

St. Patrick

CATHOLIC CHURCH

61 South Union Street, London, Ohio 43140
www.stpatricklondon.org

A Parish of the Diocese of Columbus
Most Rev. Robert J. Brennan, Bishop
Fr. Michael J. Hinterschied, Pastor

MASS & PENANCE SCHEDULE

Sunday Masses:

Saturday (Anticipatory): 5:00 p.m.;
Sunday: 7:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Daily Mass

Tuesday-Friday: 8:00 a.m.
Wednesday at Parish School (During school year): 8:50 a.m.
First Friday: 5:30 p.m.; First Saturday: 9:00 a.m.

Holy Days:

See bulletin or go to www.stpatricklondon.org.

Sacrament of Penance:

Saturday: 4:30 p.m., Sunday: 7:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.,
Thursday: 6:30 p.m., First Friday: 4:30 p.m., or by appointment

First Friday Adoration:

Exposition 12:00 p.m., Benediction 5:15 p.m.

Sunday Rosary:

9:50 a.m.

Baptisms

Call Parish Office to make arrangements.

Marriages

Marriage preparation is necessary before a date is set.
Call for an appointment at least six months in advance.

Confraternity of Catholic Doctrine

CCD is provided for K-8 students who do not attend St. Patrick School
Sunday morning at 8:45-10:15 a.m. during the school year.

Knights of Columbus

Second and Fourth Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m., in the Parish Center.
Summer meetings are the Second Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

Altar & Rosary Society

Second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m., in the Parish Center.
No meetings in January, June, July or August.

Parish Membership - Please register by calling the Parish Office.

Bulletin Deadline - Monday by 10:00 a.m. or earlier.

PARISH MINISTRIES/ORGANIZATIONS DIRECTORY

Altar/Rosary Society

Peggy Beathard, President (740) 506-0278

Cemetery

Call Parish Office (740) 852-0942

Communion to the Sick

Call Parish Office (740) 852-0942

Knights of Columbus

Matt Grube, Grand Knight (740) 963-2563

www.kofc1786.org

Parish Hall Reservations

Call Parish Office (740) 852-0942

CCD

Maria Berryhill (740) 852-0942

RCIA

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School Advisory Board

Heather Feliks, President (740) 852-0161

Por Información en Español

Irma Arbogast (740) 852-2535



PARISH STAFF

Fr. Michael J. Hinterschied, *Pastor*

Deacon Dan Hann

Erin Morris, *Business Manager*

Elizabeth Finke, *Secretary*

Maria Berryhill, *Director of Religious Education*

Denise Zimmerman, *Director of Family Faith Formation*

Debbie Adamczak, *Parish School Principal*

Polly Fonde-Johnston, *Director,*

St. Patrick Early Learning Center

Sandy Fryling, *Director of Music*

PARISH/SCHOOL DIRECTORY

Rectory and Parish Office

Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. (740) 852-0942

St. Patrick School

226 Elm Street, London, Ohio 43140 (740) 852-0161

St. Patrick Early Learning Center

& Latchkey Program (740) 490-7429

MISSION STATEMENT

St. Patrick Parish is the presence of the Universal Church in Madison County. We provide an environment for hearing God's Word, for growth in the Christian life, for dialogue, Proclamation of the Gospel of Christ, charitable outreach, along with Worship and Celebration of the Eucharist. We intend to be a welcoming community of faith with the goal of forming intentional disciples of Jesus Christ.


Mass Intentions

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday (December 7, First Saturday)	9:00 a.m.
	5:00 p.m.
Sunday (December 8)	7:30 a.m.
	10:30 a.m.
Monday	
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.
Wednesday (School)	8:50 a.m.
Thursday	8:00 a.m.
Friday	8:00 a.m.
Saturday (December 14)	5:00 p.m.
Sunday (December 15)	7:30 a.m.
	10:30 a.m.

INTENTIONS

Steve Ridenour †
People of the Parish
Donnie Henry †
Francis and Katheryn Lonergan ††
NO MASS
Margaret Sexton †
Kelly Snyder and Erik Snyder ††
Barbara Coleman †
Ethel Schumann †
People of the Parish
Patty Duffy †
John Roberts †

OFFERED BY

Patty Colwell
Father Hinterschied
Joann Wiseman
Family
Dorothy Henry
Patty Evans and Family
Bill and Anne Carter
Gary Finchum and Family
Father Hinterschied
Duffy Family
Jeremy Baker and Family

Liturgical Roles⁺

5:00 p.m., Saturday, December 14

Lectors: 1. Linda Wheatley 2. Jim Price
Extraordinary Ministers of HC: Shirley Witwer – Captain, Beth Fordyce, Matt Grube, Julie Walker
Sacristan: Bessie Jackson
Servers: Natalie Dulin, Kaleigh Dulin, Claire Williams
Ushers: John Orban, Rob Shepherd
Greeters: Mike and Mary Brennan

