

Liturgical Roles

Mon. December 19	HR	8:00 am	Mass
Servers: Adult Server			
Tues. December 20	HR	8:15 am	Mass
Servers: Adult Server			
Wed. December 21	HR	12:05 pm	Mass
Servers: Adult Server			
Thurs. December 22	SP	8:00 am	Mass
Servers: Adult Server			
Fri. December 23	HR	8:00 am	Mass
Servers: Adult Server			
Sat. December 24	HR	4:00 pm	Mass
Servers: Lukas Walter, Dakoda Moore, Lily Rammel			
Lectors: John Hudson, Morgan Henschen			
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion: Volunteers			
Sat. December 24	SP	4:00 pm	Mass
Servers: Gavin Schwartz, Griffin Schwartz			
Lector: Cheryl Varuska			
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion: Irene Heilers, Jim Heilers, Dustin Knapke, Christine Knatz			
Ushers: Janet Ott, Mike Ott, Alan Steinke			
Sacristan: Ellen Brown			
Sat. December 24	HR	10:00 pm	Mass
Servers: Wyatt Barhorst, Brent Miller, Brandon Miller, Aiden Jeffries			
Lectors: Donna Kantner, Jennifer Brown			
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion: Volunteers			
Sun. December 25	SP	9:30 am	Mass
Servers: Kaden Brackman, Leah Brackman			
Lector: Diane Wright			
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion: Kent Schlegel, LuAnna Scott, Judy Steinke, Ericka Aller			
Ushers: Allen Scott, Jacob Barhorst, Nick Brackman			
Sacristan: Kent Schlegel			
Sun. December 25	HR	11:00 am	Mass
Servers: Jamie Dabis, Lydia Dabis, Ryan Dabis, Nate Wilker			
Lectors: Bill Angel, Brianna Braun			
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion: Volunteers			

Holy Rosary Adopt-a-Student

Current Week Donations:	\$ 1,144.50
Total Donations Received:	\$ 38,539.00
Parishioner Participation:	155 Families

The monthly Adopt-A-Student collection is to help Holy Rosary School with its operating expenses.

Prayer Hotline	Weekend Mass	Grief Support
Holy Rosary: Julie 305-7937	4:30 pm 408 8:00 am 200 9:30 am 174 11:00 am 350	Steve and Kathy Frankenberg
St. Patrick Judy 738-8702	1132	419-753-2056

Calendar of Events

Sunday	December 18
8:00 am	Mass & Choir at Holy Rosary
9:30 am	Mass at St. Patrick
11:00 am	Mass at Holy Rosary
Monday	December 19
8:00 am	Mass at Holy Rosary
6:30 - 8:00 pm	Confession at St. Patrick
Tuesday	December 20
8:15 am	Mass at Holy Rosary
12:00 pm	HR Altar Society Meeting - St. Marys' Eagles ** Please RSVP to Lil at 419-394-5718
6:30 - 8:00 pm	Confession at Holy Rosary
Wednesday	December 21
10:30 am	Legion of Mary - Modular Rm. 1
11:30 am	Confession at Holy Rosary
12:05 pm	Mass at Holy Rosary
2:30 pm	Communion Service at Otterbein
6:30 pm	SP CCD Student - meet in Church
6:45 pm	St. Patrick CCD Christmas Program - Church
7:00 pm	Adult Choir - Music Room
Thursday	December 22
8:00 am	Mass at St. Patrick
10:00 - 11:00 am	Confessions at Holy Rosary
6:00 pm	Decorating of Holy Rosary Church
6:30 - 7:30 pm	St. Patrick Youth Choir Practice - Church
7:00 pm	HR Adult Choir Practice - Church
7:00 - 8:30 pm	RCIA - Modular
Friday	December 23
8:00 am	Mass at Holy Rosary
Saturday	December 24
10:00 - 11:00 am	Confessions at Holy Rosary
4:00 pm	Mass at Holy Rosary Fr. Bill O'Donnell
4:00 pm	Mass at St. Patrick
10:00 pm	Mass & Choir Ensemble at Holy Rosary
Sunday	December 25 ** No 8am Mass**
8:30 am	St. Patrick Youth Choir - arrive by 8:30 am
9:30 am	Mass & Youth Choir at St. Patrick
11:00 am	Mass & Choir Ensemble at Holy Rosary

From Death to Life Eternal

Our Christian sympathy is extended to Deacon Alex Witt and his family at the loss of his mother, Jennifer Witt. We pray that God's unending love will comfort them and bring them peace in this time of adjustment.

