

Dear People of God,

Today begins a period of true holy days. For many they have become holidays; however, for we Catholic Christians they are holy. Christmas begins "in time" the historical reality of salvation, our salvation. The birth of Christ, promised of ages, brings to earth the very creator of the earth. We remind ourselves that Jesus is God, the God of love, compassion, mercy and salvation. Cheapening that event into a few days off from work is a serious mistake for without the holiness unleashed in that moment when the new born first cried out is to stymie the work he came to do for those who so easily forget the message of salvation.

Yes, Christmas is a time for celebration and certainly can make use of the snow, the crisp cold nights, the crystal clear air, the jingling of sleigh bells (think of all the millions who have never heard them on a real sleigh – have you? I believe you can down in Fremont at the Hayes Estate during the holidays), tinsel and trees and even fruit-cake; however, if we forget to bring Jesus into the picture, we've failed in our Christianity.

As a parish steeped in its Irish roots, do you know the Irish Christmas traditions which focus clearly on Jesus? The most important is the Midnight Mass. We have one which begins at midnight with a few minutes or so of caroling (which is another Irish custom although we ought to do it out on the front steps to be legitimately Irish about it). Midnight Mass is the one at which the actual birth narrative is proclaimed. Yes, I know many parishes have wrongly introduced those readings at the so-called "Children's Mass, which should be reserved for children and their immediate families, not just those who want to sleep in Christmas morning.



Christmas is on Sunday and that creates a real problem for the bookkeeper in the parish who is counting on a Sunday envelope as well as a Christmas envelope. I recall from my childhood listening to Monsignor Clancy (the only pastor I ever knew while in Swanton) ask everyone to consider making a Christmas gift of ten times the ordinary Sunday offering. Paying the bills was just as difficult back then as it is today so I do ask that everyone consider something for both that Sunday collection and the Christmas one as well. Since it is possible that the impact of Christmas falling on a Sunday did not register with many of us, Christmas or regular Sunday contributions (depending on whatever envelope you already used) would be more than welcome anytime this week by Dec 31 for your donations to be tax deductible if relevant for you. Yes, I know all about how hard inflation has hit you and your family because it has hit the parish just as hard and we rely on your kindness because I haven't as yet figured out how you buy the right lottery ticket so we could solve the financial problems forever!

Have a joyous holy day today and always. May the Christ we honor and adore bless you with only good in the days to come.

Msgr. Chris

Lector	<u>Galic Pronounce</u>	A Thiarna éist linn A Theearnah eesht lin
Response	<u>Galic Pronounce</u>	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 24, 2022—January 1, 2023**



Sat

Christmas Eve
Historic Church of St. Patrick
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

Immaculate Conception
4:00 pm IC Children's Christmas Mass/Msgr. Chris
12:00 am IC Midnight Mass/Fr. Rudi

Sun

Christmas Day
8:00 am St. Patrick's Mass/for the Vulnerable
(no music)/Msgr. Chris/Jeff Gralak
9:30 am St. Patrick's Rosary & Confessions
10:00 am St. Patrick's Sunday Mass/Fr. Rudi
(also Streamed on Parish Facebook Page)
Intention Jack, Rosemary & Jim McHugh
Karen Bates
Bill & Dorothy Thompson

10:30 am Immaculate Conception Confessions
11:00 am Immaculate Conception Sunday Mass
Msgr. Chris

Mon

Parish Offices Closed

Tues

9:10 am Parish Offices Closed
Cancelled/Immaculate Conception Mass

Wed

5:30 pm Parish Offices Closed
Cancelled/St. Patrick's Weekday Mass
(Also Streamed on Parish Facebook Page)
Intention St. Patrick's Parishioners

Thurs

Parish Offices Closed

Fri

Parish Offices Closed

Sat

4:00 pm **New Year's Eve**
Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass/
Msgr. Chris

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(Tear Line)



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 25 Charlene Leestma
Dec 25 Angela Kuhn
Dec 26 Mary Helen Williams
Dec 26 Mary Smith
Dec 26 Mariah Peters
Dec 27 Joan Wiley
Dec 27 Mike Lora
Dec 27 Christopher Miller
Dec 27 Ryan Keil
Dec 27 Molly Carroll
Dec 27 John Grady
Dec 28 Meghan O'Brien
Dec 28 Mason Cummins
Dec 29 Autumn Gilmore
Dec 29 Antonio luele
Dec 29 Grady Croak
Dec 30 Pat Hickey
Dec 30 Brittany Jones
Dec 31 Richard Lauer
Dec 31 Christopher Ferrara
Dec 31 Ken Day