7:30 a.m., Sunday, December 15

Lectors: 1. Alex Cwiekalo 2. Mike Quilter
Extraordinary Ministers of HC: Dorothy Henry – Captain, Dave Husek, Sandra Juncisek, Sissy Wiseman
Sacristan: Roberta Cwiekalo
Servers: Dillon DeRose, Mason Grider, James Marco
Ushers: David Mittelkamp, Jim Wiseman
Greeters: Steve and Donna Saltsman

10:30 a.m., Sunday, December 15

Lectors: 1. Deborah Haddad 2. Anna Harpold
Extraordinary Ministers of HC: Janice Closser – Captain, Debbie Bartkowiak, Butch Compton, Bertha Hilsheimer, Mike Lynch, Kay Majka, Charlotte Michael
Sacristan: Dcn. Dan Hann
Servers: Logan Weiner – Thurifer, Julia Harpold, James Thompson, Ryan Fullmer
Ushers: Phil Chin, Steve Ernst
Greeters: David and Jo Ann Dhume
Rosary Leader: Irma Arbogast



The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary is December 8th. This day is generally a Holy Day of Obligation, but not this year. This solemnity is transferred to December 9th this year because December 8th is the second Sunday of Advent. The obligation to attend Mass does not transfer to December 9th.

St. “Pat on the Back” – Thank you Will Koenig for the construction and set-up of the Nativity scene stable in front of the parish center. Will was assisted by family members and several other parishioners. The statues for this crèche were a gift of the Coughlin family in 2016.

As an aside, the figures of the Nativity scene that will be displayed during the Christmas season in church on St. Joseph’s altar date back to the late 1880s and were a gift of the “Young Ladies Sodality.”

About the Cover – “Lord Jesus Christ, by your own three days in the tomb, you hallowed the graves of all who believe in you and so made the grave a sign of hope that promises resurrection even as it claims our mortal bodies.” So begins a prayer of blessing of the grave at a burial.

Before 1865, London-area Catholics seeking burial in consecrated ground were interred in Springfield. Founding pastor, Fr. John Mary Conway, to remedy that situation, founded St. Patrick’s Cemetery. In early 1865, he purchased four acres south of London on what is now State Route 56 for \$400.00 with an additional \$396.00 spent on fencing, landscaping and plotting. The first burial was that of John Keogh in the following April. A number of families then relocated the bodies of their loved ones from Springfield to the new cemetery. Over the years, additional acreage was added and in 1928 a “Priests’ Circle” was set aside for their burial. Among these priests is Fr. Conway, later pastors, and sons of the parish. An interesting “factoid” is that all of them were priests of the Cincinnati Archdiocese.

The bulletin cover shows the crucifix that marks the Priests’ Circle “Dedicated to the many priests who served St. Patrick Parish.” The maple tree in autumn glory was donated in memory of a young child. This memorial tree is one of many planted in the last 15 years to enhance the beauty of our cemetery. Our parish takes great pride in providing a fitting burial place for our departed loved ones as the burial of the dead is one of the great works of corporal mercy.

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Offertory

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: November 30-December 1

Regular Collection	\$6,815.00
Loose Offering	\$303.00
Maintenance	\$65.00
All Saints Day	\$50.00
All Souls Novena	\$25.00
Immaculate Conception	\$20.00
Christmas	\$150.00
Christmas Flowers	\$593.00
St. Vincent de Paul Society	\$165.00
Total Offering	\$8,186.00

SECOND COLLECTION:

Retirement Fund for Religious	\$45.00
World Mission Sunday	\$25.00
Catholic Campaign for Human Development	\$5.00
Total Offering	\$75.00

Thank You!

A Message from Father Hinterschied

In popular culture, the days of Advent are commonly referred to as the "season of giving." We should not forget that in our community poverty is more widespread and burdensome than we might realize, and thus along with our material gifts we ought to focus on the greatest gifts we can give to others by engaging in the spiritual works of mercy. One doesn't need clever one-liners, just charity.

Within our parish there are a tremendous number of ways to share our blessings generously, to be charitable. What can you give to Jesus Christ this Christmas? After all, it is His Birthday! When it is Someone Who has everything, in every sense of the word, just give Him the gift of genuine time with Him. That's really all that we have that He wants.

With thanksgiving to God, a number of parishioners will either make or renew their Act of Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary at Noon today!