Condolences can be mailed to:

Deacon Alex Witt
6616 Beechmont Ave.
Cincinnati, OH 45230

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Sponsor of the Week

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass Intentions

Mon. 12/19	Late Advent Weekday <i>Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25</i>
8:00 am	HR Eldon Saintignon
Tues. 12/20	Late Advent Weekday <i>Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38</i>
8:15 am	HR Jerry Vanderhorst
Wed. 12/21	St. Peter Canisius <i>Sg 2:8-14; Lk1:39-45</i>
12:05 pm	HR Judy Palmer
Thurs. 12/22	Late Advent Weekday <i>1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56</i>
8:00 am	SP Maxine Horman
Fri. 12/23	St. John of Kanty <i>Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66</i>
8:00 am	HR Elaine Barhorst
Sat. 12/24	Late Advent Weekday <i>Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt1:1-25</i>
4:00 pm	HR Richard & Sally Hurm
4:00 pm	SP Stanley Pierce
10:00 pm	HR Nan Bowling
Sun. 12/25	The Nativity of the Lord <i>Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18</i>
9:30 am	SP Mary Montague
11:00 am	HR Michael Bernard

December 11, 2016

Joyfully and Responsibly I Give My First Fruits to God.

Holy Rosary Collection

Adult Envelopes Issued:	557
Adult Envelopes used:	186
Parish Pay (Direct Deposit)	91
Adult Offering:	\$ 7,759.19
Loose Offering:	\$ 541.39
Total Collection:	\$ 8,300.58
Week Budgeted:	\$ 9,670.00
Weekly Collection & Direct Deposit:	\$ 8,300.58
Over/Short to date:	(1,369.42)
YTD Total weekly budgeted:	\$ 232,080.00
YTD Total weekly collection:	\$ 225,032.25
Over/Short to date:	\$ (7,047.75)
Religious Retirement Collection	\$ 3,464.90

St. Patrick Collection

Adult Envelopes Issued:	55
Adult Envelopes used:	39
Adult Offering:	\$ 1,947.00
Loose Offering:	\$ 214.00
Total Collection:	\$ 2,161.00
Religious Retirement Collection	\$ 208.94

Message from the Pastor

It's getting pretty busy around Holy Rosary as we near Christmas. There are many workers all around the place, lots of mess and dust, but definitely a lot of progress. Things are going to get even more hectic when we start the renovation and expansion of the back entrance. Get ready for more mess...but it will be worth it in the end.

I've been very busy trying to juggle a lot of things – funerals and baptisms, Christmas programs and Christmas parties, homilies and hearing confessions, and the millions of other little things that go into being a parish priest these days.

Although I've struggled with a little bronchitis and a lingering cough of late, I still am having the time of my life and wouldn't change it for anything. Especially to be at these two very special parishes. In a previous Message from the Pastor, I spoke about St. Patrick's. Now I want to say a little something about Holy Rosary.

Back nearly five years ago, when Fr. Tony Cutcher first approached me with his idea of recommending me to take over for him at Holy Rosary, I must say I was very happy. First of all, to take over a parish on my own, and then it being so close to my home. I remember on the drive over from Coldwater, a huge storm followed after me and struck just as I was moving in. Was that a sign of things to come? Maybe. But, I want to think it was a good storm that rushed in on that July day four years ago.

Holy Rosary has got to be one of the best parishes around; a great staff, a great school; very generous, hard-working and fun parishioners, and a great Catholic spirit. I appreciate all the support you've given me, and all the patience you've shown me as I fly around the parish doing three things at once. I hope you know it's all for you. Everything that I do is so that each one of you has a deeper experience of Christ and that you all grow in your Catholic Faith every day.

So, let's keep working together to make Holy Rosary the best place to love and worship God. Let's make it a truly Catholic center for the whole community of Saint Marys.

Fr. Barry

Holy Rosary School Donation

Holy Rosary School received a donation of \$250 in memory of Barry Gossard. Thank you for your generosity.

St. Thomas Cemetery Donation

St Thomas Cemetery of St Patrick has received a donation of \$545.00 in memory of LaVera Burke. The Cemetery Association appreciates and is thankful for this generous donation.

THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

On the days of Christmas, my true love, God, gave to me, a baptized Christian...

