

# St. Patrick Roman Catholic Church

Shrine of Blessed Margaret of Castello

Catholic Diocese of Columbus, Ohio



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*My dear parishioners of St. Patrick's,*

*After several months of work we have finally published a Parish Information Booklet. This book is primarily for new parishioners of St. Patrick's, but I thought with this first printing it would be helpful to all parishioners as well. We have tried to provide within these pages a basic representation of our parish community under the patronage of our Glorious St. Patrick. From its humble beginning as a parish providing for the Irish Catholics in the mid 19<sup>th</sup> Century, St. Patrick's has through the years stood out with its lamps shining brightly, preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ, in downtown Columbus. Much in downtown Columbus has changed in the past 150 years, but St. Patrick's continues to flourish.*

*St. Patrick's has a relatively young congregation with many active parishioners and numerous opportunities to become involved. We are blessed with a rich Catholic tradition steeped in 800 years of Dominican history. It is my hope that this booklet will help you better familiarize yourself with our parish: its schedule of Sacramental celebrations and devotions, its pastoral staff, its rich history and beautiful church, and finally its opportunities to contribute your treasure, time and talent to your parish.*

*The Dominican friars of the Province of St. Joseph are very blessed to serve you, and it is our hope that we will continue to do so for many years to come. The Dominican friars are here to serve your spiritual needs. Please know that you may call on your pastor at anytime.*

*May God bless St. Patrick Church through the intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary, St. Joseph, Bl. Margaret of Castello, and of course our Patron St. Patrick.*

*Sincerely in Christ,*

*Rev. André-Joseph LaCasse, O.P.  
Pastor*



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# Schedule of Masses and Confessions

## ✘ Weekday Masses

7:00 a.m. (Monday – Saturday)

11:45 a.m. (Monday - Friday)

## ✘ Sunday Masses

6:00 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass

7:00 a.m. Sunday (*incense free*)

9:00 a.m. Sunday (*incense free*)

10:30 a.m. Sunday

12:00 noon Sunday

## ✘ Masses on Holy Days of Obligation

5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

7:00 a.m. Holy Day Mass (*incense free*)

10:00 a.m. Holy Day Mass (*incense free*)

12:00 noon Holy Day Mass (*incense free*)

6:00 p.m. Holy Day Mass

## ✘ Confession Schedule

Monday-Thursday, 12:15 p.m. until all are heard

Friday, 12:15 - 1:00 p.m.

Saturday, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

First Saturday (only), 6:30 – 7:00 a.m.

Sunday, ½ hour before each Mass

Confessions are not heard on Christmas, Palm Sunday, Holy Saturday, Easter, Holy Days of Obligation, and civic holidays.



# Schedule for Regular Devotions

- ✘ **The Holy Rosary**
  - after the 7:00 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. Mass daily
  - after the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday
  
- ✘ **Holy Hour concluding with Benediction**
  - 12:15 - 1:15 p.m., Friday
  
- ✘ **First Saturday Fatima Devotions**
  - after the 7:00 a.m. Mass
  
- ✘ **Novena to Bl. Margaret with veneration of her relic**
  - after both Wednesday Masses
  
- ✘ **Marian Movement of Priests Prayer Cenacle:**
  - 7:00 p.m. on 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month  
Mass and Devotions: Intention for Catholic family life
  - 7:00 p.m. on 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month  
Eucharistic Adoration & Devotions: Intention for priestly, religious and consecrated vocations
  
- ✘ **Eucharistic Vigil for Respect Life**
  - Friday preceding the Third Saturday, from 8:00 p.m. until 7:00 a.m. on Saturday
  - Peaceful Recitation of the Holy Rosary at local abortion clinic following the Third Saturday 7 a.m. Mass
  - Respect Life Meeting in Aquinas Hall with coffee and doughnuts after returning from the clinic
  - Contact David Thiel to sign up for adoration times.
  
- ✘ **Eucharistic Vigil for Priestly, Religious and Consecrated Vocations**
  - Fourth Friday, 8:00 p.m. until 7:00 a.m. on Saturday
  - Contact Fred Schoen to sign up for adoration times.
  
- ✘ **Stations of the Cross (during Lent)**
  - 7:00 p.m., Friday

# The Celebration of the Sacraments

**Celebration of the Holy Eucharist (Mass)** – Please see a complete listing of Mass times on page 6.

**Baptisms** – Parishioners may arrange for baptisms here at St. Patrick by contacting the Parish Secretary. Baptisms are usually celebrated on Sunday afternoons following the 12 noon Mass.

