



THE HISTORIC CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK

HISTORIC CHURCH TOUR

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2019, AFTER MASS

FOR ANY AND ALL PARISHIONERS

**GRAB A CUP OF COFFEE AND SOME COOKIES
AND JOIN JOHN BEST AS HE TAKES YOU BACK TO
THE EARLY 1820S AND GUIDES YOU ALL THE WAY
UP TO THE PRESENT DAY.**

WHY WAS THE PARISH STARTED HERE ON LENK'S HILL.

**DID YOU KNOW THAT THERE WAS ANOTHER CHURCH ON
THIS HILL BEFORE THE PRESENT DAY CHURCH.**

WHY WAS THIS CHURCH BUILT TO SERVE THE IRISH IMMIGRANTS.

THIS IS A ONE HOUR TOUR TO GET YOU UP TO SPEED ON YOUR PARISH.

Surrounded By Saints

The Historic Church of Saint Patrick, Focus on Saints, November, 2019
Week Three: November 17, 2019

Surrounded by saints, here at our beloved Historic Church of St. Patrick. We are so blessed! There are many books about saints in general and about particular saints. (Church Tour hint: As you leave church, check out the library in back by the gift shop.)

This week, let us turn our attention to the altar of Saint Joseph, on the right as you face the main altar, and then the double window to its immediate right. The center niche provides a home for a lovely statue of Saint Joseph. Patron saint of...a lot! Try workers, happy death, fathers, and more. Not too bad for a man who isn't the source of many quotes in the Bible. He is the source of guidance on how to listen to God's direction and then respond as God's plan necessitates. To his left is a statue of Saint Ignatius and to his right a statue depicting Saint Benedict the Moor. The two saints shown in the double window are two more Doctors of the Church, Saints Bernard and Jerome.

All five of these saints led lives which included quite a bit of trouble, challenge, and even danger. But, there must have been joy, as well, in doing God's will. Our recently canonized Saint John Henry Newman said the following about following God's will in a constant way.

Lead, Kindly Light, amid the encircling gloom
Lead Thou me on!
The night is dark and I am far from home - Lead Thou me on!
Keep Thou my feet; I do not ask to see
the distant scene - one step enough for me.

I was not ever thus, nor prayed that Thou
shouldst lead me on.
I loved to choose and see my path, but now Lead Thou me on!
I loved the garish day, and, 'spite of fears,
pride ruled my will; remember not past years.

So long Thy power hath blest me, sure it still
will lead me on, o'er moor and fen,
o'er crag and torrent, till the night is gone;
and with the morn those angel faces smile
which I have loved long since, and lost awhile.

Surrounded by saints, in stained glass, wood and clay, and in example. Until next week!

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