

Dear People of God,

It seems a long time ago that I began a series on a topic someone said needed more attention from the Church: hell. Hell is real and is the eternal destination for those who sin gravely against God and God's creation. It is the deprivation of all that is good, a severe, lonely, arid waste. Again, it's real and over the centuries many have attempted to glean some sense of what all that means. For many ancient civilizations the underworld was dark, filled with monsters eager to devour anyone foolish enough to go there. Among the more famous authors who delved into the topic was Dante Alighieri, the Italian poet/author whose work *The Divine Comedy* includes a lengthy section devoted to the levels of hell to which particular sinners are destined by those sins.

After introducing the idea of Limbo, the following levels all deal with actions which go beyond ordinary human behavior, sins of excess and self-absorption. We've looked at the first levels in previous letters (Lust, Gluttony and Greed) so let's descend now to level five which is reserved for **Wrath**.

As with the previous levels, this one is marked by both commission (hateful angry acts) and omission (harboring hateful, angry thoughts). Dante uses the old Roman notion of the river Styx which formed the barrier between life and death in Roman mythology. However, for Dante the river is shallow, slimy and foul. Those who hated and gave in to anger in life struggle at the surface of this morass to endlessly wrangle with one another in an eternal pointless battle without purpose or limit. Dante again names a few names of people whose temper got the best of them in life and are now destined to deal with that temper forever. At this level it is hopelessness which is the burning flame that perpetually afflicts the doomed sinner.

Of course, the slime can accommodate those who harbored evil thoughts but never acted on them (omission): they can be found deep in the sloppy goop of the Styx, unable to move or function. These sinners are held captive by their inability to surface the interior anger that wraps them completely. Not only is this crowd hopeless, having no means of escaping the condition for which they are being punished, but the inner forces of their sins constantly threaten to consume them. Anger that eats away at the soul is the sin which leads to this state.

Lust, Gluttony, Greed and Wrath are all behaviors which, as Dante repeatedly states, are taking the good and making it evil by hoarding it to oneself at an extreme level. He will now enter into a different realm of the circles of hell, sins which are not ordinary human behaviors. He believes these are far more difficult to commit and are therefore far more harmful to the sinner and the society in which these sins are committed. In fact, the lower levels are separated from the ones we've seen so far because the sins and the punishments are themselves extraordinary. We'll look at them as we continue our descent into the pits of hell.

Msgr. Chris



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

February 25, 2023—March 5, 2023



Sat	10:00 am 4:00 pm	St. Patrick's Tour/Mary Kay Belcher Immaculate Conception Mass/Msgr. Chris
Sun	8:00 am 9:30 am 10:00 am Intention	1st Sunday of Lent St. Patrick's Mass (no music) Msgr. Chris/Jeff Gralak St. Patrick's Rosary & Confessions St. Patrick's Sunday Mass/Fr. Rudi <i>(Also Streamed on Parish Facebook Page)</i> Eileen Foley
	10:30 am 11:00 am	Immaculate Conception Confessions Immaculate Conception Sunday Mass/ Msgr. Chris/Deacon Dave
Tues	9:10 am 6:30—8:00 pm	Immaculate Conception Weekday Mass Bible Study
Wed	4:00 pm 5:30 pm Intention 6:15 pm 6:30—8:00 pm	St. Patrick's/Adoration St. Patrick's Weekday Mass/Msgr. Chris <i>(Also Streamed on Parish Facebook Page)</i> Parishioners of Historic St. Patrick Pints w/the Pastor @ The Blarney Bible Study

Fri	12:00 Noon 2:20 pm	St. Patrick's Stations of the Cross followed by lunch in the Rectory Immaculate Conception Stations of the Cross
Sat	4:00 pm	Immaculate Conception Mass/Msgr. Chris
Sun	8:00 am 9:00 am—9:50 am 9:30 am 10:00 am Intention During Mass After Mass After Mass	2nd Sunday of Lent/Food Pantry Sunday St. Patrick's Mass (no music) Msgr. Chris/Jeff Gralak Religious Education St. Patrick's Rosary & Confessions St. Patrick's Sunday Mass/Msgr. Chris/ Deacon Dave <i>(also Streamed on Parish Facebook Page)</i> Felix & Frances Czyzewski Katie Wernert Children's Liturgy Religious Ed 1st Reconciliation Blood Pressure Checks
	10:30 am 11:00 am	Immaculate Conception Confessions Immaculate Conception Sunday Mass Fr. Rudi



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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