**First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion** – Children in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade are prepared for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion through the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) Program. Please contact Mr. John Aman for enrollment. Children from parochial schools may join us in the celebration of First Reconciliation and Holy Communion, with the permission of their pastor.

**Reconciliation (Confession)** – St. Patrick's generously offers the celebration of Reconciliation every day. Please see the schedule of specific times on page 6.

**Holy Communion to the Sick** – Holy Communion may be brought to the homebound and hospitalized by both priests and Ministers of Holy Communion. Please call parish secretary to make arrangements.

**Confirmation** – Children in the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade are prepared for Confirmation through the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) Program. Please contact Mr. John Aman for enrollment. Children from parochial schools may join us in the celebration of Confirmation, with the permission of their pastor.

**Marriage** – Marriages may only be scheduled at St. Patrick's by parishioners who have been registered and active for at least six months. Marriage preparations begin no later than six months prior to a wedding. All arrangements for marriage must be arranged by the pastor. Specific requirements for marriage preparation and the celebration of marriage are available from the parish secretary.

**Anointing of the Sick & Last Rites** – Priests are available to administer the Sacrament of the Sick to the homebound and hospitalized upon request. Please call the parish secretary to make arrangements.

**Mass Requests** – Mass intentions may be scheduled for both the living and deceased. Requested Mass stipends are \$10 and help support the Dominican community. Please contact the parish secretary to request a Mass.

- Mass requests are celebrated here in St. Patrick Church.
- Dominican Friars fulfill Mass requests in their rectory chapel and at Mohun Hall Health Care Facility.
- Mass requests are also sent to the Dominican House of Studies, Pontifical College Josephinum, and our missions in the Solomon Islands and East Africa.
- Perpetual Enrollments for both the living and deceased are also available through the Dominican Friars Guild. Contact the parish office for more information.



## Parish Office

**Hours** – Monday-Saturday: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
Sunday: 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

**Phone Numbers** – (614) 224-9522 parish directory  
(614) 240-5910 parish secretary  
(614) 240-5928 fax

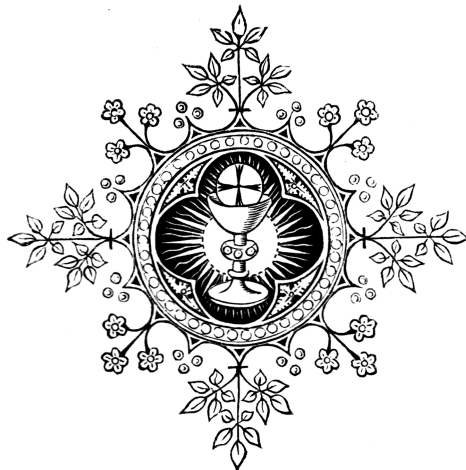
**Email Address** – [stpatrickcolumbus@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stpatrickcolumbus@sbcglobal.net)

**Webpage** – [www.stpatrickcolumbus.catholicweb.com](http://www.stpatrickcolumbus.catholicweb.com)

**Parish Facility Scheduling** – St. Patrick's has a wonderful parish center for individual gatherings and meetings. Available spaces include both Aquinas and Patrick Halls, and several small or large meeting rooms on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of the facility. There are set prices for parishioners and non-parishioners. To inquire about the use of our parish facility please contact the Facility Rental Coordinator.

## Membership in the Parish

St. Patrick Parish welcomes as parishioners anyone who intends to participate fully in the sacramental, pastoral, and communal life of the parish. You may register as a member anytime by stopping at the Parish Office and completing an enrollment form. You may also register by putting your name and address on a *Welcome Envelope* located in the church pews and checking the appropriate box; the parish secretary will mail you a parish registration form and add you to the monthly mailing of offertory envelopes. Your parish membership is not complete until the enrollment form is filled out and returned to the parish office. To be considered an active member of the parish you must be registered, attend Sunday Mass weekly, and contribute to the financial support of the parish through the regular use of the weekly offertory envelopes.



## Pastoral Staff

**Pastor** Rev. André-Joseph LaCasse, O.P.  
614-240-5914

**Parochial Vicar** Rev. Darren Pierre, O.P.  
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**O.P. Friars in Residence** Rev. Jordan Lenaghan, O.P.  
Rev. Luke Tancrell, O.P.

