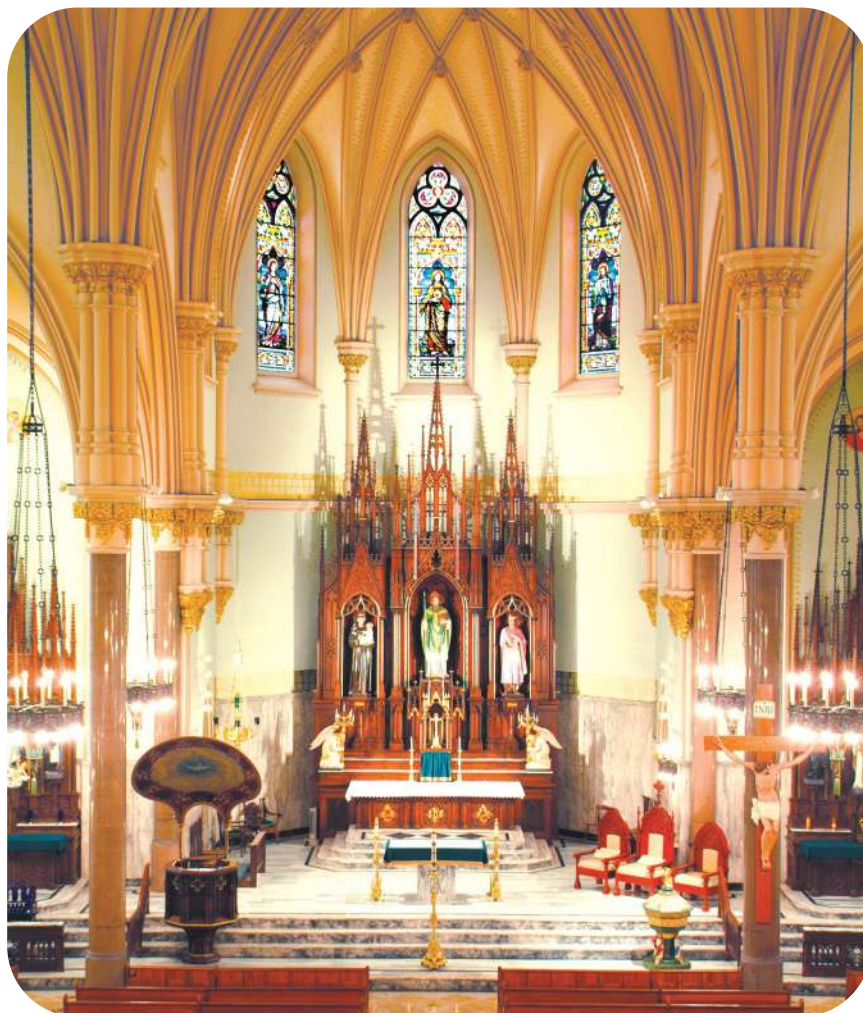


# The Historic Church of Saint Patrick

Paróiste Ceann Scribe Toledo  
Irish Destination Parish in Toledo



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## ***EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES***

Saturday	4:00 pm @ Immaculate Conception
Sunday	8:00 am @ Historic St. Patrick
Sunday	10:00 am @ Historic St. Patrick (Live Streamed)
Sunday	11:00 am @ Immaculate Conception
Tuesday	9:00 am @ Immaculate Conception
Wednesday	5:30 pm @ Historic St. Patrick (Live Streamed)

***ALL ARE WELCOME!***

***A MEMBER OF SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA DEANERY***

## ***PARISH STAFF FOR ST. PATRICK***

Business Manager .....	Rusty Belcher
Administrative Assistant/Compliance Officer/	
Wedding Coordinator: .....	Sherri Gaudet
Accountant: .....	Trish Shaffer
Bookkeeper .....	Helen Yensz
Parish Musician: .....	Eric Hite
Choir Director: .....	Jeff Weiser
Maintenance: .....	John Williams
.....	Michael Perry Jr.
Custodian: .....	Charlene Leestma
DeSales Outreach Center: .....	Sherri Gaudet
Sacristan: .....	Rosalie Mills
Usher Captain: .....	Dave Meegan

Dear People of God,

As we dive deeper into Advent, the period of watchful waiting for the arrival of the Messiah, consider the ordinary "advent" celebration all of us go through each week – at least I hope we do! What I'm thinking of is how we look forward to our regular participation in the arrival of Jesus the Christ into our very being as we receive the Body and Blood of Christ.

