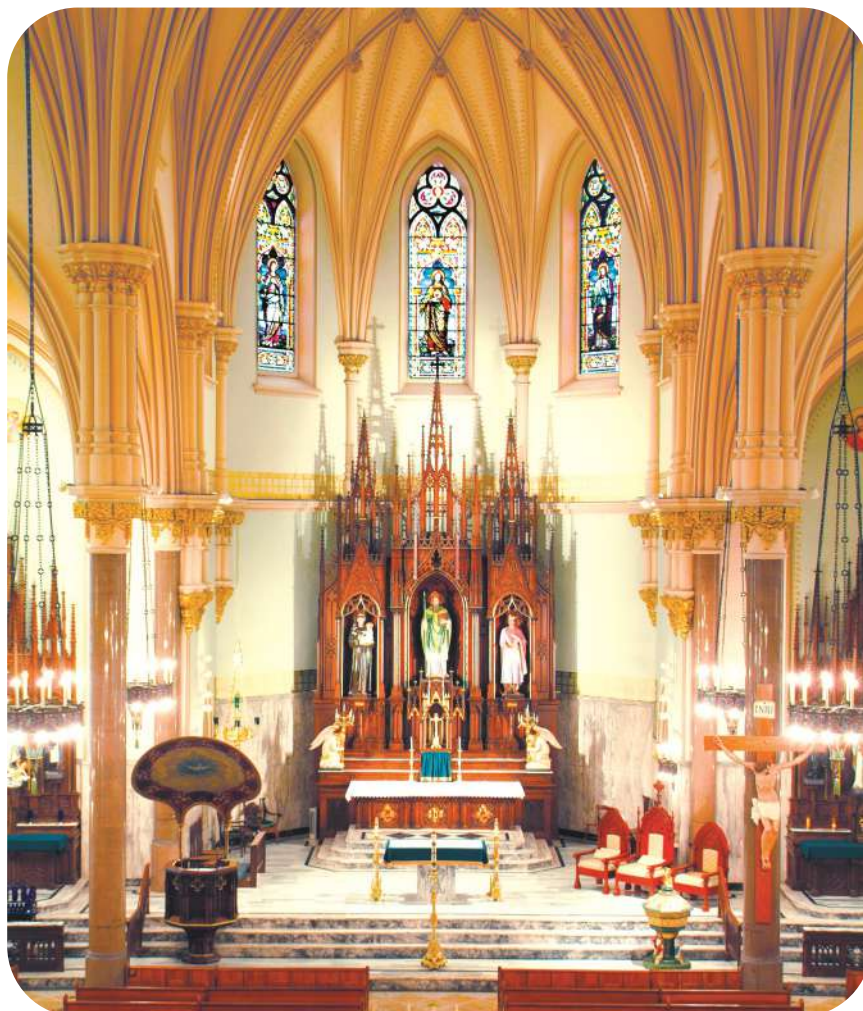


The Historic Church of Saint Patrick

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,

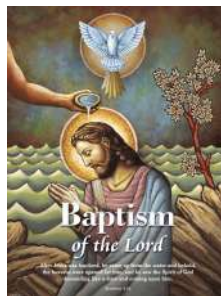
Today we celebrate the end of the Christmas Season with the Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord: it is quite a fast transition from the baby in the manger to the adult Jesus. What happened in the interim? You may have seen advertisements for a film called *"The Carpenter's Son."* It's very loosely "based on a true story" so you can believe it bears little resemblance to its source which is the *"Infancy Narratives of Jesus."* In the original, a compilation of brief accounts of Jesus' miraculous works as a child, the author is unknown but the work is credited to Thomas (a common trait among unknown authors back then to claim that some famous person wrote the book to increase sales, readership and belief) The goal was to fill in the missing twelve years from the birth narratives to the time when Jesus turned twelve and was presented for the rituals of adulthood at the great Temple. Most if not all are fiction.

For anyone familiar with the four gospels which made it into the Bible's New Testament, it's easy to tell why this work didn't make the grade. Nothing Jesus does in the *Infancy Narratives* sounds like, feels like or resembles anything he did as an adult. Some of his "miracles" are funny, some strange and a couple even seem just the opposite of the real Jesus. I'm not sure the film made or will make it to Toledo theaters (our movie houses don't seem to attract a lot of what Hollywood produces), but if it does, watch with a large box of Morton's because it bears little in common with the actual book or the four gospels we've come to know as the New Testament.

So how do written works get into the Bible? No, God did not open the gates of heaven and hand them down – they were among hundreds of works being written in the exciting days after the persecution ended. As an area's bishops got together to discuss what should be recommended reading (or listening since most people back then didn't read), they published, as a "final word" on their gathering, a list of books they felt best revealed the mysteries of Jesus.

