

# 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,

Today the Church celebrates the Holy Family. Although the readings and prayers of the Mass focus on Jesus, Mary and Joseph as a holy family, remember that yours is also a holy family. Holiness is a gift from God to his beloved people. You and I receive that gift simply because we're in his image and likeness, a holy image, a holy likeness. However, our families are made even more holy because we're baptized, joined to the divine and indwelt by the Holy Spirit. Through the sacrament of marriage, the family is further made holy because Jesus provides a unique bond between the spouses.

We might consider exactly what all this holiness should accomplish in our lives and in our families. For some interesting reading (or a good video on FORMED), you might want to look up a couple of documents from St. John Paul II: *Familiaris consortio* is a lengthy theological examination of family and how it functions as a holy font for the holiness we want in the entire Church. The *Letter to Families* is a warm greeting to families, underscoring their importance to society and the Church. They can be a great source of energy and meaning for all families today. (Both can be found on the Vatican web site in English and Reger's has them as does any branch of the library.)

Thursday is New Year's Day for much of the world (several cultures celebrate New Year's on other dates and months). It's become for many a day to recover from the foolishness of New Year's Eve when we supposedly ring out the old and welcome the new. For others it's a day to sit back and watch bowl games from dawn until dusk. For some it might be pork chops buried in sauerkraut (with a silver coin for some lucky recipient).

However, for the church it's a day to celebrate Mary under the title Mother of God. We use that title at Mass but I suspect few understand the implications or history of that title. It has to do with the person of Jesus who we all believe is both God and Man. In the early Church that union was debated for centuries and culminated in a document which concluded that in Jesus, the human and divine are so intimately linked that if Mary is the mother of the human Jesus, she must also be the mother of the divine Jesus or Mother of God. Mary has appeared many times and her message in the authentic apparitions is always the same – follow my son – do as Jesus asks. He has a simple message for us: go, teach all nations. May the year ahead offer numerous opportunities to bring blessings to others by your teaching of the Law of Love.

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 27, 2025—January 4, 2025



<u>Sat</u>	4:00 pm	Immaculate Conception Mass/Msgr. Chris/ Deacon Paul
<u>Sun</u>	8:00 am	<b>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary &amp; Joseph</b> St. Patrick's Mass (no music) Msgr. Chris/ Deacon Paul/Jeff Gralak <i>Intention Parishioners of St. Patrick</i>
	9:30 am	St. Patrick's Rosary & Confessions
	10:00 am	St. Patrick's Sunday Mass/Msgr. Chris/ Deacon Paul <i>(also Streamed on Parish Facebook Page)</i> <i>Intention Parents of Marty &amp; Mary Helen Williams Shrader, Periat, &amp; Ginter Families Karen Bates Michael Moran</i>
	10:30 am	Immaculate Conception Confessions
	11:00 am	Immaculate Conception Sunday Mass/ Fr. Rudi
<u>Tues</u>	9:00 am	<b>CANCELED</b> /Immaculate Conception Weekday Mass/Msgr. Chris/Deacon Paul
<u>Wed</u>	5:30 pm	<b>New Year's Eve</b> St. Patrick's Vigil Mass/Msgr. Chris/ Deacon Paul <i>Intention Pamela Cheney Kreft</i>

<u>Thur</u>	9:00 am 7:00–9:00 pm	<b>New Year's Day</b> Immaculate Conception Mass/Msgr. Chris <b>CANCELED</b> /OCIA @ St. Patrick's/ Deacon Paul
<u>Sat</u>	4:00 pm	Immaculate Conception Mass/Msgr. Chris
<u>Sun</u>	8:00 am	<b>Epiphany of the Lord</b> St. Patrick's Mass (no music)/Msgr. Chris/ Jeff Gralak <i>Intention Lawrence Fleitz</i>
	9:30 am	St. Patrick's Rosary & Confessions
	10:00 am	St. Patrick's Sunday Mass/Msgr. Chris/ Deacon Paul <i>(Also Streamed on Parish Facebook Page)</i> <i>Intention Patrick Williams Lena &amp; Carl A. Ray Butch Rahe</i>
	10:30 am	Immaculate Conception Confessions
	11:00 am	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](mailto:sherri@stpatshistoric.org). Thank you!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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