Perhaps we don't think of the Mass as the fulfillment of the promises of God throughout the Old Testament to personally come and rescue his people and dwell with them; however, that is one of the things that Eucharist is about: Jesus, for whom we have waited all week long, comes to the altar and invites us to come forward and partake of his being so that we enter into partnership with the divine. The hope here is that we understand the richness of what that means in terms of our behaviors and actions over the next few days.

If we genuinely believe that what we take in our hands or on our tongue is really God, shouldn't that get us thinking how to live in that reality? Here are a few thought questions for the weekend: Do we take time to reflect on the dignity to which we have been raised by accepting Jesus into our lives? Not a quick Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be but a sincere effort to allow the divine presence to be felt within our being. Do we transform the way we think about family, work, and leisure because we have taken God himself into our lives? Shouldn't the presence of God change us so that we're kinder, more thoughtful of self and others and open to the Spirit moving us forward toward the Kingdom?

If we truly believe in the real presence and come up to the altar to receive the Body and Blood of Jesus, how can we then say hurtful things to anyone? How can we do things that cause harm to God's creation, especially God's image and likeness in all other people regardless of who they are or where they come from?

Perhaps if we spent more time in a personal advent, hopeful and watching and preparing for the coming of the Messiah at Mass, we would better grasp the consequences which should follow our "going to communion." During these closing days of the Advent, why not give it a try? Spend four or five minutes each day anticipating what your encounter with God himself will be like, what it will accomplish and what miracles you can do with God as your faithful partner. You might be surprised at what a difference those four or five minutes can make in who you are, where you go and what you can do for others.

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 and leave a message with your phone number and your call will be returned 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

Jeff Stephens  
Bill Malone  
Linda Jennings  
John Bachey  
Jim Kline  
Jeff Kelley  
Tom Varga

#### Pastoral Council

Amy Coronado  
Jean Boeding  
Jen Czyzewski  
Kathy Thompson  
Kristine Waslar  
Martha Farrell  
Marty Lahey  
Mary Kay Belcher  
Michelle Zuelke  
Nancy Rank  
Pat Hickey  
Pat Thompson



## **CALENDAR** **December 13, 2025—December 21, 2025**



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

**Sun** 8:00 am **Third Sunday of Advent**  
St. Patrick's Mass (no music) Msgr. Chris/  
Jeff Galak  
**Intention** **Parishioners of St. Patrick**

9:30 am St. Patrick's Rosary & Confessions  
10:00 am St. Patrick's Sunday Mass/Msgr. Chris/  
Deacon Paul  
**Intention** (also Streamed on Parish Facebook Page)  
**Karen Bates**  
**Sean Leydon**  
**Robby Hyatt**  
**Mary Ann Buckley**  
**Donald D. King**  
**Anthony Eugene Fentress**  
After Mass Clergy Christmas Collection  
After Mass Padre Pio Meeting  
1:00 pm Greater Toledo Youth Orchestra  
Christmas Concert (Free)

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

**Tues** 9:00 am Immaculate Conception Weekday Mass/  
Msgr. Chris/Deacon Paul

**Wed** 4:00 pm Adoration  
5:30 pm St. Patrick's Mass/Fr. Joe Steinbauer  
(Also Streamed on Parish Facebook Page)

**Thurs** 7:00—9:00 pm OCIA @ St. Patrick's/Deacon Paul

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

**Sun** 8:00 am **Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
St. Patrick's Mass (no music)/Msgr. Chris/  
Jeff Galak  
**Intention** **Parishioners of St. Patrick**

