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The Newsletter of St. Patrick's Episcopal Church

**CELEBRATE CHRIST'S BIRTH AT  
SAINT PATRICK'S EPISCOPAL  
CHURCH**

**DECEMBER 24TH**  
MORNING PRAYER WITH HYMNS-9AM  
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE-5PM  
CHRISTMAS EVE EUCHARIST W/ CHOIR-8PM  
MUSIC STARTS AT 7:45

**DECEMBER 25TH**  
CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE-10 AM

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**From the Rector's Desk****It's the most wonderful time of the year!**

Have you ever wondered why Christmas Pageants are never based on the Gospel of Mark? As we dive head first into the season of Advent with its prophetic denunciations, stories of camel skin clad preachers with odd diets, and Jesus making predictions about the end of the world, the Church tasks us with preparing for the coming of the Christ Child. The simplest and best way to prepare for the coming of the Christ child is read the gospels so closely focused on his life.

Advent is also a new church year. Our Sunday readings focus on a particular Gospel that rotates on a three year cycle (Years A, B, & C). We are finishing up year A which focuses on Matthew and on Advent 1 (Dec. 3rd) we will start year B which focuses on Mark.

The Gospel of Mark is the shortest of the four gospels in the New Testament, but it is also one of the most important. It is the first gospel to be written, and it is the one that most closely follows the events of Jesus' life.

So, join us this advent for our annual Gospel Read-Along. Start December 1st and read one chapter a day. You'll finish up on December 16th. Also there will be reflection videos posted each day on YouTube. New this year, the audio from each video will also be released as a podcast. So, get your bibles ready and join us in reading along together the Gospel of Mark.

Scan the QR Code below or click [HERE](#) to sign up in Realm to receive encouraging emails from me cheering you on to keep reading.

God's Peace,



Fr. Jason †

**Wonderful Wigglers Kids Christmas Eve Handbells!**

Does your wiggler want to play hand bells!? We will be teaching our wigglers to play "Away in the Manger" for the 5:00 PM Christmas Eve Service! We will practice during the 11:00 Coffee hour in the wiggler room: 11/26, 12/3, 12/10 and 12/17. Join when you can!

**Volunteers Needed!**

We are asking for more leaders to sign up and help with wiggler's following the holidays! Thanks for your help. Please contact [Jessica Randolph](#) if you have any questions or interest! Or sign up [HERE!](#)



The Episcopal  
Church Welcomes  
You.

YOU'RE INVITED TO PRACTICE A HOLY ADVENT IN OUR  
**CENTERED ON JESUS**  
**ADVENT CIRCLE**  
 A BELOVED COMMUNITY ONLINE GATHERING

Tuesday evenings  
 December 5, 12, & 19, 2023  
 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Led by:  
 Libbie Crawford, Ascension & Holy Trinity, Wyoming  
 Lisa Hughes, St. Andrew's, Cincinnati  
 Kim Nelson, St. Patrick's, Dublin  
 Miriam McKenney, host

[Register here to receive the Zoom link](#)




### Advent Quiet Day

This time of year is full of “shoulds”, “woulds”, and “I don’t have the energy”. It’s a time when we often can’t wait for the season to be over. Perhaps we are not feeling the Hallmark Christmas happy endings. There’s help! Take a morning and early afternoon to listen to reassuring scripture, rebalance and recharge.

Advent Quiet Day  
 Lead by Lissa Barker  
 December 16, 2024  
 10-2  
 St. Patrick’s

Register on Realm (or just show up- the registration is for a lunch count)  
 \$5.00 for lunch (only if you want to)

### Save The Date: Epiphany Pageant on January 7th

Calling all stars for the St. Patrick's Epiphany Pageant! This year's pageant will be held on Sunday, 1/7 at 4:00pm, and has roles for stars of all ages. This is a fun (and easy!) way to celebrate Epiphany with our St. Pat's community. Look for more details to come this month!

### St. Nicholas Celebration

Join us on Sunday, December 10th for a visit from St. Nicholas and a celebration at coffee hour after the 9:30am service. Fun for everyone!

### Advent Connections Worship Service

The 4:00 p.m. Connections Worship Service will be doing Holden Evening Prayer in Advent (Dec. 3, 10, & 17), a lovely musical setting of evening prayer. This lovely setting of vespers follows the traditional form while using contemporary and inclusive language. You can listen to it here: <https://youtu.be/WRT37W27zSo?si=MmyJf-JM264HUbtB>.

### Christmas cards for prisoners

Thank you for all the support we have received in the past for this holiday outreach. The men inside have an especially tough time this time of the year, being absent from family, as well knowing it is their fault they are. If you might take a moment to remember them during this time of special need. In a perfect world, it would be great to have all our cards at St. Pat's by December 1st.

