

Dear People of God,

Offering my kindest wishes for a truly blessed Christmas is my primary goal today. As we pause from our rush to buy everything insight, or lament that inflation has made it difficult to do so, I would pray that we all take time to consider the spiritual aspect of Christmas rather than its Santa Clause-esque materialism. Up until the last century few gifts were exchanged on Christmas; rather, that was left for Epiphany when the Three Wise Ones brought rare and costly gifts to the child Jesus. The notion of giving gifts to one another came about when society "arrived" and had an excess of wealth with which to offer purchased items rather than thoughtfully produced hand crafts which the recipients could use to improve their lives.

At any rate, looking forward to the visitation of those three magi and in light of the birth of the Christ, I would invite each one of us to seriously, and I do mean seriously, consider a rare and costly gift for Jesus. I don't mean gold, frankincense or myrrh or a new Tesla or a gift of a ride into outer space. In the long view, those are neither truly rare nor valuable. The gift I'm talking about is real, identifiable faith in why Jesus came to earth. There is nothing more valuable in the here and now which will extend itself into eternity than our fealty to the redemptive offering of Jesus which God holds out for us, not just at Christmas but every day of our lives.



All too often we get side-tracked by the material world around us so that the Christmas turkey, Christmas football or basketball, Christmas trees, Christmas cheer, and Christmas shopping assume the central consideration of the holiday. Think back to last year – how long did you make Jesus the centerpiece of your day? How quickly did something else intrude to shove Jesus out of the picture altogether? How did you affirm your faith in Jesus' message as you shared the day with family and friends?

As baptized Christians every day should be Christmas day – the word means *Christ's Mass* but how often do we make other things, places, events, or super sales at the Mall our Sunday obligation rather than receiving from God the very Christ whom we ought to venerate?

May God truly bless you with his warm and wonderful presence and give you the gift of love

*Nollaig shona agus faoi mhaise daoibh go léir. Agus athbhliain faoi mhaise daoibh!*

Msgr. Chris

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

#### Finance Council

Doug Bohl  
Jim Shrader  
Jeff Stephens  
Bill Malone  
Linda Jennings  
John Bachey  
Jim Kline

#### Pastoral Council

Amy Coronado  
Elaine Hoffman  
Jean Boeding  
Jeanne Kanary  
Jen Czyzewski  
Joe Pinciotti  
John Adler  
John Kanary  
Karen Hallett  
Kathy Thompson  
Kristine Waslar  
Martha Farrell  
Marty Lahey  
Mary Kay Belcher  
Michelle Zuelke  
Nancy Rank  
Pat Hickey  
Pat Thompson



## **CALENDAR** **December 17, 2022—December 25, 2022**



<u>Sat</u>	10:00 am	St. Patrick's Healing Prayer Service/ Msgr. Chris
	4:00 pm	Immaculate Conception Mass/Msgr. Chris
<u>Sun</u>	8:00 am	<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b> St. Patrick's Mass for the Vulnerable (no music)/Msgr. Chris/Jeff Gralak
	9:00 am—9:50 am	Religious Education
	9:30 am	St. Patrick's Rosary & Confessions
	10:00 am	St. Patrick's Sunday Mass/Msgr. Chris
	Intention	(Also Streamed on Parish Facebook Page) Ginter, Periat & Shrader Families Parents of Marty & Mary Helen Williams Dorothy Mazzei McBride Mary Ann Buckley Donald D. King, Burl Steele Sr. & Marilyn D. Siefert
	During Mass	Children's Liturgy
	During Mass	St. Patrick's Baptism/Hazel White/ Msgr. Chris
	After Mass	St. Patrick's Christmas Open House
	11:45 am	Liturgy Meeting
	1:00 pm	Christmas Concert
	10:30 am	Immaculate Conception Confessions
	11:00 am	Immaculate Conception Sunday Mass/ Fr. Rudi

Tues 9:10 am Immaculate Conception Mass

Wed 4:00—5:00 pm St. Patrick's Adoration  
5:30 pm St. Patrick's/Msgr. Chris  
Intention (Also Streamed on Parish Facebook Page)  
St. Patrick's Parishioners