9:30 am St. Patrick's Rosary & Confessions  
10:00 am St. Patrick's Sunday Mass/Fr. Rudi  
(Also Streamed on Parish Facebook Page)  
**Intention** **Marty Williams**  
**Linda Varga**  
**Evelyn Farrell**  
**Isabel Lopez**  
During Mass Anointing  
After Mass Clergy Christmas Collection  
2:00 pm Choral Society Christmas Concert

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

Dec 14 Linda Gralak  
Dec 14 Tom Connolly  
Dec 14 Patricia Dabrowski  
Dec 14 Allison Reno  
Dec 14 Bowie Lloyd  
Dec 15 Mark McBride  
Dec 15 Jeanne Kanary  
Dec 15 Kelly Santiago  
Dec 16 Kevin O'Connell  
Dec 16 Brent Schultz  
Dec 17 Rebecca Doblinger  
Dec 17 Leah Wumer  
Dec 17 Lily Pollock  
Dec 18 LaDonna Harris  
Dec 18 Robert Brywczyński  
Dec 18 Paula Palicki  
Dec 18 Reagan Longoria  
Dec 20 Philip Vrzal  
Dec 20 Mark Gracely  
Dec 20 Amanda Zuelke  
Dec 20 Elizabeth Boisselle



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY—HSP

Dec 17 Pat & Sandy Harrigan 49 yrs  
Dec 18 Marty & Jackie Ball 33 yrs  
Dec 18 Bryan & Becky Schmakel 21 yrs  
Dec 20 Nick & Natalie Morgan 11 yrs



## PRAYER IS ANSWERED-HSP



Mary Sue Timar, Delany and Gary, Raeanne Williams, Cathleen Leaser, Charlene Leestma, Donald Cousino, Doug Breno, Marie Matuszak, Dawn Hitts, Kathy Hakeos, Rene Cassidy, Andy Irwin, Carole Nemeth, Mary Ann Kline, Ashley Miller, Jeff Gralak, Ken Kropp, Mike Kosinski, John Mohr, Sam Cole, Shanna Crumby, Dona Crumby, Sonny Moore, Perry Moore, Jeff Knight, Dwight Knight, Mike Chiles, Joseph Weiser, Don Brighton, Tammy Allen, Jimmie Bias, 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, Msgr. Chris, Betty Sherman, Ralph Smith, Teri Wagner, Tim Dotson, Bob & Betty Hutson, Andrew Weiser, Colleen McGuire, Raymond Rolak, Sherry Wilcox, Susan Cairl, Patty Cunningham, Sue Smith, Sara & Family, John, Nicholas Clover, Melissa Meyers, Anne Fahle, Jerome Williams, Wyatt Shepherd, Angela Myers, Liz Weiser, Sam & Rose Fleitz, James Kovach, Michael Moran, Sam Marsico, Jessica Straube, Maurice "Moose" Boeding, 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, Carol Isabell, Megan Batanian, Matt Rohrs, James Smith, Susan Ludlum, Evie Day, Julie, Frank Ankney, Sarah Rodgers, Bob Zoski, 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

December 7, 2025



	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Goal	\$ 5,576.93	\$ 128,269.39
Actual	\$ 5,538.00	\$ 128,170.54
Elect. Fund Transfer	\$ 295.00	\$ 5,260.00
<b>Over/(Under)</b>	<b>\$ 256.07</b>	<b>\$ 5,161.15</b>
Candles	\$ 65.00	\$ 1,482.28
Christmas	\$ 40.00	\$ 140.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 110.00	\$ 335.00
Thanksgiving Baskets	\$ 200.00	\$ 6,292.00
Holy Day	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00
Hospitality	\$ 10.00	\$ 232.93
Mass Intentions	\$ 30.00	\$ 1,015.00
Preservation/Restoration	\$ 20.00	\$ 6,877.00
Gift Shop	\$ 21.00	\$ 813.05
Thanksgiving	\$ 7.00	\$ 243.00

*Thankyou*

## ST. PATRICK'S OUTREACH

July 1, 2025—June 30, 2026



**Food Pantry**—We continue to serve those in need in the community 3 days a week (Monday-Wednesday-Friday).

**Soup Kitchen**—Continuing to serve meals to the community every Sunday!

**Outreach Income:**

<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
\$ 823.16	\$ 17,631.00

Thank You!



