

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ♦ JANUARY 28, 2024



St. Patrick

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

... Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we strive to meet the spiritual and physical needs of our parish family and the world community.



4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

His fame spread everywhere
throughout the whole
region of Galilee.

- Mk 1:28

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EUCCHARIST:

SAT 4:00 PM
SUN 8:30 AM / 11:00 AM
MON 8:30 AM
WED 8:30 AM
THUR 8:30 AM

LITURGY OF THE WORD/EUCCHARIST

TUE 8:30 AM
FRI 8:30 AM

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AROUND THE TABLE

Very Rev. Michael A. Swierz, Pastor

Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time



Dear Friends,

The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!" The unclean spirit convulsed him and with a loud cry came out of him. All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him." —Mark 1: 21-28

FROM THE GUTTER

In 1963, a student rabbi was sent to a small southern town to conduct Yom Kippur services at a synagogue too small to have a resident rabbi. The night before there had been a heavy rain, and the gutters along the road were full of mud. Approaching him on the narrow sidewalk was an old black woman, toothless, dressed in a faded calico dress, a ragged straw hat on her head, and canvas shoes with holes in them on her feet. Her head was bowed. When she was about twenty feet away, she stepped into the muddy gutter to let the young rabbinical student pass.

The student thought to himself that, given the teachings of the Talmud as well as simple human decency, he should be the one to step into the muddy gutter and let the old woman pass.

The moment had a profound and lasting effect on the student, now a distinguished theologian and professor. Forty-five years later, he still remembers the incident: "To that old black woman, I did not represent the Torah or basic human decency. To her I represented centuries of those who have publicly humiliated her people. Her long experience had taught that her safety, maybe even her life, depended on humiliating herself. So, on the holiest day of the year, when I was supposed to feel that I was being cleansed before God, I felt profoundly dirty not for what I had done but for what I represented [to this woman] who had so debased herself because of my very presence before her."

Today's Gospel portrays Jesus as a teacher who possesses an "authority" immediately perceived by his hearers, authority that is centered in the example of his own compassion and empathy for those he has been called to serve. Such an authority comes not from the power to enforce but from the ability to inspire. The student rabbi discovers that his ministry will find its fulfillment not in his exalted status before a future congregation but in the life he will struggle to lead in their midst as he seeks to bring them to God. May we seek to possess the "authority" of the Gospel Jesus: to become men and women of empathy, compassion and selfless generosity for those we are called to teach, guide and serve.

For the past three years you and I have been surrounded by media coverage both in the newspaper and television interviews covering our rebuilding of the church. I am grateful for the coverage given to us by so many reporters who got our story out to the whole community. And now we are almost ready to turn the page on this set-back. We are given the opportunity to look ahead knowing our future is full of hope. What are we hopeful for—God's presence in our journey together, not being afraid of crosses that come our way and knowing that all things are possible in our faith life when we gather around the table hearing the Word and celebrating the presence of Jesus with us in the Holy Eucharist.

The Parish Council minutes from last week's meeting are included in this week's bulletin, giving you some updates on what's going on as we continue our journey together. Also at the Masses last week, we got such a wonderful list of names, pages and pages of people who want to help us get the church ready for our blessing. So many folks say, "When are you (St. Patrick's) re-opening?" Really, what I tell them is that we never

closed. Through the Covid years and fire years we kept ministering to the people in our parish in so many unique and familiar ways.

Let us be open to God's Spirit and His Word so that we have the courage to live out our faith, sharing the message with our families and friends.

Until we gather **around the table,**
Fr. Mike



WELCOME TO ST. PAT'S!

We are glad you could join us.

We welcome you. And even more importantly,

Jesus welcomes you.

