

Dear People of God,

While making our way through the **Question Box for the Diocesan Mission to Non-Catholics**, I thought it might be good to address this old but ever-new question, particularly in light of Pints with the Pastor: *Is it true, as Rev. Müllenbeck, a Catholic priest of Toledo said in a sermon, the Catholic Church has a special blessing for beer, whiskey, wine, rum, and other intoxicating drinks?* The same person asked as a follow-up this question: *Does the Catholic Church permit drinking and why do so many indulge in it?* Before getting to an answer, we should take a quick walk into history to remind ourselves that many main-line Protestant Churches had strict rules prohibiting the consumption of alcohol. Several went so far as to require grape juice at their celebration of communion. And, just a scant six years after the questions above were raised, the required number of states ratified the prohibition amendment; so drinking was a topical issue back then and remains so today. In fact, one of the first culinary concoctions developed by humankind was alcoholic beverages, simple beers and fermented juices which gave a kick to the evening's story-telling period around the camp fire. I would think that attempts were made shortly after the first big kegger to restrict the abuse of alcohol given its sometimes tragic effects. However, by the time the Church came along, the use of alcohol was wide-spread and the local tavern was, then as now, the popular social gathering place. The quality of the brew was, however, less than flavorful since the idea was quantity not quality. Step into this picture the monks of the Middle Ages and suddenly the manufacture of spirits took a turn for the better.

Numerous common alcoholic beverages were developed by the Church's own, including Champaign, brandy, varietal grapes for specialized wines and a host of other distilled and fermented drinks [they don't call it *Benedictine* for nothing!]. The idea was that if the flavor became the reason to drink, nobody would drink as much so as to savor the delicate palate of the drink and there'd be far less damage done to the family and community by overindulgence. So, yes, the Church did have prayers to bless the various alcoholic concoctions and to keep people responsible about using them. Rather than attempt to do the impossible and stop people for drinking altogether, the monastic communities were doing their best to help people control drinking! The Church Universal never prohibited the use of alcohol although some local dioceses may have made the attempt. In 1914, given the general popularity of religion in this country, most Protestants didn't drink openly so it would have appeared that far more Catholics lingered over a cold one down at the corner tavern. Today, with main-line Churches experiencing drastic reductions in numbers, the pub is filled with people of every race, creed and religion! Certainly the early pastors at I.C. And HSP did their best to keep their own from going into the taverns; but that was more often because grinding poverty and long hours left little for exhausted men to do but drink, all too often spending money the family could have used far better buying groceries, paying the rent, and building up those all-important college funds for the kids!

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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**Pastoral Council**

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Brian Shelton  
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Kristine Waslar  
Liz Weiser  
John Best  
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**C ALENDAR  
January 9, 2016—January 17, 2016**

<b>Sat</b>	11:00 am 4:00 pm	HSP Baptism/Grant White/D. Tom IC Mass/Fr. Rudi/D. Tom
<b>Sun</b>	9:30 am 10:00 am Intention	HSP Rosary & Confessions HSP Sunday Mass (Fr. Rudi/D.Dave) <b>Catherine Durkee Helen Cicak</b>
	10:30 am 11:00 am	IC Confessions IC Sunday Mass/Msgr. Chris/D. Tom
<b>Tues</b>	9:00 am 5:30 pm 6:00 pm	IC Weekday Mass "Cancelled" HSP Rosary Prayer Service Outreach Mtg./Children's Lit Room

<b>Wed</b>	4:00 pm 4:00 -5:00 pm 5:30 pm Intention	HSP Evangelization Meeting/Rectorly HSP Silent Eucharistic Adoration HSP Weekday Mass <b>HSP Parishioners</b>
<b>Fri</b>		<b>Msgr. Chris's Birthday</b>
<b>Sat</b>	4:00 pm	IC Mass/Msgr. Chris/D. Dave
<b>Sun</b>	9:30 am 10:00 am Intention After Mass After Mass After Mass	HSP Rosary & Confessions HSP Sunday Mass (Msgr. Chris/D. Tom) <b>Michael Cicak Sr.</b> CCD Class HSP Baptism/Simon Casiere/D. Tom HSP Evangelization DVD Series/Potluck
	10:30 am 11:00 am	IC Confessions IC Sunday Mass (Fr. Rudi/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**

