

# Old St. Patrick



NOTES FROM MARIE SKROBOLA— Troop Leader & Parishioner

## American Heritage Girls

The American Heritage Girls troop is wrapping up our 5<sup>th</sup> year at Old St. Patrick. As a long-time leader with our troop, it's been inspiring to see what these girls accomplish every year: how they grow in their friendships, leadership skills, and their faith. Highlights for this year included an overnight at the Toledo Zoo, attending AHG's annual regional summer camp, a visit from/to Northfield Township fire department, zip-lining and rock wall climbing, and hosting Pretzel Sunday for the parish. Our badges included Emergency Preparedness, Textile Arts, and All God's Children.

As it was for most social activities, our AHG troop had an abrupt

end to our regular meetings in March. However, during our last meeting, the girls attended Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament together and a special talk afterward by Deacon Perrydore to finish their Eucharistic Adoration badge. This helped to sustain many of us as we entered weeks with only live-stream Masses. Even though we could not meet in person, several girls completed online badge-work, participated in a virtual backyard campout and an online talent show. Even with the shut-down, the girls have continued to do service projects, including making masks for essential workers. This year, the girls performed over 558 hours of service for the parish and community. We are looking forward to

our closing ceremony and planning for our next program year.

American Heritage Girls was founded 25 years ago by a group of parents who were looking for a girl-focused character organization that would help their daughters integrate their Christian faith into all aspects of their lives. Through God's providence, AHG has grown to have a membership of over 50,000 with troops in all 50 states. My family chose AHG because of its strong Christian principles. But we were delighted to find that although American Heritage Girls is a non-denominational organization, each troop is strongly encouraged to make their troop a true reflection of their beliefs. This has made



it very easy to make sure our troop is focused on our Catholic teachings. Twenty-five percent of American Heritage Girls troops are chartered through Catholic parishes and schools, so AHG has greatly championed troops like ours. Even providing a National Catholic Committee that provides input to the national organization, in addition to providing Catholic troops with Catholic activities and badges to encourage the girls to grow in their Catholic faith, designating St. Kateri as the patron saint of American Heritage Girls.

Our troop consists of 30 girls, who fall into 5 distinct units (Pathfinders, Tenderhearts, Explorers, Pioneers, and Patriots) ranging from age 5–17. At a typical meeting all levels gather together for our opening flag ceremony and prayer and announcements, then we break into our individual units so the girls can work on badges with girls their own age. We come together again at the end for our closing flag ceremony and closing prayers. Once a month, the entire troop meets together to work on a special service project (past projects have included donating items to Family Life Services crisis pregnancy center, making rosaries for the missions, and collecting donations for the Old St. Patrick food pantry), or to work on a special religious badge or recognition. A highlight 3 years ago was when the entire troop worked to earn the St. Gianna Molla badge, which we completed by having the whole troop go to hear St. Gianna's daughter, Dr. Gianna Emanuela Molla, speak at Fr. Gabriel Richard High School. My daughters have remembered this amazing night time and again, and always with joy!

With all of the girls meeting on

the same night, the older girls are given many opportunities to mentor the younger girls. Through these opportunities, the girls grow close as friends, and the older girls learn leadership skills that will help them as they advance through the different troop levels. Our oldest girls, the Pioneers and Patriots, plan and run many of our troop's special events, like lock-ins, campouts, and service projects for Old St. Patrick. Growing in leadership skills helps the girls to tackle earning the more challenging AHG Level Awards, where the girls are expected to accomplish age-appropriate skills, hours of service, and badges from



each of AHG's 6 frontiers (Our Heritage, Personal Well-Being, Family Living, The Arts, Science and Technology, and Outdoor Skills). The highest level award, available to our oldest girls, is the Stars and Stripes Award (comparable to the Boy Scout's Eagle Scout award). Our troop currently has our first Stars and Stripes Award candidate, who is currently working on a service project to create a rosary garden at her home parish. Her final project will include fundraising, project managing, and over 100 individual service hours.

Our family has been involved with American Heritage Girls for about 9 years. I started as a volunteer leader when my oldest daughter joined when she was in kindergarten. Over the years, I've had

the privilege of serving at almost all levels of troop leadership. The most rewarding for me has been my time as a unit leader. Some of our troop's members date back to our first year of AHG, and it has been wonderful watching them grow up into admirable young ladies, who embody the core goal of AHG: "Building women of integrity through service to God, family, community, and country." It was this principle and AHG's emphasis on integrating faith, family, and fun into every badge and activity that has encouraged me and all of our adults to keep coming back.

We have had so many blessings over the last five years at Old St. Patrick. It's a joy every meeting to see the girls form strong friendships with each other, and to also benefit from the friendships that have grown between our AHG families. Our own family's closest bonds have grown out of our time with American Heritage

Girls. We are so grateful to have the strong foundation of Old St. Patrick as our charter organization! Your prayers and support of our fundraisers and activities over the years have encouraged all of our AHG girls and their families, as well as enabling a wide variety of experiences for the troop. You have helped our girls to learn more about their Catholic faith, and have helped them to learn about how to serve others. We are looking forward to another wonderful year here!

If you are interested in finding out more about our troop, please feel free to contact me or Angela Eldersveld, and/or come to our information night this August. For more information, visit [americanheritagegirls.org](http://americanheritagegirls.org).

