

Dear People of God,

Over the past many weeks I've been using the **Question Box of the Diocesan Mission for Non-Catholics** to take a look at some century-old issues which remain topical today. Here's one you might not think relevant, but perhaps it is more than you thought! *Why do catholic Priests button their collars behind?* Priests still wear the so-called Roman Collar, as do many other ministers in many other denominations. Until fairly recently, when modern plastic gave rise to white tabs that could be inserted into an ordinary collar, the priestly collar did in fact button on the back of the neck and many clergy still use linen collars which are fastened in the back. That was an ancient tradition everybody followed until the secular world pitched it out toward the end of the Baroque Era as tailors began to experiment with shirt designs. Up until then, everybody wore shirts and blouses that closed in the back – the Arrow Collar Man of the 1930's still had a collar separate from the shirt, but the new trend, which had invented the neck tie, saw those crafty tailors - intent on making some new money - moving the entire closure to the front for men in order to sell more ties while leaving it in the back for women. It was the first major 'new design feature' and spawned an entire industry which tells us from year to year what's hot and what's not style-wise. Not given to style, or the use of neck ties, the Church continued to make use of the back-closing collar even after it adopted the front closing shirt-front. As with anything that hangs around for a while, suddenly what was practical (not caving in to style changes every six months) became sacred and everybody started to believe that the Roman Collar was 'the law'! In fact, it isn't, but wearing the collar certainly identifies the priest, even at a distance. Many nations outlawed the collar for that reason, hoping to weaken or even destroy the Church.

I'm not sure anyone was ever martyred for wearing the collar, but it could certainly have led the police to somebody who was and the subsequent demand to abandon the faith led to martyrdom. Not to pick on any particular nation, but in the 1920's Mexico, as part of an anti-clerical crusade, banned the clerical uniform of the priests and nuns and there were quite a few martyrs as a result, among them my new patron St. Christopher Magellanes. Today's priestly attire often makes use of shirt-fronts which fasten the collar at the back of the neck, not by some edict or demand of the law, but because the button-less front looks better. If you look back at the photo from a couple of weeks ago, you'll find many versions of the Roman collar, from simple linen strips about as wide as the plastic tab I'm occasionally seen wearing to the super-sized and facetiously called 'Pontiff 20' version. Msgr. Sawkins wears a Pontiff 20 in that photo. He continued to use the broader collar because he had a long neck while several other priests can be seen wearing a much narrower Pontiff 4. The fastener remained in back until some modern tailor figured out how to cover the front closure with an unbroken insert of white. Buy the way, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception occurs this week. It's the patronal feast day of the United States as well as of Immaculate Conception parish. Please make note of Mass times and come to celebrate!

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.

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 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
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Pat Hickey
Bill Malone
Dick Shanahan

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Sr. Valerie Grondin
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**C ALENDAR
December 5, 2015—December 13, 2015**

<u>Sat</u>	4:00 pm	IC Mass (Msgr. Chris)
	5:00 pm	HSP Wedding/Steele & Snyder
<u>Sun</u>		Food Pantry Sunday
	9:30 am	HSP Rosary & Confessions
	10:00 am	HSP Sunday Mass (Fr. Rudi/D. Tom)
	Intention	Felix and Frances Czyzewski Stanley Stolarski John A. Adler Marion Fultz Linda Bunda Scott Johnston
	After Mass	CCD Class
	After Mass	Deacon Tom's Annual Outreach
	After Mass	Bake Sale
	After Mass	Blood Pressure Checks
	10:30 am	IC Confessions
	11:00 am	IC Sunday Mass (Msgr. Chris/Fr. Rudi)
		IC Homecoming
<u>Tues</u>	9:00 am	IC Weekday Mass/Msgr. Chris
	5:30 pm	HSP Holy Day Mass/Immaculate Conception Of The Blessed Virgin Mary
	Intention	Deceased Members of the Boyle Family
	6:30 pm	IC Feast Day Mass/Fr. Rudi