- Jan 10 Gary Hopkins
- Jan 10 Chris Bates
- Jan 10 Christine Motz
- Jan 10 Jason DiModica
- Jan 10 AJ Johnson
- Jan 11 Terry McLoughlin
- Jan 11 Mark Kelly
- Jan 11 Vincent Toma
- Jan 11 Shannon Berry
- Jan 11 Nicholas Griffith
- Jan 11 Corinne Stephens
- Jan 12 Brian Shelton
- Jan 12 Danielle Desmond
- Jan 13 Carolyn Meehan
- Jan 13 Susan Rodgers
- Jan 13 Elmer Aguilar
- Jan 13 Jacqueline LaPorte
- Jan 14 Christine Mannes
- Jan 14 Kathy Brassell
- Jan 15 Carole Laasch
- Jan 15 Msgr. Chris Vasko**
- Jan 15 Esther Rodriguez
- Jan 15 John Schnorberger
- Jan 15 Jeffery Hendrzak
- Jan 16 Gale Mentzer
- Jan 16 Sue Cervantes
- Jan 16 Rachelle Ragan
- Jan 16 Robert Grooms
- Jan 16 Stephen Bates
- Jan 16 Kathleen Schnorberger



**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY—HSP**

- 1/10 Jason & Trisha DiModica 13 yrs
- 1/11 Michael & Cynthia Holmes 41 yrs
- 1/15 Brian & Molly Pearson 11 yrs



**PRAYER IS ANSWERED-HSP**

Judy Milano, Kathy Eschenburg, Thelma Lanz, Ron Coffman, Robert Brockway, Rick Lauer, 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, 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 Helsenbeck, 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 Chochoard, CPL Anthony Chochoard, 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/January 3**

Envelopes	\$ 5,534.00
Loose Collection	\$ 593.50
EFT (Electronic Fund Transfer)	\$ 540.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,667.50</b>
Average weekly contributions	\$ 4,538.95
Average weekly operating expenses	\$ 7,365.50
Contributions received	\$ 6,667.50
Over/(Under)	\$ (698.00 )

**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)	201	201	4,745
Clothing	82	82	1,832
Soup Kitchen—Number of Plates Served—128			

**Outreach Income:**                      **Last Week**                      **Year to Date**  
\$ 540.00                      \$ 8,054.00

Thank You!

## **The Historic Church of St. Patrick**

### **January 5, 2016**

#### **Lighting Project**

We are always looking for ways to reduce Operating expenses in the parish. As the price of energy continues to raise, we needed to look for ways to reduce utility cost. Practicing energy conservation helps to reduce energy usage to save money. By changing the types of bulbs in the light fixtures it not only helps to reduce energy usage but also annual maintenance cost in replacing bulbs every year.

Last September, AGT, American Green Technology presented an energy audit on our lighting systems. They analyzed our equipment and usage patterns. They proposed energy saving measures to provide financial benefits in the lighting retrofits (a device installed to fit LED bulbs in our existing fixtures) for all exterior and interior fixtures in the church. There was a total of 77 replacements and a total of 468 upgrades to the lighting needed. They projected annual savings would cut cost by 69% or \$13,998.00. We currently average 134,502kWh annually. The projected usage after the project completion would decrease by 41,180kWh. The annual cost currently is \$20,175. The projected annual cost after project completion would be \$6,177.

The proposed project cost to install the lighting retrofits was \$54,971.00. We were eligible for \$8,449.00 in rebates bringing the total cost down to \$46,521.00. The proposed 10 year Operating energy savings is \$210,322.00. The proposed 10 year Operating maintenance savings is \$70,340.00. The energy and maintenance savings to operating combined is a 77% reduction in cost. It will be a minimum of 10 years before bulbs will need to be replaced. The savings benefits will pay for the project over the next 2.3 years.

The environmental impact on Greenhouse Gases is worth mentioning. The current Greenhouse Gases produced is 269,600. The projected amount after project reduces by 187,071 to 82,549. The project began last October 2014 and is now complete! The LED bulbs inside the church will also produce less heat which should make all of us more comfortable during the summer months!



# HISTORIC CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



## JANUARY 10 - MINISTER SCHEDULE—HSP

### Scripture Reading #899

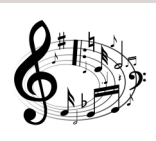
<b>Acolytes:</b>	Chris Bates, Dennis Bensch, Logan Hickey
<b>Communion:</b>	Karri Adler, Diane Pacella, Jeff Gralak, Chris Bates, Dennis Bensch, Marge Poole, Robin Shrader, Judy Shook, Renea Hickey, Tami Kwiatkowski
<b>Gifts:</b>	Floyd Batanian, Mary Lou Batanian, Jim Nally, Bonnie Nally
<b>Greeters:</b>	Floyd Batanian, Mary Lou Batanian, Mary Connolly, Ginny Minor
<b>Hospitality:</b>	Robin McLoughlin, Terry McLoughlin, Pat Durand, Connie Durand
<b>Readers:</b>	Amy Ashner, Pat Thompson
<b>Ushers:</b>	Melanie Parton, Dick Shanahan, Esther Shanahan, Dick Parton, Paul Philibin, Nancy Rank, Larry Fanelly, Jeff Kelley
<b>Children's Liturgy:</b>	Pat Lora