## ST. PATRICK PARISH CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, June 28

8:00 Mass  
10:30 Mass Outdoors

### TUESDAY, June 30

5:30 Adoration (Confessions outdoors by the Church)  
7:00pm Mass

### WEDNESDAY, July 1

8:30 Mass

### THURSDAY, July 2

8:30 Mass

### FRIDAY, July 3

8:30 Mass  
7:00 First Friday Adoration

### SATURDAY, July 4

9:00 First Saturday Mass  
9:30 First Saturday Confessions  
2:30 Confessions (in Parish Hall)  
4:00 Mass

## OLD ST. PATRICK PARISH DIRECTORY

### Reconciliation

Tuesday 5:30PM - 6:40PM  
Saturday 2:30PM or by appointment; Don't hesitate to call for an appointment!

### Weekend Schedule for Holy Mass

Saturday 4:00PM  
Sunday 8:00AM & 10:30AM

### EF/TLM Latin Mass

2nd Sunday of Month 12:30pm

### Weekday Schedule for Holy Mass

Tuesday 7:00PM  
Wed. & Fri. 8:15AM School Year, 8:30AM Summer  
Thur. 8:30AM  
First Saturdays 9:00AM

### Eucharistic Adoration of Our Lord

Tuesday 5:30PM - 6:45PM  
First Friday 7:00PM - Saturday 8:45AM

### Baptisms

Contact Dcn. Frank-Joseph Papp, 734-426-1070 or email fjppapp@umich.edu to arrange a preparation class and Baptism date.

### Marriages

Arrangements are to be made at least nine months prior to the wedding.

### Funerals

Funeral arrangements are made by contacting the parish office.

### Parish Registration

Contact the office for a registration form.

### Office hours

Monday - Friday 9:00AM - 5:00PM

Office: 734-662-8141

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### Pastor

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### Prayer Requests

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Bulletin announcements must be submitted in writing to [bulletin@stpatricka2.org](mailto:bulletin@stpatricka2.org) by Monday at noon and will be edited at the discretion of the editor or pastor.



## ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY 4:00/July 4

SUNDAY 8:00/July 5

N. Holody  
J. Holody

SUNDAY 10:30/July 5

D. Franzonello  
L. Franzonello  
R.J. Skrobola



## 2020 Diocesan Service Appeal

As you may recall this year's DSA campaign kicked off shortly before COVID19. We are now in a renewed appeal time. Thank you to the 70 families from Old St. Pat's that have pledged or given to this year's DSA which is approximately 60% of our goal of \$32,243. Donations can be mailed to the parish office or made online at [dioceseoflansing.org/DSA](http://dioceseoflansing.org/DSA). Make sure you check the box for St. Patrick Ann Arbor. Thank you for your support!



Online giving is a great way to support our parish during this time of quarantine. To sign up visit our webpage at [stpatricka2.org](http://stpatricka2.org) and click on the online giving button located on the left side of the page.

Online Giving

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OLD ST. PATRICK PARISH

# First Friday Adoration

## July 3rd

starting at 7pm

Please sign up for a holy hour  
of Adoration at:

[bit.ly/OSPadoration](http://bit.ly/OSPadoration)



## Bishop Boyea Declares Days of Prayer and Fasting

On June 4, Bishop Earl Boyea declared Fridays, June 5-July 10, as days of prayer and fasting to seek peace, justice, and reconciliation for all the peoples of the United States. The six days lead up to the anniversary of the death of Venerable Augustus Tolton (1854-1897), a former slave who became the first black priest in the United States. For more information visit: [dioceseoflansing.org/news](http://dioceseoflansing.org/news). Pick up a **Holy Card** in church!



### MASS INTENTIONS

- TUE 700:** June Father's Binder  
**WED 830:** Souls in Purgatory  
**THU 830:** Sr. Ave Maria OP  
**FRI 830:** David Staron †  
**SAT 900:** Our Country  
400: Mike Laird  
**SUN 800:** Parishioners  
1030: David Staron †

### TO PRAY IS TO LOVE

• **Please pray for those in need, including:**

Patricia Fuller, Lisa Ann Kozakowski, John LaRock Sr., Phil Rutledge, Kathy Cooley, Robin Fahmie, Karen Prins, Sandra Adams, Richard Pelkey, Pete Siebertz, Nicole Brcic, John Dziuban, Jim Stephensen, Mason Rutledge, Wayne DeForest, Ron Fuller, Ann Mary "Nancy" Phillips, Katie Hutton, Betsy & Charlie Rodgers, Pam Wiitala, Chris Dreffs, Caroline Pribble, Emma Thompson,

Howard Pease, Bryan Eaton, Phillip Campbell Sr., Paul Massimilla, Lois Roth, Mary Boudreaux, Clara Peterson, Marieke Carter, Magdalene Trabanino, Teri Kuzniar, Lynn Matta, John LaRock Jr., Glenn Klecker, Alice Walsh

• **Please pray for those in the military, including:**

Adam Draves, Nathan Baker, Garette Moore, Larry Workman, Daniel Scott Brown, Mark Richard, Philip Maxwell,

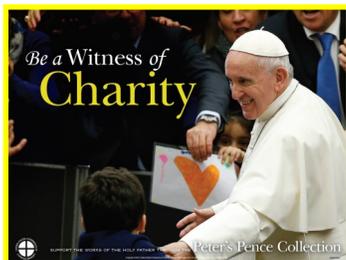
Tony Phillips, Anthony Darket, Samuel Chase Johnson, William Godfrey, Bill Lott, Mike Nelson, Frank Snaith, Allan Fletcher, Mike Porter

• **Pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.**

Michael Kunitz: Byzantine Catholic



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## Peter's Pence Collection

Today is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the charitable works of Pope Francis. Funds from this collection help victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today. For more information, visit [www.usccb.org/peters-pence](http://www.usccb.org/peters-pence).