Fri Parish Offices Closed/Holiday

<u>Sat</u>		<b>Christmas Eve</b> <b>Historic Church of St. Patrick</b> 6:00 pm HSP Children's Christmas/Fr. Rudi 11:30 pm HSP Christmas Carols 12:00 am HSP Midnight Mass/Msgr. Chris Streamed on Parish Facebook Page
	4:00 pm	<b>Immaculate Conception</b> IC Children's Christmas Mass/Msgr. Chris
	12:00 am	IC Midnight Mass/Fr. Rudi
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	10:30 am	Immaculate Conception Confessions
	11:00 am	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. Thank you!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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



# WELCOME TO HISTORIC CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY—HSP

Dec 18 LaDonna Harris  
Dec 18 Robert Brywczyński  
Dec 18 Reagan Longoria  
Dec 20 Philip Vrzal  
Dec 20 Robin McLoughlin  
Dec 20 Mark Gracely  
Dec 20 Amanda Zuelke  
Dec 20 Elizabeth Boisselle  
Dec 21 Donald Andrysek Sr.  
Dec 21 Connie Durand  
Dec 21 Nancy McGee  
Dec 21 Dyana Yardley-Davis  
Dec 21 Jeffrey Gralak  
Dec 21 Eileen Dowling  
Dec 23 Deborah Bugaj  
Dec 24 Mike Anderson  
Dec 24 Matthew Meyers  
Dec 24 Cole Ragan



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY—HSP

Dec 18 Marty & Jackie Ball 30 yrs  
Dec 18 Bryan & Becky Schmakiel 18 yrs  
Dec 20 Nick & Natalie Morgan 8 yrs  
Dec 22 Donald & Kathleen Hedrick 42 yrs  
Dec 22 Matthew & Kristin Koester 22 yrs  
Dec 23 Matthew & Tricia Cassidy 50 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

December 11, 2022

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Goal	\$ 5,769.23	\$ 132,692.29
Actual	\$ 5,872.00	\$ 131,249.43
Elect. Fund Transfer	\$ 420.00	\$ 7,230.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 522.77	\$ 5,787.14
Soup Kitchen	\$ 5.00	\$ 15.00
Preservation	\$ 2.00	\$ 1,758.00
Candles	\$ 59.10	
Flowers/Altar	\$ 2.00	
Flower/Christmas	\$ 213.00	\$ 553.00
Christmas	\$ 400.00	
Food Baskets	\$ 100.00	\$ 5,550.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 150.00	\$ 165.00
Thanksgiving	\$ 5.00	\$ 91.00

Thank you!

## 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!

<b><u>Outreach Income:</u></b>	<b><u>Last Week</u></b>	<b><u>Year to Date</u></b>
	\$ 79.00	\$15,952.50

Thank You!



# HISTORIC CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



### DECEMBER 18 - MINISTER SCHEDULE

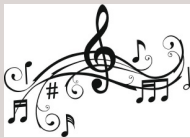
#### Scripture Reading #887

<b>Acolytes:</b>	Jeff Kelley, John Breidenbach, Zayne Garcia
<b>Communion:</b>	Carol Shrader, Chris Bates, Dennis Bensch, Diane Pacella, Ellen Melroy, Jim Shrader, Marie Arter, Maureen Mohny, Pat Hickey, Renee Hickey
<b>Gifts:</b>	Mary Ellen Williams, Mary Kay Belcher, Melanie Parton, Rosalie Mills
<b>Greeters:</b>	Carol Shrader, Char Lauer, Jim Shrader, Michelle Zuelke
<b>Hospitality:</b>	<b>Hospitality Cancelled/See you January 8</b>
<b>Readers:</b>	Michelle Zuelke, Paula Nowicki
<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 25 - MINISTER SCHEDULE

