

Dear People of God,

We've been into a series on topics that don't often come up in a homily and thus have been looking into hell. It isn't a regular sermon topic because Jesus and the other writers of the New Testament rarely mention it. You may recall that Jesus speaks about "Gehenna" when he's sharing with the disciples and others what happens to those who do evil, consequences which are the opposite of life in the Kingdom.

In Jesus day Gehenna was an actual place, a valley adjacent to Jerusalem which was avoided as a sink of evil desecrated by the blood of slaughtered innocents. It was used as a place (a landfill) for the garbage and filth of the city where the dead bodies of animals and criminals were consumed by constantly maintained fire. It had a bad reputation as the site of child sacrifice. In fact, some ancient peoples who shared the territory with Israel did practice child sacrifice as they thought a son was about the most precious offering anyone could make to appease the gods; this practice was prohibited by God when he spared Abraham's son Isaac. The Romans, who had arrived in Jerusalem about sixty years before Jesus's public ministry, practiced cremation and used a place in the valley for that practice which may be why Jesus says there's an unquenchable fire there where the evil are burned forever. It was also the site of numerous tomb burials where decaying bodies would, as we might expect, attract those worms Jesus talks about.

Although Jesus does not specifically mean "hell" when he speaks of "Gehenna," early commentators certainly did. It was not purgatory (the Jews had something like purgatory called Sheol where people could expiate their sins before being admitted to paradise), but a place they understood as a necessary expedient for those who utterly rejected God.



Jesus, you may recall, uses a story about Lazarus the beggar and the rich man to point out that if we work for a temporal reward now, we're wasting the opportunity to work for an eternal reward later. In the story heaven and hell are close enough that people can communicate from one to the other but are divided by a deep chasm so cannot actually go from one side to the other. The imagery is more akin to the Greco-Roman notion of hades, the place of all the dead, good or bad, who are separated into areas of the place reserved for the good and the bad. He is not talking about contemporary theological understandings of the hell we ought to be worrying about, a place totally and forever cut off from God and everything that is good.

Jesus never specifically talks about the place we call "hell" and neither do any of the works we would be hearing at Mass over the three-year cycle of readings. Jesus does use the word "Gehenna" (commonly rendered as "hell") in the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke to illuminate the dangers of not falling in line with the way of the Lord. The enemies of the Father are destined to an eternity of destruction in the fiery pits of what we call "hell." That makes it really difficult to insert hell into a homily because we're a people of good news (that's the meaning of evangelization) who proclaim a God of mercy and love. There's a famous prayer that begins "O Lord who prefers the conversion of the sinner to his death.." That's the foundational building block of any homily.

Msgr. Chris

Lector	<b><u>Galic</u></b>	A Thiarna éist linn
	<b><u>Pronounce</u></b>	A Theearnah eesht lin
Response	<b><u>Galic</u></b>	A Thiarna éist linn go grásta
	<b><u>Pronounce</u></b>	A Theearnah eesht lin roshta

## ***The Celebration of Sacraments***

**Infant Baptism:** The Sacrament of Baptism is regularly celebrated on Sunday during or after the Eucharistic Liturgy. Registered parishioners are asked to arrange for the Baptismal Preparation Class and the Liturgical Celebration by calling the Parish Office.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:** RCIA is the process of growing in your faith and love of God. Weekly gatherings take place from September until Easter. If you are interested in learning about Catholicism and joining us please call Deacon Tom at the rectory.

**Penance:** The Sacrament of Penance is celebrated at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday at IC, 9:30 a.m. at HSP and 10:30 a.m. IC every Sunday or by appointment.

**Matrimony:** Anyone planning to be married must contact the parish at least six months in advance. The exact date and time of your wedding should not be determined until after consultation with a priest or deacon. If either party has previously been civilly or religiously married, the Presider is not permitted to set a date for the wedding without resolving the previous marriage.

**Pastoral Care of the Sick:** When a parishioner is admitted to the hospital, nursing home, or confined to home because of age or infirmity, please call the Parish Office. Parishioners are ready to visit and to bring Holy Communion. When one is seriously ill, the healing Presence of the Lord should be requested in the Sacrament of the Sick.

**In the event that you are in need of a priest or deacon and there is no one in the office:** Please try the emergency number at 419-243-6031 or call Deacon Tom on his cell phone at 419-984-0082 and leave a message with your phone number and he will return your call as soon as possible.

