

Dear People of God,

Over the past months I've been examining the existence of hell through the lens of a well-known poem: *The Divine Comedy* in which Dante Alighieri is led on a tour of the many levels of hell, each reserved for a specific species of sinner. Recall, sin is the deliberate performance of some act which alienates the person from God or neighbor or even the self. Without any connection to God, the sinner who dies unreconciled is unable to enter heaven so must go somewhere and that's hell. Because the sinner repudiates God by willing to sin, the decision to "go to hell" is always that of the sinner, not God.

Dante wanted to articulate the sins that led to hell and the punishments those sins merited. He did so by describing the so-called circles or levels of hell, each one "lower" than those above and each consisting of an atmosphere associated with the nature of the sin. Today we're pretty deep into these circles at the level of **Violence**.

This level is actually sub-divided into three rings, each representing acts against the love of neighbor, of self, or of God. Although it may seem counter-intuitive, the least significant of these are sins against the neighbor. Yes, these sins can be truly devastating and Dante saw on this level tyrants, murderers, those who wage war for no necessary reason and others who are all swimming in a river of burning blood - supposedly that spilled by their victims. Many of those named in this area were familiar, bloodthirsty people in Dante's time but not ours. The one we'd all recognize is Attila the Hun. I suppose Vlad Tepes would also be there and perhaps any of us can name a few more recent tyrants who made it down to this level.

The second ring is reserved for those who sin against themselves leading to their own destruction. He singles out a few noted suicides but includes those who undertook actions which resulted in their early or violent death. Again, in our contemporary society, we can discern a lot of people who foolishly and too often deliberately choose to do things which are dangerous and deadly - the person who speeds along Alexis and causes a wreck in which he and several others die, or the person who chooses to buy unidentified drugs and too late discovers they're laced with a deadly level of fentanyl. In a culture which increasingly fails to help people develop a wholesome sense of self, there are no doubt many destined to this awful state, the only one which Dante says will miss out on the resurrection since they have thrown away their body.

The third ring is for those who gravely offend God, Art (God's creation) and Nature (God's ordered universe). These sinners are deprived of the presence of God and it is here that we first come across Dante suggesting that in hell, we are deprived of the good things of God's creation. There are three sorts of people and corresponding punishments in this level on which Dante expends quite a lot of ink. And as so have I, I will return to the eighth level of hell next week.

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**

**Finance Council**

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

**Pastoral Council**

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

**CALENDAR**

**March 18, 2023—March 26, 2023**



<b>Sat</b>	4:00 pm	Immaculate Conception Mass/Msgr. Chris
<b>Sun</b>	8:00 am	<b>4th Sunday of Lent</b> St. Patrick's Mass (no music) Msgr. Chris/Jeff Gralak
	9:30 am	St. Patrick's Rosary & Confessions
	10:00 am	St. Patrick's Sunday Mass/Fr. Rudi <i>(also Streamed on Parish Facebook Page)</i>
	Intention	John Periatt Marty Williams Dr. James Croak
	During Mass	Children's Liturgy
	During/After Mass	Confessions/Fr. Chuck Denny/ Fr. Jack Laudick
	10:30 am	Immaculate Conception Confessions
	11:00 am	Immaculate Conception Sunday Mass/ Msgr. Chris/D. Dave
<b>Tues</b>	9:10 am	Immaculate Conception Weekday Mass
	6:30—8:00 pm	Bible Study
<b>Wed</b>	4:00 pm	St. Patrick's Adoration/ <i>Streamed on Facebook Page</i>
	5:30 pm	St. Patrick's Weekday Mass <i>(Also Streamed on Parish Facebook Page)</i>
	Intention	Parishioners of Historic St. Patrick
	6:30—8:00 pm	Bible Study

<b>Fri</b>	12:00 Noon	St. Patrick's Stations of the Cross followed by lunch in the Rectory
	2:20 pm	Immaculate Conception Stations of the Cross
<b>Sat</b>	4:00 pm	Immaculate Conception Mass/Msgr. Chris
<b>Sun</b>	8:00 am	<b>5th Sunday of Lent</b> St. Patrick's Mass (no music) Msgr. Chris/Jeff Gralak
	9:30 am	St. Patrick's Rosary & Confessions
	10:00 am	St. Patrick's Sunday Mass/Fr. Rudi <i>(Also Streamed on Parish Facebook Page)</i>
	Intention	Jack, Rosemary & Jim McHugh Dr. James Croak Norman Miller
	During Mass	Anointing
	During Mass	Fat Friar Appearance
	During Mass	Children's Liturgy
	10:30 am	Immaculate Conception Confessions
	11:00 am	Immaculate Conception Sunday Mass/ Msgr. Chris/D. Dave



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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). Thank you!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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



WELCOME TO  
HISTORIC CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY—HSP**