<u>Wed</u>	5:30 pm	<u>"Cancelled"</u> HSP Weekday Mass
<u>Thurs.</u>	1:30 pm	HSP Bereavement Meeting @ Rectory
<u>Sat</u>	4:00 pm	IC Mass/Msgr. Chris
<u>Sun</u>	9:30 am	HSP Rosary & Confessions
	10:00 am	HSP Sunday Mass (Msgr. Chris/D. Tom)
	Intention	Fr. Arch Thomas
	During Mass	Advent Confessions
	11:00 am—3:00 pm	HSP Holiday Party Open House
	10:30 am	IC Confessions
	11:00 am	IC Sunday Mass (Fr. Rudi)

_____(Tear Line)_____

We continue to update/add to our parish e-mail list to help keep parishioners updated on parish events. Several of the e-mails we have are no longer valid. If you could please fill your information out below and put it in the offering basket or you can e-mail it to parish@stpatshistoric.org.

Name _____ E-mail _____



WELCOME TO HISTORIC CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK



HAPPY BIRTHDAY—HSP

Dec 6 Frank Semetko
Dec 6 Sheila Vrzal
Dec 7 Mary Zraik
Dec 7 Steven Boyd
Dec 7 John Shaffer
Dec 7 Patrick O'Shea
Dec 8 Carol Stolarski
Dec 8 Douglas Leestma
Dec 8 Tony Chochard
Dec 8 Morgan McCormick
Dec 9 Mary Horman
Dec 9 Nicole Janicki
Dec 9 Ava Meisenheimer
Dec 10 Christopher White
Dec 10 Justin McNear
Dec 11 Evelyn Patterson
Dec 11 Erminia Vasquez
Dec 11 Michael Huffman
Dec 11 Stacie Dice
Dec 11 Darcy Gerken



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY—HSP

12/6	Todd & Debra Kienzle	29 yrs
12/9	Gregory & Joan Hendrzak	27 yrs
12/11	Martin & Laura Brogan	39 yrs
12/11	Richard & Janet Ferguson	39 yrs
12/11	Bruce & Yvonne Ferguson	39 yrs
12/11	Martin & Laura Brogan	39 yrs
12/12	Joshua & Amy Stephens	6 yrs



PRAYER IS ANSWERED-HSP

Dave Summers, Mike Beier, Sr. Valerie Grondin, Amanda Brentmoore, Fred Neipp, Marian Lowe, Jon Jenkins, Steven Czerniak, Laura Vanteighen, Brooks Ditmore, Marcia Thorpe, Ron Coffman, Ted Furey, Kristin Salazar, Rita Winand, Kellie Haynes, Mary Lou Batanian, Gary Lilje, Ken & Emily, Carl King, Jean Boeding, DeDe Andersen, Lindsay, Carol Isabell, Megan Batanian, Bill Krumnow, Jim Morris, Terry Hakeos, Scott Stopher, Gary Gordon, Matt Rohrs, Linda Gralak, James Smith, Susan Ludlum, Evie Day, Julie, Nathan Koontz, Lori (Borgerson) Zaro, Marge Myers, Frank Ankney, Liz Weiser, Joann Degnan, Sarah Rodgers, Bob Zoski, Linda, Peggy, Beth, Carol Sheets, Tom McNamee, Lupe Garcia, Dolores Lambert, Kitty Burns, Liam Stacey, Cheryl Harwick, Angela Lemble, Mitzi Peatee, Madison Sims, David Hufford, Tim Bernard, Richard Hel-senbeck, Jace Stockwell, Sheila, Joan Wiley, Ric Williams, Claire Sydlaske, Chuck Hall, Janien Blakely, 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.

TOGETHER - LET US PRAY ...

Pray For Those Serving Our Country

Pvt. Zac Baker, Cpl. Colin Zbikowski (Clark's nephew), Specialist Tyler Chochard, CPL Anthony Chochard, Staff Stg. Michael J. Welsh, Army, Spec. Brandon Carson, US Army, Serviceman Edward C. Byers, U.S. Navy, Sgt. Michael C. Stephens, Staff Sgt. Amannda M. Ramsdell (Fix), Com. Matthew J. Swiergosz, Michael J. Welsh, Capt. Kenneth Szczublewski, U.S.N., Trevor Carpenter, Capt. Kathryn R. Klear

If you or your loved one is serving in the military and would like our prayers, please let the pastoral staff know.