## JANUARY 17— MINISTER SCHEDULE—HSP

### Scripture Reading #951

<b>Acolytes:</b>	Joseph Glenn, Mark Glenn, Nancy Rank
<b>Communion:</b>	Mary Connolly, Linda Gralak, Julie Smith, Mark Smith, Susan Smith, Susan Fix, Nadine Furey, Mark Glenn, Sr. Valerie Grondin, Judy Henry
<b>Gifts:</b>	Mary Connolly, John Cromly, Noreen Cromly, Michelle Zuelke
<b>Greeters:</b>	Maggie Hiszak, Randy Hiszak, Jim Shrader, Carol Shrader
<b>Hospitality:</b>	Mary Connolly, Nadine Furey, Ted Furey, Kathy Luettke
<b>Readers:</b>	Susan Fix, Judy Henry
<b>Ushers:</b>	Doug Leestma, Dave Meegan, Michael Moran, Kathleen Moran, Bill Jennings, Linda Jennings, Bob Wuest, Duane Ziolkowski
<b>Children's Liturgy:</b>	TBA

## LITURGICAL MUSIC FOR TODAY'S MASS



**Entrance:** On Jordan's Bank, #315  
**Presentation:** Like A Shepherd, #648  
**Communion:** Rain Down, #651  
**Recessional:** River of Glory, #548

### ALTAR FLOWERS -HSP

Jan 10 (available)  
 Jan 17 (available)  
 Jan 24 (available)  
 Jan 31 (available)



### SANCTUARY LAMP

Jan 10 (available)  
 Jan 17 Theodore J. Dinks  
 Jan 24 (available)  
 Jan 31 (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 Teen/Young Adult Service Project

♥♥♥♥KNOCK KNOCK TEENS  
AND YOUNG ADULTS♥♥♥♥

Mark your calendars for  
1/27 and 2/7

In keeping with Pope Francis' opening of the Holy Door to announce the Year of Mercy, teens and young adults are invited to take part in a Valentine♥♥♥♥ "a-DOOR-ing" project for our area's Senior Citizens. We will be holding a decorating party on 1/24 (location and time TBA) and on 2/7 we will head to a local Senior Citizen Community to decorate the doors and visit with Seniors. Please stay tuned for more information! (Sponsored by HSP Evangelization Committee)

### Happy Birthday Msgr. Chris!

Join me is  
wishing  
Msgr. Chris  
a very Happy  
Birthday  
on Friday,  
January 15.



### Bishop Robert Barron's Catholicism Series

WHAT do over 1 billion Catholics  
worldwide BELIEVE and WHY?

The HSP Evangelization Committee invites you to learn more about our faith! Join us for a pot-luck lunch (sponsored by the Evangelization Committee) as we watch Word on Fire's Bishop Robert Barron's Catholicism Series. Bishop Barron travels across the planet in a breathtaking video series explaining what we believe and why.

This five part video series will take place directly after Mass in the church on:

1/17 2/21 3/20 4/17  
(5th date TBD)

Join us for one or all of the videos. (Please note that we will be meeting during the time that CCD classes are being held so it would be a great opportunity for parents to participate while their children are in class.)

#### **THE HSP EVANGELIZATION COMMITTEE WELCOMES YOU**

The HSP Evangelization Committee invites you to join us for our next planning meeting on Wednesday, January 13, 2016 at 4:00 in the church rectory.

All are welcome!

### Religious Highlights Tour @ The Toledo Museum of Art



Historic St. Patrick' is offering  
a tour at the Toledo Museum  
of Art.

The tour is scheduled for  
Saturday, January 16 at  
10:00 a.m.

The tour is limited to 20 people,  
There is no charge for the tour.

A sign-up sheet is in back of  
church today.

We will meet in the  
Herrick Lobby.

### Little Sisters of the Poor

Little Sisters of the Poor is here today, January 10, for their Annual Appeal to help them care for the residents at Sacred Heart Home. Your support is greatly appreciated.

# The Historic Church of St. Patrick's Parish/Community Activities!

## Winter is Here !

We are collecting back packs, blankets, coats, hats, gloves, boots, socks and warm clothing for the cold season.

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!



## Sunday Catholic Mass for Shut-ins Taping at Rosary Cathedral

Tuesday, January 19 at 10:00 am. Could you be part of the congregation and join us for this taping? Please be there by 9:45 if you are able to attend.

Thank you for your support.

## The Year of Mercy

This is the Year of Mercy and we will be having Silent Eucharistic Adoration every Wednesday from 4:00 pm—5:00 pm throughout the year here at Historic St. Patrick.

Come Pray with Us!

## HSP Outreach Meeting

Outreach meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 12 at 6:00 pm in the Children's Liturgy Room in Church.

## 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.

## 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.

## Firefighters Altar

Have you noticed the monitor on the firefighters Altar. Please take a moment to watch the video.