Blessed Pope Pius IX, on the 8th of December 1854, proclaimed the Dogma of the faith revealed by God that the Blessed Virgin Mary "in the first instant of her conception, by a singular privilege and grace granted by God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the human race, was preserved exempt from all stain of original sin." The official proclamation of the dogma is relatively recent, but the profession of Christians in this regard is very ancient. Four years later, the same Virgin Mary, appearing in Lourdes to St Bernadette, confirmed the truth of the doctrine by identifying herself with the title 'I am the Immaculate Conception'.

- Rev. Fr. Michael Hinterschied, Pastor, St. Patrick Church

ST. PATRICK PARISH NEWS

Christmas Flower Offering – If you would like to contribute to the Christmas Flower Offering, please use the envelope provided and list your loved ones to be remembered or honored. We will publish those names in time for Christmas. Please have the envelopes in the offertory collection no later than December 15th so names can be included in the published list. For online givers contributing to the Christmas Flower Offering, please email your loved one's names to Elizabeth@stpatricklondon.org, or send a note to the church office, no later than December 15th.

Christmas Decor Rummage Sale – Do you have too many Christmas decorations at your house? Altar and Rosary will be selling *gently-used* Christmas items during the cookie sale. If you have items you'd like to donate, please bring them to the Parish Center Saturday the 14th of December. We'll be donating any unsold items to the Help House or could be discarded. No Artificial Trees, please!

Church Cleaning – We have scheduled our 2nd Annual Advent Church Cleaning for Saturday, December 14 from 8:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. The parish will provide the cleaning supplies and refreshments. All volunteers are welcome to help prepare the church for the Nativity of our Lord.

Altar & Rosary Society Annual Cookie Sale – Calling all cookie bakers! The Annual Cookie Sale will be held on December 14th and 15th. 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 13th from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. and Saturday morning, December 14th from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at which time the plates will also be assembled.

Community Supper – The next Community Supper will be held on Wednesday, December 11th, from 4:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m. in the parish center. There is a sign-up sheet in the connecting hallway if you would like to donate a dessert. Please contact Diane Furbee at 614-578-2886 if you or a parishioner you know would benefit from a hot delivered meal.

2020 Lector Workbooks are available in the sacristy for all lectors for the new liturgical year which begins next week. Please pick up your copy. There is one workbook per lectoring family.



The 31st GIVING TREE – The Annual Giving tree is located in the Parish Center. Please take time to go visit the tree and choose a child to gift. Please 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 15th. Delivery is scheduled for Monday, December 16th. The gifts this year are benefitting local families through Madison County Jobs and Family Services, LifePointe Family Center, London Health and Rehabilitation and St. Patrick's St. Vincent de Paul Society. Gift Bags are welcome, but please do not wrap the gifts. Please make SURE to attach the tag. A good idea would be to take a picture of the tag you have chosen, in case it would get lost or misplaced. If you lose the tag, please mark gift with the Family number and child's name or age, otherwise the person may not receive your gift. Have a wonderful Advent Season and thanks for helping make Christmas a little brighter for those in need in Madison county!

Cemetery Sexton – We have an opening for a sexton at the St. Patrick Cemetery. Duties are varied but all revolve around the burial and maintenance of graves of our faithful departed. Please contact the business manager at the parish office if you would like more information about this position.

St. Patrick Cemetery – The holidays are upon us and those who wish to use grave blankets at the cemetery are permitted to do so between December 15th and January 15th of each year. Thank you for helping keep St. Patrick Cemetery in good condition. For those who are new to the area, the cemetery is located at 4180 Street, Rt. 56 in London.

Las Posadas – All are invited to join the St. Patrick Latino community in celebrating the tradition of Las Posadas ("the inns"), an Advent celebration beginning Monday, December 16th. We will gather in the church at 6:30 p.m. for prayer, reflection on the first evening's theme, and procession to the 5 doors looking for welcome for Joseph and Mary. In the parish center (the 5th door) we will be welcomed in with the Holy Family to festive food, drink, fellowship, and fun. Please join us for the first annual celebration of Las Posadas at St. Patrick Church.

ST. PATRICK SCHOOL NEWS

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Scrip – St. Patrick School participates in the Scrip Program. To sign up and start earning for the school and your family, visit this link: <https://shop.shopwithscrip.com/Login/Enroll>. Use this enrollment code to join the St. Patrick Scrip program: DACCEBC766371.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Winter is coming – Please make sure you are signed up to receive Flocknote messages. Join the CCD group so that you can stay informed of CCD closings due to weather this winter. Thank you.

Preparations for Christmas – You can give no better gift this season than the gift that God has given to us: His Son, Jesus. Invite someone who is not Catholic to attend Mass with you at Christmas. For information about the RCIA, contact Maria Berryhill at 740-852-0972 or mberryhill@stpatricklondon.org.

ADVENT REFLECTIONS

Looking for ways your family can enter into the Advent season together? Grow closer to Christ this season with reflections sent to you daily.

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