- Feb 26 Stephen Thomas
- Feb 26 Maggie Klear
- Feb 27 Kathy Bohl
- Feb 27 Robert Schaefer
- Feb 27 Madeline Baas
- Feb 28 Sue Matthews
- Feb 29 Michael Vassar
- Mar 1 John Schalles
- Mar 1 Marcia Tscherne
- Mar 1 Patrick Mallon
- Mar 1 Nancy Ankenbrandt
- Mar 1 Linda Hamel
- Mar 1 Tayler Wells
- Mar 1 John Tyas
- Mar 1 Carlos Guzman
- Mar 2 James Schaefer
- Mar 3 Charlotte Lauer
- Mar 3 John Kanary
- Mar 3 Allison Anderson
- Mar 3 Colby Tyas
- Mar 4 Pat Lora
- Mar 4 Alexandra Businger



PRAYER IS ANSWERED—HSP

Jim Brazeau, 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, Estela 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

February 19, 2023

No Financial Report this week.
Sorry for the inconvenience.

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Goal	\$ 5,769.23	\$ 184,615.36
Actual	\$	\$ 195,796.80
Elect. Fund Transfer	\$	\$ 9,585.00
Over/(Under)	\$	\$ 20,766.44
 Candles	 \$	 \$
160th Anniversary	\$	\$ 1,020.00

Thank you!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY—HSP

No Anniversaries this week!



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	\$ 17,901.50

Thank You!



HISTORIC CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



FEBRUARY 26 - MINISTER SCHEDULE

Scripture Reading #903

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

MARCH 5 - MINISTER SCHEDULE

Scripture Reading #906

Acolytes:	Brendan Mohny, Mary Kay Belcher, Moira Mohny
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:	Luke Mohler, Pam Mohler
Ushers:	Albert Geha, Cookie Westmeyer, Gary Johnson, John Canary, Larry Minor, Mary Kay Belcher, Melanie Parton, Pat Tansey
Children's Liturgy:	Melissa Cummins

First Sunday of Lent



Opening Hymn: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" 482
Kyrie (Missa Simplex) Gloria: (Missa Simplex) Psalm and Gospel Acclamation (both sung, of the day)
Offertory Hymn: "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" 780
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: "Praise to the Holiest in the Height"



Praise to the holiest in the height, And in the depth be praise; In all His words most wonderful, Most sure in all His ways. O loving wisdom of our God! When all was sin and shame, A second Adam to the fight And to the rescue came. O wisest love! that flesh and blood, Which did in Adam fail, Should strive afresh against the foe, Should strive and should prevail. And that a higher gift than grace Should flesh and blood refine, God's Presence and His very Self, And Essence all divine. O generous love! that He, who smote, In Man for man the foe, The double agony in Man For man should undergo. And in the garden secretly, And on the Cross on high, Should teach His brethren, and inspire To suffer and to die.

Closing Hymn: "Forty Days and Forty Nights" 380

ALTAR FLOWERS

Feb	26	Available
Mar	5	Available
Mar	12	Available
Mar	19	Available



SANCTUARY LAMP

Feb	26	Available
Mar	5	Available
Mar	12	Available
Mar	19	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



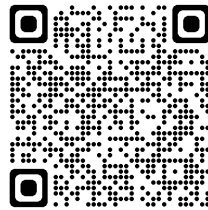
Our Soup Kitchen is located at the LMHA Building at the foot of the hill in front of church. We provide meals and clothing to our community in need every Sunday from 11:00 am—1:00 pm. If you are interested in helping serve meals or hand out clothing please call the parish office.

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!



Lent



The temptation in the desert can be considered in different ways. Some have offered

that they represent the temptations of thinking that we will never want (bread), we will never suffer (the angels will rescue you), and we will control our destiny (we can gain what we desire).

The remedy is prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Almsgiving frees us to give away our goods, trusting that God will provide for our needs. Fasting unites our suffering with the suffering of others. And prayer helps us place our destiny in God's hands. How am I going to grow this Lent? How will I use this time to resist the temptations in my life?

Church Bulletin Advertising

Kevin McCollum, representing our Bulletin Publisher, Diocesan, is currently seeking new advertisements. Support our parish while you promote your business in print and digitally through social media. If interested, please contact Kevin directly. Only a third down payment is required to reserve an ad.

Contact: Kevin McCollum
kmccollum@diocesan.com
 614-980-9196

Thanks to you and Diocesan, the bulletin is published weekly at no cost to the parish!

Vocations

Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the state in life God has prepared for you? If you are considering a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, contact the Vocation Office at (419) 244-6711 or email: psmith@toledodiocese.org.