**Parish Secretary** Mrs. Susan Livingston  
614-240-5910

**Parish Financial Secretary** Mrs. Beth Ann Campbell  
614-240-5911

**Bl. Margaret Guild & Holy  
Rosary Confraternity Secretary** Mrs. Rosemary Canada  
614-240-5915

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**Music Director** Ms. Kathleen Tully  
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**Director of Religious Education  
(CCD)** Mr. John Aman  
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**Facility Rental Coordinator** Mrs. Joan Fernandez  
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## **Pastoral Council**

The Pastoral Council is composed of nine parishioners who serve three-year terms. They are a consultative group that serves as a vehicle of pastoral advice, dialogue and communication with the pastor, parish staff, parishioners and the various organizations of the parish. The Council meets once a month from September to June. To have an item placed on the agenda, please call the parish secretary who will put you in contact with the Pastoral Council President.

### **Current Members (2005-2006)**

Rev. André-Joseph LaCasse, O.P. (pastor)

Mr. John O'Keefe (president)

Dennis Garcia

Brian Hayes

David Hudelson

Peggy Kastor

Cindy Lane

Judy Leddy

Kevin McNamera

Tami Tuttle

## **Finance Council**

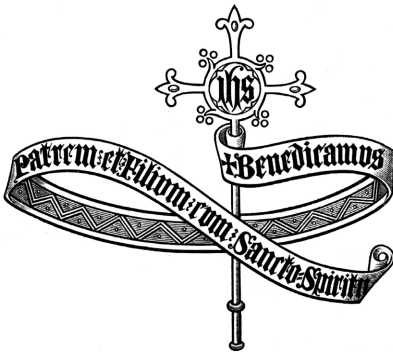
The Finance Council provides assistance in administering the finances and physical facilities of the parish, and prepares and reviews monthly the parish financial budget. It serves in an advisory capacity to the pastor. Members are appointed by the pastor for indefinite terms.

# Parish History

- February 1851 Fr. John Furlong receives permission from Archbishop John Purcell of Cincinnati to form St. Patrick Parish. The new Irish Parish continues to meet at Holy Cross with different Mass times from the German speakers of Holy Cross.
- 1852 Fr. James Meagher becomes the pastor of the newly-constituted parish on the corner of Grant Avenue and Naghten Street.
- Sept. 5, 1852 Archbishop Purcell lays the cornerstone.
- Sept. 25, 1853 Archbishop Purcell solemnly dedicates the new church.
- 1854 School Building is built.
- Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur for Girls
  - Brothers of the Holy Cross for the boys
- 1857 Rectory Building is built.
- 1866 To relieve overcrowding, St. Joseph (later to become the Cathedral) is established on Broad Street.
- 1867 St. Patrick's Pastor, Rev. Edward Fitzgerald, is consecrated Bishop of Little Rock, Arkansas and leaves St. Patrick's.
- 1867 Bishop Rosecrans arrives in Columbus as Pastor of St. Patrick's. St. Patrick's serves as the pro-cathedral until St. Joseph Cathedral is ready on Christmas Day 1872. Bishop Rosecrans moves to the Cathedral rectory.
- 1885 Bishop John Watterson invited the Dominican Order to take over administration of St. Patrick's.
- Early 1890's First church organ is installed.
- Sept. 12, 1905 Bishop James Hartley, a son of the parish, invites Dominicans to establish Aquinas High School.
- 1909 Bishop Hartley donates the main altar in thanksgiving for his vocation.
- 1920 Present stained glass windows are installed.
- May 1935 During routine roof repairs, the entire roof is set ablaze and collapses into the church. Walls and stained glass are preserved.
- 1935 -1936 Church is repaired and renovated, present Stations of the Cross, organ, and confessionals on the north and south walls are installed. Fr. James McKenna establishes the Shrine and Guild of Blessed Margaret.
- 1950 Population shifts from city to suburbs. Highways are built and neighborhood is greatly diminished.
- 1959 Elementary School is closed.
- 1965 Aquinas High School is closed.
- 1970-80's St. Patrick's is considered an aging inner city parish.
- 1990 Faithful Roman Catholics are attracted back to St. Patrick's by its orthodoxy and Dominican preaching.

Late 1990's Parish realized the goal of building a parish center and refurbishing of church structure.

Sept. 2003 Parish opens new parish center and renovated church building on the date of its Sesquicentennial.