VOTIVE CANDLES

St. Patrick Candle:
All Parishioners



Infant Jesus of
Prague Candle:
Children of the parish



The Bread and Wine for all Masses

this week are given in memory of

Joseph L. Cook

By: Family



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY January 28, 2024

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM

Jean Lopuchovsky

By: Cooper Family

All Parishioners, Living & Deceased

11:00 AM

Mark Patrick

By: Papa Michael Patrick

MONDAY January 29, 2024

8:30 AM

Margaret & Frank Janci

By: Sr. Bernadine

After Mass

Miraculous Medal Novena

TUESDAY January 30, 2024

8:30 AM

Liturgy of the Word, Holy Communion

WEDNESDAY January 31, 2024 (St. John Bosco)

8:30 AM

Mike Chufo

By: Linda Chufo

THURSDAY February 1, 2024

8:30 AM

Paul Battista

By: Ilene Arthur

FRIDAY February 2, 2024 (The Presentation of the

8:30 AM

Lord)
Liturgy of the Word, Holy Communion,
First Friday Devotions to the Sacred
Heart of Jesus

SATURDAY February 3, 2024

Vigil, 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

3:15 PM

Confessions

4:00 PM

Karen Orlando

By: Nick & Marianne Modarelli

SUNDAY February 4, 2024

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM

Helen Goodyear

By: Jane Austrino

11:00 AM

Dody Wells

By: Wells Family

All Parishioners, Living & Deceased

IN MEMORIAM

Please pray for the soul and family of

Jane F. Franczkowski

who has fallen asleep in the Lord.

"May the Angels welcome her to Paradise."

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

We will celebrate Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on **NEXT Wednesday, February 7, 2024, from 9:00 am continuing to 5:00 pm** when we will celebrate closing benediction. As we continue this year of "The National Eucharistic Revival", we are called to spend some time with Jesus present in the Eucharist, and sit quietly with the Lord in prayer, meditation and listening to God's call to us. Even if you can only spend a few minutes, you are encouraged to attend. If you can commit to a longer time, there is a sign-up sheet on the table in the lobby, so that we assure there is always someone present in church during this time of Adoration.

BLESSING OF THROATS

We will bless throats, asking for the intercession of St. Blaise, the martyr, at all the Masses next weekend, February 3/4. The feast day for St. Blaise is February 3.

NATIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Since 1974 National Catholic Schools Week has been an annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. It begins today, Sunday, January 28 and runs through February 3. The theme for National Catholic Schools Week 2024 is **"Catholic Schools: Unity in Faith and Community."** Through these events, schools focus on the value a Catholic education provides to young people and it's contributions to our Church, our communities and our nation.

A special thanks to our parishioners who support St. Joseph the Provider Catholic School in Youngstown.

THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS...

Dear God, we place our worries in your hands. We place our sick under your care and humbly ask that you restore your servants to health once more. Please remember to keep in prayer...

Ed Ammeen	Mary Ann Ferguson	Ann Nemkovich
Kristina Bayus	James Frankino	Kathy Rex
Cheryl Beil	Syl Frazzini, Jr.	Becky Ricchuiti
Dorothy Bonaquist	Bill Gibson	Tony Ricchiuti
Irene Bresky	Cass Heinzer	Shirley Samulka
Jody Brocious	Theresa Hickey	Mikayla Smith
Beverly Brown	Logan Hunt	Patrick Sowers
Russell Brown	Mary Kay Jablonski	Louise Spagnoletta
Janice Burrows	Kathleen Johnson	Darlene Spurio
Florence Buydos	Mary Ellen Kish	Doris Studer
Rocko Capretta	Steven Krett	Jack Tanatt
Pat Carstone	Patty Lavernick	Brandon Tierney
Tony Carstone	Carole Madeline	Hannah Tringhese
Clara Casale	Clyde McCartney	Barbara Vernell
Lisa Chiabi	Kathy McCartney	Edward Wiatrowski
Helen Collins	Jenny Melnik	Paula Wozniak
Billy Cummins, Jr.	Debra Menendez	Richard A. Wozniak
Peggy Curtin	Dave Millerleile	Paula Bartos Young
Jude Epps	Lulu Millerleile	

If you are seeking prayers for relatives and/or friends, email klucci@youngstowndiocese.org with the names of those you would like added to the bulletin prayer list.