Over the years these were refined, edited, added to and subtracted from as the Church grew in its understanding of the message of Jesus that we love one another as God has loved us. Books which didn't address that issue were set aside. Most were not condemned as either totally off base or heretical, but they were not on the list of recommended reading which coalesced fairly early into the books of today's New Testament. The vast number of works being written remained on the book shelves. Some disappeared over time, others survived in whole or part.

Scripture scholarship really took off in the eighteenth century (look up Jean Astruc on FORMED) and a lot of dusty scrolls were pulled down and suddenly returned to the booksellers stalls, among them the *Infancy Narratives*. Those scripture scholars who examined them easily understood why they didn't make the Bible and even wrote lengthy commentaries on the "why not's." In the early twentieth century many of these works were published together as the *"Lost Books of the Bible"* and I believe you can find that on the library's shelves. They were never lost but they were seen to be so out-of-line with the Bible that none of them rated inclusion. If you read Syriac, Coptic, Greek and Latin, you might want to read the works of the early Church Councils in a collection known as *"Mansi,"* named after the eighteenth century priest who collected 53 volumes of council documents so interested readers can use the lists of recommended reading, none of which I could find included the *Infancy Narratives*.



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

January 10, 2026—January 18, 2026



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

Sun 8:00 am St. Patrick's Mass (no music) Msgr. Chris/
Jeff Gralak
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 Parishioners of St. Patrick
After Mass Religious Education

10:30 am Immaculate Conception Confessions
11:00 am Immaculate Conception Sunday Mass/
Msgr. Chris

Tues 9:10 am Immaculate Conception
Weekday Mass/Msgr. Chris

Wed 4:30 pm Evangelization Meeting
5:30 pm St. Patrick's Weekday Mass/Msgr. Chris
Intention Police Officer Brandon Stalker

Thur 7:00—9:00 pm OCIA @ Immaculate Conception
/Deacon Paul

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

Sun 8:00 am St. Patrick's Mass (no music)/Msgr. Chris/
Deacon Paul/Jeff Gralak
Intention Bernard Koch

9:30 am St. Patrick's Rosary & Confessions
10:00 am St. Patrick's Sunday Mass/Msgr. Chris/
Deacon Paul
(Also Streamed on Parish Facebook Page)
*Intention Ed, Helen, Linda and Donna Bunda
Scott Johnston
Edward Kobacik*
During Mass Baptism/Greer Meyer/Msgr. Chris

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



----- (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

Jan 11 Terry McLoughlin
 Jan 11 Christopher Carter
 Jan 11 Mark Kelly
 Jan 11 Shannon Berry
 Jan 11 Nicholas Griffith
 Jan 11 Kayla Conley
 Jan 11 Nickiti Koszycki
 Jan 11 Corinne Stephens
 Jan 12 Brian Shelton
 Jan 13 Susan Rodgers
 Jan 13 Elmer Aguilar
 Jan 13 Jacqueline LaPorte
 Jan 14 Christine Mannes
 Jan 14 Deacon Paul Nungester
 Jan 14 Kathy Brassell
 Jan 15 Carole Laasch
 Jan 15 Msgr. Chris Vasko
 Jan 15 Esther Rodriguez
 Jan 15 John Schnorberger
 Jan 15 Matt Hankenhof
 Jan 16 Sue Cervantes
 Jan 16 Rachelle Ragan
 Jan 16 Robert Grooms
 Jan 16 Stephen Bates
 Jan 16 Kathleen Schnorberger
 Jan 17 Randy Wangler
 Jan 17 Mary Kay Belcher
 Jan 17 Miguel Swackhamer



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY—HSP

Jan 11 Michael & Cynthia Holmes 51 yrs
 Jan 15 Brian & Molly Pearson 21 yrs



PRAYER IS ANSWERED—HSP



Larry Jacobs, 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

January 4, 2026



	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Goal	\$ 5,576.93	\$ 150,577.11
Actual	\$ 5,191.00	\$ 153,422.97
Elect. Fund Transfer	\$ 295.00	\$ 5,890.00
Over/(Under)	(\$ 90.93)	\$ 8,735.86
Candles	\$ 127.00	\$ 1,792.28
Christmas	\$ 700.00	\$ 7,222.00
Altar Flowers	\$ 32.00	\$ 387.00
Thanksgiving Baskets	\$ 100.00	\$ 7,542.00
Hospitality	\$ 10.00	\$ 285.04
Initial Offering	\$ 48.00	\$ 53.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 30.00	\$ 1,175.00
Tank Endowment	\$ 170.00	\$ 37,899.00
Preservation	\$ 1,592.00	\$ 8,727.00
Gift Shop	\$ 15.00	\$ 994.05

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!

