

# THE Friar Crier

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## We are Debt-Free

By Deb Newman

On September 25, 1853, St. Patrick Roman Catholic Church was first dedicated. On September 25, 2003, our new parish center and restored church was blessed and rededicated. And on September 26, 2009, nearly 300 parishioners joined Bishop Frederick Campbell as he celebrated a Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving for the retirement of the building and restoration debt.

In his remarks, Father André-Joseph LaCasse thanked Bishop Campbell for his presence in joining us in thanksgiving and celebration. He reminded us of how the St. Patrick Church restoration and expansion began with the vision of Fr. Carlton Jones in the early 1990s, and then progressed into a feasibility study begun by

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*(at top)*  
Bishop  
Campbell,  
Fr. Lenaghan  
*(middle)*  
Adam  
Pasternack  
(seminarian  
and Master of  
Ceremonies  
for the Mass)





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Fr. Franze-Kelly in the mid 90s. In July 2000, the vision began to take form as Fr. Ambrose Eckinger began the project, and in the spring of 2002, the old school was razed.

Fr. LaCasse thanked the many parishioners who contributed to the “Be Thou My Vision” Capital Campaign. Fr. LaCasse said the debt would not have been paid down so quickly without the generosity of one woman, Miss Edith Keenan. When Miss Keenan passed away, she bequeathed \$200,000 to St. Patrick Church to pay down the debt.

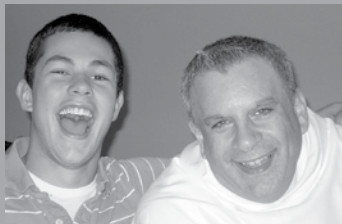
Immediately following the Mass, those in attendance were treated to a lovely reception in Patrick Hall.

After nine years, the “Be Thou My Vision” Capital Campaign has come to an end. As Fr. LaCasse said, “may Jesus Christ and the evangelization of souls, under the patronage of St. Patrick, always be the vision of St. Patrick Church”.



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—Fr. LaCasse



## Welcome Amber and Nicole to the Catholic Church!

By Chris Higgins

On Sunday, September 27, 2009 during the noon Mass at St. Patrick Church, Amber Super and Nicole Esquivel were fully received into the Holy Roman Catholic Church. These young women became members in our Church by receiving the Sacraments of Christian Initiation—Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation. Over the past two years the high school youth group “Veritas” warmly welcomed these girls. Amber and Nicole’s hearts were touched and inspired by experiencing the enthusiasm for the Catholic faith our young people and youth ministry leaders shared with them. Immediately after the Mass, a reception with family and friends, celebrated their entrance into our Church.



## **Nicole Esquivel's Testimony**



**M**y whole life, before I met the Bartold family, I had been going to a Catholic church because my dad's side of the family is Catholic. However, that was only on the Sundays that I felt like going or the Sundays that I was forced to go by my dad. Back then, those days didn't come very often because my dad worked on Sundays and my mom would always sleep in too late to get up and go to church. Then, when I was in seventh grade, I met Sarah Bartold. We started to talk all the time and I got to know her family very well. One day she invited me to go to Mass with her and her family here at St. Patrick, so I went. Then she invited me to go to the youth group at St. Patrick. Going to youth group was the beginning of my choice of becoming Catholic. I loved youth group, and I loved all the people that were there because they were so nice and welcoming. Going to youth group and learning more about God made me want to become closer to Him. So I decided to start going to Mass every Sunday. I could tell that my relationship with God was getting stronger and that I needed to become part of the church. Times were kind of tough then, and it made me feel that if I wanted to get through everything, then I had to develop the strongest relationship I could with God. The only way to do that was to enter His Church, the Catholic Church. After a lot of thinking, I planned the date of my Baptism, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion. I started to rely more on God, and things started to get better. I knew that the choice I made was the right one because I could feel the stronger relationship with God. The day of my Baptism was the most beautiful day of my life, and I will always rely on my true Father, God.

