

Dear People of God,

While journeying through the **Question Box for the Diocesan Mission for Non-Catholics**, one can find some interesting questions, some amazingly questions and some that address political issues of concern to the early 20th Century. Politics back then dealt with the growing phenomenon of socialism as proclaimed by the movement which would install communism in much of Eastern Europe and Asia just a few years after the **Question Box** was being put together (*How can they stop the menace from going to Canada and cannot stop it in America?*). Here's a question which is in that 'interesting' category: *How comes a Catholic calls a protestant child a heathen?* I hope **you** don't call any children heathen unless you know precisely what the term means and what the reaction to it ought to be! Simply put, the Catholic Church has never referred to a protestant child as a heathen. This question actually illustrates the necessity to re-evangelize and explain terms which may or may not have religious, sacramental or ecclesial (a big Greek word for *churchy*) meaning. Catholics are members of an ecclesial community (church) which was founded by Jesus Christ on the bedrock of his abiding presence in seven sacramental 'moments' which bind us ever more closely to Jesus here on earth. The key sacrament, the entry way to all the others, is baptism, and it isn't exclusive to the Catholic Church so that we happily recognize the merits of the sacrament for anyone who is baptized as Jesus commanded the disciples to baptize: *in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit*.

So, we refer to children in most protestant ecclesial communities as 'our separated brothers and sisters'. Of course, some protestant denominations don't provide infant baptism and merely 'dedicate' their children to God much as Jesus was dedicated on the eighth day when he became part of the Covenant Community. Since these un-baptized are part of an ecclesial community, we'd still call them 'separated brothers and sisters'. We can dig a little deeper and discover that since Jesus began his new movement in what we refer to as an Abrahamic faith (Judaism, Christianity and Islam), none of those people would be heathen. The word itself comes to us from the Aramaic and means a 'desert dweller', somebody who lives beyond the Covenant God made with humanity. So who are they? Today we don't use the term heathen at all, at least not officially, but the idea behind 'heathen' leads us to refer to those good people as *un-churched*. We attempt to evangelize them by sharing the good news of Jesus Christ. That summons to go to all the world and teach them we ought to be hearing regularly in Church is the Great Commission given by Jesus himself as he prepared to head on home to heaven and leave the disciples (you and me) in charge. That means that if the term 'heathen' ever did get used officially, it was used with respect for the person or persons and as an identifier to other Christians to get busy and start proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Christ.

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
Nadine Furey
Pat Hickey
Bill Malone
Dick Shanahan
Jim Shrader

Pastoral Council

Jean Boeding
Gabrielle Edwards
Sue Fanelli
Sr. Valerie Grondin
Brian Shelton
Joe Pinciotti
Kristine Waslar
Liz Weiser
John Best
Pat Hickey-Fin. Rep.

**C ALENDAR
December 12, 2015—December 20, 2015**

Sat 4:00 pm IC Mass/Msgr. Chris/D. Tom

Sun 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
11:30 am HSP Baptism/Stella Ziehr/D. Tom

10:30 am IC Confessions
11:00 am IC Sunday Mass/Fr. Rudi/D. Dave

Tues 9:00 am IC Weekday Mass/Msgr. Chris
5:30 pm HSP Rosary Prayer Service

Wed 5:30 pm HSP Weekday Mass/Msgr. Chris
Intention HSP Parishioners

Sat 9:00 am Manger Scene Set-up
9:00—12 Noon HSP Holiday Basket Packing/Distribution
4:00 pm IC Mass/Msgr. Chris/D. Dave
After Mass Pictures with Santa after Mass

Sun Anointing Mass
9:30 am HSP Rosary & Confessions
10:00 am HSP Sunday Mass (Fr. Rudi/D. Tom)
Intention John Periatt
Ruth Shrader
Jack Hoffman
Parents of Marty & Mary Helen Williams
After Mass CCD Class

10:30 am IC Confessions
11:00 am IC Sunday Mass (Msgr. Chris/D. Dave)

----- (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 13 Dick Parton
Dec 14 Linda Gralak
Dec 14 Tom Connolly
Dec 14 Patricia Dabrowski
Dec 15 Mary Pat Muszynski
Dec 15 Jeanne Kanary
Dec 15 Kelly Santiago
Dec 16 William Bettinger
Dec 16 Kevin O'Connell
Dec 16 Brent Schultz
Dec 16 Jacob Sweitzer
Dec 17 Rebecca Doblinger
Dec 17 Leah Wumer
Dec 17 Lily Pollock
Dec 18 LaDonna Harris
Dec 18 Robert Brywczyński