## Pastors of St. Patrick's

Rev. John Furlong (Organizer)	1851	
Rev. James Meagher (Builder)	1852-1857	
Most Rev. Edward Fitzgerald, D.D.	1857-1867	Later Bishop of Little Rock, AK
Most Rev. Sylvester Rosecrans, D.D.	1867-1872	First Bishop of Columbus, OH
Rev. J.A. Murray	1872-1873	
Rev. J. A. Casella	1873-1876	
Most Rev. N. A. Gallagher, D.D.	1876-1878	Later Bishop of Galveston, TX
Rev. J. R. Madden (temporary)	1878-1880	
Rev. T. F. Delaney (temporary)	1881-1882	
Rev. A. O. Walker	1882-1885	
Rev. Peter Clement Coll, O.P.	1885-1887	Dominicans begin administering
Rev. Hugh Francis Lilly, O.P.	1887-1890	St. Patrick's
Rev. Joseph McManus, O.P.	1890-1893	
Rev. John Philip Vallely, O.P.	1893-1896	
Rev. Francis Augustine Gaffney, O.P.	1896-1899	
Rev. Francis Colbert, O.P.	1899-1905	
Rev. Francis Larpenteur, O.P.	1905-1907	
Very Rev. Matthew Leo Heagen, O.P.	1907-1908	Later Provincial of St. Joseph Province
Rev. Thomas Sylvester McGovern	1908-1911	
Very Rev. J. T. Aldridge, O.P.	1911-1914	Later Provincial of Lithuania
Rev. Timothy Leonard Crowley	1917-1920	
Rev. George Ignatius Conlan, O.P.	1920-1922	
Rev. James Benedict Hegarty, O.P.	1922-1928	
Very. Rev. John Aloysius Hinch, O.P.	1928-1931	Preacher General of the Order
Rev. Hyacinth Lawrence Martin, O.P.	1931-1937	
Rev. Frederick Jordan Baezler, O.P.	1937-1945	
Rev. John Justin Costello, O.P.	1945-1954	
Rev. Bernard Paschal Shaffer, O.P.	1954-1956	
Rev. Patrick James Conaty	1957-1958	
Rev. James Thomas a Kempis McKenna, O.P.	1958-1963	
Rev. John Jordan Reichart, O.P.	1964-1970	
Rev. John Timothy Dittoe, O.P.	1970-1976	
Rev. James Dominic Keating, O.P.	1976-1981	
Rev. Raymond Martin McCabe, O.P.	1981-1984	
Rev. Robert Regis Hueschkel, O.P.	1984-1987	
Rev. Charles Albert Farrell, O.P.	1987-1989	
Rev. Thomas Vincent DiFede, O.P.	1989-1992	
Rev. Carleton Parker Jones, O.P.	1992-1995	
Rev. Archibold Kenneth France-Kelly, O.P.	1995-1999	
Rev. Joseph Ambrose Eckinger, O.P.	1999-2005	
Rev. Andre-Joseph Arthur LaCasse, O.P.	2005-Present	

## St. Patrick Church and Parish Center

St. Patrick Church is located on the corners of Naghten Street, Grant Avenue, and Mount Vernon Avenue. The church, rectory, and new parish center are all built of an exterior red brick with sandstone ornamentation. St. Patrick Church was completely renovated from floor to ceiling in anticipation of its Sesquicentennial Celebration in 2003. The interior of the church contains a large vaulted ceiling in a simple Romanesque architectural style.

The vestibule of the church contains shrines to St. Therese of Lisieux and the Infant of Prague, the ushers room, and the entrance stairway to the choir loft. Just above the main entrance of the church's interior is a cross-stitch tapestry of St. Patrick which was brought to Columbus by Irish immigrants in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. To the left of this tapestry is a reliquary which holds the major relics of Bl. Margaret's heart, which is venerated on Wednesday, a gold reliquary of numerous Dominican Saints, a relic of our Patron St. Patrick, and relics of St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Gianna Molla, and Blessed Pier Giorgio. Throughout the church there are candles available for invocation of the saints and prayer.

To the left of the reliquary is the Shrine of Bl. Margaret of Castello which was established here in 1935. The statue is carved from a solid piece of wood and depicts Margaret's handicaps, namely that she was blind and lame, walking with the support of a cane. The tapestry on the right hand wall depicts the life of our Little Margaret. The cross is made from the church timbers burned in the 1935 fire, and has been named the *Cross of Sorrow*. The banister post on the left hand wall of the shrine is from the stairs of the old St. Patrick School that was razed to make room for the new parish center, and serves to hold a relic of Bl. Margaret for personal veneration.

The beautiful wood floor is of red oak interspersed with occasional maple boards and surrounded by a discreet border of walnut. The inlaid shield of the Dominican Order of maple and walnut is a prominent feature adorning the space in front of the altar. The solid oak pews are carved with shamrocks. Confessionals on the north and south sides of the church match the wainscoting along the north, south, and west walls. Stations of the Cross encircle the body of the church.