Thank you in advance for your efforts.

### Grief Support Group

The Grief Support gathering will be Monday, December 18, 2023, at 6:30 pm in St. Patrick's library. Please consider joining us if you have lost your spouse or another significant member of your family for love, support, and understanding as we travel together this road called grief. We have added a Zoom link and will use the OWL if you wish to join us by Zoom. Please let Becky know you want to Zoom and she will send the link. Please contact Angel Cinco or Becky Stains for more information.

# Vestry

The November Vestry meeting was called to order on November 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:01 pm by Fr. Jason. All vestry members were present either in person or on zoom. Dick Gehman opened the meeting with a prayer.

Fr. Jason presented his written report highlighting the pledge dinners, the Way of Love dinner series, the viewing of the Philadelphia 11 film as well as the attendance of St Patrick’s folks at different interfaith activities during the last month. He also shared with the vestry the advent preparations and devotional aids that are available to the congregation. In his report was a copy of the Mutual Ministry Review that was done in August. A short discussion was had about attendance at the different service times.

Ed Yuhas submitted the Senior Wardens report. He conveyed to the vestry the progress of the nominating committee and the formation of a full slate of nominees for both vestry and convention delegates.

Roy Barker brought the vestry up to date on all the different projects that were accomplished during the last month around the church. Appreciation was expressed to all the people who took part in the various completed projects and those involved in planning upcoming projects.

Vicky Bratton presented an update on the pledge drive. So far 125 pledges have been received. Outstanding pledges and trends were discussed. Plans for reaching out to parishioners yet to turn in a pledge were discussed.

## “Growing God’s Kingdom, Spreading God’s Love” Pledge Drive 2024 Wrap-up and Thank You!

Thank you to all who made a pledge during our stewardship season this fall. We are well on our way to achieving our goal of \$550,000 which will fund our ministries, maintain our beautiful church, and allow us to hire a second full-time priest in 2024.

**Growing  
God’s Kingdom  
Spreading  
God’s Love**



The pledge drive was marked by three potluck dinners in Smith Hall and a joyous blessing of gifts during Celebration (All Saints) Sunday on November 5<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your generosity and commitment to this joyful community of faith.

We look forward to the new year with renewed commitment to grow God’s kingdom and spread God’s love with and through St. Patrick’s.

Thank you,

~St. Patrick’s Stewardship Committee

*Ed Yuhas, Rick Sicker, Julie Righter, Alex Carter, Vicky Bratton*

Bill Righter and Fr. Jason presented a second look at the proposed budget. Many line items were looked at and explanations of changes were given. The next step in the budget process is the awaiting of the final total of pledge amounts in December.

The Treasurer’s report was presented by Bill Righter showing that the revenues for October were under budget by \$3,400 and the year-to-date revenues were \$69,000 under budget. Operating pledges were under budget by \$3,500 for the month and year to date \$72,400 under budget. Expenses for October were on budget. Year to date expenses remain \$23,000 under budget.

Both the Treasurer’s report and the minutes of the last meeting were approved by the vestry. With a closing prayer the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

~Blair McGinnis

### THE RECTOR, VESTRY & WARDENS OF ST. PATRICK’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Rev. Jason Emerson Rector

Alex Carter

Blair McGinnis

Ed Yuhas, Senior Warden

Bill Eddy

Lynette Palmer

Roy Barker, Junior Warden

Dick Gehman

John Russo

Vicky Bratton

Beth Landers

Ben Trotter

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### FCCS Toy Drive: Last Call!

We are collecting new, unwrapped toys and gift cards for the Franklin County Children's Services Holiday Wish Program. There is a list of most requested toys on the collection containers in the back hallway of the church and in the November Breastplate. Please drop your gifts in the wrapped containers in the hallway and any Gift cards in the black box in front of them. Thank you so much for supporting the children in the Holiday Wish Program again this Year!



**Donation Deadline is Sunday, December 3rd.**

Would you like to have a new paper directory?

Would you like to get all contact information on-line in Realm when you look up a fellow parishioner?

Would you like to pay your pledge weekly without having to write out a check or send in an on-line payment through your bank?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, you are in luck! We are going to be updating all of our database information during Advent! Please meet us in the Parish Hall after services to check your privacy settings, get a picture for the directory and if you haven't already, set up your auto-payments on Realm with Charlie. It is frustrating for people to be using outdated paper directories when our on-line information can be updated in real time. Please help us make this possible by checking your privacy settings to display your current address, phone number and email. It's easy, and we are here to help you! Also, when looking up someone on-line, it would be nice to have a picture associated with their name. We will take your individual and family picture and upload it to your profile for you. And, if you would rather just have money automatically deposited for your 2024 pledge, sit down with Charlie to set that up so you don't have to worry if you miss a Sunday or a scheduled payment. We will see you in the Parish Hall after the 8, 9:30 and 4 o'clock services on December 3, 10 and 17. Thank you for helping us make a more welcoming and connected community of faith!