#### Scripture Reading #893

<b>Acolytes:</b>	See Sign-up Sheets
<b>Communion:</b>	See Sign-up Sheets
<b>Gifts:</b>	See Sign-up Sheets
<b>Greeters:</b>	See Sign-up Sheets
<b>Hospitality:</b>	<b>Hospitality Cancelled/See you January 8</b>
<b>Readers:</b>	See Sign-up Sheets
<b>Ushers:</b>	See Sign-up Sheets
<b>Children's Liturgy:</b>	<b>See you January 8!</b>



PLEASE SEE THE ADVENT WORSHIP AID



### ALTAR FLOWERS

Dec	18	Available
Dec	25	Mary Gertrude Bruening
Jan	1	Available
Jan	8	Available



### SANCTUARY LAMP

Dec	18	Available
Dec	25	Available
Jan	1	Available
Jan	8	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.

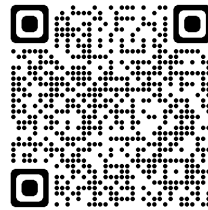


# The Historic Church of St. Patrick's

## 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!



### Christmas Flower Envelopes



Flower envelopes are located in the back of church and in the pews which will be used for decorating the church during the Christmas season.

### We need your help!



In celebration of our 160th Anniversary, we'd like to recognize any surviving attendees of the Saint Patrick school that once

stood nearby. The school closed in 1956. If you know of someone please contact the parish office at 419-243-6452, ext. 3. We want to include as many as possible!



### Christmas Masses

#### **Ministers Still Needed!**

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

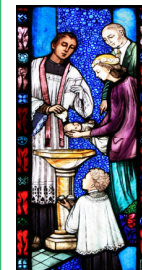
**Dec. 24, 6:00 pm** Children's Mass  
**Dec. 24, 11:30 pm** Christmas Carols followed by 12:00 midnight Mass  
**Dec. 25, 10:00 am** Christmas Mass

### 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.

### Congratulations on this Special Day December 18, 2022



May it bring with it love, peace and joy as we Celebrate this Holy occasion of Baptism.

**Hazel White**



### Lector Handbooks Year A

**They are here!!** Lectors at St. Patrick's please pick-up your Sunday Word Books for Year A in the Hospitality area today.

### Merry Christmas from the HSP Evangelization Committee



We hope you enjoy our gift to you this year. Your Christmas gift will be available as you exit the church on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. We wish you many Holy Moments in 2023!

### For Sale!

Historic St. Patrick Christmas Ornament  
\$10.00 Each

Still have Christmas shopping to do!

*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



### Christmas Collection for our Clergy



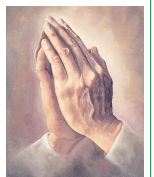
In appreciation for all our clergy members do for us, we will be taking up a collection for them today, December 18 after Mass.

***Thank you for your generosity.***

### 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.



# The Historic Church of St. Patrick's

## Parish/Community Activities!

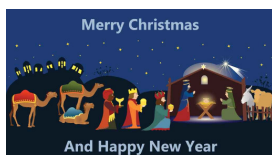
### Holiday Schedule For the Parish Offices

**"Closed"**

Friday, December 23  
thru  
Monday, January 2

We will see you Tuesday, January 3!

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**



Please keep in prayer the First Responders who have given their lives to keep us safe, and their grieving families and departments.

**ROLL CALL OF FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS,  
December 4-10, 2022**

Kurt Keilhofer     Mapleton VFD, PA

**ROLL CALL OF FALLEN LAW  
ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS,  
December 4-10, 2022**

Jose DeLeon     Warren County Sheriff's Office, NC

### Sunday/Christmas Offering Envelopes

In your offering envelopes that are mailed you will notice a Sunday Offering and a Christmas Offering Envelope. They are considered separate collections.



### Still Have Christmas Shopping?

St. Patrick's Shamrock Gift Shop  
Open December 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



Last Wednesday of Advent  
December 21  
4:00 pm—5:00 pm

Followed by 5:30 pm Weekday Mass

### Historic St. Patrick Christmas Open House!

Today, 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.

**Join us in the Rectory (next door) if you would like to enjoy an Irish Coffee made by Marty Lahey!**

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

**All are welcome!**

### 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.