# WELCOME TO HISTORIC CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY—HSP

Dec 28 Phyllis Seymour  
Dec 28 Maghan O'Brien  
Dec 28 Mason Cummins  
Dec 29 Autumn Gilmore  
Dec 29 Grady Croak  
Dec 30 Stephen Mix  
Dec 30 Pat Hickey  
Dec 30 Mary Michel  
Dec 30 Brittany Jones  
Dec 31 Richard Lauer  
Dec 31 Christopher Ferrara  
Dec 31 Ken Day  
Jan 1 Allen Bishop  
Jan 1 Albert Mannes  
Jan 1 Cynthia Bobash  
Jan 1 Kelly White  
Jan 1 Francesca Citiro  
Jan 3 Frances Favorite  
Jan 3 Terry Cole  
Jan 3 Maureen Gilmore  
Jan 3 Andrew Adler



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY—HSP

Dec 29 Ron & Brenda Liwo 49 yrs  
Dec 30 David & Terri Carroll 36 yrs  
Dec 30 Brian & Janet Rozick 22 yrs  
Dec 31 Tim & Minnie Borgerson 32 yrs  
Jan 1 Michael & Karen Soubeyrand 35 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, 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 14, 2025



	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Goal	\$ 5,576.93	\$ 133,846.32
Actual	\$ 5,072.55	\$ 133,243.09
Elect. Fund Transfer	\$ 95.00	\$ 5,355.00
<b>Over/(Under)</b>	<b>(\$ 409.38)</b>	<b>\$ 4,751.77</b>
Candles	\$ 61.00	\$ 1,543.28
Religious Retirement	\$ 120.00	\$ 120.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 202.00	\$ 537.00
Thanksgiving Baskets	\$ 1,150.00	\$ 7,442.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 86.00	\$ 116.00
Hospitality	\$ 15.11	\$ 248.04
Mass Intentions	\$ 40.00	\$ 1,055.00
Memorials	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,570.00
Preservation/Restoration	\$ 257.00	\$ 7,134.00
Gift Shop	\$ 45.00	\$ 858.05
Soup Kitchen	\$ 5.00	\$ 35.00
Thanksgiving	\$ 70.00	\$ 313.00

## 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!

<b><u>Outreach Income:</u></b>	<b><u>Last Week</u></b>	<b><u>Year to Date</u></b>
	\$ 590.00	\$ 18,221.16

Thank You!



# HISTORIC CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



## DECEMBER 28 - MINISTER SCHEDULE

### Scripture Reading #894

<b>Acolytes:</b>	Jeff Kelley, Zayne Garcia
<b>Communion:</b>	Carol Shrader, Ellen Melroy, Jim Shrader, Kris Waslar, Marie Arter, Michelle Zuelke, Nancy Rank, Lisa Kelley, Susan Fix, Therese King
<b>Gifts:</b>	Amy Coronado, Ellen Melroy
<b>Greeters:</b>	Carol Shrader, Jeanne Kanary, Jim Shrader, John Kanary
<b>Hospitality:</b>	Ann Figmaka, Debbie Sadlier, Jeff Figmaka, Therese King
<b>Readers:</b>	Tom Farrell, Pam Mohler
<b>Ushers:</b>	Albert Geha, Cookie Westmeyer, Dave Meegan, Debbie Sadlier, Michael Ragan, Jeff Figmaka, Roger Tharpe, Pat Tansey
<b>Children's Liturgy:</b>	Nancy Rank