Welcome to Children's Liturgy!

Please welcome aboard our new CL teachers Paula Nowicki & Melissa Cummins. With their help we will be able to have Children's Liturgy every Sunday starting Sunday, March 5.

Annual Saint Patrick's Day Celebration @ Historic St. Patrick's

Please join us on Sunday, March 12, 2023

9:30 a.m. Irish Sing-A-Long

10:00 a.m. Saint Patrick's Day Liturgy

11:00 a.m. All are invited for an Irish Luncheon in the back of church!

An Irish Welcome to All!!

Diocesan Eucharistic Revival Gatherings

During this diocesan year of the National Eucharistic Revival, join us for a worshipful evening of prayer and Eucharistic Adoration to enhance our understanding of, love for, and living out of the Holy Eucharist. Each event will be from 3:00pm-4:30pm. Bishop Daniel E. Thomas will be the celebrant. We hope you will join us at the event nearest you!

Sunday, March 12, 2023

St. Peter, Mansfield

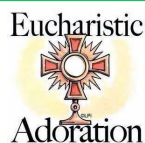
Sunday, March 19, 2023

St. Michael, Kalida

Sunday, April 30, 2023

St. John XXIII, Perrysburg

Visit toledodiocese.org/eucharist for details.



Eucharistic Adoration

Historic Church of St. Patrick
 Every Wednesday during Lent
 at 4:00 pm

(Wednesday, March 1 thru March 29)

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent



12:00 pm @ HSP
(Soup & Bread Following)
 Stations of the Cross

2:20 pm @ IC
 Stations of the Cross

Little Black Books

Lent is here!

Please pick up your "Little Black Book" in the back of church today after Mass.



This is a great way to provide time for your Lenten reflection.

The Historic Church of St. Patrick's Parish/Community Activities!



"Family Friendly"



St. Patrick's Day celebration!!

The Hibernians (An Irish-American Catholic organization) will have their annual St. Patrick's celebration on Friday,

March 17th from 4:00PM until 10:00PM at

St. Clement Hall, 2990 Tremainsville Rd Toledo

At approximately 7:30 pm Msgr. Chris Vasko will be Honored as Hibernian of the Year!

\$5.00 cover charge, children 13 and under attend free, when accompanied by an adult.

Jigg's Dinner, Irish Banger sausage,

Hot dogs & desserts. Irish Baked goods.

We feature the Ardan Irish dancers, the Toledo Fire Dept.

Drum and Pipe Band, the Central Catholic adult choir, live

Irish Music by the Men from

The Bog and The Jolly Gabbers.

Games for kids and Happy the Clown!!

Adult beverages include; Guinness and beer on tap!!

Irish coffee, wine and White Claw.

Come celebrate St. Patrick's Day with Family and Friends!!



Add a pound for Lent

Make the Friar fatter and feed the hungry— Every .88 cents adds a pound! You can help defray the expense of the St. Patrick's Food

Pantry and Soup Kitchen by making the Friar get fatter and fatter! **Envelopes can be found in the back of church through Lent.**



The Historic Church of Saint Patrick 160th Anniversary Celebration 2023

- **Calendar Lottery in March**
Tickets available for \$10.00 ea. at Mass. If you would like to help sell tickets see Kris Waslar after Mass.
- **Event Sponsorship**
Please consider sponsoring an event in August. Hole Sponsors and Cart Sponsors are also needed.
- **St. Patrick's School**
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 now of someone please contact the parish office at 419-243-6452, ext. 3. We want to include as many as possible!

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, February 12-18, 2023

Tre'Evans-Dumaran County of Maui Dept of Fire & Public Safety, HI

ROLL CALL OF FALLEN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, February 12-18, 2023

Julian Becerra	Fountain PD, CO
James Muhlbauer	Kansas City PD, MO
Geoffrey Redd	Memphis PD, TN

Congratulations!

Congratulations to **Mason Cummins and William Marker** who will be making their First Reconciliation on Sunday, March 5, 2023.



May they always seek the forgiveness and love of our merciful God as they continue on their journey of faith. Please remember them and their wonderful families in your prayers!



New Parish Directory (More information needed)

If you would like your **email and phone number** published in the new parish directory please let Sherri in the parish office know at sherri@stpatshistoric.org.

Thank you!

Easter Food Basket Collection!

The holiday food sign-up boards will be in the back of church starting Sunday, February 26. Please take a minute to sign-up over the next few weeks to help us fill our holiday food baskets.

All food for the collection must be to the church By Sunday, March 26th.

Thank you for all you do to make this outreach project so successful.