Contributions/No Report due to Holiday Printing

Envelopes	\$ 4,527.00
Loose Collection	\$ 555.09
EFT (Electronic Fund Transfer)	\$ 365.00
Total	\$ 5,447.09
Average weekly contributions	\$ 4,347.00
Average weekly operating expenses	\$ 7,970.00
Contributions received 11/29/2015	\$ 5,447.09
Over/(Under)	(\$,522.91)

Thank you for the gifts you share weekly to support our Historic Parish!

OUTREACH FAMILIES—HSP

	This Week	This Month	July 1, 2015— June 30, 2016
Food (Families)	210	210	4,119
Clothing	78	78	1,590
Soup Kitchen—Number of Plates Served—134			

Outreach Income:	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
	\$ 200.00	\$ 6,301.00

Thank You!



HISTORIC CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



DECEMBER 6 - MINISTER SCHEDULE—HSP

Scripture Reading #883

Acolytes:	Joseph Glenn, Mark Glenn, Nancy Rank
Communion:	Mary Connolly, Linda Gralak, Julie Smith, Mark Smith, Susan Smith, Susan Fix, Nadine Furey, Mark Glenn, Sr. Valerie Grondin, Judy Henry
Gifts:	Carolyn Harrington, Ken Harrington, Chuck Williams, Mary Ellen Williams
Greeters:	Dick Shanahan, Esther Shanahan, Carol Shrader, Jim Shrader
Hospitality:	Mike Lora, Pat Lora, Bonnie Nally, Jim Nally
Readers:	Kathy Huffman, Mark Smith
Ushers:	Duane Ziolkowski, Dave Meegan, Larry Minor, Tim Brunner, Sue Smith, Larry Fanelly, Bob Wuest, Paul Philibin
Children's Liturgy:	Karen Beier

DECEMBER 13 — MINISTER SCHEDULE—HSP

Scripture Reading #886

Acolytes:	Jeff Gralak, Logan Hickey, Mark Smith
Communion:	Renea Hickey, Maggie Hiszak, Randy Hiszak, Lori Langenderfer, Tami Kwiatkowski, Mike Lora, Pat Lora, Dennis Bensch, Colleen McGuire, Dan McGuire
Gifts:	Rosalie Mills, Rick Lauer, Char Lauer, Michelle Zuelke
Greeters:	Karen Bates, Nancy Rank, Jim Wells, JoEllen Wells
Hospitality:	Floyd Batanian, Karen Bates, Debbie Sadlier, Sandy Humanski
Readers:	Mary Ellen Williams, Michelle Zuelke
Ushers:	Melanie Parton, Dick Shanahan, Esther Shanahan, Dick Parton, Paul Philibin, Nancy Rank, Larry Fanelly, Jeff Kelley
Children's Liturgy:	Karen Beier

LITURGICAL MUSIC FOR TODAY'S MASS



Entrance:

Presentation:

Please See Advent Booklet

Communion:

Recessional:



ALTAR FLOWERS -HSP

Dec	6	(available)
Dec	13	(available)
Dec	20	(available)
Dec	27	(available)



SANCTUARY LAMP

Dec	6	(available)
Dec	13	(available)
Dec	20	(available)
Dec	27	(available)



HSP FOOD PANTRY

We could use:

Canned Meals, Spaghetti, Pasta, Tuna, Rice, Boxed Meals, Mac and Cheese

Food may be dropped off at anytime.

Thank you!



The HSP Soup Kitchen

Our Soup Kitchen is located at the LMHA Building down 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!

Deacon Tom's 3rd Annual Christmas Cookie Bake Sale Today!

Don't forget to get
your Christmas
Cookies after
Mass today!



Advent Confessions @ HSP

Sunday, December 13
(during and after Mass)



Ireland Trip Is Scheduled for August 7-24, 2016

Join Msgr. Chris Vasko on a
tour of Ireland,
August 7 thru 24, 2016.

