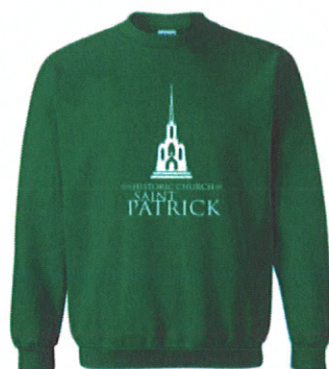
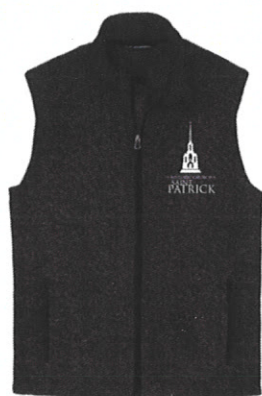


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We hope you are able to join us at
The Historic Church of Saint Patrick

For Our Annual
Saint Patrick's Day
Celebration

March 16, 2025

130 Avondale Avenue

Toledo, Ohio

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

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

11:30 p.m. Reception in the Rectory

(tickets required)

Luncheon tickets include: Jiggs dinner, bangers, mashed potatoes, mac and cheese, cole slaw, brownies, and an Irish coffee bar, Cost \$25.00. Age 10 and under \$10.00.

Due to the rising costs brought about by inflation the St. Patrick's Day Dinner celebration can no longer be provided as a free meal following Mass. I hope that all will understand that the entire St. Patrick's Day event is intended as a major fund raiser for the Preservation Society, not a 'loss leader'. Our hope is that all will be willing to help raise funds for the much needed Preservation projects around our beautiful facility by joining us at the rectory.

An Irish Welcome to All!!

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Join us for an 8 week
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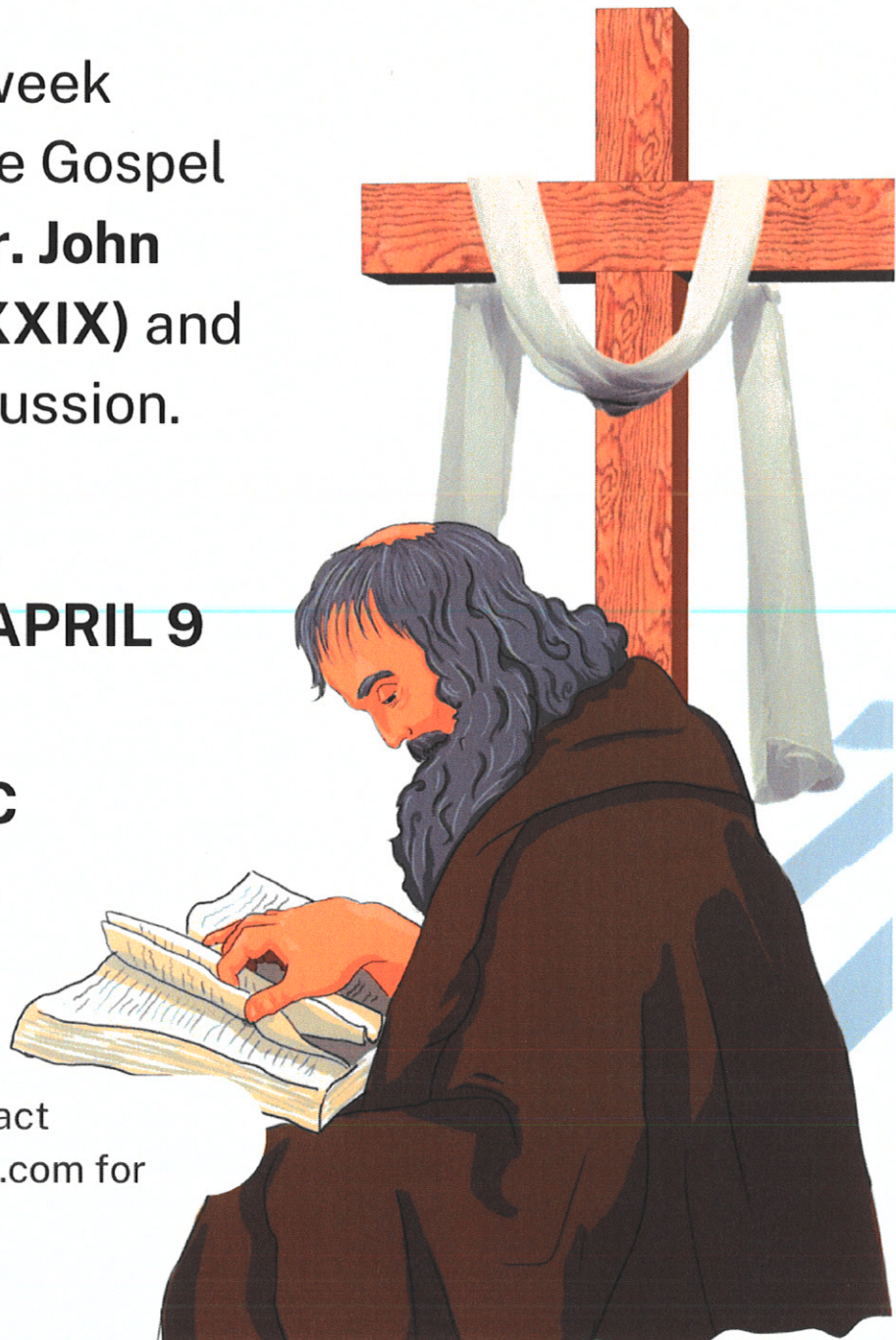


