saturdays, 3:00-3:45 pm and by  
appointment

## **HOW TO REACH US:**

St. Patrick Church

16550 Rock Creek Road

Thompson, Ohio 44086

**PARISH OFFICE:** 440-298-1327

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**OFFICE:** 440-298-1845

## **PARISH OFFICE HOURS:**

Tuesday thru Thursday 9:30 to 12:30

## **PARISH WEBSITE:**

[www.stpatrickthompson.org](http://www.stpatrickthompson.org)

**ANOIDTING OF THE SICK:** Talk with the priest following Mass or call the Parish Office to schedule a priest visit.

**BAPTISM:** Following weekend Masses, by appointment. Please call the Parish Office at least one month in advance to make arrangements. Baptism Parent Preparation classes are required for first time parents.

**MARRIAGE:** Couples should contact the Parish Office at least six months in advance, to allow for Marriage Preparation, before the proposed date of the wedding.

**R.C.I.A.:** The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is an ongoing inquiry process about the Catholic faith and traditions and about strengthening one's relationship with God. Call the Parish Office for more information.

**CARE OF THE SICK AND SHUT-INS:** Talk with the Deacon following Mass or contact the Parish Office for prayer requests and visits to the sick.

**PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION:** Grades 1-7 meet on Tuesdays, 6:15 –7:30 pm, mid- September thru early May. Grade 8, which includes preparation for Confirmation, meets on Sunday evenings at St. Mary Church, Chardon.

**SPONSOR CERTIFICATES:** For those asked to serve as a Godparent for baptism or as a Confirmation Sponsor. Certificate may be obtained at the Parish Office by registered, practicing parishioners who are Confirmed and, if married, in a valid Catholic Marriage.

**Saturday, April 24, 2021**

4:00 pm - Richard Conklin  
(Pat & Gary Verlei)

**Sunday, April 25, 2021**

9:30 am - Beverly Sapatka  
(Carole & Dan Doyle)

**Monday, April 26, 2021**

For those who died on 9/11  
(Anonymous)

**Tuesday, April 27, 2021**

Marian Husek  
(John & Mary Husek)

**Wednesday, April 28, 2021**

Steve Spisak  
(Fr. Spisak)

**Thursday, April 29, 2021**

Al Walcutt  
(William Major Family)

**Friday, April 30, 2021**

No Mass

**Saturday, May 1, 2021**

4:00 pm - John Elszasz  
(Andy & Julie Yedlick)

**Sunday, May 2, 2021**

9:30 am - George & Mae Ott  
(Ken & Elaine Bruening)

**Daily Scripture Readings****April**

26 Acts 11:1-18 / Jn 10:1-10

27 Acts 11:19-26 / Jn 10:22-30

28 Acts 12:24-13:5a / Jn 12:44-50

29 Acts 13:13-25 / Jn 13:16-20

30 Acts 13:26-33 / Jn 14:1-6

**May**

1 Acts 13:44-52 / Jn 14:7-14

2 Acts 9:26-31 / 1 Jn 3:18-24 /  
Jn 15:1-8

**Letter from the Parish**

This fourth Sunday of Easter is also known as Good Shepherd Sunday. Every year the Fourth Sunday of Easter comes from the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter of John's Gospel. In Cycle B this year, we hear the middle verses (11-18) of this chapter. In it Jesus declares himself to be the Good Shepherd: *"I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."* Jesus goes on to contrast the actions of the good shepherd with the actions of the hired shepherd who abandons the sheep in the face of danger. Jesus tells us that the actions of the good shepherd are based upon the **relationship** that develops between the shepherd and the sheep. Again Jesus' words: *"I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep."* You can sense the relationship; you can sense the love.

To what might we compare these words of Jesus in our world today so that we might better understand the kind of relationship Jesus seeks with us? Consider the nuclear family — as it gives us a wonderful example of being both 'shepherd' and 'sheep'. Parents make sacrifices for their children not because it is required, but because it is a choice. It's rooted in love - the dynamics of a healthy family life. Parents choose to make sacrifices for their children out of love, not obligation. Christian parents model and invite their children to choose to make sacrifices for other family members and for other people, acting out of love and not simply obligation.

So on this Good Shepherd Sunday, when you gather as a family, talk about what it means to be family - and how all members can strive to be 'good shepherds'. Recall Jesus' promise to protect us from harm, to rescue us when we stray, and to guide us home at the end of the day. With Jesus and his Father as our model, how can we go wrong?

*May God bless us all.*

*Deacon Bob*

**Pro Life**

We are happy to announce our Baby Bottle fundraiser will start on Mother's Day, May 9th and end on Father's Day, June 20th. Because of the Corona Virus there are some changes in participation. Instead of coin donations we are requesting checks or paper money. There will be envelopes provided or you can go to the Parish website and choose online giving. It will be featured from Mother's Day to Father's Day. Thank you so much for your past generous donations and support. Many hearts have been changed and touched by your generosity.