IN OUR PARISH

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

February 3 at 4:00 p.m.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Donna Medvec(1), Anthony Vargo(2), Janice Hornyak(4),
Brad Williamson(6), Alex Forte (7)

Lectors: Bridget Forte, Mary Ellen Salata

Altar Servers: Dave Nickel

AED responder: Mary Joy Stremlau RN

February 4 at 8:30 a.m.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Rocco Bornes(1), John Battisti(2), Rich Kaufman(4),
Andrea Murray(6), Tony Kavalesky(7)

Lectors: Janice Kaufman, Agnes Campanale

Altar Servers: Thomas Pesa, Dominic Giancola

AED responder: Becky Kavalesky LPN

February 4 at 11:00 a.m.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Diane McAllen(1), Dan Lazor(2), Marilyn Acierno(4),
Martha Salvatore(6), April Cheney(7)

Lectors: Chris Conway, Matt Onest

Altar Servers: Tim, AJ, Sam & Nate Wirtz

AED responder: Mary Lou Lazor RN

Children's Liturgy of the Word: Jacque Filip

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH...

Sunday January 28, 2024

9:30-10:45 am PSR, Gr. K-8
12:30 pm CELEBRATE/S

Monday January 29, 2024

6:30-8:00 pm SHINE/S

Tuesday January 30, 2024

4:30-5:20 pm Children's Choir/S
6:00 pm Altar & Rosary Society/PC

Wednesday January 31, 2024

5:30-6:30 pm Bell Choir/Church
6:30-8:00 pm Adult Choir/Church

Saturday February 3, 2024

9:00-10:00 am Men's Group/S

Sunday February 4, 2024

9:30-10:45 am PSR, Gr. K-8
10:00-10:40 am Jack Sebest Story/PC
12:30 pm CELEBRATE/S

DEADLINE FOR 2-11-2024 BULLETIN:

8:00 AM Thursday 2-1-24. Email articles to
klucci@youngstowndiocese.org by this date to insure
that the article will be able to be included.

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ATTENTION ALL ST. PATRICK AND HUBBARD COMMUNITY VETERANS, MILITARY AND FIRST RESPONDERS

The St. Patrick's Order of St. Michael and St. Florian ministry will hold its next meeting on **Thursday, February 8, 2024 from 6-8 pm in the school room 208.** This ministry aims to build and foster faith and camaraderie among this vital segment of our parish and the Hubbard community. We will continue our series "The Search". All through human history man has looked to something outside himself for the answers to life...Why has society given up on God? Has science disproved him? Is society better off without him? Join us as we look at this and discuss the question "Why A God?"

Open to all Veterans, First Responders and Active and Reserve Military.

Please direct any questions to Louie Alessio at 843-271-5838 or the parish house. Please mark your calendar and make plans to attend this wonderful opportunity and event. Pass the word to fellow Catholic and community military, veterans and first responders.

JACK SEBEST STORY

Jack Sebest, a former St. Patrick student and parishioner, will be at St. Patrick Parish Center during the PSR hour at 10:00-10:40 AM on Sunday, Feb. 4, 2024. He will be sharing his miraculous story about the fatal drowning accident that he experienced as a young child and how he returned to life unharmed. He will also share how his recovery was declared a miracle by the Vatican.



All PSR students in grades 4-8 will be taken to the Parish Center and parents are welcome to meet them there. Jack's presentation will conclude around 10:40 AM and parents and students are encouraged to stay for Mass. All parishioners are welcome to join us for this amazing life/death/life experience.

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

The Altar & Rosary Society will have their first meeting of the year on **Tuesday, January 30 at 6:00 pm in the parish center.** We will be collecting yearly dues of \$5.00 for members, discussing future fundraisers and other new business. New members are always welcome.

ST. PATRICK MEN'S GROUP

The Men's Group will meet on **Saturday, Feb. 3, from 9-10 am in the school,** to share in reflection on that weekend's scripture readings. Please make an effort to join us, as we read the scripture passages and discuss how they pertain to our everyday lives.