### Welcome Visitors



We would like to welcome our visitors to Historic St. Patrick. If you are interested in becoming a parishioner, please call the parish office at 419-243-6452, ext. 3 **or fill out the registration forms in the back of church or on the web-site and return to the parish office.**

### Historic St. Patrick

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## **CALENDAR** **December 3, 2022—December 11, 2022**



<u>Sat</u>	4:00 pm	Immaculate Conception Mass/ Fr. Littelmann
<u>Sun</u>		<b>2nd Sunday of Advent</b> Food Pantry Sunday St. Patrick's Mass for the Vulnerable (no music)/Msgr. Chris/Jeff Gralak Religious Education 9:00 am—9:50 am St. Patrick's Rosary & Confessions 9:30 am St. Patrick's Sunday Mass/Msgr. Chris 10:00 am <i>(Also Streamed on Parish Facebook Page)</i> <b>Intention</b> Jack, Rosemary and Jim McHugh Felix & Frances Czyzewski Stanley & Eleanor Stolarski During Mass Children's Liturgy During/After Mass Advent Confessions After Mass Blood Pressure Checks After Mass Advent Study
	10:30 am	Immaculate Conception Confessions
	11:00 am	Immaculate Conception Sunday Mass/ Fr. Rudi
<u>Tues</u>	9:10 am	<b>Cancelled</b> /Immaculate Conception Mass
	12:00 pm	Capital Campaign Meeting
<u>Wed</u>	4:00—5:00 pm	St. Patrick's Adoration
	5:30 pm	St. Patrick's <b>Vigil Mass</b> /Msgr. Chris <i>(Also Streamed on Parish Facebook Page)</i>
	<b>Intention</b>	St. Patrick's Parishioners

<u>Thurs</u>	9:10 am	<b>Immaculate Conception/Holy Day</b> Mass @ Immaculate Conception/ Msgr. Chris
	5:30 pm	Mass @ Immaculate Conception Msgr. Chris
<u>Fri</u>	5:00 pm	St. Patrick's Wedding Rehearsal/ Hassen & Beese/D. Dave Smith
<u>Sat</u>	9:00 am	St. Patrick's Manger Scene Set-up
	10:00 am	St. Patrick's Yoga
	3:00 pm	St. Patrick's Wedding/ Hassen & Beese/D. Dave Smith
	4:00 pm	Immaculate Conception Mass/Msgr. Chris
<u>Sun</u>		<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b> <b>Anointing</b> St. Patrick's Mass/for the Vulnerable (no music)/Msgr. Chris/Jeff Gralak St. Patrick's Rosary & Confessions 9:30 am St. Patrick's Sunday Mass/Fr. Rudi 10:00 am <i>(also Streamed on Parish Facebook Page)</i> <b>Intention</b> Dorothy Mazzei McBride Ronnie, Ric and Baby Williams After Mass Advent Study After Mass Bake Sale
	10:30 am	Homecoming Mass
	11:00 am	Immaculate Conception Confessions Immaculate Conception Sunday Mass Msgr. Chris



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We continue to update/add to our parish data base and e-mail list to help keep parishioners updated on parish events. Several of the e-mails and phone numbers we have are no longer valid. If you would please fill in the information below and put it in the offering basket or e-mail it to [sherri@stpatshistoric.org](mailto:sherri@stpatshistoric.org).

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_



# WELCOME TO HISTORIC CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY—HSP

Dec 4 Phillip Rew  
Dec 4 Brendan Mohney  
Dec 5 James Piotrowski  
Dec 5 Sara Hollar  
Dec 5 Corey Welsh  
Dec 6 Frank Semetko  
Dec 6 Sheila Vrzal  
Dec 7 Mary Zraik  
Dec 7 Steven Boyd Sr.  
Dec 7 John Shaffer  
Dec 7 Jennifer Czyzewski  
Dec 7 Patrick O'Shea  
Dec 8 Carol Stolarski  
Dec 8 Douglas Leestma  
Dec 8 Andrew Croak  
Dec 8 Brian Gracely  
Dec 8 Tony Chochard  
Dec 8 Morgan McCormick  
Dec 9 Mary Horman  
Dec 9 Ava Meisenheimer  
Dec 10 Christopher White