<https://www.osvhub.com/stpatrickthompson/funds/pro-life-baby-bottle>

**Pro Life Prayer from St. John Paul II**

*O Mary, bright dawn of the new world, Mother of the living, to you do we entrust the cause of life: Look down, O Mother, upon the vast numbers of babies to be born, of the poor whose lives are made difficult, of men and women who are the victims of brutal violence, of the elderly and the sick killed by indifference or out of misguided mercy. Grant that all who believe in your Son may proclaim the Gospel life with honesty and love to the people of our time. Obtain for them the grace to accept the Gospel as a gift ever new, the joy of celebrating it with gratitude throughout their lives, and the courage to bear witness to it resolutely, in order to build, together with all people of good will, the civilization of truth and love, to praise the glory of God, the Creator and lover of life.*

**Create Your Catholic Legacy**

Give the gift of joy this Easter season. Please consider a gift to the Church through your estate plans to provide lasting support for God's work through Saint Patrick Parish. For more information please contact Father Daniel Redmond at (440) 298-1327.





### PSR News

Please pray for our second graders who will be receiving their First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at the 4 pm Mass, and for our eighth graders who will be receiving the sacrament of Confirmation this Monday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary's, Chardon. May our Lord continue to bless them and guide them as they continue on their faith journey.

Vacation Bible School is going virtual!!! "Treasured - You Are Priceless to God" will be offered virtually during the week of June 21 through June 25. You can complete the virtual VBS program during this same week or at **any time this summer!** This will **not** be done through "zoom meetings", but with 5 day lessons of videos. St. Patrick will co-ordinate with St. Mary, Chardon to bring this Virtual Vacation Bible School experience to all those who sign up. Please go to the St. Mary website ([stmarychardon.org](http://stmarychardon.org)) and click on the Religious Education tab to complete the virtual registration form. Indicate next to your address that you are from St. Patrick so that the t-shirt you receive will have our parish name on it. All students will receive a backpack with crafts, imagination experiments, Bible buddies, t-shirt, folder with Bible pages and instructions for the parents. What a great opportunity to experience Vacation Bible School in a safe environment and in a week that fits your family's schedule!

### Last Call:



We are looking for a few folks to help with spring cleanup at our St. Patrick Cemetery located at the corner of Burrows and Sidley Roads here in Thompson. We'll plan on meeting at **9:00 AM on Saturday, May 1st** (weather permitting). We have overgrown bushes to trim or remove, fallen tree limbs to cut up, soil to prep for grass seeding, weed whipping around grave monuments, removal of Christmas & winter decorations, spraying for weed control on the driveway and fence line, etc. We'll supply grass seed, weed spray and sprayer. If you have some equipment that would go with these tasks — weed whips, wheelbarrow, shovels, etc.— we would ask that you bring that with you. The plan is to be finished before the noon hour! No real 'sign-up' — just come!

Our Martha and Mary ministry is in need of a leader, and **no one has stepped forward yet!** There is very little time commitment, and having a 'point person' really helps. This service ministry pays attention to those things in the church that our weekly Molly Maids do not do. Please prayerfully consider volunteering to guide this group.



### Prayer to St. Joseph the Worker—May 1

O Glorious Saint Joseph, model of all those who are devoted to labor, obtain for me the grace to work in a spirit of penance for the expiation of my many sins; to work conscientiously, putting the call of duty above my natural inclinations; to work with thankfulness and joy, considering it an honor to employ and develop by means of labor the gifts received from God; to work with order, peace, moderation, and patience, never shrinking from weariness and trials; to work above all with purity of intention and detachment from self, keeping unceasingly before my eyes death and the account that I must give of time lost, talents unused, good omitted, and vain complacency in success, so fatal to the work of God.

All for Jesus, all through Mary, all after thy example, O Patriarch, Saint Joseph. Such shall be my watch-word in life and in death. Amen. (Composed by Pope St. Pius X)

### Parish Office Hours / Daily Mass

Our parish office is open Tuesday through Thursday from 9:30-12:30. Please call the parish office anytime to leave a message (440) 298-1327.



Thank you for your continued support of our parish ministries and operations during this difficult time.



### In a special way, we pray for:

Andrew Yedlick, Kathy Frania,  
Carol Nells, Agnes Heston,  
Maryann Major, Mary Gigliotti,  
Jim Ellis, Cliff Radie,  
Bill Skoch

and all those suffering from the coronavirus.

### WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.  
Amen.







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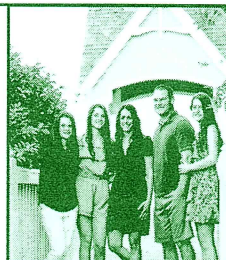
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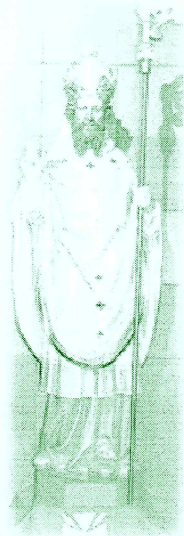
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1 Peter 4:10

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PLA

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Pro-Life

Afternoon of Prayer

Men's Sharpening Stone

Women's Reflection & Scripture

Prayer Warriors

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PSR

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## Prayer for the Faithful by St. Patrick

May the Strength of God guide us.

May the Power of God preserve us.

May the Wisdom of God instruct us.

May the Hand of God protect us.

May the Way of God direct us.

May the Shield of God defend us.

May the Angels of God guard us.

- Against the snares of the evil one.

May Christ be with us!

May Christ be before us!

May Christ be in us,

Christ be over all!

May Thy Grace, Lord,

Always be ours,

This day, O Lord, and forevermore. Amen.



We are grateful for the gifts we have received and are eager to use them to  
show our love for God and for one another.

All are invited to participate in St. Patrick Ministry groups and parish activities.

For more information, or to join the ministry,  
talk with the leader or call the Parish office