## **Amber Super's Testimony**



**J**eremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." On this journey I have begun, these words pushed me along the way. The last three months leading up to my entrance into the Church have been the most challenging. I've received a lot of bad news and I was ready to run away from life. I had a big problem. I was angry with the Lord. I was so angry because I felt so much pain in my heart and I didn't understand why He would want me to suffer so badly. Then I realized these problems were God's challenges to me to see if I was truly ready to enter the Church, to see if I really did trust Jesus and to see if I really did love Him. One day, something changed. I realized what was going on and I asked God to forgive me for being angry and then I started to trust Him. I began turning to Him more rather than trying to deal with this on my own. In the blink of an eye it seemed to be that I had fallen in love with Jesus. I know there will be times in life when one struggles and wants to give up, but if we keep going and we keep trusting God things are bound to become better. When it's God's time, it will happen. Three months ago I wouldn't have been ready to enter the Church because I didn't know who I was and I didn't know God or Mary. Now I can tell the time is right, and I am ready to receive the Body and Blood of Christ in the Holy Eucharist. I know who I am and I know who my Father in heaven is.





E. Broad Street rosary



Cleveland Ave. rosary



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## Respect Life Activities at St. Patrick's

By Fr. André-Joseph LaCasse, O.P., Pastor

The faithful from St. Patrick Church were out in full force the entire day of Sept. 23rd, participating in the 40 Days for Life, at the Abortion Mill on N. Cleveland Ave. Father LaCasse joined the group for the full rosary during the 9 a.m. hour. St. Patrick's was also blessed to have two of our parishioners, Christie MaGee and Janet Thomas, as co-chairs for the Columbus 40 Days for Life. A big thank you to Christie and Janet for defending the babies! From Catholic News Agency we learn that the 40 Days for Life autumn campaign began on Sept. 23 in 212 cities, starting efforts like prayer and fasting for an end to abortion, peaceful vigils outside abortion facilities, and grassroots community organizing. The official effort lasted until November 1. David Bereit, National Director of 40 Days for Life, said that "tens of thousands of faithful people" participated in 45 American states, five Canadian provinces and Denmark. The organization reports it has helped mobilize more than 215,000 people in its two years of work. Their efforts have reportedly saved 1,561 lives from abortion and have been endorsed by dozens of pro-life and



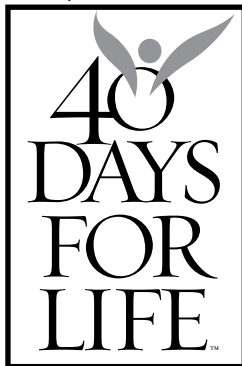
Cleveland Ave. rosary

pro-family groups. Religious leaders, including more than 20 Catholic bishops, have also promoted the campaign. The fall campaign was the most widespread and longest coordinated pro-life mobilization in history. 40 Days for Life reported that 90 percent of the prayer vigil locations are at Planned Parenthood facilities. "We have never before seen the intensity of passion and extensive involvement in pro-life efforts that we are seeing all across North America right now," said

Bereit. For more information visit, [www.40daysforlife.com](http://www.40daysforlife.com).

Also pictured here is St. Patrick Parish Sept. peaceful rosary protest at the Abortion Mill on E. Broad St. Each 3rd Friday the Respect Life Eucharistic Vigil begins at 8 p.m. and continues all through the night until the

7 a.m. Saturday Mass. Following the 7 a.m. Saturday Mass, Fr. LaCasse or Fr. Blau joins with parishioners to pray the rosary, defend the babies, and pray for mothers and the conversion of those involved in the



abortion industry. The peaceful rosary protest is followed by coffee and donuts back at St. Patrick Parish for fellowship and the sharing of pro-life activities and ideas. Call the parish secretary for more information on how to sign up for an hour of Eucharistic Adoration and the access code to get into the building during the night. And don't forget to come out and join us each month as we defend the babies.

Also St. Patrick Respect Life will hold its annual Bake for the Babies Bake Sale the weekend of Dec. 19-20. Parishioners are asked to donate baked goods before Mass and stop after Mass to purchase something for your family. Money raised helps to support the work of our Respect Life group, most especially their annual Pro Life trip to Washington, D.C. in January.