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FEBRUARY 19-APRIL 9**



**6:30-8:00 PM
@ THE HISTORIC
CHURCH OF ST.
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Sign-up after 10:00 Mass OR contact
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FEBRUARY 22, 2025

10 AM-11 AM
Historic Church of St. Patrick
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Enter through side door

Taught by Mike Zerner, Certified Yoga Instructor
Bring yoga mat, water bottle,

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A DONATION OF CANNED FOOD OR HYGIENE PRODUCTS FOR
THE HSP PANTRY

The Historic Church of Saint Patrick

Preservation Society

Established 1980 by Rev. John "Archie" Thomas

"The Mission of the Preservation Society is nothing less than to secure the structural and aesthetic integrity of the Historic Church of Saint Patrick. This charge is not lightly given for it demands that the society consider not merely the present, but those future generations who will come behind us so that they might find in this majestic temple a suitable place for the worship, adoration and glorification of our loving God."

- Arch Thomas

As we begin the 125th year of this "majestic temple", we invite you to pause for a moment to allow the grandeur of this holy house of God to embrace you in a visual depiction of the Covenant between God and humanity: I will be your God, you will be my beloved!

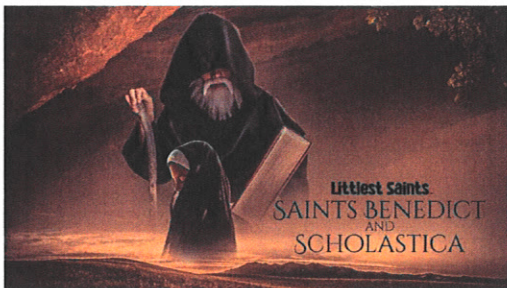


This year, the March Calendar Lottery will 100% support the Preservation Society and the future projects it supports as well as those structural and building needs that crop up from time to time.

The goal is to sell all 1000 tickets, guaranteeing 31 daily winners and a payout of \$3400, leaving \$6600 for the Preservation Society. A nice-sized fundraiser indeed!

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Week of February 09, 2025



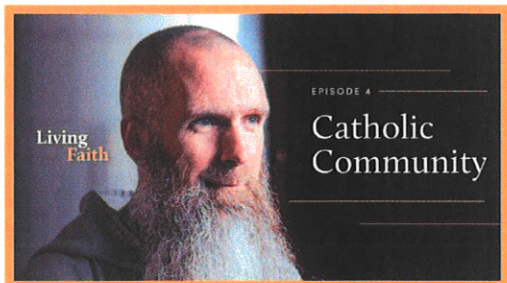
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“The Pursuit of the Common Good and Human Dignity: The Catholic Approach to Immigration”

As Bishop and Shepherd of the faithful in the Diocese of Toledo, I find it necessary to speak with clarity amidst the confusion and polarization that currently surrounds the issue of immigration, which has recently come to the forefront of our national discussion.