Framed portraits of the saints look down upon the congregation. Beginning with the northeast corner and continuing to the southeast corner are St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Catherine of Siena, St. Antoninus, St. Agnes of Montepulciano, St. Vincent Ferrer, Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati, St. Gianna Molla, St. Hyacinth, St. Catherine de Ricci, Pope St. Pius V, St. Rose of Lima and Our Holy Father Dominic. The large framed painting in the center of the ceiling shows in the top panel the Coronation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and in the bottom panel, the Apostles on earth, peering into the empty tomb which has miraculously sprouted fresh flowers. The painting over the Bl. Mother shrine depicts Our Lady giving the Holy Rosary to St. Dominic in the presence of the Christ Child. The painting over St. Joseph shrine depicts Saints Joachim and Ann presenting their daughter, Mary, to God in the temple. Over the High Altar is the depiction of the crucifixion of Our Blessed Savior, with the Blessed Mother, St. Mary Magdalene, and St. John.

The High Altar contains the tabernacle and was a gift of Bishop Hartley. (If you look closely, you will find an extra hand at the supper table. By carefully matching arms, hands and bodies, it is apparent that the artist simply added an extra hand to make it "look right", even though the hand does not belong to anyone at the table.) The Altar of Sacrifice was installed in 2003 and contains a beautiful reliquary of mostly Dominican saints. The wrought iron pulpit was installed in 1937 and contains the crests of the Diocese of Columbus, the Dominican Order, and the Dominican Province of St. Joseph.

The stained glass windows beginning with the northeast corner and continuing to the southeast corner depict the Last Supper of Jesus and the Apostles, The Annunciation, Saint Margaret Mary Alocque, The Wedding Feast at Cana, St. Patrick, The Dominican Shield, Saints Vincent de Paul and Anthony of Padua, St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Mary Magdalene, The Death of St. Joseph, The Resurrection, and the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple.

The Shrine of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, to the left of the main altar, also holds smaller statues of St. Mary Magdalene, patroness of penitents and protectress of the Dominican Order, and St. Dominic. The Shrine of St. Joseph and the Child Jesus to the right of the main altar holds smaller statues of St. Patrick and St. Michael the Archangel.

Separating the sanctuary from the main body of the church is a beautiful altar rail which is still in use today. To the left of the main sanctuary is the Priest Sacristy, and to the right is the Altar Boy Sacristy. The doors to these sacristies have Tiffany stained glass of angels adoring before the Blessed Sacrament. Throughout the church you will also notice that the shrine and communion rail kneeling pads are handmade cross-stitch tapestry. This beautiful and intricate artwork was done by members of the Women's Club.

The bell tower is located above the Shrine of Bl. Margaret. There are three automated bells that were dedicated on the 8<sup>th</sup> of August 2003. They are named *S.P.N. Dominicus – Our Holy Father Dominic* (1,100 lbs), *Mater Ecclesia – Mother of the Church* (690 lbs.), and *S.P. Franciscus – Holy Father Francis* (455 lbs.). The bells ring the Angelus three times a day, five minutes before each weekend Mass, and other occasions as well.

In the space that joins our church to the new parish center, a baptistery full of light and sacred space welcomes the newest members of the church and reminds those already baptized of their new life in Christ. The baptismal font is carved from Alabama limestone and weighs 2.5 tons. It is modeled after a 12<sup>th</sup> Century baptismal font at the church where St. Dominic served as an apprentice to his uncle who was a parish priest. The Baptismal gallery or atrium also houses shrines to our Lady, the Sacred Heart, and St. Patrick, as well as a handicapped accessible Reconciliation Room. The circular window carries the Greek monogram for Jesus Christ. Down the courtyard corridor is a separate alcove shrine to St. Joseph. The newly constructed parish center houses parish offices, offices for pastoral staff, a conference room, parish library, two large banquet halls, lavatories, classrooms, and meeting rooms.





## The Dominican Community

The Dominicans, who have served St. Patrick for more than 120 years, are from the Eastern Province of St. Joseph. The Order of Preachers (O.P.) – the official name of the Dominicans – was founded by St. Dominic in 1216. The first Catholic Church in Ohio was founded in Somerset in 1818 by Fr. Edward Dominic Fenwick, O.P. He later became the first bishop of Cincinnati in 1821. The community includes Dominican friars who serve the parish, as well as those who serve at St. Mary of the Springs Dominican Motherhouse and other ministries in the city. From time to time we also have friars in residence pursuing academic study. St. Patrick Rectory is the private residence of the Dominican friars. All official parish activities, meetings, and office work take place in the Parish Center. The Dominican life is centered on the chanting of the Divine Office three times each day and their life as brothers of St. Dominic.



