

Dear People of God,

Last week I expanded on low Mass attendance. As baptized into the Christ, we have certain obligations (what we must do – we have no choice because of the relationship formed between each of us and God at baptism) toward God and his Church as committed Christians and even more as committed Catholics. These are normally defined as **time, talent and treasure**. I devoted almost all of a previous week's letter to what *time* means from a Christian perspective and concluded with an introduction to this week's focus: Why do people give so little of their time to God?

I'm a big fan of the Harry Potter series. The vocabulary is excellent and the author's knowledge of religion and history is equally so. In fact, many of the people we encountered on our recent journey through Dante's *Inferno* made their way to the pages of her works as the arch villains of the story of good versus evil. Her knowledge of Christian philosophy is included in those same pages. Like Aristotle, Aquinas, Whitehead, Merleau-Ponty, St. John Paul II and a host of others up to our modern era (I'm dropping a few names in hopes you might research them and discover a lot about human behaviors), she has some wonderfully descriptive things to say about time, how it rushes now and snail-paces then, how we're allotted just so much of it (a biblical topic you can find in *Ecclesiastes*) and how one ought to be using it. I find it both delightfully apt and magnificently laid out.

Rowling believes, as do most of the philosophers who examine time and our use of it, that most humans waste it; they fail to appreciate how little we really have so don't invest wisely in its use throughout our brief - when compared to either geological time or the eternity of the Kingdom - life. Most people never stop to think of time as a valuable reality given by God to be stewarded – think of the King who gave three men a number of coins to invest while he was gone (time).

In large part wasting time is one of the unintended consequences of the sin of Adam and it continues to be a major temptation to sin today.

So, why do we waste time? Among the many reasons and on the top of my list is our secular entitlement culture. In the good old days before the Internet, Social Media, video games, organized athletics, etc., people were what Teddy Roosevelt called *rugged individuals* toiling for the good of all. Historically that began to change during the Great Depression when the government stepped in and provided work opportunities for millions (the CCC and WPA for example). Unfortunately, it didn't stop there. Any number of entitlements sprang up which relieved the necessity of rugged individualism and toil for the common good. Increasingly a lot of people fell into the trap of arrogance, pride and the expectation that the world owed them a living rather than they owing anyone or the world anything or even the necessity to earn the living they desired.

We can see this all around us today, exacerbated by the recent pandemic, and it's one reason people have fallen away from the Church – they believe that God owes them and what do they get from him at Mass? Of course, there's another problem in that question – a failure to appreciate the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist – the free will gift of a loving God to all who participate. If, as the late Andrew Greeley (a priest of the Chicago diocese and a degreed sociologist) discovered, two-thirds of the people at Mass don't believe Jesus is truly present, then we have a real problem and a real cause for fewer people coming to Mass. Coupled to entitlement, a lack of faith explains a lot about those empty pews and closed parishes.

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  
Elaine Hoffman  
Jean Boeding  
Jeanne Canary  
Jen Czyzewski  
Joe Pinciotti  
John Adler  
John Canary  
Karen Hallett

Kathy Thompson  
Kristine Waslar  
Martha Farrell  
Marty Lahey  
Mary Kay Belcher  
Michelle Zuelke  
Nancy Rank  
Pat Hickey  
Pat Thompson

**CALENDAR**

**May 6, 2023—May 14, 2023**



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

**Sun** 8:00 am Food Pantry Sunday  
St. Patrick's Mass (no music)  
Msgr. Chris/Jeff Gralak  
Intention **Marilyn Bohnett**  
9:30 am St. Patrick's Rosary & Confessions  
10:00 am St. Patrick's Sunday Mass/Msgr. Chris/  
Deacon Dave  
(Also Streamed on Parish Facebook Page)  
Intention **Dr. James Croak**  
**Ronnie, Ric, & Baby Williams**  
During Mass 1st Communion  
After Mass May Crowning Rehearsal  
After Mass Blood Pressure Checks  
After Mass Flower Urn Planting (weather permitting)

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

**Tues** 9:10 am Immaculate Conception Weekday Mass

**Wed** 4:30 pm Evangelization Meeting  
5:30 pm St. Patrick's Weekday Mass  
(Also Streamed on Parish Facebook Page)  
Intention Parishioners of Historic St. Patrick  
6:00 pm Potluck w/the Pastor in Rectory

**Fri** 5:00 pm St. Patrick's Wedding Rehearsal/  
Lewandowski & Maison/Deacon Dave

**Sat** 3:00 pm St. Patrick's Wedding/  
Lewandowski & Maison/Deacon Dave  
4:00 pm Immaculate Conception Mass/Msgr. Chris

**Sun** 8:00 am **Mother's Day/May Crowning**  
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/  
Deacon Dave  
(also Streamed on Parish Facebook Page)  
Intention **Mary, Rita and Cathryn**  
**Kathryn Andrews**  
**Dr. James Croak**  
During Mass Children's Liturgy