# HISTORIC CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



### DECEMBER 14 - MINISTER SCHEDULE

#### Scripture Reading #884

<b>Acolytes:</b>	Chris Bates, Mary Kay Belcher
<b>Communion:</b>	Carol Shrader, Chris Bates, Dennis Bensch, Diane Pacella, Ellen Melroy, Jim Shrader, Marie Arter, Maureen Mohny, Pat Hickey, Renea Hickey
<b>Gifts:</b>	Michael Ragan, Cheryl Ragan
<b>Greeters:</b>	Ann Figmaka, Char Lauer, Jeff Figmaka, Lisa Kelley
<b>Hospitality:</b>	Ann Figmaka, Debbie Sadlier, Jeff Figmaka, Therese King
<b>Readers:</b>	Terry McLoughlin, Robin McLoughlin
<b>Ushers:</b>	Albert Geha, Cookie Westmeyer, Dave Meegan, Debbie Sadlier, Michael Ragan, Jeff Figmaka, Roger Tharpe, Pat Tansey
<b>Children's Liturgy:</b>	Robin Lanz

### DECEMBER 21 - MINISTER SCHEDULE

#### Scripture Reading #887

<b>Acolytes:</b>	Pat Hickey, Logan Hickey, Gary Johnson
<b>Communion:</b>	Dennis Bensch, Diane Pacella, Jeanne Kanary, Judy Schneiderbauer, Kris Waslar, Lisa Kelley, Mary Kay Belcher, Maureen Mohny, Melanie Parton, Nancy Rank
<b>Gifts:</b>	Roger Tharpe, Salena Green
<b>Greeters:</b>	Cookie Westmeyer, Lisa Kelley, Michelle Zuelke, Pat Tansey
<b>Hospitality:</b>	Kris Waslar, Debbie Sadlier, Paula, Nowicki, Robin Lanz
<b>Readers:</b>	Pat Thompson, Susan Fix
<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>	Jen Czyzewski

#### ALTAR FLOWERS

Dec	14	Available
Dec	21	Available
Dec	24/25	Mary Gertrude Bruening
Dec	28	Available
Jan	4	Available



#### SANCTUARY LAMP

Dec	14	Available
Dec	21	Available
Dec	28	Michael Moran
Jan	4	Available



#### St. Patrick's Food Pantry

We could use:

**DEODORANT, TOILET PAPER, BAR SOAP, JUICE, AND CANNED FRUIT**

Other needs are tuna, canned meat, peanut butter, chicken noodle soup, and ramen noodles.

Food may be dropped off at anytime at parish office. 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!

### 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.



### 2025 Retirement Fund for Religious Sunday, December 14

Help aging religious. Senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have devoted their lives to prayer, service, and works of mercy. Most ministered for little or no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your donation will make a real difference by providing essential care, medicine and other necessities. Please give generously. Envelopes can be found at each entrance.



### Advent Worship Aids

We are asking that you please do not take home the Advent Worship Aids. We will need them through Advent. Thank you!

### 2026 March Calendar Lottery

Tickets will be on sale in the back of church today. Each ticket is a \$10 donation.

Makes a great stocking stuffer or for a gift exchange! Buy one for each of your employees!

All proceeds benefit the Preservation Society.



### Christmas Flower Envelopes

Flower envelopes are located in the back of church on a table and will be used for decorating the church during the Christmas season.

### Christmas and New Year's Eve Masses

#### "Sign up sheets"

for ministers are in the back of church.

