



MARCH 8, 2026 • THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

# ST. PATRICK Church

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Senior Parochial Vicar  
Rev. Gary J. Malin  
Parochial Vicar  
Rev. Fabian Han  
Permanent Deacons  
Deacon Phil Kraynik  
Deacon Bob Schwartz

*Low-gluten hosts available in the priest's Communion line upon request. Cry room is available to families with young children in the front of the church to the left of the sanctuary.*

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday through Thursday, 9:30 am-12:30 pm

### SACRAMENTS

**Reconciliation** – Saturday, 3:00-3:30 pm and by appointment.

Confessions are also available at St. Mary in Chardon on the last Wednesday of the month from 6:00-7:00 pm.

**Parish Rosary** – We invite you to pray the Rosary with us at 9:00 am on Sundays before the 9:30 am Mass, and after the 8:45 am daily Mass on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

**Anointing 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.

**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.

**Sponsor Certificates** – For those asked to serve as a Godparent for Baptism or as a Confirmation Sponsor; a certificate may be obtained at the Parish Office by registered, practicing parishioners who are Confirmed and, if married, in a valid Catholic Marriage.

**O.C.I.A.** – The Order 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.

### OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION | 440-286-6531

#### Parish School of Religion

- Families with children in Grade 1 and Grades 3-7 meet one Sunday Morning a month from the 9:30 am Mass to Noon, September through early May for Family Catechesis.
- Students in Grades 2 and 8 attend St. Mary for Sacramental Preparation.



### MASS SCHEDULE

- Weekend Masses** Saturday Vigil Mass – 4:00 pm • Sunday – 9:30 am
- Weekday Masses** Tuesday and Thursday – 8:45 am, *Rosary following Mass*  
Check bulletin for cancellations.
- Holy Day Masses** Check bulletin for schedule.

Welcome to the Catholic community of St. Patrick. We extend a warm welcome to all.

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

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## CONTRIBUTIONS:

February 28-March 1, 2026

Weekend Collection:	\$ 2,771.00
Special Collections:	\$ 695.00
Total:	\$ 3,466.00

## DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS:

**3/9:** 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Lk 4:24-30  
**3/10:** Dan 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35  
**3/11:** Deut 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19  
**3/12:** Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23  
**3/13:** Hos 14:2-10; Mark 12:28-34  
**3/14:** Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14  
**3/15:** 1 Sam 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a;  
 Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41

## 3rd Sunday of Lent

## MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

We hear today about the Israelites grumbling against Moses in the desert because of their thirst for water. Now, this would not be the first nor the last time Moses had to deal with the people's grumbling! They grumble for food and God gives manna. They grow tired of manna and grumble for meat, so God gives quail. They get sick from greedily hoarding the quail and complain about their misery to the Lord!

Taken together, these experiences really do show us how providential God is, not because we grumble or complain, but because He loves us. In fact, complaining actually hardens our hearts and prevents us from hearing God's voice and seeing His providential works, whereas placing our hope and trust in God opens our hearts to His voice even in the midst of suffering.

Now, in the Israelites' defense, what should have been an 11-day journey from Egypt to The Promised Land took 40 years. Either Moses is the worst navigator in human history, or God has a plan! To put this in perspective, the desert journey took 1,327 times longer than it should have. That's like Jesus' 40 days in the desert lasting only 40 minutes, or a 13-hour car ride from Cleveland to Jacksonville, Florida taking two years, or a 1-minute period of silence after the homily lasting over 22 hours. Who wouldn't grow weary and complain?

And yet we need to consider the purpose of the time of the Israelites in the desert. God wanted them to hunger and thirst for Him. He wanted to form His people to trust in Him, to learn to receive and carry out His Commandments, and to prepare their hearts, minds, and bodies to enter The Promised Land.

When Jesus speaks to the woman at the well in today's Gospel, He encounters her after her many years of failed marriages and attempts to have the stability of family life. At the end of the dialogue, she joyfully goes back to town to proclaim, "Come see a man who told me everything I have done!" She doesn't simply proclaim to her community only the good things she has done, but also her failures and the immoral things she has done as well in the light of Christ's redeeming mercy.

For her, this becomes a moment of salvation as she realizes that God has always been with her, loving her even as she sinned and as others sinned against her. I imagine the Israelites entering The Promised Land after 40 long years reflected back upon their desert experience in a similar way, not with complaint or regret, but with joy that the Lord was with them and had provided for them all along their journey. They probably even laughed at themselves for how they grumbled during the desert journey, "Can you believe we complained about manna, quail, and water even though the Lord was always there to provide for us?" Those embarrassing moments remain in the Scripture story for a very good reason!