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](mailto:sherri@stpatshistoric.org). Thank you!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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



WELCOME TO  
HISTORIC CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY—HSP**

- May 7 John Pierce
- May 7 Karen O'Brien
- May 7 Mike Koszycki
- May 7 Ian Pulhuj
- May 8 Teresa Aldrich
- May 8 Brian Pearson
- May 8 Todd Brown
- May 9 Robert Ronau
- May 9 Dave Murnen
- May 9 MeLinda Seegert
- May 9 Stefan Kienzle
- May 9 Ian Westmeyer
- May 10 Robert Longoria
- May 10 Elizabeth Poole
- May 10 Maggie Gilmore
- May 10 Patrick Gorman
- May 11 Kathy Thompson
- May 11 Sandra Drabik-Collins
- May 11 Maggie Hiszak
- May 11 Terry Nacy
- May 11 Lori Udowski
- May 11 Lindsay Egbert
- May 11 Jenna Rice
- May 12 Craig Hebel
- May 13 Tim Donahue
- May 13 Marie DeLeo



**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, Raymond Rolak, Sherry Wilcox, Noah Ashner, Susan Cairl, Steve Woods, Patty Cunningham, 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**

**April 30, 2023**

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Goal	\$ 5,769.23	\$ 248,076.89
Actual	\$ 3,871.85	\$ 270,300.51
Elect. Fund Transfer	\$ 445.00	\$ 12,290.00
Over/(Under)	(\$ 1,452.38)	\$ 34,513.62
Preservation	\$ 62.00	\$ 3,486.50
Candles	\$ 90.15	
Hospitality	\$ 12.00	
Flowers	\$ 2.00	
Mother's Day Flowers	\$ 20.00	\$ 60.00
Easter	\$ 100.00	\$ 4,366.60

**Thank you!**

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY—HSP**

- May 7 Thomas & Linda Varga 47 yrs
- May 7 Brian & Jill Boerst 18 yrs
- May 8 Randy & Maggie Hiszak 47 yrs
- May 9 John & Susan Grajczyk 48 yrs
- May 9 Christopher & Debra Ferrara 43 yrs
- May 10 James & Juliana Willis 10 yrs
- May 13 Charles & Susan Fix 56 yrs



**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> \$ 319.00	<b><u>Year to Date</u></b> \$ 19,662.50
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Thank You!





# HISTORIC CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



## MAY 7 - MINISTER SCHEDULE

### Scripture Reading #930

<b>Acolytes:</b>	Jeff Kelley, John Breidenbach, Zayne Garcia
<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>	Amy Coronado, Chris Carter, Ellen Melroy, Therese King
<b>Greeters:</b>	Char Lauer, Cookie Westmeyer, Pat Tansey
<b>Hospitality:</b>	Ann Figmaka, Debbie Sadlier, Jeff Figmaka, Therese King
<b>Readers:</b>	Luke Mohler, Pam Mohler
<b>Ushers:</b>	Albert Geha, Cookie Westmeyer, Dave Meegan, Debbie Sadlier, Gary Johnson, Jeff Figmaka, Larry Minor, Tim McHugh
<b>Children's Liturgy:</b>	Nancy Rank

## MAY 14 - MINISTER SCHEDULE

### Scripture Reading #933

<b>Acolytes:</b>	Chris Bates, Gary Johnson
<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>	Carolyn Harrington, Frank Semetko, Ken Harrington, Nancy Semetko
<b>Greeters:</b>	Ann Figmaka, Jeff Figmaka, Lisa Kelley, Michelle Zuelke
<b>Hospitality:</b>	<b>HOSPITALITY CANCELED/MOTHERS DAY</b>
<b>Readers:</b>	Amy Coronado, Frank Semetko
<b>Ushers:</b>	Albert Geha, Cookie Westmeyer, Gary Johnson, John Canary, Larry Minor, Mary Kay Belcher, Melanie Parton, Pat Tansey
<b>Children's Liturgy:</b>	Paula Nowicki



## Fifth Sunday of Easter



Opening Hymn: "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation" 780  
 Kyrie (Missa Simplex) Gloria (Missa Simplex)  
 Psalm and Gospel Acclamation (both sung, of the day)  
 Offertory Hymn: "Be Not Afraid" 706  
 Mass Ordinaries: Sanctus (Missa Simplex) Memorial Acclamation A or C  
 (Missa Simplex) Agnus Dei (Missa Simplex)  
 Communion Hymn: "I Received the Living God" 815  
 Closing Hymn: "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" 131

### ALTAR FLOWERS

May	7	Available
May	14	Available
May	21	Available
May	28	Available



### SANCTUARY LAMP

May	7	Available
May	14	Available
May	21	Deanna Kopp
May	28	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



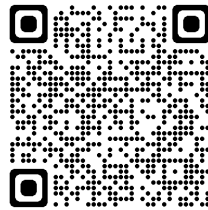
Our Soup Kitchen is located at the LMHA Building at the foot of the hill in front of church. We provide meals and clothing to our community in need every Sunday from 11:00 am—1:00 pm. If you are interested in helping serve meals or hand out clothing please call the parish office.