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY—HSP

12/13	Eric & Julie Douglas	12 yrs
12/14	James & Kathleen Caruso	47 yrs
12/15	John & Marja Dooner	31 yrs
12/17	Pat & Sandy Harrigan	39 yrs
12/18	Bryan & Becky Schmakiel	11 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 Dittmore, 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	\$ 3,367.00
Loose Collection	\$ 540.83
EFT (Electronic Fund Transfer)	\$ 190.00
Total	\$ 4,097.83
Average weekly contributions	\$ 4,397.00
Average weekly operating expenses	\$ 8,131.62
Contributions received 11/29/2015	\$ 4,097.83
Over/(Under)	(\$ 4,033.79)

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)	215	425	4,334
Clothing	81	159	1,671
Soup Kitchen—Number of Plates Served—121			

<u>Outreach Income:</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
	\$ 95.00	\$ 6,396.00

Thank You!



HISTORIC CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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 Sadler, 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

DECEMBER 20 — MINISTER SCHEDULE—HSP

Scripture Reading #889

Acolytes:	Blaise Beier, Rose Waslar, Mark Glenn
Communion:	Kari Adler, Rosalie Mills, Melanie Parton, Nancy Rank, Jim Nally, Bonnie Nally, Lisa Kelley, Jill Rygalski, Bill Jennings, Linda Jennings
Gifts:	Glenn Family
Greeters:	Madonna Pauken, Jeff Kelley, Lisa Kelley, Lori Langenderfer
Hospitality:	Marian Mallon, Pat Mallon, Kathy Luettkke, Carolyn Meehan
Readers:	Chad Albert, Linda Gralak
Ushers:	Tim Brunner, Dave Meegan, Michael Moran, Kathleen Moran, Dick Shanahan, Esther Shanahan, Bob Wuest, Duane Ziolkowski
Children's Liturgy:	Karen Beier

LITURGICAL MUSIC FOR TODAY'S MASS



Entrance:

Presentation:

Please See Advent Booklet

Communion:

Recessional:



ALTAR FLOWERS -HSP

Dec	13	(available)
Dec	20	(available)
Dec	27	(available)
Jan	3	(available)



SANCTUARY LAMP

Dec	13	(available)
Dec	20	(available)
Dec	27	(available)
Jan	3	(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!

Historic St. Patrick Christmas Open House Today!

Sunday, December 13

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

All are welcome!



Merry Christmas

This year things will be set-up a little differently.

All 3 entrances in to the rectory will be open (small garage/pantry door, front and side doors).

There will be 4 grazing stations set-up throughout the Pantry and 1st floor of the house to help with the flow of people.

Christmas Flower Envelopes

Flower envelopes are in the pews and will be used for decorating the church during the Christmas season.

Advent Confessions @ HSP Today!

Sunday, December 13
(during and after 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.**

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

I want to thank all those who supported our 3rd Annual Christmas Cookie Sale by baking the delicious variety of cookies and those who purchased cookies. A "BIG" thank you for making this project successful.

Many Blessings, Deacon Tom

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.

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. Registration 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!



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!

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!

Lector handbooks are available!

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

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

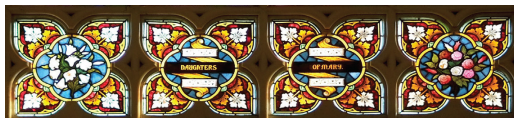
Winter is Just Around the Corner!

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



HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

December 13	Confessions @ HSP	10:00 am During/After Mass
December 13	Confessions @ IC	11:00 am During/After Mass
December 20	Anointing @ HSP	10:00 am Mass
December 20	Anointing @ IC	11:00 am Mass
December 24	Christmas Eve @ IC	4:00 pm Children's Mass
December 24	Christmas Eve @ HSP	6:00 pm Children's Mass
December 24	Christmas Eve @ HSP	Midnight Mass
December 25	Christmas Day @ HSP	8:00 am Mass
December 25	Christmas Day @ IC	9:00 am Mass
December 31	New Year's Eve @ IC	4:00 p.m. Mass
January 1	New Year's Day @ HSP	10:00 a.m. Mass

Pictures w/Santa @ IC

Saturday,
December 19

After the 4:00
pm Mass