Please sign up if you are able to minister at the:

6:00 pm Christmas Mass,  
12:00 midnight Mass,  
10:00 am Christmas Day Mass  
New Year's Eve Vigil Mass  
at 5:30 pm (Tuesday, Dec. 31)



### "Little Blue Books"

Advent Books are available today after Mass in back of church.

Daily meditations during Advent help us to truly prepare the way.



### Clergy Christmas Collection



As we celebrate the joy of Christmas, let us show our appreciation for the dedicated service of our clergy members. We are collecting a special monetary gift to bless them during this season. Look for the donation baskets on **December 14 and 21.**

### Holiday Schedule For the Parish Offices "Closed"

Monday, December 22  
thru  
Friday, January 2

We will return on Monday, January 5!

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**

### St. Patrick's Advent Adoration



4:00 pm—5:00 pm

**Wednesday, Dec. 17**

Followed by 5:30 pm  
Weekday Mass

# The Historic Church of St. Patrick's

## Parish/Community Activities!

### Padre Pio Prayer Group @ Historic St. Patrick

Join our Padre Pio Prayer Group at The Historic St. Patrick Church (PPPG-HP) each **SECOND SUNDAY (12/14/2025)** for 9:30 AM Rosary & Confession, 10 AM Mass, 11 AM Meeting (at St. Joseph's side altar pews), 130 Avondale Avenue, Toledo, OH 43604. Access: 'pppg.org'. Contact Magdalena Skiles (419.356.4208 or email: [magdalena@magdalenaskiles.com](mailto:magdalena@magdalenaskiles.com)).

Who do you know that needs healing? With our International Padre Pio Prayer Groups exceeding 3,000 active groups, memberships exceed 300,000\*. We welcome your intentions in your time of need. Come and join us.

### Spiritual Straw for the Manager



During Advent, please write your spiritual gifts for the infant Jesus on a piece of paper straw.

This can include simple prayers, intentions and deeds of charity and kindness. Paper straw is available in the narthex and will be collected during Mass.

Individuals and families are encouraged to contribute at least one piece of straw each week of Advent.

### Advent 2025

#### The Candle of Joy (pink)

This third candle is pink symbolizing anticipation and rejoicing. During the third week of Advent we are filled with joy for the near arrival of Jesus on Christmas Day.

Dear Jesus, help us focus on you and focus on the Mass. May we stay aware of the joy you bring into our lives. WE want to find you in everyday moments and come with hearts of gratitude to your manger on Christmas. Amen.

Please keep in prayer the fallen First Responders who gave their lives to keep us safe, as well as their grieving families, coworkers, and friends.

#### ROLL CALL OF FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS November 30-December 6, 2025

Jim McCoy  
Julius Snyder

Alderson FD, OK  
Camden FD, NJ

#### ROLL CALL OF FALLEN LAW ENFORCEMENT November 30- December 6, 2025

No fatalities



### Meijer Simply Give— Rossford Store

**Sunday, Sept. 28 —Saturday, Dec. 27, 2025**

Each Meijer *Simply Give* campaign feeds hungry families by replenishing the shelves of more than 270 food pantries. The program encourages customers to add a \$10 *Simply Give* donation card to their cart, which is then converted into a Meijer food-only gift card and given to a local food pantry in the store's community. Cards are located in back of church. **Deacon Tom's Food Pantry** will benefit from donation cards at the **Rossford Meijer** store only. In addition, Meijer will double match all customer cards on **Saturday, December 13**, effectively tripling contributions made on this day. Meijer customers shopping online using Meijer Pickup or Home Delivery can also include *Simply Give* donation cards as an [add-on](#) to their orders. Please see Jean Boeding or call the parish office at 419-243-6452, ext. 3, Sherri.

### Lector Handbooks Year A



Lectors at St. Patrick's please pick-up your Sunday Word Books for Year A in the Hospitality area today after Mass.

### Please pray for the Mass intentions this week:



Karen Bates  
Sean Leydon  
Robby Hyatt  
Mary Ann Buckley  
Donald D. King  
Anthony Eugene Fentress