# 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!



### We Congratulate



**Jack Maison and  
Rachel Lewandowski**

who will be married  
May 13, 2023  
at the  
Historic Church of  
Saint Patrick



### May Crowning

May Crowning will be held on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 14th. All boys/girls ages 5-10 are welcome to participate in the honor guard. **Please meet in front of the Blessed Virgin's altar for a short practice after Mass on Sunday, May 7.**

### "Re-scheduled"

### Potluck with the Pastor!

Come and join us for friendship  
and a bite to eat.

**Wednesday, May 10**

after the 5:30 pm Mass

See the bulletin insert for  
more information.

Sign-up sheets are located in  
the back of church!

### First Communion

Will Marker and Mason Cummins are celebrating their First Holy Communion today. ***Please join us in praying for them as they receive His Most Sacred Body and Blood for the first time.***

#### An Irish Prayer For Your First Communion Day

May God give you...

*For every storm, a rainbow, For every  
tear, a smile, For every care, a promise,  
And a blessing in each trial.*

*For every problem life sends, A faithful  
friend to share, For every sigh, a sweet  
song, And an answer for each prayer.*

***Please join us for a celebration  
after Mass in back of church.***

### Annual Blue Mass

Our Annual  
Blue Mass honoring  
Law Enforcement Officers

**Sunday, May 21, 2023**

Historic Church of  
Saint Patrick  
at 10:00 am.



Please join us after Mass  
for a reception in back of  
church.

***All are Welcome!***



### Kroger Rewards Program

It is time to Re-enroll in Kroger Community rewards for the coming year. Parish/family members may re-enroll at [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com) starting May 1.

**Select Historic St. Patrick or #84246.**

Your re-enrollment will help ensure Historic St. Patrick's receives the greatest rewards possible. Kroger reward dollars go to the St. Patrick's Outreach Program.



### Reminder! Sunday, May 7

Flower Urn Planting  
(after Mass/weather permitting)

May Crowning Rehearsal  
(after Mass)

Blood Pressure Checks  
(after Mass)

### St. Patrick's Gift Shop Open Today!

Need the perfect gift for that special someone? The St. Patrick's gift shop is open today. Mother's Day is coming!



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



## Holy Smokes With Msgr. Vasko

**Thursday, May 18, 6:00 pm**

The Historic Church of  
Saint Patrick Rectory

*Irish Whiskey and Cigars on the deck*  
Heavy appetizers included!  
Cost \$35.00

**Call the parish office**  
**419-243-6452, ext. 3 (Sherri)**

## Save The Date World War II Stolen Art Tour at St. Patrick's Historic Church AND The Toledo Museum of Art



**WHEN** Sunday, May 21 after 10 a.m. Mass

**WHAT:** HSP Parishioner and TMA Docent, Al Geha will present a PowerPoint at HSP focusing on the stolen and looted artwork by the Nazis during WWII. A light lunch will be served during the presentation. We will conclude with a trip to TMA to view associated artwork.

**COST:** \$10.00 per person.

\*\*\*\*\*Reservations are required. Limited to the first 25 people.

**CONTACT:** Martha at [martha.farrell15@gmail.com](mailto:martha.farrell15@gmail.com) or call Sherri at 419-243-6452, ext. 3 for reservations.



## Parish Registration

Have you been wanting to become a member of our HSP family?

Registration forms are available at each of our entrances. We'd love for you to join our parish family!

## The Catholic War Veterans

are asking for 80 volunteers to help place flags at Calvary Cemetery on Thursday, May 25th in honor of the Memorial Day holiday. If interested, please contact Dee Pakulski 567-277-2743 or [vetsandpets2@aol.com](mailto:vetsandpets2@aol.com) at your earliest convenience.



## Communion/Prayers

If you are aware of a parishioner that is in need of communion or prayers please call the parish office at 419-243-6452, ext. 3, Sherri



## The Historic Church of Saint Patrick 160th Anniversary Celebration 2023

- **Dedication Sunday** sign ups are located in the back of church.
- **Golf Outing Information**—See bulletin inserts.
- **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).

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, April 10-29, 2023

Cody Mullens  
Horace Wright

Chester Lauck  
Roy Sewell  
Fred Fedeler

WV Division of Forestry  
Abbott VFD, TX  
Frederick County Fire & Rescue, VA  
North Tazewell VFD, TN  
Chester VFD, SD

### ROLL CALL OF FALLEN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, April 10-29, 2023

Josh Owen  
Joseph Johnson  
Asson Hacker  
Patrick Hogan

Pope County Sheriff's Office, MN  
Nyssa PD, OR  
Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Office, IN  
New York State Police, NY