We have another great week ahead at the parish for this Third Week of Lent. Join us on Tuesday and Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary's for our Parish Mission with Fr. Jeremy Merzweiler, "Letting Go to Receive." As always, we have Fish Fry Friday at St. Mary's again from 4:30-7:00 p.m. with Stations of the Cross beginning in the church at 7:00 p.m. at both St. Patrick's and St. Mary's. Saturday is Pre-Cana Day, so please pray for our engaged couples attending this retreat. Finally, we have our Spirit Day Retreat this Sunday for our Confirmandi. Please pray for all who will be blessed with the Sacrament of Confirmation this Easter Season!

I am yours in Christ,  
Fr. Scott Goodfellow

**MASS INTENTIONS:****Saturday, March 7, 2026**4:00 p.m. Maryann Grattino – *William Grattino***Sunday, March 8, 2026**9:30 a.m. Annette (Nettie) Novak – *Joe Novak***Tuesday, March 10, 2026**8:45 a.m. Nancy Ann Schwartz –  
*Deacon Bob & Marilyn Schwartz***Thursday, March 12, 2026**8:45 a.m. Margaret Ropchock – *Andy and Linda Ropchock***Saturday, March 14, 2026**4:00 p.m. Edmund and Eva Stransky –  
*Eric and Mitzi Stransky***Sunday, March 15, 2026**9:30 a.m. Kathy McDougall Koller –  
*John & Janet McDougall***PARISH NEWS****LADIES COFFEE DATE**

Our February Ladies' Coffee Date was a great time of connection and fellowship. We will be meeting again **Saturday, March 14**, and **Saturday, April 18**. We will meet in the upstairs room at Prima Dolce in Thompson at 9:30 a.m. All women are invited to come meet and connect with other women of our parish.

**YOUTH MINISTRY**

Our Life Teen Spring Retreat is now open! We are again partnering with St. Helen's and St. Francis of Assisi's Life Teen groups to have another awesome retreat! Youth will be able to build community with not just our youth group, but with several others, meeting other young Catholics who care about their faith, pray and grow their relationship with Christ, and have fun! All teens in Grades 9th-12th are welcome! Please contact Nicky at [ngutierrez@smarychardon.org](mailto:ngutierrez@smarychardon.org) for any questions.

**PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN**

The Diocese of Cleveland's "Protecting God's Children" program is a continuing effort to instruct and inform everyone about the protection of children from sexual abuse.

To report any past or present suspected inappropriate behavior toward children by priests, deacons, religious, lay ecclesial ministers or personnel associated with the Church, please contact the Diocesan Response Service Office at 216-334-2999 or via email at [response\\_services@dioceseofcleveland.org](mailto:response_services@dioceseofcleveland.org). You are also asked to immediately inform local authorities about inappropriate behavior.

**COMMUNITY NEWS****PRO-LIFE REFLECTION****"Repent, and believe in the Gospel." (Mk 1:15)**

*At the start of Lent, we receive the ashes that remind us of the power of sin and death, which return us to dust. Yet we wear the ashes in the form of a cross, professing that Christ has conquered death and restored life. Lent prepares us to share the victory of life and to live as the People of Life!*

**PRAYER:** *Father, I repent of all my sins. Turn me away from death and toward life so that I may find freedom in Jesus the Lord.*

**Lenten Resources**

Lent is not only about giving up something, but a time of reparation for the sins that offend God and cleansing our souls. St. Patrick/St. Mary have the following resources available for our Lenten journey. In the back of the church, we have two posters, holy cards, and brochures regarding information on the 40 Days for Life Campaign and the Holy Face of Jesus devotion. Every year, we celebrate the Holy Face of Jesus Feast Day the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday. Our Lord's Revelations, Holy Face Chaplet, prayers of reparation and Holy Face Medal began with the Miracle of 1849 and Veronica's Veil. For more information: <http://www.HolyFaceAdoration.com> Vicki Schreiner Watch on YouTube – Chronology of the Holy Face Devotion Book "the Holy Face of Jesus Holy Relic Presentation by Vicki Schreiner" <http://www.youtube.com>

Father Lawrence Carney – watch on YouTube. Father has written a series on The Holy Face, especially on the history and promises of Jesus.

**FROM THE CATHOLIC COMMISSION**

March is Disability Awareness Month, established in 1987 by President Ronald Reagan to celebrate the contributions of disabled people while recognizing the work that remains to be done to continue building community, improving accessibility, and creating opportunities. Awareness is crucial as approximately 1.3 billion people worldwide experience significant disability (WHO).

Catholic Social Teaching calls us to open our hearts to the dignity of every human person as created in the image and likeness of God. Everyone has gifts to offer. We are grateful for the 100+ years of loving service Rose-Mary, an independent Catholic Apostolate, has provided to children and adults in Ohio with significant physical and developmental disabilities. To learn more about disability services in our community, contact the Geauga County Board of Developmental Disabilities at 440-729-9406 or Catholic Charities Disability Services and Ministries at 216-672-1515.

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Luke 1:37



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