

Dear People of God,

I return today to the question of hell, a question I hear at the back of church fairly often relative to why we don't preach about it. We don't preach on it, as I said previously, because Jesus doesn't talk about it very often in the texts we read at Mass. However, I remind us all that hell is very real. It's a condition in which we are forever denied the connections we now enjoy to God and God's creation: a formless void with nothing to see, nothing to hear, nothing to taste, nothing to smell, nothing. However, nothing is difficult for us to understand since we're always immersed in something, in fact a lot of things. We are connected to the world around us by our five senses (we actually have six – the sixth isn't detecting paranormal events; rather it's the rumbling stomach that reminds us we're hungry, the heavy eyes which remind us we're tired, the feeling we'd better head to the restroom, the headache, etc.) so being deprived of them would be horrific, far beyond Halloween!



Getting back to Dante, in the *Inferno* he takes a stroll through the multiple layers or circles of hell. His contemporaries depicted this as a dome which was getting smaller and

smaller as it descended, literally, into hell. Dante theorized that greater evil was far less common and the greatest evil was pretty rare, so the circles got smaller to accommodate fewer truly big sinners. It's difficult to make out the people, but the artist Botticelli rendered Dante's image as you see it here. With this visual in mind, let's begin our tour of the depths of hell.

Until fairly recently the common perception of most Christians was that the unbaptized, regardless of how good they were, could not enter into heaven. Dante postulated that those good people were sent to a region called Limbo where virtue had its reward just short of being in God's presence. It was the largest of the circles because everyone knew there were a lot of unbaptized from the time of Adam and Eve up to the composition of the *Inferno*. These were good people who, for whatever reason, were never evangelized but whose sins didn't merit eternal damnation. We'll meet the people who failed to do the evangelization later on our tour. As time passed, many Catholics hung on to the idea of limbo but reserved it for babies who died before they were baptized. The poet Virgil was in this place when he was asked to serve as Dante's guide. By the way, Virgil's contribution to Latin Class at the high school level was the epic poem *Aeneid* which provided a legendary foundation of the City State of Rome.

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

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Nancy Rank
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CALENDAR January 14, 2023—January 22, 2023



Sat 4:00 pm Immaculate Conception Mass/Msgr. Chris

Sun 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/Msgr. Chris/
D. Dave
(Also Streamed on Parish Facebook Page)
Intention After Mass Florence Minor
Advent Study

10:30 am Immaculate Conception Confessions
11:00 am Immaculate Conception Sunday Mass/
Fr. Rudi

Mon Parish Offices Closed/Holiday
Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Tues 9:10 am Immaculate Conception Weekday Mass

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

Sat 4:00 pm Immaculate Conception Mass/Msgr. Chris

Sun 8:00 am 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/Fr. Rudi/
D. Dave
(also Streamed on Parish Facebook Page)
Intention During Mass Madonna Pauken
After Mass Children's Liturgy
Advent Study

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



(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

Jan 15 Carole Laasch
Jan 15 Msgr. Chris Vasko
 Jan 15 Esther Rodriguez
 Jan 15 John Schnorberger
 Jan 16 Sue Cervantes
 Jan 16 Rachelle Ragan
 Jan 16 Stephen Bates
 Jan 16 Kathleen Schnorberger
 Jan 17 Randy Wangler
 Jan 17 Mary Kay Belcher
 Jan 18 Terry Gracely
 Jan 18 Patrick Quinn
 Jan 18 Justin Thomas
 Jan 19 Mark Michalski
 Jan 19 Cara Cahill
 Jan 19 Ragan Shaw
 Jan 20 Nicole Walsh
 Jan 20 Zachary Wells
 Jan 21 Carol Sheets
 Jan 21 Jaelyn Wampler



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY—HSP

Jan 15 Brian & Molly Pearson 18 yrs
 Jan 18 Jeffrey & Doris MacArthur 54 yrs
 Jan 20 Philip & Sheila Vrzal 16 yrs
 Jan 21 Steven & Carmen Boyd 23 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

January 8, 2023

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Goal	\$ 5,769.23	\$ 155,769.21
Actual	\$ 5,720.91	\$ 169,936.97
Elect. Fund Transfer	\$ 646.68	\$ 8,810.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 598.36	\$ 22,977.76
Preservation	\$ 172.00	\$ 2,263.00
Candles	\$ 42.00	
Hospitality	\$ 8.88	
Altar Flowers	\$ 2.00	
Christmas Flowers	\$ 7.00	\$ 647.00
Christmas	\$ 795.00	\$ 5,362.02
Initial Offering	\$ 28.00	\$ 105.00

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!

<u>Outreach Income:</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
	\$ 1,155.00	\$17,503.50
	Thank You!	



HISTORIC CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



JANUARY 15 - MINISTER SCHEDULE

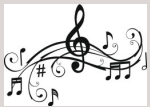
Scripture Reading #951

Acolytes:	Jeff Kelley, John Breidenbach, Zayne Garcia
Communion:	Dennis Bensch, Diane Pacella, Jeanne Kanary, Judy Henry, Judy Schneiderbauer, Lisa Kelley, Mary Ellen Williams, Mary Kay Belcher, Maureen Mohny, Melanie Parton
Gifts:	Frank Semetko, Jeanne Kanary, John Kanary, Nancy Semetko
Greeters:	Carol Shrader, Jeanne Kanary, Jim Shrader, John Kanary
Hospitality:	Ann Figmaka, Debbie Sadlier, Jeff Figmaka, Therese King
Readers:	Chris Bates, Jennifer Czyzewski
Ushers:	Albert Geha, Cookie Westmeyer, Dave Meegan, Debbie Sadlier, Gary Johnson, Jeff Figmaka, Larry Minor, Tim McHugh
Children's Liturgy:	See you next week!