DONATE OLD PALMS

If you would like to donate your blessed palms from past Palm Sundays, we are gathering them together to prepare them for Ash Wednesday distribution. Please drop them off in the containers provided in the church vestibule by **February 4th.**



IN OUR PARISH

MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

Saturday, January 27, 2024--4:00 PM

Rock & Marge LaCivita
Anthony Swierz Jr.
Deceased of Vrabel-Swierz Family
Bunn & Kempe Families
Ray Wells
Frank & Dorothy Venglarcik
The James Williams & Joseph Roszak Family
Jack Cunningham, Sr.
Mary & John Rosile, Sr.
John Rosile, Jr.
John & Ann Choppa
Mike & Polly Kalman
Chuck Shuster
William J. & Marie Buccino
John & Mary Koshan
Walter Nemkovich
Joseph & Anna Sikora
Greg Sikora
Anton & Mary Romian
Josephine & Thomas Secich
Deceased of Knapik, Rusbacky & Schur Families
Sandy & Rose Forte
The Maiorca & Morgan Families
Marilyn Pesta
Orlando, Modarelli & Tucciarone Families
Michael Salata
The Chavara & Patterson Families
The Staccine & Stremlau Families
The Schmitz & Klein Families
Rodgers, Haas & Gibbons Families
Katy Metro Grove
Frances & Albert Drapcho
The Drapcho & Kalman Families
Dominic, Cecelia & Dennis Macri
Edward Sowers & Family
Aloysius & Christina Madeline & Family
Dr. Jane A. Williams
Mr. & Mrs. James A. Williams
James A. Williams Jr.
Mr. Bert Madeline

Mr. Anthony Cook
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Muldoon
Kelly O'Hara
Sam & Janice LaLama
Mary Ann Miller Jimmy Miller
Paul Ambrosia
Charles & Josephine Gerner
Tony & Rose Ambrosia
Deceased Members of Franczkowski Family
Deceased Members of Wroblewski Family
Al & Edith Fragle
James Maughan
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Fleming
Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Smock
McNeeley, Hoffman & Poczatek Families
William Novosel
Deceased of Slavik & Bresnahan Families
Paul & Gloria Dunmire
Jimmy Dunmire
Joseph & Dora Carsone
Patrick & Julia Pasarella
LaVerne & Al Bolek
John R. Viola
Ruth & James Coffey, Jr.
Joe & Irene Fulytar
Judy Fulytar
Dora & Fred Ritchie
Ray Sattler
Anne D. Kali
Barry Fitzsimons
Edward Yasher
Ralph Pallante
Jill Altieri-Hoover
Roger Salvatore
James Vernell
Wilma Quinn
John C. & Tommy Orlo
Orlo, Orlowski & Swartz Families
John Buday
James Sr. & Carole Antenucci
Beth O'Malley

David M. Pulice
Ameen Family
Matthew Pepe
Hines, Stanton, Hollenbank Families
Jill Bell
Stephen Wasilewski
Tony Manfredi
Richard Franko
David Zalac
Caroline Daley
Polly Alexander
Stellmar Family
Gwizdale Family
Dimoff Family
Simchick Family
Ray Tirpack
William & Mary Mokrovich
James Laurie
Jim & Priscilla Denny
Anthony Raymond Clement
Anne & Dutch Keenan
Pat Camuso
Michael Buccini
Francis Zitnik
Daniel Geralsky
Richard & Donna Antal
Greg & David Dimoff
Donald Lanzo
Mary Beth Sebastiano
Nick & Dolores Pannunzio
Ann & Ed Pompili
Patricia Bolchalk
Bob Madeline
Mr. & Mrs. Tony Ball, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. Lee O'Hara, Sr.
Virginia Loboy
John Spisak
Paul & Mary Gendron
Susan Fulytar
Irene McCarthy

WORD AMONG US

The Word Among Us for **Lent** is now available in the vestibule for those who would like a more in-depth study of the daily Scriptures. Donations to defray the cost are gladly accepted.

