



Mass Intentions

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday (March 23)
 Sunday (March 24)

 Monday
 Tuesday
 Wednesday (School)
 Thursday
 Friday
 Saturday (March 30)
 Sunday (March 31)

5:00 p.m. Keneal & Gertrude Swenson †
 7:30 a.m. People of the Parish
 10:30 a.m. Helen Hann †
NO MASS
 8:00 a.m. Eileen Kearney †
 8:50 a.m. Janey Sherlock †
 8:00 a.m. Donnie Henry †
 8:00 a.m. Margaret Ortlieb †
 5:00 p.m. Leonard & Marie Koesters †
 7:30 a.m. People of the Parish
 10:30 a.m. Icle Davis †

OFFERED BY

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Liturgical Roles

8:50 a.m. Wednesday, March 27 – School Mass

EMHC: Jacob Froning

7:00 p.m. Friday, March 29 – Stations of the Cross

Servers: Winston Lawver, Timothy Leach, Alana Sells

5:00 p.m. Saturday, March 30

Lectors: 1. Jim Price 2. Mark Valentino

Extraordinary Ministers of HC: Sissy Wiseman – Captain
 Lisa Dulin, Matt Grube, Julie Walker

Sacristan: Bessie Jackson

Servers: Kaleigh Dulin, Natalie Dulin, Molly Dulin

Ushers: John Orban, George Wehner

Greeters: Brad Gummere

7:30 a.m. Sunday, March 31

Lectors: 1. Jacob Froning 2. Joe Jurcisek

Extraordinary Ministers of HC: Anne Carter – Captain
 Barbara Lynch, Erin Morris, Pat Weber

Sacristan: Roberta Cwiekalo

Servers: Molly Fahy, Lillian Finke, Alana Sells

Ushers: Gary Finchum, Ben Yoder

Greeters: Francis & Diane Furbee

10:30 a.m. Sunday, March 31

Lectors: 1. Pat Loose 2. Monica Leimeister

Extraordinary Ministers of HC: Mary Davis – Captain
 Theresia Chin, Janice Closser, Michelle Horn, Charlotte
 Michael, Terri Swierz, Gary Zimmerman

Sacristan: Phil Chin

Servers: Zach Swierz – Thurifer

Brian Akers, David Stuke, Volunteer

Ushers: Steve Ernst, Phil Chin

Greeters: David & JoAnn Dhume

Rosary Leader: Deborah Haddad

Holy Hour

Thursday Evenings 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

No Holy Hour on Thursday, March 28

Confession Times

Saturday – 3:30 p.m., Sunday – 10:00 a.m.

Thursday – 6:30 p.m.

First Friday – 8:30 a.m. or by appointment

Donut Sunday – The Second Sunday of the month after the Masses in the Parish Center by the Altar & Rosary Society from September - May.

K of C Breakfast – The Third Sunday of the month after the 7:30 a.m. Mass in the Parish Center from September – May.

OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: March 16 & 17

Offertory figures will be printed in next week's bulletin.

Thank You!

April Collection Counters (begin Monday, April 1): Shirley Greene, Jane Finchum and Pat Rayburn



Eucharistic Adoration

1st Fridays

Exposition - 9:30 a.m.

Benediction - 12:00 Noon

About the Cover – Pictured on the bulletin cover is our venerable statue of St. Patrick, patron of our parish. Usually observed on March 17, his day would generally be ranked as a solemnity for our parish but this year it gives way to the Lord's Day, the Second Sunday of Lent. Not to worry, we'll celebrate our beloved St. Patrick – stay tuned for details. St. Patrick, who died in 461, was born in Britain but was taken to Ireland where he was sold into slavery at the age of 16. After escaping, he became a priest and eventually a bishop. He is credited with evangelizing both Britain and Ireland. Returning to the land of his slavery was a great challenge to Patrick, who persevered. Patrick is now the patron saint of Ireland along with St. Bridget, and St. Columba. This statue of St. Patrick, costing \$62, was a gift to the parish from former pastor, Fr. Abraham McNamara around 1916. Life size and realistic in depiction, this statue has aged with the years. Earlier photographs show St. Patrick had quite the dark beard and hair at one time but after a century who wouldn't be gray. The statue shows St. Patrick vested as an archbishop, with the pallium of a metropolitan archbishop, the miter and crosier of a bishop, the chasuble of a priest, and the dalmatic of a deacon – the fullness of orders that is a bishop. Not to be forgotten, St. Patrick holds out a shamrock with its three leaves to remind us of the three divine persons of the Blessed Trinity. 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

Perhaps the most under-appreciated day of the year is tomorrow, the Feast of the Annunciation. At the Incarnation, the world was born anew. There is an old saying: *"Nothing is new under the sun, save for the Incarnation"*.

The Annunciation teaches us that life is a mixture of joy and suffering. Jesus in His Incarnation was obedient to His Father. Just so, we are subject to the will of God and, therefore, it is not our rights that define us, but our duties, encapsulated in the Great Commandment: love God and love neighbor. This is our purpose.

In our society, happiness is in avoiding any burden, and choices of the individual reign supreme. We have given ourselves "rights," and to offend any ascribed "right" is a grievous wrong.