As recently reiterated by Archbishop Timothy Broglio, President of the United States

Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), “The Catholic Church is not aligned with any political party... No matter who occupies the White House or holds the majority on Capitol Hill, the Church’s teachings remain unchanged.” Immigration issues are complex and we must be diligent in offering and advocating for the Church’s teaching, especially concerning the common good and each person’s right to human dignity.

Catholic Social Teaching has as its first principle the affirmation that every human being is made in the image and likeness of God and therefore possesses an inviolable dignity. Enforcement of just

immigration laws is the right of every nation and is not in itself an affront to this dignity. Nations in their prudential judgment must discern how best to regulate their borders while maintaining the common good and respect for each person, both immigrant and native citizen. The Catechism of the Catholic Church lays out two balancing principles (welcoming the



foreigner and the responsibility to regulate national borders) which must be held together in balance. The disregard or overemphasis of either principle will lead to a distortion of the Church’s full teaching on this vital issue.

First:

“The more prosperous nations are obliged, to the extent they are able, to welcome the foreigner in search of the security and the means of livelihood which he cannot find in his country of origin. Public authorities should see to it that the natural right is respected that places a guest under the protection of those who receive him” (CCC 2241).

Flowing from this, we cannot affirm any immigration or deportation policy which:

- dehumanizes immigrants, legal or illegal, through hostile rhetoric or implies that they are anything less than children of God, made in His image and likeness.
- Detains immigrants indefinitely or deprives them of basic human necessities while in custody.
- permanently separates families, especially children from their parents, except where children are in danger of abuse.
- deploys excessive violence in enforcement of the law, except where needed to protect lives.

The second principle, which balances the first, states: “Political authorities, for the sake of the common good for which they are responsible, may make the exercise of the right to immigrate subject to various juridical conditions, especially with regard to the immigrants' duties toward their country of adoption. Immigrants are obliged to respect with gratitude the material and spiritual heritage of the country that receives them, to obey its laws and to assist in carrying civic burdens” (CCC 2241).

Because of this, we must reject any immigration policy (or lack thereof) which:

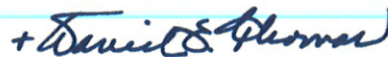
- encourages or normalizes illegal immigration.
- leads to de-facto “open borders,” which harm the common good of both

immigrant and native citizen by facilitating the grave sins of violent crime, human trafficking and drug trafficking.

- exploits immigrants for cheap labor, which degrades their dignity and depresses the wages of native citizens.
- implies that immigrants, whether legal or illegal, have no responsibility to serve the needs of their host country or obey its laws.

As faithful Catholics and responsible citizens, we are duty-bound to pray for unity and to advocate for just immigration laws that prioritize the common good and protect the human dignity of each person. You are encouraged to contact your elected officials and urge them to uphold our nation’s laws without compromising our Catholic principles.

Christ founded the Church, his Mystical Body, to be “the pillar and foundation of truth” (1 Timothy 3:15) amidst a chaotic and sinful world. We stand firmly upon this pillar, trusting our Lord to enlighten our minds, direct our hearts, and lead us to the fullness of truth. Only in this balanced pursuit of truth, enabled by God’s grace, can we hope to defend the common good and the human dignity of all peoples, both immigrant and native citizen.



Most Rev. Daniel E. Thomas
Bishop of Toledo
February 3, 2025

Further Reading:

- Statement of Archbishop Broglio on Executive Orders Signed by the President
<https://www.usccb.org/news/2025/statement-archbishop-broglio-executive-orders-signed-president>
- “Human Dignity is Not Dependent on a Person's Citizenship or Immigration Status”
<https://www.usccb.org/news/2025/human-dignity-not-dependent-persons-citizenship-or-immigration-status>
- USCCB – Catholic Social Teaching on Immigration and the Movement of Peoples
<https://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/immigration/catholic-teaching-on-immigration-and-the-movement-of-peoples>