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY—HSP

Dec 5 Mark & Sandra Michalski 30 yrs  
Dec 5 Otto & Kim Steele 7 yrs  
Dec 6 Todd & Debra Kienzle 36 yrs  
Dec 9 Gregory & Joan Hendrzak 34 yrs  
Dec 10 David & Kristie Swartz 11 yrs



## PRAYER IS ANSWERED—HSP

Nancy Miller-Semetko, Chuck Williams, Joseph Weiser, Don Brighton, Tammy Allen, Jimmie Bias, Pam Kreft, Terrie Moore, Pat Tansey, Rod McCarthy, Kelly Mitchell, Carol Erford, Sr. Janelle Brittain, Charlotte Best, Jim Jensen, Emily Miller, Helen Alice Jackson, Lee Ann Urbach, Brett Urbach, Deacon Dave Smith, Shelby, James Mack III, Msgr. Chris, Betty Sherman, Ralph Smith, Teri Wagner, Tim Dotson, Bob & Betty Hutson, Andrew Weiser, Shauna & Grace, Jan Jackson, Colleen McGuire, Doug Leestma, Raymond Rolak, Sherry Wilcox, Noah Ashner, Susan Cairl, Steve Woods, Patty Cunningham, Barbara King, Sue Smith, Sara & Family, John, Andrew Vallejo, Nicholas Clover, Melissa Meyers, Patricia Grondin, Anne Fahle, Jerome Williams, Wyatt Shepherd, Angela Myers, Liz Weiser, Sam & Rose Fleitz, James Kovach, Michael Moran, Sam Marsico, Jessica Straube, Maurice "Moose" Boeding, Judy Henry, Christopher Powell, Zachary Davidson/D. Dave's Grandson, Charles Swoboda, Estella Nino, Ellie Ziegler, Renee Robinson, Betty Frey, Laurie St. John, Steve Kwiatkowski, Kathy Eschenburg, Marian Lowe, Steven Czerniak, Kristin Salazar, Mary Lou Batanian, Gary Lilje, Ken & Emily, Lindsay, Carol Isabell, Megan Batanian, Matt Rohrs, James Smith, Susan Ludlum, Evie Day, Julie, Lori (Borgerson) Zaro, Frank Ankney, Joann Degnan, Sarah Rodgers, Bob Zoski, Linda, Peggy, Beth, Lupe Garcia, Kitty Burns, Liam Stacey, Cheryl Harwick, Angela Lemble, Madison Sims, Richard Helsenbeck, Jace Stockwell, Joan Wiley, Chuck Hall, Christine Ludlum, Molly Bergin, Laurie Yeager

Please inform the pastoral staff of those in our parish family needing our prayers. Our Hospital Ministry Team is available to visit and distribute communion.

### Please pray for the men and women in military service.

Due to a potential threat to families of those in military service resulting from the members' names being publicized through the Internet, we no longer publish the names of men and women in military service. We encourage you to continue to pray for them and to remember all our troops in a special way on Fridays by praying a Rosary for those serving in the military.

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT—HSP

November 27, 2022

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Goal	\$ 5,769.23	\$ 121,153.83
Actual	\$ 2,777.00	\$ 120,151.43
Elect. Fund Transfer	\$ 595.00	\$ 6,715.00
Over/(Under)	(\$ 2,397.20)	\$ 5,712.60
Preservation	\$ 11.00	\$ 1,756.00
Candles	\$ 44.89	
Food Baskets	\$ 230.00	\$ 5,200.00
Thanksgiving	\$ 46.00	\$ 76.00



## OUTREACH FAMILIES—HSP



July 1, 2022—  
June 30, 2023



**Food Pantry**—We continue to serve those in need in the community 3 days a week (Monday-Wednesday-Friday).

**Soup Kitchen**—Number of Plates Served—Continuing to serve meals to the community every Sunday!

<u>Outreach Income:</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
	\$ 1.00	\$15,200.50
Thank You!		