# Religious Education

In keeping with our deep-rooted Dominican tradition, intellectual formation is key to Catholic Life. Following the sound doctrine of St. Thomas Aquinas, we believe that religious education begins early and continues all throughout life.

**Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD)** – For all children, K-12, who may not receive religious education in schools, and for children whose parents choose CCD as an additional program to parochial schools. CCD meets on Sunday morning from 10-11 a.m. Please contact Mr. John Aman for more information and enrollment.

**Elementary School Parochial School Subsidies** – St. Patrick's offers a subsidy for parents who choose to enroll their children in Catholic Schools. Specific amounts are agreed upon by the pastor and parents, and signed contracts are entered into between St. Patrick's and specific schools. Subsidies are paid on or before March 31<sup>st</sup> of each academic school year. To be eligible for subsidies you must be registered for at least six months and an active member of the parish. It is to be understood that a true financial need exists before you contact the pastor to request a subsidy.

**High School Parochial School Subsidies** – St. Patrick's pays a mandatory subsidy set by the diocese for each registered parish child enrolled in a diocesan High School.

**Rites of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)** – The RCIA program is specifically geared towards adults needing to be baptized in the Catholic Faith, converts to Catholicism, and Catholics needing specific sacraments. This program also serves Catholics who wish a thorough review of the Catholic Faith. RCIA classes meet from Sept-April of each year on Wednesday evenings. Please contact the parish secretary for more information. Children coming into the church are educated and prepared for the sacraments through our CCD program.

**Bible Study** – The Dominican Friars occasionally offer Scripture study programs. Please contact the parish secretary for more information.

# Youth Ministry

Youth Ministry Programs at St. Patrick Church are open to all parish youth. Those from other parishes are welcome, but are first encouraged to explore the youth ministry programs in their own parish.

**LIGHT for Christ** – LIGHT for Christ (Living In God’s Holy Truth for Christ) is our Junior High School program for youth in grades 6-8. LIGHT for Christ usually has one meeting and one social activity each month. These include presentations on spiritual and appropriate social topics and opportunities to learn how to socialize and enjoy each other’s company in a healthy Catholic setting. All activities are advertised in the weekly bulletin and distributed via flyers at the meetings. With their parent’s permission, Junior High School students may choose which activities to attend. Please contact the parish secretary for more information.

**Generation YES!** – Generation YES! (Youth Encountering our Savior) is our High School program for youth in grades 9-12. Generation YES! usually has two meetings and one social activity each month. The activities and meeting topics are planned by a Leadership Council selected from active youth participants. All activities are advertised in the weekly bulletin and distributed via flyers at the meetings. With their parent’s permission, High School students may choose which activities to attend. Please contact the parish secretary for more information.

**Vacation Bible School (VBS)** – Vacation Bible School for children from age 3 to 5<sup>th</sup> grade is typically offered the last week of July. The planning and execution of this program begins in March with parents of children involved. Please contact the parish secretary for more information.

**Protecting God’s Children Workshop** – All employees and volunteers are required to attend the Protecting God’s Children training program and to submit to a Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Background Check. We encourage all adults to do so in order that they will be certified to volunteer for any event that may interest them, but most especially parents of children who are involved in our Youth Ministry Programs. Please contact the parish secretary for more information.

## Bl. Margaret of Castello Guild and Shrine

There has been a special devotion to Bl. Margaret of Castello at St. Patrick Church since the 1930's. A special Shrine to Bl. Margaret was established in the Church in the late 1950's, with an expansion of the Shrine as a separate chapel in the renovations of the 1970's. In anticipation of St. Patrick's Sesquicentennial 2003-2004, the Shrine was once again renovated. The beautiful stained glass window just above her head that had been previously boarded over was exposed. The tapestry of her life was reconditioned, and in the center of the tapestry was placed a wonderful charred cross made from ceiling beams from the fire of 1935. Also the old banister from the St. Patrick School was reconditioned to contain a relic of Bl. Margaret for private veneration.

The Blessed Margaret Guild was established for a two purposes: First to promote the canonization of Bl. Margaret; and second to raise money for various programs to benefit "*The Unwanted,*" especially the poor, underprivileged, the abandoned, and *Respect for Life*.