JANUARY 22 - MINISTER SCHEDULE

Scripture Reading #954

Acolytes:	Chris Bates, Doug Leestma, Gary Johnson
Communion:	Carol Shrader, Ellen Melroy, Jim Shrader, Marie Arter, Kris Waslar, Michelle Zuelke, Nancy Rank, Rosalie Mills, Susan Fix, Therese King
Gifts:	Carolyn Harrington, Jeff Kelley, Ken Harrington, Lisa Kelley
Greeters:	Cookie Westmeyer, Lisa Kelley, Pat Tansey
Hospitality:	Ann Figmaka, Connie Durand, Debbie Sadlier, Jeff Figmaka
Readers:	Mary Ellen Williams, Frank Semetko
Ushers:	Albert Geha, Cookie Westmeyer, Gary Johnson, John Kanary, Larry Minor, Mary Kay Belcher, Melanie Parton, Pat Tansey
Children's Liturgy:	Jen Czyzewski



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



Opening Hymn: "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" 368
 Kyrie (Missa Simplex) Gloria: (Missa Simplex) Psalm and Gospel Acclamation
 (both sung, of the day)
 Offertory Hymn: "Prayer of St. Francis" 738
 Mass Ordinaries: Sanctus (Mass of Christ the Savior) Memorial Acclamation A or C
 (Mass of Christ the Savior) Agnus Dei (Mass of Christ the Savior)
 Communion Hymn: "Abba, Father" 615
 Closing Hymn: "O God beyond All Praising" 614

ALTAR FLOWERS

Jan	15	Available
Jan	22	Available
Jan	29	Available
Feb	5	Available



SANCTUARY LAMP

Jan	15	Available
Jan	22	Available
Jan	29	Available
Feb	5	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



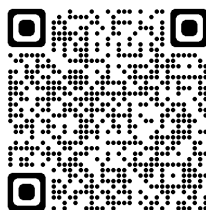
Our Soup Kitchen is located at the LMHA Building at the foot of the hill in front of church. We provide meals and clothing to our community in need every Sunday from 11:00 am—1:00 pm. If you are interested in helping serve meals or hand out clothing please call the parish office.

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!



Electronic Donation



Please consider electronic donation for your Sunday offering!

The electronic donors can schedule their church donations weekly, biweekly or monthly. The electronic giving option allows these people to give to their church regardless of where they are during the year. The electronic sign-up information is located on our web-site and at each entrance of the church.

Call the parish office for more information!

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 winter season. 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.

Acolytes & Communion Distributors for January 29th

There will be a short meeting for the acolytes and communion distributors that are on the schedule for January 29th for the 160th kick-off. We will meet on **Sunday January 15** after the 10:00 am Mass.



9 Days for Life Novena

Please join Bishop Thomas and the USCCB for the 9 Days for Life Novena. We will pray daily for the protection of all human life from **January 19th-January 27th, 2023.**

You can sign up to receive daily intentions, brief reflections, and more each day on your phone or online. Join at www.9daysforlife.com!

See bulletin inserts/9 Days for Life.

Finally, let us reflect on the words of the late Pope Benedict XVI and remember that "each of us is the result of a thought of God. Each of us is willed. Each of us is necessary."



Please consider a Financial Gift

Please consider a gift to The Historic

Church of Saint Patrick through your Will, a gift of Life Insurance, an Annuity, or a Trust. Call Trish Shaffer at the parish office (419-243-6452, ext. 4) with any questions you may have.

Parish Offices Closed



Monday,
January 16
for
Martin Luther King
Jr. Holiday

Winter Bible Studies



The Chosen (Season 3)
Tuesdays: February 7-March 28;
6:30-8:00 p.m. at HSP.

Catechism of the Catholic Church
Wednesdays: February 8-March 29;
6:30-8:00 p.m. at HSP.

(Please see insert for more details.)

For more information or to sign up contact Martha at Martha.Farrell15@gmail.com.

The Historic Church of St. Patrick's

Parish/Community Activities!

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, January 1-7, 2023

Larry Peasly Maroa Countryside Fire Prot. District, IL

ROLL CALL OF FALLEN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, January 1-7, 2023

Justin McIntire Brackenridge Borough PD, PA

Thank You!

Thank you to all of my parish family and friends at HSP and IC for your prayers, cards and good wishes during my recent adventure! I am on the road back now, and hope to see many of you in the near future! Keep praying! Love, Deacon Tom



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



The Historic Church of Saint Patrick 160th Anniversary Celebration 2023

The first mass of the parish was held
February 1, 1863
on the feast day of Bridget of Kildare.



To commemorate this day, we will celebrate mass on Sunday, January 29, 2023.
10:00 am after mass,
Bishop Daniel Thomas and
Bishop Kevin Rhoades (Fort Wayne)
will join us for
Brunch with the Bishops
Manhattan's, 11:30 - 1:30 pm

*This is a limited seating event.
Tickets will go on sale January 1, 2023, \$15
Please join us as we begin a year-long anniversary*

We would like to see and hear from you!

Please share your picture or any comments about your experience doing the Advent/O Antiphon project this Christmas.

Please send pictures/comments to sherri@stpatshistoric.org **by January 21.**

Would you like to be a Lector or Communion Distributor

If you are interested in becoming a lector or communion distributor there will be a training session on Sunday, January 15th after the 10:00 am Mass.
Hope to see you!

Graceful Living!

Watch your mailbox for the latest issue of the Diocese of Toledo magazine, Graceful Living! In each issue, you'll find unique stories of the people and places in our 19 county diocese. It is mailed to 42,000 homes in Northwest Ohio twice per year. You can read the online edition or sign up to receive future issues at toledodiocese.org/GracefulLiving



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.