### Ordination of St. Patrick's Discernment Candidate Victoria Lewis



God willing, the Right Reverend George Wayne Smith, Bishop Provisional of Southern Ohio, will ordain Catherine Duffy, Alane Osborne, Victoria Lewis and Brooklin Taylor to the Sacred Order of Deacons in Christ's One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church on Saturday, December 9, 2023, at Christ Church Cathedral at 11 a.m. Your prayers and presence are requested.



### Habitat Build Day

**Sat., December 9, 8:15 – 3:30**

Our house at 1262 Genesee in North Linden will be the home of Krishaunda Bell and her s three children – Ja'Mar 19, Jeremiah and K'miyah 13.

**We are limited to 12 volunteers for the day-so sign up soon!**

- All aged 16+ are invited, however, those under 18 must be accompanied by an adult 18 or older.
- No building skills or tools required, just attitude! But these items are helpful if you have them:
- Hammer, tape measure, speed square, pencil, utility knife, tool pouch
- Gloves and water bottles recommended.
- Dress for the weather! House may not be heated.
- We will meet at the house at 8:15 AM; get our instructions, then to work.
- Lunch break with lunch provided by our group.

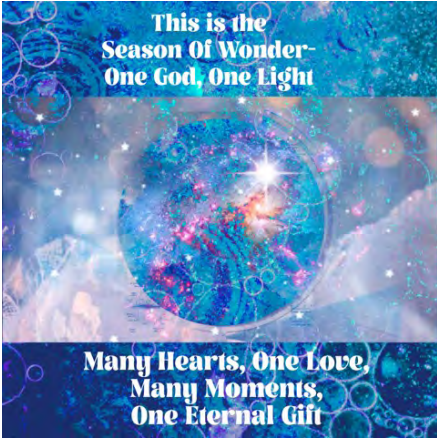
**Contact Brenda Eddy, [bkleddy1@gmail.com](mailto:bkleddy1@gmail.com) to sign up to work or help provide lunch. I will send you a link to complete your registration and waiver prior to the work day.**

Youth Group is inviting the 8 o'clock parishioners to breakfast 12/3 after the service. Join us for coffee, pastries, eggs and conversations!

### Partners in Prayer

If you have a Prayer Request for yourself or someone you care about, please email [pip@pats-dublin.org](mailto:pip@pats-dublin.org) to be added to the weekly or long term list. Urgent requests can be sent as a call through to our confidential prayer list. Contact Mary Kay Arbogast or Tawnya Lewis with questions.

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## Spiritually Speaking

Creating a Space for God

This Holy month we are busy with Christmas decorations and presents and may also be a month for creating your own worship

space at home. We decorate to welcome the Holy birthing of Jesus, anyway, why not expand the idea! You do not need a room, just a chair, enough space for a candle and some prayer books. I suggest one addition-creating an altar. An altar can be a place where you might invite your angels, your ancestors, and your favorite saints to be with you as you pray. Altars are ancient practices that cultivate and nurture. They help us develop our relationship with the Spirit. You can include objects from nature that speak to you, pictures of your loved ones, those ancestors you have lost, saints you admire. Add your candles and you have your own altar!

### *Our Ancestors*

*Rev Steven Charleston; "The Spirit Wheel: Meditations from an Indigenous Elder"*

*I have seen them walking by night.  
That long procession of the ancient faithful  
Our ancestors.*

*Over the darkened hills they come  
Each holding a glowing light  
A shared voice of hushed praise  
A chant rising to the watching moon:  
Our ancestors.*

*The ageless ones who bless unseen.*

*They keep their vigil for all living,  
For every soul.  
They pray for us. They watch over us.  
They intercede for every need.*

*Where they walk peace follows  
When they pray even angels bow their heads.*

May your prayer space be a quiet and nurturing place for you and your ancestors.

Many blessings of the season.  
*Lisa Palchick*

## Eagle Scout Projects Abound at St. Patrick's!

One of the many benefits of having a relationship with Boy Scout Troop 299 is that some of the Eagle Scout candidates have completed their Eagle Scout project requirement on the grounds of St. Patrick's, improving our overall community.

