



Mass Intentions

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday (December 1) First Saturday
 Sunday (December 2)
 Monday
 Tuesday
 Wednesday (School)
 Thursday
 Friday – First Friday
 Saturday (December 8) **Immaculate Conception**
 Sunday (December 9)

INTENTIONS

9:00 a.m. Gary Feliks †
 5:00 p.m. Brandy Keller †
 7:30 a.m. Tom Collins †
 10:30 a.m. People of the Parish
 8:00 a.m. **NO MASS**
 8:00 a.m. Ginny DeLuca †
 8:50 a.m. Chris Carter †
 8:00 a.m. Francis & Kathryn Londergan †
 8:00 a.m. Donnie Henry †
 9:00 a.m. Bob Sullivan †
 12:05 p.m. People of the Parish
 5:00 p.m. Margaret Sexton †
 7:30 a.m. Deceased Members – K of C #1786 †
 10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

OFFERED BY

Gary & Denise Zimmerman
 Jane Brock Family
 Dorothy Henry
 Fr. Michael Hinterschied
 Swierz Family
 Jim & Shirley Witwer
 Family
 Rose Morse
 Joann & Sissy Wiseman
 Fr. Michael Hinterschied
 Dorothy Henry
 K of C Council #1786
 Fr. Michael Hinterschied

Liturgical Roles

8:50 a.m. Wednesday, December 5 – School

EMHC: Maria Berryhill, Gloria Boeckl, Jacob Froning, Mary Starkey, Denise Zimmerman

12:00 p.m. Friday, December 7 – First Friday Benediction

Lector: Charles Krumel
Servers: Marissa Horn, Elanna Kotsko

9:00 a.m. Saturday, December 8 – Immaculate Conception

Lector: Julie Walker
EMHC: Dorothy Henry, Joann Wiseman, Sissy Wiseman

12:05 p.m. Saturday, December 8–Immaculate Conception

Lector 1: Charles Krumel
Lector 2: Phil Chin
EMHC: Tina Castillo, Theresia Chin, Jackie Weiner

5:00 p.m. Saturday, December 8

Lectors: 1. Tony Weyrich 2. Nicole Rogerson
Extraordinary Ministers of HC: Beth Fordyce – Captain
 Matt Grube, Bessie Jackson, Joann Wiseman
Sacristan: Jeff Topper
Servers: J.J. Calloway, Nick Furbee, Luke Furbee
Ushers: Ty Dulin, Jim Price
Greeter: Brad Gummere

7:30 a.m. Sunday, December 9

Lectors: 1. Mike Quilter 2. Kathy Husek
Extraordinary Ministers of HC: Shirley Witwer – Captain
 Barbara Moore, Donna Quilter, Sissy Wiseman
Sacristan: Joanna Sadler
Servers: Dillon DeRose, Molly Fahy, David Perdomo
Ushers: Randy McMillin, David Mittelkamp
Greeters: Steve & Donna Saltsman

10:30 a.m. Sunday, December 9

Lectors: 1. Deborah Haddad 2. Bob Davenport
Extraordinary Ministers of HC: Barbara Lynch – Captain
 Debbie Bartkowiak, Janice Closser, Butch Compton, Mary Davis, Liam Gruzs, Denise Zimmerman
Sacristan: Phil Chin
Servers: Hayden Covert – Thurifer
 Tameika Barnett, Michael Davis, Dominic Davis
Ushers: Pat Davis, Kevin Horn
Greeters: Theresia Chin, Cindy Grigsby
Rosary Leader: Irma Arbogast

First Sunday of Advent



OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: November 24/25

Regular Collection	\$ 4,127.30
Loose Offering	217.00
Maintenance	225.00
Christmas Flowers	50.00
St. Patrick Total Offering	\$ 4,619.20

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

Jamaica-Diocese of Mandeville	\$ 10.00
Campaign For Human Development	10.00
Total	\$ 20.00

Thank You!

December Collection Counters: (Begin Monday, December 3)
 Shirley Greene, Jane Finchum, Pat Rayburn

Second Collection – December 8/9: Retirement Fund for Religious – Your gift works for elderly Religious by helping to furnish medications, nursing care and more. Please support next week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious, and give to those who have given a lifetime.

About the Cover - "Let my prayer rise like incense before you; my hands like the evening offering..." so begins Psalm 141. Sacred Scripture, beginning with Genesis and concluding with Revelations, has numerous references to the use of incense. The Church continues to this day to use incense as a sign of prayer and reverence in the liturgy.

Incense which is made from gum processed from special types of trees is burnt in a thurible to produce a "pleasing fragrance before the Lord." A thurible is a type of pot suspended by chains. In some cases, a stationary brazier might be used to burn incense.

Incense is used during the Liturgy of Hours, especially Evening Prayer/Vespers. This service is rooted in the Jewish Temple's Evening Sacrifice which included the offering of incense. Incense is also used to honor the Blessed Sacrament at Exposition and Benediction. During the celebration of Mass, incense is used several times – the entrance procession; the incensation of altar and cross during the introductory rites; for the gospel; the preparation of the bread, the altar, cross, the clergy and faithful; at the elevation of the Sacred Host and Precious Blood at consecration; and in the recessional.

The thurible pictured on the bulletin cover was a gift of parishioners for the 2004 celebration of the renovation and restoration of St. Patrick Church. Over the course of time as an outgrowth of our 2016's 150th anniversary year, we hope to feature other artistic and devotional works within the church that give us a foretaste of heaven.