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY—HSP

Dec 26 Kevin & Janice Lodge 41 yrs
Dec 26 James & Debra Schaefer 41 yrs
Dec 29 Ron & Brenda Liwo 46 yrs
Dec 30 David & Terri Carroll 33 yrs
Dec 30 Brian & Janet Rozick 19 yrs
Dec 31 Tim & Minnie Borgerson 29 yrs



PRAYER IS ANSWERED-HSP

Deacon Tom Carone, 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 18, 2022

**No Financial Report this week due
to the Holiday Printing Schedule**

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Goal	\$ 5,769.23	\$ 132,692.29
Actual	\$	\$ 131,249.43
Elect. Fund Transfer	\$	\$ 7,230.00
Over/(Under)	\$	\$ 5,787.14

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!

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

Thank You!



HISTORIC CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD



DECEMBER 25 - MINISTER SCHEDULE

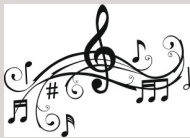
Scripture Reading #893

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

JANUARY 1 - MINISTER SCHEDULE

Scripture Reading #897

Acolytes:	Jeff Kelley, Logan Hickey, Pat Hickey
Communion:	Carol Shrader, Ellen Melroy, Jim Shrader, Marie Arter, Kris Waslar, Michelle Zuelke, Nancy Rank, Rosalie Mills, Susan Fix, Therese King
Gifts:	Carolyn Harrington, Frank Semetko, Ken Harrington, Nancy Semetko
Greeters:	Char Lauer, Cookie Westmeyer, Pat Tansey
Hospitality:	Hospitality Cancelled/See you January 8
Readers:	Luke Mohler, Pam Mohler
Ushers:	Albert Geha, Cookie Westmeyer, Dave Meegan, Debbie Sadlier, Gary Johnson, Jeff Figmaka, Larry Minor, Tim McHugh
Children's Liturgy:	See you January 8!



PLEASE SEE THE CHRISTMAS WORSHIP AID



ALTAR FLOWERS

Dec	25	Mary Gertrude Bruening
Jan	1	Available
Jan	8	Available
Jan	15	Available



SANCTUARY LAMP

Dec	25	Available
Jan	1	Available
Jan	8	Available
Jan	15	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

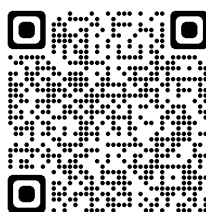
Our Soup Kitchen is located at the LMHA Building at the foot of the hill in front of church. We provide meals and clothing to our community in need every Sunday from 11:00 am—1:00 pm. If you are interested in helping serve meals or hand out clothing please call the parish office.

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!

Winter is Here!



We are collecting back packs, blankets, coats, hats, gloves, boots, socks and warm clothing for the cold season fast approaching. All items will be given directly back to the community through the outreach programs. Your help would be greatly appreciated with any donations you may have. All donations can be dropped off at Historic St. Patrick's between the hours of 9:00 am and 2:00 pm.

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.

Thank You!

We would like to thank everyone who participated with the preparations of the Christmas Season.

Thank you again for all that you do.



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!

Weekday Masses Cancelled

Immaculate Conception
Tuesday, December 27
&
Historic St. Patrick
Wednesday, December 28

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!

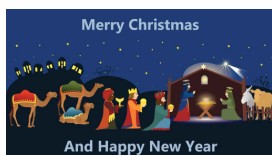
Holiday Schedule For the Parish Offices

"Closed"

Friday, December 23
thru
Monday, January 2

We will see you Tuesday, January 3!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Liturgy Meeting

Historic St. Patrick's
Liturgy Meeting after Mass
Sunday, January 8

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



*Merry Christmas
to all at
The Historic Church of St. Patrick
and
Immaculate Conception*



Have a Safe and Happy Holiday!

New Year's Masses

4:00 pm Vigil Mass

Saturday, Dec. 31 @ Immaculate Conception

8:00 & 10:00 am New Year's Day

Sunday, January 1
at Historic St. Patrick

11:00 am New Year's Day

Sunday, January 1,
at Immaculate Conception

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.



Sunday, January 8th

Blood Pressure Checks by the
Statue of the Pieta after Mass
and

Food Pantry Sunday



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.