## JANUARY 4 - MINISTER SCHEDULE

### Scripture Reading #898

<b>Acolytes:</b>	Chris Bates, Mary Kay Belcher, Michael Perry Jr.
<b>Communion:</b>	Carol Shrader, Chris Bates, Dennis Bensch, Diane Pacella, Ellen Melroy, Jim Shrader, Marie Arter, Maureen Mohney, Pat Hickey, Renea Hickey
<b>Gifts:</b>	Carolyn Harrington, Ken Harrington
<b>Greeters:</b>	Ann Figmaka, Char Lauer, Jeff Figmaka, Lisa Kelley
<b>Hospitality:</b>	Kris Waslar, Debbie Sadlier, Paula Nowicki, Robin Lanz
<b>Readers:</b>	Michelle Zuelke, Paula Nowicki
<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>	Robin Lanz

### ALTAR FLOWERS

Dec	28	Available
Jan	4	Available
Jan	11	Available
Jan	18	Available



### SANCTUARY LAMP

Dec	28	Michael Moran
Jan	4	Lena & Carl A. Ray
Jan	11	Available
Jan	18	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.



### New Year's Eve/Day Mass



**Historic St. Patrick**  
Wednesday,  
December 31  
5:30 pm

**Immaculate Conception**  
Thursday, January 1  
9:00 am

### Please pray for the Mass intentions:

Parents of Marty &  
Mary Helen Williams  
Shrader, Periatt, & Ginter Families  
Karen Bates  
Michael Moran  
Pamela Cheney Kreft  
Irving, Koch & Fleitz Families  
Jordan M. Shrewsbury  
Gerald T. Carter  
Sharon L. Carter



### 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.

### New Year's Eve Mass "Sign up sheets"

for ministers are in the back of church.

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

New Year's Eve Vigil Mass  
at 5:30 pm (Wednesday,  
December 31)



### 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!



**Our clergy** would like to thank each and everyone of you for your thoughtfulness of cards, gifts, and your generous donations during this Christmas season.



### 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!**



# The Historic Church of St. Patrick's

## Parish/Community Activities!

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** **December 7-13, 2025**

Jimmy Townsend                      Moncks Corner RFD, SC  
Michael Heithaus                      Evansville VFD, AR

### **ROLL CALL OF FALLEN LAW ENFORCEMENT** **December 7-13, 2025**

Timothy Jones                      Park Forest PD, IL

### **Reminder!** **Sunday, January 4th**

Blood Pressure Checks by the  
Statue of the Pieta after Mass



**Food Pantry**  
**Sunday**

**The Diocese of Toledo** is in compliance with the articles of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People (Charter) of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). Every year, the Diocese dutifully submits the necessary documentation required by the USCCB for a diocese to be in compliance. Every three years an on-site audit is conducted, when not only all necessary documentation is dutifully submitted, but in addition, Pastoral Center, parish and diocesan school employees are interviewed concerning practices and protocols related to creating and maintaining a safe environment for our children and youth. The last 3-year audit was conducted in September 2024 and all audited Articles within the Charter were found to be compliant. The next on-site audit will be conducted in 2027. 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 any personnel of the Catholic Church, you are urged to report the abuse to your local police department, Children Services, and the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at (419) 214-4880 or by mail at 1933 Spielbusch Avenue, Toledo, Ohio 43604.

### **Please** **Consider a** **Financial Gift**



Please consider a gift to The Historic Church of Saint Patrick through your Will, a gift of Life Insurance, an Annuity, or a Trust.

Call Rusty Belcher at the parish office (419-243-6452, ext. 4) with any questions you may have.

### **Electronic Donation**



Please consider electronic donation for your Sunday offering! The electronic donors can schedule their church donations weekly, biweekly or monthly.

The electronic giving option allows these people to give to their church regardless of where they are during the year. The electronic sign-up information is located on our web-site and at each entrance of the church. Call the parish office for more information!

### **Thank You!**

We would like to thank everyone who participated with the preparations of the Christmas Season.  
Thank you again for all that you do!



**Wishing you and your**  
**family a joyous**  
**New Year filled with all**  
**the blessings of God.**

