


  
**Mass Intentions**

**MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday (December 15)	5:00 p.m.
Sunday (December 16)	7:30 a.m.
	10:30 a.m.
Monday	8:00 a.m.
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.
Wednesday – School	8:50 a.m.
Thursday	8:00 a.m.
Friday	8:00 a.m.
Saturday (December 22)	5:00 p.m.
Sunday (December 23)	7:30 a.m.
	10:30 a.m.

**INTENTIONS**

People of the Parish  
 Patty Duffy †  
 John Roberts †  
**NO MASS**  
 Ronald Fred Herp †  
 Tom Collins †  
 Kate Londergan †  
 Bob & Tish Jones †  
 People of the Parish  
 David Evans †  
 Chuck Baker †

**OFFERED BY**

Fr. Michael Hinterschied  
 Duffy Family  
 Jeremy Baker Family  
  
 Gary & Denise Zimmerman  
 Patty Evans  
 Family  
 Jim & Donna Cooper  
 Fr. Michael Hinterschied  
 Patty Evans  
 Jeremy Baker Family

**Liturgical Roles**

**8:50 a.m. Wednesday, December 19 – School**

**EMHC:** Jacob Froning

**5:00 p.m. Saturday, December 22**

**Lectors:** 1. Tony Weyrich 2. Nicole Rogerson  
**Extraordinary Ministers of HC:** Shirley Witwer – Captain  
 Beth Fordyce, Volunteer, Janet Orban  
**Sacristan:** Bessie Jackson  
**Servers:** Kaleigh Dulin, Natalie Dulin, Molly Dulin  
**Ushers:** Ty Dulin, Dave Husek  
**Greeter:** Volunteer

**7:30 a.m. Sunday, December 23**

**Lectors:** 1. Kathy Husek 2. Alex Cwiekalo  
**Extraordinary Ministers of HC:** Sissy Wiseman – Captain  
 Tina Castillo, Liam Gruz, Dorothy Henry  
**Sacristan:** Joanna Sadler  
**Servers:** Molly Fahy, Jordan Marco, James Marco  
**Ushers:** Randy McMillin, David Mittelkamp  
**Greeters:** Steve & Donna Saltsman

**10:30 a.m. Sunday, December 23**

**Lectors:** 1. Deborah Haddad 2. Phil Chin  
**Extraordinary Ministers of HC:** Barbara Lynch – Captain  
 Debbie Bartkowiak, Theresia Chin, Butch Compton, Mary  
 Davis, Charlotte Michael, Terri Swierz  
**Sacristan:** Dcn. Dan Hann  
**Servers:** Zach Swierz – Thurifer  
 Ryan Fullmer, Julia Harpold, Camron Ryan  
**Ushers:** Pat Davis, Kevin Horn  
**Greeters:** Mike & Mary Brennan  
**Rosary Leader:** Pat Loose

**5:00 p.m. Monday, December 24 – Christmas Vigil Mass**

**Lectors:** 1. Kelly Snyder 2. Mark Valentino  
**Extraordinary Ministers of HC:** Janet Orban – Captain  
 Beth Fordyce, Shirley Greene, Liam Gruz, Kay Majka, Erin  
 Morris, Denise Zimmerman  
**Sacristan:** Fr. Hinterschied  
**Servers:** Brian Akers, Winston Lawver, Nathan Lohrer  
**Ushers:** John Orban, Volunteer  
**Greeters:** Cindy Grigsby, Winebrenner Family

**12:00 a.m. Monday, December 25 – Christmas Mass**

**Lectors:** 1. Jim Price 2. Volunteer  
**Extraordinary Ministers of HC:** Volunteer – Captain  
 Therese Davenport, Mary Davis, Mary Fullmer, Paula Hann  
**Sacristan:** Dcn. Dan Hann  
**Servers:** Andy Fuller – Thurifer  
 Raymond Finney, Ryan Fullmer, Volunteer  
**Ushers:** Bill Hackett, Volunteer  
**Greeter:** Pat Davis

**10:30 a.m. Tuesday, December 25 – Christmas Day Mass**

**Lectors:** 1. Deborah Haddad 2. Pat Loose  
**Extraordinary Ministers of HC:** Barbara Moore – Captain  
 Anne Carter, Jacob Froning, Joanna Sadler, Jackie Weiner,  
 Volunteer  
**Sacristan:** Joanna Sadler  
**Servers:** Timothy Leach, Volunteer, Volunteer  
**Ushers:** Steve Ernst, George Wehner  
**Greeters:** Volunteers

**OFFERTORY**

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION:** December 8 & 9

Regular Collection	\$ 5,344.00
Loose Offering	247.00
Christmas Flowers	192.00
Christmas	125.00
Immaculate Conception	1,005.00
Solemnity of Mary	90.00
<b>St. Patrick Total Offering</b>	<b>\$ 7,003.00</b>

**SECOND COLLECTIONS:**

Christmas Diocesan Charities	\$ 55.00
Retirement Fund/Religious	1,001.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,056.00</b>

*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 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, we hope to feature other artistic and devotional works within the church that give us a foretaste of heaven.

## Third Sunday of Advent



### ST. PATRICK PARISH NEWS

#### 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.

#### SOLEMNITY OF MARY

Tuesday, January 1

7:30 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

**Inviting Catholics Home** – Do you know someone who has been away from the church for a while? Or a relative that you have thought about inviting to join you at Mass? During this Advent Season, welcome others to come to Mass. Sometimes, all it takes is a personal invitation from someone to come and experience a renewal of their faith life and a deepening of the relationship that Jesus extends to us all.



**Giving Tree Gifts** - December 16 is the deadline to return gifts. Have a wonderful Advent Season and thanks for helping make Christmas a little brighter for those in need in our county!

**Sign Of Peace/Communion From The Cup During The Flu Season** – With the flu season upon us, it would be helpful for each of us to take precautions in order to reduce the risk of passing on the flu. If you are sick, the obligation to attend Mass is lifted. If you are not feeling well, but choose to participate in the Sunday liturgy, please refrain from drinking from the cup to protect others from illness. Additionally, offering the Sign of Peace may be done in the form of a nod of the head and simply saying, "Peace be with you." Washing hands thoroughly before attending Mass is another very helpful precaution. It is important that children also take these same precautions.

**Church Cleaning** – Fr. Hinterschied would like to begin a tradition of a thorough cleaning of the church during Advent. This year, it will take place on Saturday, December 22, from 8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. If you can help, please bring a bucket and cloths. Most of the woodwork, including pews, will be cleaned, as well as some miscellaneous items.

*Thank You*

**The Altar & Rosary Society** would like to express their heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributed to the success of the annual Christmas Cookie Sale last weekend. Thanks to all who made phone calls, pumpkin rolls, cookies and candy, gave donations and anyone who contributed in any way. The proceeds, including the pumpkin roll sale, was \$2,012.00.

**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](http://www.stpatricklondon.org). Please contact Erin Morris at the parish office if you have any questions, or are interested in online giving.



**Opening Your Heart And Keeping In Balance** will resume on January 3 for Lesson 13.

Opening Your Heart – How Do I conquer My Fears?

Keeping In Balance – Balance Through Simplicity

Questions? Please contact Denise Zimmerman at [denise@stpatricklondon.org](mailto:denise@stpatricklondon.org).

**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.

**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".

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

**CCD Classes** will not be held on December 23, 30 and January 6. Classes will resume on January 13, 2019. CCD classes are held on Sundays from 8:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. in the lower level of the parish center.

### COMMUNITY NEWS



**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](http://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!