One Jesus Christ

Two books of the Bible: Old and New Testament

Three great gifts of Faith, Hope and Love

Four Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John

Fives books of the Torah

Six days of Creation

Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Eight Beatitudes

Nine Fruits of the Spirit

10 Commandments

11 Faithful Apostles

12 Beliefs in the Apostle's Creed

The next time you hear the song, think of it in a new light. Now you know the real truth in this song and that God's loving kindness cannot be bought at any price.

It is free to those who believe!



HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULES

Christmas

December 24 4:00pm at St. Patrick
4:00pm at Holy Rosary
10:00pm at Holy Rosary
December 25 9:30am at St. Patrick
11:00am at Holy Rosary

New Years - Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

December 31 4:30pm at Holy Rosary
Eucharistic 11:00pm at Holy Rosary
Holy Hour
January 1 8:00 am at Holy Rosary
9:30 am at St. Patrick
11:00 am at Holy Rosary

CONFESSION TIMES

Holy Rosary & St. Patrick

Fr. Barry will be hearing confessions
on the following dates:

December 19 St. Patrick 6:30 - 8:00pm
December 20 Holy Rosary 6:30 - 8:00pm
December 22 Holy Rosary 10:00 - 11:00am
December 24 Holy Rosary 10:00 - 11:00am

**** These are not Penance Services.****



THINKING OF SENDING YOUR CHILDREN TO HOLY ROSARY SCHOOL?

Additional Tuition Assistance Available

The *One Faith, One Hope, One Love Campaign* designated a significant portion of the funds raised to help families with Catholic school tuition assistance. The tuition assistance awards will begin with the 2017-2018 school year. A qualifying family can receive up to \$1000 per child.

Applications will be accepted beginning in December 2016. Visit www.CatholicBestChoice.org for more information.

Catch the Excitement at Holy Rosary School

Holy Rosary PTO works so hard for our students and staff!

Santa made a visit on *Cookies with Santa Day*, sponsored by PTO. Children sang songs, visited with Santa, and decorated Christmas cookies. Much fun was had by all! Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who came to help with this very special day. Every member of Holy Rosary Catholic School received a navy blue t-shirt from our PTO. Thank you to Potash and T & P Auto for their generous donations which helped us treat students and staff.

Children in grades Pre-K through 8 performed Our Annual Christmas Pageant. The friendly beasts came to help the Christ Child; Larry, Bob, and his other brother Rob saved the day and portrayed the Wisemen; the shepherds sang their hearts out to honor our Jesus. The program was beautiful and truly embraced the spirit of our Savior's Birth. Thank you to Mrs. Becky Anderson, our music teacher and program director, for her hard work. Another thank you goes to our high school for allowing us to use the PAC for any performance we have. It is a wonderful facility for parents and students.

Virtue of the month: Obedience

Make Your Shopping Easier

Christmas is just a short time away! Make life easier by purchasing SCRIP cards for all of your store and on-line shopping. For those who want to avoid shopping - why not purchase gift cards to give as gifts this year.

Purchasing these gift cards benefits every single family at Holy Rosary School with no additional cost to you.

From Death to Life Eternal



Our Christian sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Steve Hirsch and David Liette. We pray that God's unending love will comfort them and bring them peace in this time of adjustment.

ST. PATRICK CCD CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Please join us as the St Patrick CCD children present "A New Star" Christmas program on Wednesday, December 21st, beginning at 6:45 pm at the St Patrick church.

Refreshments will be provided.

Decorating Holy Rosary Church for Christmas

The decorating of Holy Rosary Church will be on Thursday, December 22, at 6pm. Please consider giving of your time and talent and join us in this endeavor.

HOLY ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

The Holy Rosary Altar Society Christmas meeting will be on Tuesday, December 20, at St. Marys Eagles at noon. Guest speakers will be Fr. Barry & Ambrose Dobrozsi. Please RSVP to Lil at 419-394-5718.

**Spa for the Soul – Women's Night Out
Save the Date March 24th 5:30-9p.m.**

Plan a Women's Night out with your friends and family. This Year we are excited to host *His Own*.