- Mar 19 Russell Lones
- Mar 19 Susan Kudelka
- Mar 19 Edwin Kawczynski
- Mar 19 Sara Mazur
- Mar 19 Kristie Swartz
- Mar 19 Molly Holland
- Mar 19 Brian Kelly
- Mar 20 Donald Melhorn
- Mar 20 Sarah Pierce
- Mar 22 Tim Borgerson
- Mar 23 Deacon Dave Smith
- Mar 23 Michael Meyers
- Mar 23 Robert Heckman
- Mar 23 Amy Andecover
- Mar 24 Jennifer Seibel
- Mar 24 Alexa Villegas
- Mar 25 Jasmine Hamden



**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY—HSP**

- Mar 19 Tony & Mary Clark 46 yrs
- Mar 23 Brent & Michele Rice 38 yrs
- Mar 24 Joseph & Kathryn Braker 51 yrs
- Mar 25 David & Susan Hufford 40 yrs



**PRAYER IS ANSWERED—HSP**

Sam Cole, Shanna Crumby, Dona Crumby, Sonny Moore, Perry Moore, Jeff Knight, Dwight Knight, Mike Chiles, 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, 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**

**March 12, 2023**

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Goal	\$ 5,769.23	\$ 207,692.28
Actual	\$ 4,510.00	\$ 214,053.72
Elect. Fund Transfer	\$ 420.00	\$ 10,640.00
Over/(Under)	(\$ 839.23)	\$ 17,001.44
Preservation	\$ 20.00	\$ 2,732.00
Candles	\$ 108.25	
Fat Friar	\$ 178.00	\$ 272.76
St. Patrick's Day	\$ 575.00	\$ 575.00
Preservation	\$ 920.00	\$ 4,026.50
160th Preservation	\$ 108.00	\$ 1,128.00

**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>
	\$ N/A	\$ 18,375.50

Thank You!



# HISTORIC CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



## MARCH 19 - MINISTER SCHEDULE

### Scripture Reading #912

<b>Acolytes:</b>	Chris Bates, Doug Leestma, Gary Johnson
<b>Communion:</b>	Dennis Bensch, Diane Pacella, Jeanne Kanary, Judy Henry, Judy Schneiderbauer, Lisa Kelley, Mary Ellen Williams, Mary Kay Belcher, Maureen Mohney, Melanie Parton
<b>Gifts:</b>	Amy Coronado, Chris Carter, Ellen Melroy, Therese King
<b>Greeters:</b>	Ann Figmaka, Jeanne Kanary, Jeff Figmaka, John Kanary
<b>Hospitality:</b>	Ann Figmaka, Connie Durand, Debbie Sadlier, Jeff Figmaka
<b>Readers:</b>	Chris Bates, Jennifer Czyzewski
<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>	Paula Nowicki

## MARCH 26 - MINISTER SCHEDULE

### Scripture Reading #915

<b>Acolytes:</b>	Jeff Kelley, Logan Hickey, Pat Hickey
<b>Communion:</b>	Carol Shrader, Ellen Melroy, Jim Shrader, Marie Arter, Kris Waslar, Michelle Zuelke, Nancy Rank, Rosalie Mills, Susan Fix, Therese King
<b>Gifts:</b>	Carolyn Harrigan, Frank Semetko, Ken Harrigan, Nancy Semetko
<b>Greeters:</b>	Char Lauer, Cookie Westmeyer, Pat Tansey
<b>Hospitality:</b>	Ann Figmaka, Debbie Sadlier, Jeff Figmaka, Therese King
<b>Readers:</b>	Mary Ellen Williams, Frank Semetko
<b>Ushers:</b>	Albert Geha, Cookie Westmeyer, Dave Meegan, Debbie Sadlier, Gary Johnson, Jeff Figmaka, Larry Minor, Tim McHugh
<b>Children's Liturgy:</b>	Jen Czyzewski

### Fourth Sunday of Lent



**Opening Hymn:** "The Glory of These Forty Days" 379  
**Kyrie** (Chant Mass) Psalm and Gospel Acclamation (both sung, of the day)  
**Offertory Hymn:** "Guide me, O Thou Great Redeemer"



Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer, Pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but Thou art mighty; Hold me with Thy powerful hand. Bread of Heaven, Bread of Heaven, Feed me till I want no more; Feed me till I want no more. Open now the crystal fountain, Whence the healing stream doth flow; Let the fire and cloudy pillar Lead me all my journey through. Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, Be thou still my strength and shield; Be thou still my strength and shield. When I tread the verge of Jordan, Bid my anxious fears subside; Death of deaths, and hell's destruction, Land me safe on Canaan's side. Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee; I will ever give to Thee.

