



Mass Intentions

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday (December 8) **Immaculate Conception**
 Sunday (December 9)
 Monday
 Tuesday
 Wednesday (School)
 Thursday
 Friday
 Saturday (December 15)
 Sunday (December 16)

INTENTIONS

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
 8:00 a.m. **NO MASS**
 8:00 a.m. Thanksgiving to St. Jude
 8:50 a.m. Emmett Ryan †
 8:00 a.m. John David Sullivan †
 8:00 a.m. Thelma Collins †
 5:00 p.m. People of the Parish
 7:30 a.m. Patty Duffy †
 10:30 a.m. John Roberts †

OFFERED BY

Joann & Sissy Wiseman
 Fr. Michael Hinterschied
 Dorothy Henry
 K of C Council #1786
 Fr. Michael Hinterschied
 Jane Widen
 Pat Rayburn
 Mary Sherman
 Patty Evans, Jane & Gary
 Finchum
 Fr. Michael Hinterschied
 Duffy Family
 Jeremy Baker Family

Liturgical Roles†

8:50 a.m. Wednesday, December 12 – School
EMHC: Christen Rinehart

5:00 p.m. Saturday, December 15
Lectors: 1. Kelly Snyder 2. Maureen Henry
Extraordinary Ministers of HC: Janet Orban – Captain
 Betsy Ansel, Ruth Roddy, Julie Walker
Sacristan: Bessie Jackson
Servers: George Barnett, JJ Calloway, Nick Weyrich
Ushers: Ty Dulin, George Wehner
Greeters: Winebrenner Family

7:30 a.m. Sunday, December 16
Lectors: 1. Jacob Froning 2. Joe Jurgisek
Extraordinary Ministers of HC: Erin Morris – Captain
 Dave Husek, Sandra Jurgisek, Shirley Witwer
Sacristan: Roberta Cwiekalo
Servers: Lily Boeckl, Lillian Finke, Conner Hamms
Ushers: Randy McMillin, David Mittelkamp
Greeters: Pat Rayburn, Audrey Watkins

10:30 a.m. Sunday, December 16
Lectors: 1. Pat Loose 2. Jane Widen
Extraordinary Ministers of HC: Terri Swierz – Captain
 Theresia Chin, Shirley Greene, Bertha Hilsheimer, Mike Lynch,
 Charlotte Michael, Gary Zimmerman
Sacristan: Dcn. Dan Hann
Servers: Raymond Finney – Thurifer
 Cain Grider, Phelan Rogerson, Kiefer Rogerson
Ushers: Pat Davis, Kevin Horn
Greeter: Denise Zimmerman
Rosary Leader: Deborah Haddad

Second Sunday of Advent



OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: December 1 & 2

Regular Collection	\$ 11,218.00
Loose Offering	243.00
Maintenance	192.00
Christmas Flowers	415.01
Solemnity of Mary	5.00
Immaculate Conception	130.00
Christmas	75.00
St. Patrick Total Offering	\$ 12,278.01

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

Christmas Diocesan Charities	\$ 105.00
St. Vincent de Paul Society	20.00
Retirement Fund/Religious	50.00
Total	\$ 175.00

St. Patrick Church Online Giving

(Accessed through www.stpatricklondon.org)

November \$ 5,553.00

Thank You!

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 Note From Fr. Hinterschied

Today is *Gaudete Sunday*. Gaudete is the Latin first word of the Introit of the Mass. Rose vestments emphasize our rejoicing that Christmas is near. Near, but not yet.

Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday of this week are "Ember Days", coinciding with the beginning of Winter.

These days are set aside by the Church for prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Pope Leo I (c. 400) said that these days are connected to the seasons so that "we may learn from the constantly recurring annual cycle that we are in constant need for purification". In essence, they provide the opportunity to reflect on God's graciousness and to remember our constant need of conversion. The origin of the Ember Days may be connected to God's command to set aside days throughout the seasons to fast and then have cheerful feasts (see Zechariah 8:19). An Advent observed well will obey Zechariah, and the Ember Days only assist this precept to fast before feasting.