For more information on the group go to Behisown.com

LUCKY TEN

Winners for December 2016

\$500 Rose Ricker	\$100 Charles Gregorovich
\$100 William Kroeger	\$75 Anne Peterson
\$50 Nick & Diane Grilliot	\$50 Tom & Jo McCarthy
\$50 Jim Maze	\$25 Pamela Tenyak
\$25 Colette Dugan	\$25 Mary Settlage



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CONSTRUCTION PROJECT AT HOLY ROSARY UPDATE

As you can see, things are moving right along with the construction and renovation project at Holy Rosary. Because we had such good weather in November, we are on schedule for the most part. The new downstairs classrooms for the Preschool will be completed and they will move in during the Christmas break. The new adoration chapel should be done and inspected by Christmas. The addition will also be finished by Christmas, but there will be no pews in the new overflow until mid-January. At that time, we will be replacing all the pews in church as well as getting new floor tiles under the pews.

NEW PEWS IN CHURCH

The existing pews are not in very good shape. There is a serious safety risk for pinched fingers between the seat and the seat back. We attempted to fix the problem but given the state of the pews, the fact that they do not match the new pews in the existing overflow and the uncomfortable position of the kneelers, a decision was made to get new ones, which received the Parish Council's approval. And since the flooring under the pews is nearly 40 years old and not in good condition either, we decided to replace the flooring when we replaced the pews.

MEETING ROOM BEHIND NEW OVERFLOW ADDITION

In regards to the meeting room behind the new overflow, it was designed to accommodate groups like the RCIA, Legion of Mary, and Bible Studies, etc. In one small corner of this large meeting room, Deacon Marty Brown will have a simple desk and phone to work from, much in the same way his office is in the modular building.

ENTRANCE AREA

After the 1st of the year they will begin construction of the back entrance to church. There will be limited access to that entrance for at least 3 months. You will be able to enter church through the new doors on Pine Street, the door by the office and the doors on Spring Street.

BUDGET AND CHANGE ORDERS

We are still within our budget. We have enough money pledged to cover all the costs of the entire project. The change orders that came up along the way were all necessary and were both new costs and savings. For example, we saved approximately \$50,000 by not having to put in a sprinkler system in the new classrooms. Another change was the loading dock that was put in near the maintenance building. This will accommodate the delivery trucks without the need for steps into the truck, which is always a safety liability.

After the construction is over we will landscape around the entrance and repave the entire parking lot. So, the entrance to church will be very inviting and accessible.



I want to thank you for your patience and your generosity. It is thanks to your donations that we would take on this project. So, keep the payments coming in and look forward to some great new things at Holy Rosary.

Fr. Danny

RENOVATION WORK AT ST. PATRICK'S

NEW PROPANE BOILER INSTALLED

A new, high efficiency propane boiler was installed recently. It cost \$15,483 and was paid for by the money we got back from Archdiocesan Capital Campaign. This will save us a lot of money each month on heating costs.

NEW ADVENT WREATH, BLESSED SACRAMENT CANDLE HOLDER, AND CANDLESTICKS

The new Advent wreath was generously donated by the St. Patrick's Ladies Sodality. Thank you, ladies! The refinished Blessed Sacrament candle holder and the six candlesticks on the side and high altars, costing \$2,435, was donated by an anonymous benefactor. These items make our church even more beautiful.

NEW ROOF ON THE RECTORY

We recently put a new roof on the rectory. It was long overdue. Thanks to Dave Steinke and his brother Mark, who donated their hours of work for this.

REMODELED ENTRANCE

As you can see, over the past few months we've remodeled the entrance to church, gotten new front doors, new woodworking, new ceiling light, new bulletin boards and framed pictures, and the stained-glass window above the doors which was hidden by the ceiling tiles. All this was paid for out of the Capital Improvements Collection that we took up each month.

STAINED GLASS WINDOW REPAIR AND CONSERVATION AT ST. PATRICK'S



Next Spring, we will begin on the well overdue stained-glass window repair and conservation project. Twenty-four stained glass windows will get new and improved storm-glass. We will put twelve new ventilators on the side wall windows. Glass will be repaired and cleaned and the frames repainted. We have raised approximately \$40,000 for this project. It will cost close to \$130,000 in all. If you would like to give a gift for Christmas to be used for this reason, specify it on the envelope or on the check. Just drop it in the collection basket at Christmas or send it into the office at 511 E. Spring Street, St. Marys. Remember, gifts of \$12,000 get a memorial plaque by an entire window. Gifts of \$6,000 get a plaque for half a window. Every donation of up to \$1,000 gets a name on a common plaque.

Thank you once again for all your work, support, and prayers for our parish. May God continue to bless us and all our parishioners.

Fri. Barry