Each Wednesday, the Bl. Margaret Novena and Canonization Prayers are prayed at the Masses, and a relic of her heart is venerated. A special Mass is celebrated monthly for the intentions of the Guild members. The Dominican Friars recite the Novena prayers every evening at Vespers for the intentions of the Guild. A Christmas Octave of Masses is celebrated for the intentions of the members of the Blessed Margaret Guild.

There are two general Guild mailings each year: the October Charities Mailing and the Lenten Novena Mailing in anticipation for her feast day. (Bl. Margaret's novena begins on April 5<sup>th</sup> and ends on her feast day, April 13.) All contributions received are exclusively reserved for charities of the Guild and sent to Rome to help promote her eventual canonization. Also on the months when there is a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday there is an envelope in the offering packet entitled *Little Margaret's Charity*. All money placed in this envelope and in the poor boxes located at the back of the church is used for the charity program of the guild.

All are welcome to become members of the Bl. Margaret of Castello Guild by simply writing to the Guild: 262 N. Grant Ave., Columbus, OH, or by calling 614-240-5915.

## Brief Life of Blessed Margaret of Castello

Blessed Margaret of Castello was born of a wealthy, noble Italian family near Florence, Italy in 1287. Born blind and lame, her family was ashamed of her and kept her hidden in virtual imprisonment for nine years in a tiny cell attached to a forest church. It was only through the family chaplain that Bl. Margaret came to know God. Seeking a miracle, her parents took her to a Franciscan Shrine. When she wasn't cured, they abandoned her.

Bl. Margaret's faith and courage inspired others in the community to take pity on her and to help her survive. Eventually she became a member of the Dominican Third Order of Castello, where she lived an exemplary life of prayer, penance, and charity. Despite for difficulties, Margaret was serene, cheerful and courageous. She never became bitter, never complained, never reproached others or lost heart. Discouragement was a word she did not know. She found strength in prayer, in daily Mass, in Holy Communion and sought help from Jesus, Mary, Joseph and St. Dominic.

Margaret was courageous because she looked at suffering with the eyes of faith. She did not know why God permitted her to have so many afflictions. She did know that He was an infinitely loving and kind Father, who never permits one single misfortune without good reason, who always turns evil into good for His children. She wondered why people pitied her. Was it not a privilege to suffer with Christ? Suffering for her was a way to heaven.

Pain made Margaret sympathetic and understanding towards others. She visited prisoners, helped the sick and comforted the dying. Since her death, at age thirty-three, she has kept on helping those who pray to her. Many cures have been attributed to her intercession.

Margaret of Castello was declared Blessed by the Catholic Church on Oct. 19, 1609. Bl. Margaret is an inspiration to those who are discouraged and tempted to self-pity. Her intercession is most powerful to those who suffer from eye and muscular diseases and has become an inspiration for the Pro-Life Movement. She is help for those who are unwanted and abandoned.

Her incorrupt body lies under the main altar in St. Dominic Church, Castello, Italy. Many visit her shrine to venerate her body and pray for her intercession.

## Stewardship of Time, Treasure, and Talent

**Regular Collections** – St. Patrick's depends completely on your financial support. As a registered parishioner you will receive a monthly packet of offering envelopes. The weekly offering is used to pay the employees of the parish and to provide for programs, supplies, maintenance, utilities, and the general upkeep of the complex. Your offerings are also used to house and employ the Dominican friars who serve the parish. Prayerful, generous, and thoughtful consideration is asked of you concerning your weekly offering to St. Patrick's. There are also occasional 2<sup>nd</sup> Collections mandated by the diocese as well.

**Capital Investment** – Each month there is an envelope in your packet entitled *Capital Investment*. The Capital Investment is used to pay down our existing diocesan loan on the building of the Parish Center and restoration of the Church. Each registered family of St. Patrick's is asked to consider making a pledge of \$50 to this envelope on a monthly basis until the debt is eliminated.

**Time and Talent** – Parishioners are also asked to participate in the community life of St. Patrick's. On the following pages is a complete list of programs and activities of the parish. We ask all parishioners to prayerfully consider joining at least one program or activity and help build up the faith community of St. Patrick's.



# Parish Organizations

Your help is needed throughout the year with the various projects, activities, and committees that serve the Parish. Please refer to the parish bulletin for times and dates of meetings. To contact any of the groups listed, please call the parish office for information, 240-5910.