Winter is a time of reflection, our activities are often stilled and snow blankets the world with silence. Though the world now appears lifeless, winter makes us think of our own mortality, we hope in our resurrection because of the Resurrection of the One Whose Nativity we await now. Today, the Church emphasizes the joy which should be in our hearts over what the birth of Our Savior means for us. The great joy of Christians is to see the day drawing nigh when the Lord will come again in His glory to lead them into His kingdom. The oft-repeated *Veni* ("Come") of Advent is an echo not only of the prophets but also of the conclusion of the Apocalypse of St. John: "Come, Lord Jesus," the last words of the New Testament.

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

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, December 24

9:00 a.m. – Latin Mass (weekday Mass)

Vigil of Christmas

5:00 p.m. & 12:00 a.m. Midnight

Christmas Day

Tuesday, December 25

10:30 a.m.

No Donut Sunday this weekend due to the annual Altar & Rosary Society Christmas Cookie Sale in the parish center. Please come and support the Altar & Rosary's fundraiser which provides for the needs of the parish. Plates of cookies are \$5 each.

K of C Breakfast – All are welcome to the K of C Breakfast next Sunday, December 16 after the 7:30 a.m. Mass in the parish center.

Christmas Community Supper – On Wednesday, December 12 from 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. in the parish center there will be a special Community Supper as we celebrate the season. The menu will be Chicken Pot Pie Casserole, Vegetable, Rolls and Desserts. The community is welcome to come to the supper and enjoy good food, fellowship and Christmas music from the F.R.O.G.'s children's choir. Desserts are needed. Please see the sign up sheet in the connecting hallway.

Attention Electronic Givers – You now have the ability to contribute to special collections via our online system. In addition to the general offertory, upcoming special collections including Christmas, Christmas flowers, Diocesan Charities, and the Religious Retirement Fund are accessible via our website, www.stpatricklondon.org. Please contact Erin Morris at the parish office if you have any questions, or are interested in online giving.

New Catholic CDs – There are 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.



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!

NEW! Holy Hour At St. Patrick Church – All are welcome to attend a Holy Hour on Thursdays from 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. each week. Confession will also be available during that time. *"Then we will encounter the Lord, participating in the very Presence that is His silence. And there will be no doubt about it: we have made a Holy Hour".*



Blood Drive - The American Red Cross Blood Drive is now held in the St. Patrick parish center. The next Blood Drive will be on Friday, December 28 from 2:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. To make an appointment, call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit RedCrossBlood.org, sponsor code: StPat. Receive a free, long-sleeve Red Cross T-shirt when you donate between December 20 and January 6. While supplies last!

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. New Confession times are also listed on the calendar.



Opening Your Heart And Keeping In Balance - This week is Session 12.

Opening Your Heart: What Does the Eucharist Have to Do with My Friendship with Christ?

Keeping in Balance: Balance Through Contentment

Thursday: 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Sunday: 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Contact: Denise Zimmerman at (740) 852-3327 or email denise@stpatricklondon.org.

H.E.L.P. House Thank You - A special "Thank You" to all who contributed a monetary donation or food items for the Thanksgiving giveaway for the H.E.L.P. House. Well over 200 meals were given out on Saturday, November 17 in 3 hours and additional meals on the following Monday. Your assistance is greatly appreciated by all.

WRAPPED IN SPLENDOR

Today's readings begin with the announcement by the prophet Baruch: "Jerusalem, take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on the splendor of glory from God forever" (5:1). This Advent scripture reading summons us to be wrapped in splendor. During this time of year when we purchase wrapping paper and wrap our Christmas gifts, the Church asks us to look at what has been "wrapped" around us. Are peace and justice, the hallmarks of God's splendor, the wrapping that others see when they see us? Saint Paul reminds us that this "wrapping" should show that our love for one another increases with the passing of each day. As we await the coming of the One who was wrapped in swaddling clothes at his birth, we pray that we will be wrapped in the splendor of God. © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.