SHINE

SHINE JANUARY GATHERING

(All Youth...K-8th grade)

Monday, Jan. 29, 2024

6:30pm-8:00pm/school rm. 208

Help make a Valentine candy craft for the students of St. Joseph the Provider School.



Make some crafts.
Have a snack.

SHARE JESUS' LOVE.

Come **SHINE** with us!!

RSVP to Lisa Love (330)728-2429

PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

"I will raise up for them a prophet like you." If you think that you may be set apart by the Lord to serve Him as a priest or as a consecrated sister or brother, talk to your priest or reach out to Fr. Chad Johnson at (330) 744-8451 or cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org.

BUS TRIP ON MARCH 23, 2024 (SATURDAY) EASTER FLOWER SHOW / PITT STRIP / ROSS PARK MALL

Shop and enjoy lunch on your own in Pittsburgh Strip District. Then visit the Phipps Conservatory Spring Flower Show and see wondrous floral displays.

Before heading home, shop and stroll through Ross Park Mall, the home to the Cheesecake Factory, and many other favorite designer stores.

Call Breakaway tours directly to reserve. (724)-658-9200 or (800)-374-9825.

When you call inform them when you call you are with the St. Pat's Travel Group so we can all sit together on the bus. We have limited seats available.

Info: Andrew Acierno-330-398-8265

TOUR INCLUDES: Bus, Admission, and Shopping.....\$81



STEWARDSHIP

DEACON JOHN'S STEWARDSHIP COLUMN

My name is **Thomas Pesa**, and I am a senior at Ursuline High School in Youngstown. My family has been a part of St. Pat's since we moved to Ohio in the summer of 2017. I try to show acts of stewardship any way I can in the parish. Upon joining St. Pat's, I spoke with Deacon John about altar serving. It was something I had always wanted to do, but I never had the opportunity to do so at my parish in California. Deacon John was more than happy to have me serve Mass, and it is something I will always be grateful for. I feel a close connection to God when I serve Mass because I assist Father and the Deacons with things like the Offertory and the Consecration of the bread and wine. Serving Mass allows me to carry out the plan God has for me, and it is one of the ways I serve the Lord through stewardship.



Another way I am a steward of the Lord is by being a lector at Mass. I do this by reading the scripture to the congregation so they can implement the teachings into their daily lives. Reading something so impactful like scripture that inspires people's lives is very important to me.

Lastly, I express stewardship by leading the 2024 Celebrate team. Inspiring people my age to embrace Christ in their lives is something I am proud of, and I am looking forward to the actual weekend where I can inspire many other people too. Being a steward of the Lord looks different for everyone. Even the smallest acts of stewardship, like holding the door open for someone at Mass, are much larger in the eyes of God. As our church gets ready for its re-dedication, I encourage you to help in any way you can. Being a steward of the Lord not only makes you and those around you happier, but it also builds up the parish community.

Thank you,
Thomas Pesa

OF INTEREST IN THE AREA

URSULINE HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, February 4, 12:30-3:30 pm, 330-744-4563

MOONEY OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday, February 7, 6-8 pm, 330-788-5007

JFK (LOWER CAMPUS) OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, January 28, 1-3 pm, 330-372-2375

ST. ROSE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, January 28, 1-3 pm, 330-545-1163

Ohio EdChoice Scholarships are available for all Ohio residents regardless of income.

SHARING OUR TREASURE

"Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties." - 1 CORINTHIANS 7:32

How much anxiety do we bring upon ourselves by constantly worrying about not having enough or attaining more things? God won't necessarily give you everything you want, but He will provide everything you need. Try this – use the word "pray" instead of the word "worry" in the future. Then spend your time praying instead of worrying.