**Mass Ordinaries:** Sanctus (Chant Mass) Memorial Acclamation A or C (Chant Mass) Agnus Dei (Chant Mass)  
**Communion Hymn:** "Rain Down" 651  
**Closing Hymn:** "Amazing Grace" 713

### ALTAR FLOWERS

Mar	19	Available
Mar	26	Available
Apr	2	Available
Apr	9	Available



### SANCTUARY LAMP

Mar	19	Available
Mar	26	Available
Apr	2	Available
Apr	9	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



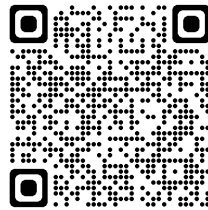
Our Soup Kitchen is located at the LMHA Building at the foot of the hill in front of church. We provide meals and clothing to our community in need every Sunday from 11:00 am—1:00 pm. If you are interested in helping serve meals or hand out clothing please call the parish office.

# 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!



**Happy Birthday  
Deacon Dave**

Thursday,  
March 23

### Lenten Confessions Today, Sunday, March 19

During and After the 10:00 am Mass near the Firefighters Altar and the Confessional.

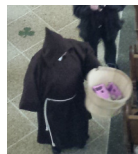


### Sunday, March 26



Anointing  
of the Sick

And



Fat Friar  
Appearance

**Lent** The readings for the fourth Sunday of Lent are about sight and blindness. The choosing of David, we must live in the light, not in darkness and in the gospel the man born blind who Jesus cured. What is my spiritual blindness this Lent?

### Vocations

"...if someone is God-fearing and does His will, He listens to him." Are you being called to do the deeds of Christ as a priest or in the consecrated life, proclaiming the reign of the loving mercy of God our Father?

Contact the Vocation Office at (419) 244-6711 or email: [psmith@toledodiocese.org](mailto:psmith@toledodiocese.org).

### Need Your Help!



The 8:00 am Mass needs a Eucharistic Minister to distribute the Precious Blood. Please call the parish office at 419-243-6452, ext. 3 (Sherri), if you are able to help.

### Easter Flowers

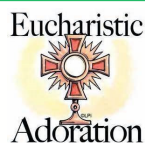


**Easter Flower Envelopes** can be found by each door as you leave church. Your donation will help decorate the church starting Easter Sunday.

### 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, April 30, 2023  
St. John XXIII, Perrysburg  
Visit [toledodiocese.org/eucharist](http://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

**Msgr. Chris will be  
preaching Tenebrae  
this year at**

**Immaculate Conception  
in Port Clinton,**  
414 Madison St,  
Port Clinton, OH 43452

**NEW**

**Wednesday, April 5 at 7:30 pm**

We will meet at 5:30 pm at a local restaurant to enjoy good food and good friends and then attend Tenebrae service .

**To make sure we reserve a large enough space for everyone, please call Sherri at 419.243.6452, ext. 3.**

# The Historic Church of St. Patrick's

## Parish/Community Activities!

### Diocese of Toledo in Compliance Following Safe Environment Audit

Each year, the Diocese of Toledo is required to undergo an audit to ensure that it is in compliance with the articles of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*. This year's audit examined the audit period of July 1, 2018 through September 30, 2021. Bishop Daniel Thomas is pleased to announce that the Diocese was found to be in full compliance with the requirements in the *Charter* following the audit.

The Diocese of Toledo remains committed to ensuring the protection of children and providing a safe environment for all young people. If you have any knowledge of abuse that has been committed by a cleric or by any personnel of the Catholic Church, you are urged to report the abuse to your local police department, Children Services, and to contact the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at (419) 214-4880; or to write to the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at 1933 Spielbusch Avenue, Toledo, Ohio 43604.

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, March 5-11, 2023

Jason Arno

Buffalo FD, NY

### ROLL CALL OF FALLEN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, March 5-11, 2023

No fatalities

### Sunday, April 2—Palm Sunday Mass

Palm Sunday/Distribution of Palms

If you are able, we will meet at the corner of Michigan and Lafayette, then proceed to church "weather permitting".



### 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

- March Calendar Lottery Update**  
 Check out the poster in the back of church to see the winning numbers and who has won each day! Thank you for supporting this amazing fundraiser for the Preservation Society!
- August Events**  
 Sponsors are still needed! Please consider a donation in part if a full sponsorship is not possible. The power of many!!! See Kris Waslar if you have any questions.
- 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. Please contact the parish office at 419-243-6452, ext. 3 (Sherri).

### Holy Week Sign-up Sheets

We are in need of volunteers for Holy Week. Please see sign-up sheets in back of church.



Thank you!

### Easter Food Basket Collection!

Food for the Easter Baskets should be turned in **to the church By Sunday, March 26th.**

***Packing & distribution will take place on Saturday, April 1. We will pack from 8:30 to 9:30 am and distribute the baskets from 9:30—10:30 am.***

All are invited to help pack and distribute the holiday food baskets.

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