# HISTORIC CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



### DECEMBER 4 - MINISTER SCHEDULE

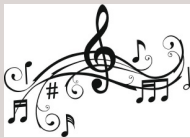
#### Scripture Reading #881

<b>Acolytes:</b>	Jeff Kelley, Logan Hickey, Pat Hickey
<b>Communion:</b>	Dennis Bensch, Diane Pacella, Jeanne Kanary, Judy Henry, Judy Schneiderbauer, Lisa Kelley, Mary Ellen Williams, Mary Kay Belcher, Marueen Mohny, Melanie Parton
<b>Gifts:</b>	Frank Semetko, Jeanne Kanary, John Kanary, Nancy Semetko
<b>Greeters:</b>	Carol Shrader, Jeanne Kanary, Jim Shrader, John Kanary
<b>Hospitality:</b>	Ann Figmaka, Debbie Sadlier, Jeff Figmaka, Therese King
<b>Readers:</b>	Mary Kay Belcher, Susan Fix
<b>Ushers:</b>	Albert Geha, Cookie Westmeyer, Dave Meegan, Debbie Sadlier, Gary Johnson, Jeff Figmaka, Larry Minor, Tim McHugh
<b>Children's Liturgy:</b>	Jennifer Czyzewski

### DECEMBER 11 - MINISTER SCHEDULE

#### Scripture Reading #884

<b>Acolytes:</b>	Brendan Mohny, Mary Kay Belcher, Moira Mohny
<b>Communion:</b>	Carol Shrader, Ellen Melroy, Jim Shrader, Marie Arter, Melanie Parton, Michelle Zuelke, Nancy Rank, Rosalie Mills, Susan Fix, Therese King,
<b>Gifts:</b>	Carolyn Harrington, Jeff Kelley, Ken Harrington, Lisa Kelley
<b>Greeters:</b>	Lisa Kelley, Pat Tansey
<b>Hospitality:</b>	Ann Figmaka, Connie Durand, Debbie Sadlier, Jeff Figmaka
<b>Readers:</b>	Marie Arter, Pat Thompson
<b>Ushers:</b>	Albert Geha, Cookie Westmeyer, Gary Johnson, John Kanary, Larry Minor, Mary Kay Belcher, Melanie Parton, Pat Tansey
<b>Children's Liturgy:</b>	See you next Sunday!



SEE THE ADVENT WORSHIP AID

PLEASE RETURN AT THE END OF EACH MASS



### ALTAR FLOWERS

Dec	4	Available
Dec	11	Available
Dec	18	Available
Dec	25	Mary Gertrude Bruening



### SANCTUARY LAMP

Dec	4	Available
Dec	11	Available
Dec	18	Available
Dec	25	Available



### St. Patrick's Food Pantry

We could use:

**JUICE, TOOTHPASTE, SHAMPOO WITH COCOA BUTTER, TOILET PAPER, BAR SOAP, TOOTHBRUSHES, AND CANNED FRUIT**



Other needs are tuna, Cream Soups, and Ramen Noodles. Food may be dropped off at anytime. Thank you!



### The HSP Soup Kitchen

Our Soup Kitchen is located at the LMHA Building at the foot of the hill in front of church. We provide meals and clothing to our community in need every Sunday from 11:00 am—1:00 pm. If you are interested in helping serve meals or hand out clothing please call the parish office.

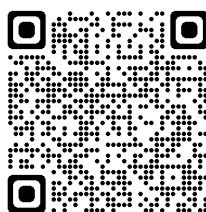


# The Historic Church of St. Patrick's

## Happenings at the Parish!

### QR Code – an easier way to donate

Looking for a simple way to make a donation to the parish? Scan this QR code and go right to the donation page for The Historic Church of Saint Patrick. Open up the camera app on your smartphone. When you focus the camera on the QR Code, your phone will ask if you want to go to our site. Touch the instruction bar at the top/bottom of the photo and it will take you right to the donation page where you will see a yellow donate button. Thank you for supporting our parish and helping us share the Good News!



### Advent Project

If you have not received your Advent project from St. Patrick's please stop by after the 10:00 am Mass today in back of church and pick one up.



### St Patrick's

#### Today! Advent Confessions

Sunday, December 4  
(during and after Mass)

#### Anointing

Sunday, December 11



### Christmas Masses

#### "Sign up sheets"

for ministers are in the back of church.  
Please sign up if you are able to minister at the:

Dec. 24, 6:00 pm Children's Mass

Dec. 24, 11:30 pm Christmas Carols

followed by 12:00 midnight Mass

Dec. 25, 10:00 am Christmas Mass

### Today! Sunday, December 4

Blood Pressure Check  
after Mass by the  
Statue of the Pieta

### We Congratulate

**William Beese III and  
Victoria Hassen**



*who will be married  
December 10, 2022  
at the Historic Church of Saint Patrick*

### Parish Directory

Have you wondered why Marty Lahey has been taking pictures of people at church recently? A parish directory is in the works. Watch the bulletin for more information.