The Annunciation is the cure to such depraved sentiments. The self-absorption of our age has led many to experience purposelessness. The purpose of life is in the discharge of our duties. For Mary, it was becoming the Mother of God. Regardless of that majesty, she achieved no worldly fame or comfort. Rather, she had to watch her only child die, rejected by His society and abandoned by His friends. Yet she did her duty.

It is our duty to perform what acts of charity we can and observe the moral law of Christ. Our goal is service and obedience to God. Taken to the extreme, as is now common, self-seeking produces ludicrous notions.

Modernity locates man's purpose in his own self-righteousness: "I should be able to do whatever I want" and "You must not offend me." These are the Serpent's temptation, the essence of all sin: "Why should you have to obey God? Do as you wish and you, too, can be a god!" This life-goal is cheap because it requires no discipline or sacrifice in the service of charity, it cannot give life meaning.

Against this, we look to Mary, the woman who accepted God's will and with it all of human existence— joy, suffering and its ultimate glorious reunion with God. The Christian life is not a self-help program for worldly satisfaction. It is the acceptance of the awesome truth of man's creation: We are made to know, and to love and to serve God in this life, and to be happy with him in the next; *"may it be done to us according to his word"*.

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



West Side Deanery Penance Service

St. Mary Magdalene, 473 S. Roys Ave. in Columbus will host the deanery-wide Penance Service on Sunday, March 31 at 3:00 p.m. Confessions will be heard during this Lenten Service. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a sacrament of healing and renewal, especially during this Season of Lent, as we prepare ourselves for the glory of Easter.



Volunteers Needed For Holy Thursday Mass

Twelve volunteers are needed for Feet Washing during the Holy Thursday Mass which will be on Thursday, April 18 at 7 p.m. Please call the parish office or sign your name on the sheet in the connecting hallway to volunteer.

Adult Lenten Study – During the Season of Lent, all are invited to participate in *Oremus: A Guide to Catholic Prayer* from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. in the parish parlor. This week's topic will be "Relational Prayer". For more information, email Maria Berryhill at mberryhill@stpatricklondon.org or Denise Zimmerman at denise@stpatricklondon.org.

Thanks To All who participated in the St. Patrick Day Celebration Potluck last week, as well as those who helped decorate, serve and clean up.

"He Is Risen" - St. Patrick Parish Mission: April 29 – May 1

Fr. Thomas Blau, O.P., will lead a Parish Mission entitled "He Is Risen" here at St. Patrick Church. What is the foundation for our belief? What is the evidence that we have that he is risen? In this parish mission, we will look at the evidence, the logic of our belief that Jesus has risen from the dead. We will also look at "what difference does it make?" St. Paul says, "If he is not risen, then your faith is in vain", meaning it is useless. Mark your calendars for Monday, April 29 – Wednesday, May 1 from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. in the parish center.

You're Invited! Women who have previously attended or are interested in attending a Walking with Purpose Bible Study are invited to the following Walking with Purpose summer reunions. The Thursday Morning Group will meet from 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. in the parish center on April 4, May 2, June 6, and August 1. The Sunday Evening Group will meet from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in the parish center on April 7, May 5, June 2, and August 4. Both Groups will come together in July for a cookout – watch for details. Women will enjoy a potluck meal, prayer, scripture reading, games and fellowship. Walking with Purpose is committed to: Confidentiality, Authenticity, Respect, Positivity, a Spirit of Welcome to all women showing the greatest Hospitality to all. Please contact Denise Zimmerman at denise@stpatricklondon.org with questions.

Mass Bag Parent Meeting – There will be a meeting with parents on sharing ideas about what items to have in the Children's Mass Bags. This meeting is for families who already have a Mass Bag and for those parents who are interested in purchasing one for their child. Please join us on Sunday, March 31 at 11:30 a.m. in the parish parlor.

Stations of the Cross will be held in the church every Friday at 7:00 p.m. during Lent except on Good Friday.

Holy Hour will not be held on Thursday, March 28 due to Evening Vespers that will be held on the Eve of the Installation of Bishop Brennan at St. Joseph Cathedral.

Operation Rice Bowl – Please pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl from each entrance of the church during Lent. May these 40 days better prepare us to encounter ourselves, our neighbors and our God.

Lenten Food Drive – Non-perishable food items are being collected during Lent for the Madison County Food Pantry. If you would like to donate to this cause, please put your donation in the containers under the coat rack in the parish center. Food will be collected until April 12.

K of C Fish Fry - The Fish Fries are held St. Patrick School, 226 Elm St. from 4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. during the Fridays of Lent (excluding Good Friday). Dine-In or Carry-Out will be available. Proceeds go toward the good works of the Knights of Columbus.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Birthday Bags – St. Patrick CCD students in K - 2nd Grade are collecting items for Birthday Bags as a Lenten Project that will be given to the Madison County Food Pantry. There are collection boxes for your donations of non-expired cake mixes, icing/frosting, candles, cards, decorations, plates, napkins, Thank you cards, etc. Last year, we were able to collect enough items to donate approximately 30 bags. Thanks in advance for your donations!

Retreat Volunteers Needed for the Reconciliation retreat on Saturday, March 30 at 9 a.m. in the parish center. Volunteers are needed to help set up and take down these events. If you or anyone you know would be interested in volunteering, please contact Maria Berryhill at maria@stpatricklondon.org or (740) 852-0942. Service hours can also be given.