<u>Outreach Income:</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
	\$ 415.00	\$ 21,362.38

Thank You!



HISTORIC CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



JANUARY 11 - MINISTER SCHEDULE

Scripture Reading #899

Acolytes:	Pat Hickey, Logan Hickey, Gary Johnson
Communion:	Dennis Bensch, Diane Pacella, Jeanne Kanary, Judy Schneiderbauer, Kris Waslar, Lisa Kelley, Mary Kay Belcher, Maureen Mohny, Melanie Parton, Nancy Rank
Gifts:	Char Lauer, Nancy Ankenbrandt
Greeters:	Cookie Westmeyer, Lisa Kelley, Michelle Zuelke, Pat Tansey
Hospitality:	Ann Figmaka, Debbie Sadlier, Jeff Figmaka, Therese King
Readers:	Melanie Parton, Philip Vrzal
Ushers:	Albert Geha, Cookie Westmeyer, Dave Meegan, Debbie Sadlier, Michael Ragan, Jeff Figmaka, Roger Tharpe Pat Tansey
Children's Liturgy:	Jen Czyzewski

JANUARY 18 - MINISTER SCHEDULE

Scripture Reading #951

Acolytes:	Jeff Kelley, Zayne Garcia
Communion:	Charlene Leestma, Gary Johnson, Lisa Kelley, Marie Arter, Michelle Zuelke, Nancy Rank, Paula Nowicki, Sue Smith, Susan Fix, Therese King
Gifts:	Chris Carter, Therese King
Greeters:	Carol Shrader, Jeanne Kanary, Jim Shrader, John Kanary
Hospitality:	Kris Waslar, Debbie Sadlier, Paula Nowicki, Robin Lanz
Readers:	Paula Nowicki, Tom Farrell
Ushers:	Albert Geha, Cookie Westmeyer, Gary Johnson, John Kanary, Larry Minor, Mary Kay Belcher, Melanie Parton, Pat Tansey
Children's Liturgy:	Nancy Rank

ALTAR FLOWERS

Jan	11	Available
Jan	18	Available
Jan	25	Madonna Pauken
Feb	1	Available



SANCTUARY LAMP

Jan	11	Available
Jan	18	Available
Jan	25	Available
Feb	1	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.



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!

Please pray for the Mass intentions:



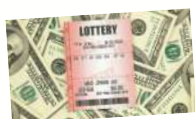
Parishioners of Historic St. Patrick

2026 March Calendar Lottery

Tickets will be on sale in the back of church today.

Each ticket is a \$10 donation.

All proceeds benefit the Preservation Society.



Parish Offices Closed

Monday, January 19

Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday



Deacon Tom's Food Pantry



During November we served 337 households. Seniors served were 140. Adults

served were 447 and children were 302. That is 889 people served because of your generosity.

The pantry was only open until Dec. 19 because of Christmas break, but you can see the need continues to be great. In December we served 196 households which included 68 seniors, 255 adults, and 151 children. That is a total of 474 people!

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!



Padre Pio Prayer Group @ Historic St. Patrick

Join our Padre Pio Prayer Group at The Historic St. Patrick Church (PPPG-HP) each **SECOND SUNDAY (1/11/2026)** 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).

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.



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, friends, and coworkers.

ROLL CALL OF FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS **December 14- January 3, 2025**

Michael Ryan	Phoenicia FD, NY
Linzie Scott Collins	Richlands Fire-Rescue, VA

ROLL CALL OF FALLEN LAW ENFORCEMENT **December 14-January 3, 2025**

Andy Chan	Philadelphia PD, PA
Tara-Marysa Guting	Washington State Patrol
Justin Mowery	Blount County Sheriff's Office, TN
Matthew Snook	Delaware State Police
Marcial Rodriguez	Citrus County Sheriff's Office, FL
Aaron Armstrong	Caldwell County Constable's Office, TX

Happy Birthday
Msgr. Chris

Thursday,
January 15th



We are so grateful for your wisdom, guidance, and unwavering faith. May God bless you abundantly!

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.

Reminder!

Today (Sunday, January 11)

January Blood Pressure Checks by the Statue of the Pieta after Mass. Next month they will be back to the first Sunday of each month.



Reminder!

Evangelization Meeting
Wednesday, January 14, 4:30 pm
St. Patrick's Rectory



Happy Birthday
Deacon Paul Nungester!

Wednesday, January 14th

We're so blessed to have you as our deacon. Wishing you a joyful birthday filled with God's love and blessings!



We Need Your Help!

We will be taking down the Nativity scene at St. Patrick on **Saturday, January 17th at 8:30 am.**

We'd be grateful for any assistance you can provide. Hope to see some of you there.

If you are able to help please call the parish office at 419-243-6452, ext. 3 (Sherri)