**Protecting God's Children Workshop** – All employees and volunteers are required to attend the Protecting God's Children training program and to submit to a Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Background Check. We encourage all adults to do so in order that they will be certified to volunteer for any event that may interest them in the future. Please contact the parish secretary for more information.

**Altar Boys** – Boys grades 4th through High School assist the priest in the celebration of Mass and other liturgical functions.

**Bereavement Committee** – Assist with a meal after a family burial service. Members provide luncheon from a prepared menu as well as assist with set up or clean up.

**Catholic Men's Luncheon Club** – Provides fellowship and spirituality for Catholic Men on the First Friday of the month.

**Choir** – St. Patrick has an adult mixed choir which sings two Sundays per month. New members are welcome.

**Compassionate Care Ministry** – Members volunteer to pray, make phone or personal visits with shut-ins, give rides, shop and deliver items to shut-ins, prepare and deliver food items to those in our church family. (Compassionate Care receives referrals from Pastor ONLY).

**Creighton Model Fertility Center** – Teaches natural family planning according to the Creighton Model.

**Finance Committee** – The council assists the pastor in the administration of the goods of the parish, as determined by Canon Law.

**Hospitality** – Members act as ambassadors for St. Patrick Church by welcoming them to St. Patrick's and making contacts for them if needed.

**Knights of Columbus** – This fraternal organization is dedicated to charity, unity and fellowship. The Knights promote vocations, prayer, religious education and parish activities.

**Lectors** – Readers who Proclaim the Word of Sacred Scripture during Mass.

**Library** – Volunteers needed to service and staff parish library on Sunday morning.

**Light Weigh** – The Light Weigh Bible Study and video series is designed for those who are trying to lose weight.

**Madonna Garden Club** – Members take care of the parish gardens and lawns.

**Martha-Mary Sewing Circle** – An opportunity for ladies to make friends while developing basic sewing, smocking, knitting, quilting and crocheting skills. In addition to sewing for our families and homes, we participate in charitable works such as Project Linus, Wee Care Gowns, Newborns in Need, pregnancy distress centers, etc. Beginners are encouraged to come.

**Pastoral Council** – The Pastoral Council serves in an advisory capacity to the pastor in matters regarding the spiritual and social concerns of the parish. It is composed of elected representatives.

**Respect Life Committee** – Coordinates parish activities and outreach relating to the protection of the sanctity of all human life. They have a regular meeting on the third Saturday of each month,

**Ushers** – The ushers volunteer at the Saturday evening and Sunday Masses to assist in the seating of the people, in taking up the collection, and inviting participation by those who bring up offertory gifts.

**Women's Club** – Devoted to the general welfare of Saint Patrick Parish, fostering a friendly spirit among the members of the parish. Open to all women who attend St. Patrick's. They have a regular meeting on the second Tuesday of each month.

**Visual Artists' Fellowship** – Fellowship, encouragement, discussion and an exchange of ideas. First Saturday of the month.



# Adult Spirituality

**Blessed Margaret Guild** – Promotes the sanctity of all life and the cause of canonization of Blessed Margaret of Castello, O.P. Members share in the spiritual fruit of weekly Masses and yearly novenas.

**Confraternity of The Most Holy Rosary** – The purpose of the Rosary Confraternity is to praise and honor the Blessed Virgin Mary and to secure her patronage by the recitation of the Rosary for the mutual spiritual benefit of all the members throughout the world.

**Marian Movement of Priests, Bride of The Spirit Cenacle** – Meets on first Mondays for Mass and devotions with intentions for Catholic family life and on third Mondays for Eucharistic Adoration and devotions with intentions for vocations to the Priesthood, religious, and consecrated life.

**Dominican Laity** – The Dominican Laity, sometimes designated as the Dominican Third Order, are dedicated men and women under promise to fulfill their Christian vocation in the world according to the Dominican charism “to contemplate and to give to others the fruit of their contemplation.” Officially joined to the Order founded by Saint Dominic in 1216 with their own rule of life in 1285, they continue under their contemporary rule to join together with the friars and sisters of the Order in prayer, study, healthy asceticism, and apostolic work to achieve their own salvation and that of their neighbors. They seek an understanding of their faith through study fortified by prayer (both private and liturgical) to make a difference by caring action in a secularized world. The Chapter of Saint Catherine of Siena, open to both married and unmarried, was formally established at St. Patrick’s in 1939 (with records back to 1883) and continues through its regular meetings and common effort to implement the mission of the laity faithful to the Church’s Magisterium. Meetings are held on the second Sunday.

*Also see the list of regular parish devotions and Eucharistic Adoration times on page 7 .*

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