Visits will include
Belfast, Donegal, Galway,
Limerick, Kilarney, Kinsale,
Kilkenny, and Dublin.
A majority of the stops are
two night stays.

Please call Larry Minor
at 419-320-6745 or
email lminor911@att.net.
There will also be a visit to
Bally Mote, hometown
to Fr. Hannin.

Meeting for Ireland Trip, December 8, 2015,
7 pm, Claddagh Pub @ Franklin Park

Historic St. Patrick Christmas Open House

Sunday, December 13

HSP Rectory
11:00 am—3:00 pm
(after Mass)

All are welcome!



Merry Christmas

Holy Day Mass @ HSP for The Immaculate Conception

of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
Tuesday, December 8 @ 5:30 pm

Weekday Mass Cancelled
Wednesday, December 9
@ 5:30 pm.

"Little Blue Books"

Advent Books are available
in the back of church today.

Daily meditations during
Advent help us to truly pre-
pare the way.



Youth Mass at St. Pat's

Christmas Eve mass at 6 p.m. will be a Youth
Mass. We encourage all parishioners up to
the age of 18 to participate. If you play an
instrument, join us - we need you too! There is
a sign-up sheet in the back of church. Regis-
tration to participate will close Dec. 15th; we
will meet after mass Dec.
20th for a practice. We're
excited for the youth to
participate in this special
mass!



Christmas 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 Children's Mass,

12:00 midnight Mass,

8:00 am Christmas Day Mass
and
New Year's Day Mass at 10:00 am.

Advent Worship Guides

We are asking that you please do not
take home the Advent Worship Guides.
We will need them for all of Advent.
Thank you!

The Historic Church of St. Patrick's

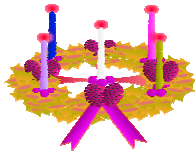
Parish/Community Activities!

New Historic St Patrick's Library Book

Stories of Padre Pio by Madame Katharina Tangari

The author describes how she met Padre Pio and he guided her during the last 18 years of his life. Full of anecdotes of the wonderful assistance Padre Pio rendered to others; a truly inspiring read!

Advent Wreaths and Candles will be for sale in the back of the church for the first two weeks of Advent. Wreaths are priced as marked; candles are \$7.00 for tapers and \$8.00 for votives. Cash only, please!



Journeying Through Grief

We invite all who have experienced the loss of a love one to join us on Thursday, December 10, 1:30-2:30 pm for the Historic St. Patrick's bereavement support group. This group will continue to meet on the second Thursday of each month in the church rectory. We hope to provide this time for sharing, healing, supporting, and learning. For questions call the parish office at 419-243-6452.



Lector handbooks are available!

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

Anointing Mass at HSP

Sunday, December 20

Christmas Outreach

Once again, the food sign up boards are in the back of church. Food should be here by Dec. 14. Packing & distribution will take place on Sat. Dec. 19 at 9:00 am. **We are not doing Laundry baskets this year, We will be handing out hygiene products, 4 pks toilet paper, hand towels, and wash clothes.** Donations of these items should be returned by Dec. 14th also. Thank you for all you do to make this outreach project successful

Manger Scene

Anyone wishing to help with setting up the manger scene please meet at church on Saturday, December 19 at 9:00 am.

Thank you for your help!

Winter is Just Around the Corner!

We are collecting back packs, blankets, coats, hats, gloves, boots, socks and warm clothing for the cold season fast approaching. All items will be given directly back to the community through the outreach programs. Your help would be greatly appreciated with any donations you may have. All donations can be dropped off at Historic St. Patrick's between the hours of 9:00 am and 4:00 pm. Thank You!



Please consider a Financial Gift

to The Historic Church of Saint Patrick through your Will, a gift of Life Insurance, an Annuity, or a Trust. Call Trish Shaffer at the parish office (419-243-6452) with any questions you may have.

Reminder Today!

Blood Pressure Checks
after Mass,
Food Pantry Sunday,
CCD Class after Mass