### Healing Prayer Service



When: Saturday,  
Dec. 17 at 10 A.M.

Where: The Historic Church of  
St. Patrick

Officiant: Monsignor Chris Vasko

**All Are Welcome!**

### Holy Day Mass Thursday, December 8

The Immaculate Conception  
of the Blessed Virgin Mary



**Historic St. Patrick  
Vigil Mass, Wednesday,  
December 7 at 5:30 pm  
and**

**Immaculate Conception  
Thursday, December 8  
@ 9:00 am & 5:30 pm**

### Keep Deacon Tom Carone in your Prayers

Deacon Tom is now at Lakes of Sylvania. If you would like to send him a card his address is: 3230 Centennial Road, Lot 111, Sylvania, OH 43560.

He ask for our prayers  
as he recovers.



### For Sale!

Historic St. Patrick  
Christmas Ornament  
\$10.00 Each

Start your Christmas  
shopping early!

*Ornaments will be available in the  
Narthex after both 8:00 am &  
10:00 am Mass thru Dec. 18.*

Please make checks payable to  
Historic St. Patrick

### December Yoga of Giving

When: Saturday, December 10, 2022  
at 10 a.m.

Where: The Historic Church of  
St. Patrick

Instructor: Mike Zerner

Bring: Donation of food or hygiene  
product for HSP pantry  
Yoga mat and water bottle

**All skill levels are welcome!**

# The Historic Church of St. Patrick's

## Parish/Community Activities!

### Deacon Tom's 10th Annual Christmas Cookie Bake Sale Sunday, December 11!

Hopefully you have been reading the bulletin about the upcoming Deacon Tom's holiday bake sale next Sunday, Dec. 11. This is an annual event which shares its proceeds with our food pantry. We would like to encourage all the awesome bakers in our parish to spend a couple hours during the next few days showing off your talents in the kitchen. **Bring the already packaged treats, 6 to a package/container, to Mass with you next Sunday** to share with other parishioners. Also this gives you the chance to purchase someone else's goodies to take home. We very much appreciate your participation in this bake sale and hope to see 2 tables filled with wonderful goodies next week. Stop after Mass next Sunday and check it out.



### Christmas Collection for our Clergy

In appreciation for all our clergy members do for us, we will be taking up a collection for them on December 11 and 18 after Mass.



**Thank you for your generosity.**

### Historic St. Patrick Christmas Open House!



**Sunday, December 18**

**11:00 am—1:00 pm** (after Mass in church)  
Breakfast will be served by  
Manhattan's in the back of church for all to enjoy.

**1:00 pm** the Toledo International Youth  
Orchestra will perform a free Christmas Concert.

**All are welcome!**



### Start your Christmas Shopping

at the St. Patrick's Shamrock Gift Shop  
**Open December 4, 11, & 18 after Mass**

### Immaculate Conception Church is

looking for a proactive, efficient, part-time church custodian. For a more detailed list of responsibilities and requirements or to submit your resume, please email Nicole at [nicole@iccatdarby.org](mailto:nicole@iccatdarby.org)



### St. Patrick's Adoration



Every Wednesday of Advent  
Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14, 21  
4:00 pm—5:00 pm

Followed by 5:30 pm Weekday Mass

### Parish Registration

Have you been wanting to become a member of our HSP family? Registration forms are available at each of our entrances. We'd love for you to join our parish family!

**Register**



### Historic St. Patrick Community Outreach The Angel Tree

The "Angel Tree" is in back of the church with paper angel ornaments on it which has the information of the likes or needs of the family. **December 11th is the deadline.**

**See bulletin insert for details.**

### Whenever a county/city within the Diocese of Toledo is placed under a *Level 3 Snow Emergency*

during which all roadways are closed to non-emergency personnel, the Catholic Churches within that geographic region will cancel the scheduled Saturday Vigil, Sunday, or Holy Day Masses. Roman Catholics in that region, therefore, are dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass. If Masses are cancelled, Catholics are encouraged to participate in Holy Mass via television, radio, or internet, making a spiritual Communion. When Mass is cancelled, all other diocesan, parish, or school events in that geographic region are also cancelled.