Weekend Collection For January 20/21, 2024

Automatic Collection	\$ 2,710.17	
Sunday Offertory	\$ 10,796.00	
Sunday Total	\$ 13,506.17	
Improvement	\$ 901.00	
Initial Offering	\$ 20.00	(Additional)
Piano	\$ 350.00	(Additional)
Future Full of Hope	\$ 100.00	(Additional)
Catholic Communications	\$ 33.00	(Additional)

Our electronic donation program is at:
www.stpatshub.org/donate/,
or scan the QR code to the right
with the camera app on your cell phone.



*Thank you to our parish family
for your generosity.*

50 / 50 "POT OF GOLD"

The Pot of Gold number for January 21 was #2893. There was no winner. The winner would have received \$1,078.00. Entries (envelopes) for the Pot of Gold need to be in the office by 12:00 noon on Mondays.

FEBRUARY FOOD PANTRY AND EMERGENCY OUTREACH MINISTRY

The February Food Pantry will be **Saturday, February 10, 2024** from 7:30-9:30 am in the parish center. For the month of February, **Canned Tuna** is needed. However, all pantry or toiletry items are welcome during any month. Help us fill our pantry in order for us to help those in need!

FROM THE DIOCESE OF YOUNGSTOWN

CHURCH OVERSEAS COMBINED COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND—JANUARY 27-28, 2024

This weekend the Diocese of Youngstown is holding the Church Overseas Combined Collection for ministries of the Church around the globe. These ministries of the **Catholic Relief Services (CRS)**, **Holy Father/Peter's Pence**, the **Church in Central and Eastern Europe**, and the **Church in Latin America** assist the Church in serving people who are hungry, refugees, victims of natural disasters, and development projects. Please give generously to this collection which combines four collections in one.

Minutes of the St. Patrick Church Parish Council Meeting
225 N. Main St., Hubbard, OH 44425
Thursday, January 18, 2024, 6:00 pm, St. Patrick Parish House

Members Present: Fr. Michael Swierz, Deacon John Bartos, Deacon Bob Friedman, Deacon Michael Medvec, Barb Murdock, Kathy Lucci, Karen Bartos, Gretchen Kuhns, Molly Smith, Kacie Mosora, Lisa Love, Paul Zuzik, Matthew Onest, Matthew McNany, Rocco Bornes, Kathy Marshall, Mary Lou Lazor, Dan Yoder, Joe Spurio, Tom Beasley, Diane Manion, Teri Ray, Lisa Hosack, Kirk Wells

Absent: None

Fr. Mike began the meeting at 6:00 pm. Karen Bartos shared a parable from the prologue to the book, Holy Moments, where monks were wondering why the numbers of visitors to the monastery was continuously dropping over time. One of the brothers announced he was going on a journey up the mountain to seek an answer to remedy the lack of visitors. The brother asked the Hermit 3 questions: 1)What wisdom do you have for us? 2)How can we rejuvenate the monastery? 3) How can we best serve the people who come to visit? The Hermit answered the 3 questions with one answer, "Go back and tell the brothers, the Messiah is among you." The brother went back to the monastery and shared the Hermit's wisdom. As the brothers pondered the Hermit's statement, they began to treat each other with renewed kindness and a profound respect. As time passed it was the little things that mattered: there was a new spirit of cooperation. The brothers praised and encouraged each other, compassion and forgiveness returned to their hearts, and they were kind to each other. These little things, these Holy Moments, breathed new life into the community. Those that came to visit noticed the monks were overflowing with joy. They perceived the profound reverence the monks had for each other. The monastery became the center of life for the people in the village. How did it happen they were asked? "We started living as if the Messiah was among us." **Treat every person you ever meet as if they were Jesus.**

The council then entered into a discussion about how the parable of the monks has relevance in St. Patrick Parish. Most felt that the parish does a good job in its ministries, leading by example but that it is a good reminder to keep focused on creating holy moments in ministry. We want these holy moments to make all who visit St. Patrick Church feel that there is something special happening here, because there is. Fr. Mike said that we need to tie all the ideas together so that all feel accepted and that we see the face of Christ in each other and are welcoming as a parish community.