A Message From Fr. Hinterschied

A new year of grace is here! All the ritual details of Mass had a practical origin. Bells get people's attention. Candles light the Altar in order for it to be seen. Incense is an air-freshener. Later they took on their traditional spiritual significance. Liturgical custom is a great joy! Some things are done in the liturgy because of "custom" or "traditional usage". Strict legalism is not Catholic. So the Catholic liturgy includes customs because *consuetudo pro lege servatur* (custom is held as law). You will, or already have, noticed an increase in the use of these rituals. I hope they will aid your participation in the Mass.

The sign in our churches that the Eucharist is present is first and foremost the veil. In the Old Testament, when God descended on the mountain or the tabernacle to speak with Moses, the place was engulfed by a cloud into which Moses had to enter. This was a manifestation of God's divine glory. The veil on sacred vessels hearkens to God's glory.

The violet of penance must come before the gold of glory revealed in Christ's Nativity, and this is where the secular observance of Christmas can get in the way. In advertising, Christmas has already been in our faces for some time, but today is only the first Sunday of Advent.

For the next four weeks, we ponder the profound mystery of Christ coming to us for our salvation. In the past, He came to suffer and die for us. In the present, in Word and Sacrament to strengthen us in holiness. And in the future, in glory to judge the living and the dead. All of these "advents" are part of Advent, and if we observe the Church's disciplines, then when Christmas arrives, we will not be exhausted, but elated.

Rev. Fr. Michael J. Hinterschied
Pastor, Saint Patrick Church



It's That Time of Year Again! The Giving Tree is once again up in the back of the church...this is the 30th year! Please feel free to take a tag, buy the gift on the tag, attach the tag to the gift and return it to church no later than Sunday, December 16. Gift bags are fine, but please DO NOT wrap the gifts. Please make sure to attach the tag. If you lost the tag, please mark gift with Family number and child's name or age – otherwise we don't know which agency and which child it should go to. Have a wonderful Advent Season and thanks for helping make Christmas a little brighter for those in need in our county!

Parish Nursing Program – Please remember to fill out and return your completed survey for our Parish Nursing Program. Additional copies are available on the tables at the main entrance of the church. The results will help the newly formed Health Ministry Committee assist the parish with the physical, mental, social and spiritual health of the St. Patrick Faith Community. For more information, contact Ruth Roddy at (614) 216-0265.

Confession Times – Additional Confession times will now be offered on an ongoing basis. They are as follows: Saturday at 3:30 p.m., Sunday at 10:00 a.m., Thursday at 6:30 p.m., First Friday at 8:30 a.m. or by appointment.

"My Mass Bag" Ministry For Children – A helpful tool to help keep children (ages 1 – 5) interested and mindful while attending Mass. For questions or more information, please contact Denise Zimmerman at denise@stpatriklondon.org or call the parish office at (740) 852-0942. Please see this week's insert for more information.

2019 Religious Art Calendars – Each family may pick up a new 2019 Religious Art Calendar available at the entrances of the church. Thank you to Rader-Lynch & Dodds Funeral Home for providing these Catholic calendars which feature beautiful religious art and also include feast days and Holy Days of Obligation during the year.



The Immaculate Conception Of The Blessed Virgin Mary

– The Church celebrates the Immaculate Conception on December 8. An important date in salvation history, this holy day is never abrogated even when December 8 falls on a Saturday or a Monday. There will be two Masses offered on Saturday, December 8 at 9:00 a.m. and 12:05 p.m.

Walking with Purpose

Opening Your Heart And Keeping In Balance - This week is Session 11.

Opening Your Heart: What Does the Sacrament of Penance Have to Do with My Friendship with Christ?

Keeping in Balance: Balance Through Service

Thursday: 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Sunday: 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

If you would like to participate, please call Denise Zimmerman at (740) 852-3327 or email denise@stpatriklondon.org.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, December 24

9:00 a.m. – Latin Mass (weekday Mass)

Vigil of Christmas

5:00 p.m.

12:00 Midnight

Christmas Day

Tuesday, December 25

10:30 a.m.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Fruit Cocktail Needed – The Madison County Food Pantry will be making "Christmas Dinner Baskets" for families in the local community. Our goal is to collect 200 cans of fruit cocktail (15 oz. size) to complete a well-rounded box of food for Christmas Dinners. As of last Monday, we have collected 120 cans. There is a box in the connecting hallway, and the collection will run until December 9. If you would like to make a monetary donation, checks are payable to Madison County Food Pantry, 137 Maple St., London, OH 43140. Questions? Please call Jim Witwer at (614) 404-4718.

ACTIVE WAITING

As this new liturgical year unfolds, today's readings are most appropriate, for they root us in what it means to live authentically as Christians. The Gospel, with its frightening predictions of the end times, invites the hearer to "be vigilant at all times" (Luke 21:36). This kind of vigilance is not at all passive for the Christian. Instead, it is a kind of active waiting. And what should we be doing while we are waiting for the coming of the Lord? The second reading gives us the answer: "abound in love for one another and for all" (1 Thessalonians 3:12). Today is all about promises made and fulfilled. May this Advent season root us all firmly in a stance of active waiting for the Lord, who brings justice and peace. © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.



Altar & Rosary Society Annual Cookie Sale

Calling all cookie bakers! The Annual Cookie Sale will be held on December 8 & 9. Plates of Christmas cookies, etc. will be sold after the weekend Masses. Cookies may be dropped off in

the parish center kitchen on Friday, December 7 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Saturday morning, December 8 from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. at which time the plates will also be assembled. Monetary donations will also be gratefully accepted.

New Catholic CDs – Please check out the new titles that have been added to the CD Rack in the Parish Center Hallway. Several new titles include topics of Advent and Christmas. There are many ways to enrich your spiritual life, and listening to CDs in the car or at home is a good way, especially if you're short on time during this busy time of year. The suggested donation is \$3 per CD.