This began within the past two years when Charles Bratton and JB Russo created the fire pit and benches around it, providing a space for fellowship and worship. Earlier this fall, Alex Wongchaowart, a senior at Coffman High, created a Pollinator Garden steps away from the fire pit on top of the hill. Contributions from parishioners on these projects helped defray the costs



In October, the Vestry approved Dan O'Neill's project to install a basketball hoop, an area for volley ball, as well as refurbishing the playground on the north end of the property. There is no doubt that our youth will very much welcome these additions, as will the young at heart.

Finally, you may have seen stakes on the south lawn next to the Sanctuary. Another Eagle Scout candidate, Ethan Lowe, intends to build a labyrinth in this area come the spring.

We are truly blessed to have the scouts and their adult leaders take an interest in improving and beautifying our property at St. Patrick's.

*Ed Yubas, Senior Warden*

# YOUTH GROUP

This past month was a fall whirlwind at Youth Group. We added members, got to fellowship with friends, and were blessed with many meaningful moments together. We started our fall season with a formation activity, Monsters and Masks, where we made Franken-candy and foil faces;



What monsters do we make for ourselves? Are the masks we make for ourselves showing the best version of ourselves? Unfortunately, our annual parish outing to the Maize was canceled due to rain, but we still gathered for pumpkin crafting and a candle-lit All-Hallow's Eve service. Our parish-wide service project for All Saints' Day was a hit, planting bulbs in memory of the saints who have gone before us. Thank you to Rose Walker for giving us a great presentation about the columbarium's history and future. Thank you to Cindy Doan for teaching us and serving alongside us!

As we appreciate the spring blooms around our loved ones, may we be reminded of their earthly contributions to growing a parish that loves and supports the youth who, in turn, continue to serve the parish and share God's love to the world. We finished All Saints' Day with a Cloud of Witnesses painting party and art show. Of course, we continued our formation themes of Way of Love and Christianity in the Public Square! We are busy playing, learning, growing, and serving together! Come join us! To learn how, contact Angel Cinco, Tawnya Lewis, or Annika Russo.

**YOUTH GROUP LOOKING AHEAD** - Mark your calendars for our first Lock-In/ Lock-Out in many years on **Saturday, December 2nd**. We'll start at 6 pm with a Lock-Out, stay out until a midnight Eucharist, and cook breakfast for the 8:00 parishioners in the morning of Sunday, December 3rd. No evening Youth Group on the 3rd. You DO NOT want to miss this quintessential Youth Group experience. Any questions, contact Tawnya Lewis.

Ugly Christmas Sweater Party and White Elephant Gift Exchange—December 17

This annual tradition coincides with the half-way point of our Bible Reading Challenge. If you have been participating and have read Forward Day By Day everyday, you will get the chance to pie a leader! Make sure you pick up your devotional book from church or access it here <https://prayer.forwardmovement.org/fdd>. Any questions, contact Annika Russo.

**St. Patrick's Swag Sale**  
<http://bit.ly/47kad09>  
**NEW STYLES!**  
 Order by 11/29 for delivery starting 12/15

- Sport Tek 1/4 Zip
- Hooded Fleece Jackets
- Beanies
- Ladies' styles
- Field Pajama Pant

All proceeds benefit Youth Missions

- Dec 2nd/3rd** - Lock out/Lock In Meet at the church 6:00 pm Saturday night and end with Service Sunday morning
- Dec 3rd** - No Evening Meeting
- Dec 10th** - St. Nicholas fun with blanket fort building
- Dec 17th** - Ugly Christmas Sweater Party with White Elephant Gift Exchange
- Dec 24th** - Enjoy Family Time
- Dec 31st** - Enjoy Family Time

## Celebrating December Birthdays

- Mary Kay Arbogast
- Kaitlyn Arvidson
- Greg Bell
- Mary Bradley
- Jeff Buroff
- Elliott Cline
- Evan Cline
- Chris Cochran
- Lynne Colcombe
- Cindy Doan
- Mary Edwards
- Katryn Hallermann
- Jason Huffman
- Emma Hull
- Red Hummel
- Linda Lakemacher

- Andy Landers
- Eleanor McIntosh
- Quinn Montgomery
- Katie Rapp
- Ellis Righter
- Dan Rogowski
- Carol Ross
- John Rucker
- John Russo
- Bobbi Shipley
- Bob Straley
- Pam Straley
- Ray Turner
- Vicki Von Sadovszky
- Maja Wernekinck
- Steven Whitman

## Celebrating December Anniversaries



- Greg & Jennifer Bell
- Paul & Valerie Cook
- William & Liz Gunthorp
- Steve & Jenelle Hoseus
- Bob & Linda Lakemacher
- Mark & Dana Peacock
- Nick & Jessica Randolph

### IN MEMORIAM

Nancy Harris  
*(sister of Glenda Johnson)*



*May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, by the mercy and grace of God, rest in peace.*





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