1. Fr. Mike passed out the survey from the Synod Secretariate asking 2 questions. 1. Where have I seen or experienced successes and distresses within the Church's structure(s)/organizations/leadership/life that encourages or hinders the mission? 2) How can the structure and organization of the Church help all the baptized to respond to the call to proclaim the Gospel and to live as a community of love and mercy in Christ.

Council members provided their responses to these questions. The results will be taken to Trumbull County Deanery Meeting. The diocese will collect the results from all its deaneries and will forward to the next level of the Church hierarchy.

2. Teri Ray passed out information about a Disciple Maker's Index Survey. The Diocese of Youngstown is using a grant to survey the people of the diocese about the level of discipleship in the parish in addition to the effectiveness of the Mass experience, preaching and other aspects of the parish. The survey link will be available beginning February 14, 2024, and close the end of March. All council members are asked to take the survey as well as their family members. The survey is anonymous, but the link we are to use will be identified as St. Patrick

Parish to the data gathering team. The goal is to have as many parishioners as possible take the survey. Survey responders must be age 18 or above. Youth may be included if parental permission forms are given. Information will be provided in the bulletin, website and social media.

3. Karen Bartos and Kathy Lucci shared information on a new Formed.org series called “The Catholic Parent”. This series uses actual parents to explore raising holy kids who love God in our modern world. Using real life parents makes the series very engaging because the viewer is seeing situations that they have seen in their own family. The sessions include:
Our Sunday Obligation, Confession, Family Prayer, Sacrifice, Generosity, and Handing on the Faith.
4. Fr. Mike announced that he is hoping that the church will be ready to move in on Sunday, March 17, 2024. (The Feast of St. Patrick) Bishop Bonnar will preside over a Blessing Mass at 3:00 pm. The day will include 8:30 & 11:00 am Masses in the Parish Center. The 3:00 pm Mass will be the first Mass in the church. It was decided that there will be a “Youngstown Cookie Table” type reception with beverages in the church hall. One suggestion was to have cookie tables spread throughout the hall and each ministry of the church responsible for setting up the table. Signage (“Presented by _____ Ministry”) and pamphlets on the ministry can be included. There will also be a “People of St. Patrick Parish” table. Matt McNany volunteered to create a video slideshow during the reception. A point person is needed for the reception and an invitation committee. The Safety team will help getting people from the church to the hall after Mass.
 - A. Bishop Bonnar suggested that the parish create a book telling the story of the fire and reconstruction of the church building. Fr. Mike agrees because years from now no one will remember the 3 year journey the parish undertook. The books will be created after all of the events take place in the year or so following March 17.
 - B. Celebratory events will be planned monthly or every other month following the opening. They will include: services where we invite first responders, donors to the Future Full of Hope fund, Hubbard community, those who worked on the reconstruction of the church building, an event celebrating our children, the future of our parish, an appropriate themed parish mission with Vince Ambrosetti. A banner was suggested to be hung in the hall thanking the fire departments who responded to the fire call.
5. The Parish Center will be converted to a rental hall. It hasn’t been decided yet about renting the church hall.
6. There will be a sign-up sheet at Masses Jan. 20-21 for those who would like to help cleaning the church in preparation for move in. The following persons will be point for the Mass indicated: 4:00pm-Molly Smith, 8:30 am—Paul Zuzik, 11:00 am—Mary Lou Lazor
7. Fr. Mike ended the meeting with a prayer at 8:40 pm.

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MISSION STATEMENT

We, the people of St. Patrick Parish in Hubbard, Ohio, are a Roman Catholic community united by our faith in God and nourished through our celebration of the Eucharist and the Word. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we strive to meet the spiritual and physical needs of our parish family and the world community.

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Holy Day Consult Bulletin

Weekday 8:30 a.m.

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Third weekend of each month, during any weekend Mass, or after 11 Mass.

Preparation class required (1st Sunday each month 12:30 pm)

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