# Marcus Grodi Helps Us Keep Our Kids Catholic

By Marian Hyden

On November 14, Saint Patrick parish hosted Marcus Grodi as special guest speaker on the topic “Keeping your kids Catholic.” Mr. Grodi (a convert to the Catholic Church and former Protestant minister) is best known for his work with the Coming Home Network International and the programs he hosts on EWTN television and radio, but has also authored two books, contributes regularly to the monthly Catholic Answer, and frequently teaches catechetics. He is a member of Saint Thomas Aquinas parish in Zanesville (one of the “other” Dominican parishes in Ohio).

Grodi’s address—sponsored by the Marriage and Family Life Ministry—included pointers from his experience on several different ways in which parents could reasonably hope to pass on the Catholic Faith to their children. Of these, the most important were that parents first be true Catholic Christians themselves, surrendered entirely to Christ, and drawing frequently near the fountain of sacramental grace. There is no possibility of “outsourcing” the religious education of children. True, parents can never guarantee their children will believe. Faith is always a gift of God and not of parents—and it is sadly true that even when parents do all they can, their children do not believe. But



kids will never have a chance if their parents don’t believe, and live, as Catholics. And parents can’t simply hope that their children will see them and imitate them. They have to talk about it—and as our own Fr. Thomas pointed out—a great thing to do is something as simple as exploiting time in the car driving home from Mass—talking about the readings, the homily, anything about the Mass. If parents are not deepening in faith and love, then they will be regressing—and so will their children.

About 115 were in attendance for the talk, which was preceded by a wonderful Italian meal provided by Gary Allwein and Mustard Seed Catering.

## Welcome New Parishioners

Thanks to our Marriage and Family Life Committee who twice a year invite all new parishioners to join other parishioners in a pot luck supper. This is a wonderful opportunity to come together as a parish community and welcome our new members.





**Congratulations to our newly installed head servers and acolytes who received a blessing and commissioning on Nov. 1, Solemnity of All Saints**

**Newly Installed Head Servers**

*Front Row/Left to Right:*  
Jude Carstensen, Daniel Berson, Zechariah Rice, Augustine Madrid, Augustine Pedrozo, Jonathan Hoy, Andrew Garcia

*Back Row/Left to Right:*  
Luke Williams, Machael Haemmerle, Edward Hueckel, Gregory Speicher

**Newly Installed Acolytes**

*Front Row/Left to Right:*  
Jeremy Gomolka, Thomas Bozzi, Hugh Carstensen, Sam Browning, Matthew Newman, John Paul Fernandez, Angelo Pelino, Cameron Clutter

*2<sup>nd</sup> Row/Left to Right:*  
Gabriel Gessler, Gaylan Sorth, Gabriel Fornes, Jude Pedrozo, John LeChard, John Paul Haemmerle, Noah Brown, John Paul Amland

*3<sup>rd</sup> Row/Left to Right:*  
Brendan Hansen, Jacob Cheeseman, Brian Rose, (Peter Fernandez & Eric Kinsley-Altar Boy Leaders), Nick Valin, Nick Parker, Aidan Tuttle, and Fr. LaCasse, O.P.



**Head Servers**



**Acolytes**

**Ministry Fair: Get Involved.**

Once a year the parish sponsors its Ministry Fair encouraging all parishioners to learn about all our parish organizations and activities, and encourage them to join and get involved. Over twenty groups were represented this year.





*Oh When the Saints Come Marching In*

# Saint Patrick's is Full of Saints!



By Robert McGonigle

On November 1st, "Oh When the Saints Come Marching In", could have been the clarion call of Father Thomas Blau and our pastor, Father Andre-Joseph LaCasse. Parishioners of all ages marched around Patrick Hall in celebration of All Saints Day as each "saint" was dressed in costume led by our own patron St. Patrick. Abundant pizzas, drinks, games, and prizes provided by the parish's Knights of Columbus helped make for a fun filled family celebration. There were several activities for our young saints including "go fish", "korn hole", along with a game of "rose toss" dedicated to our Blessed Mother. The highlight of the afternoon's party was the attempt by our Fathers LaCasse and Blau to guess each saint based on the costume they wore. Many imaginative costumes kept our Dominican Fathers on their toes as they guessed and occasionally were stumped. Knight Michael O'Keefe and his family along with the Parish Family Life Council members did a great job of planning and setting up this successful event. Hopefully the event will remind each of us that we are ALL called to be saints!





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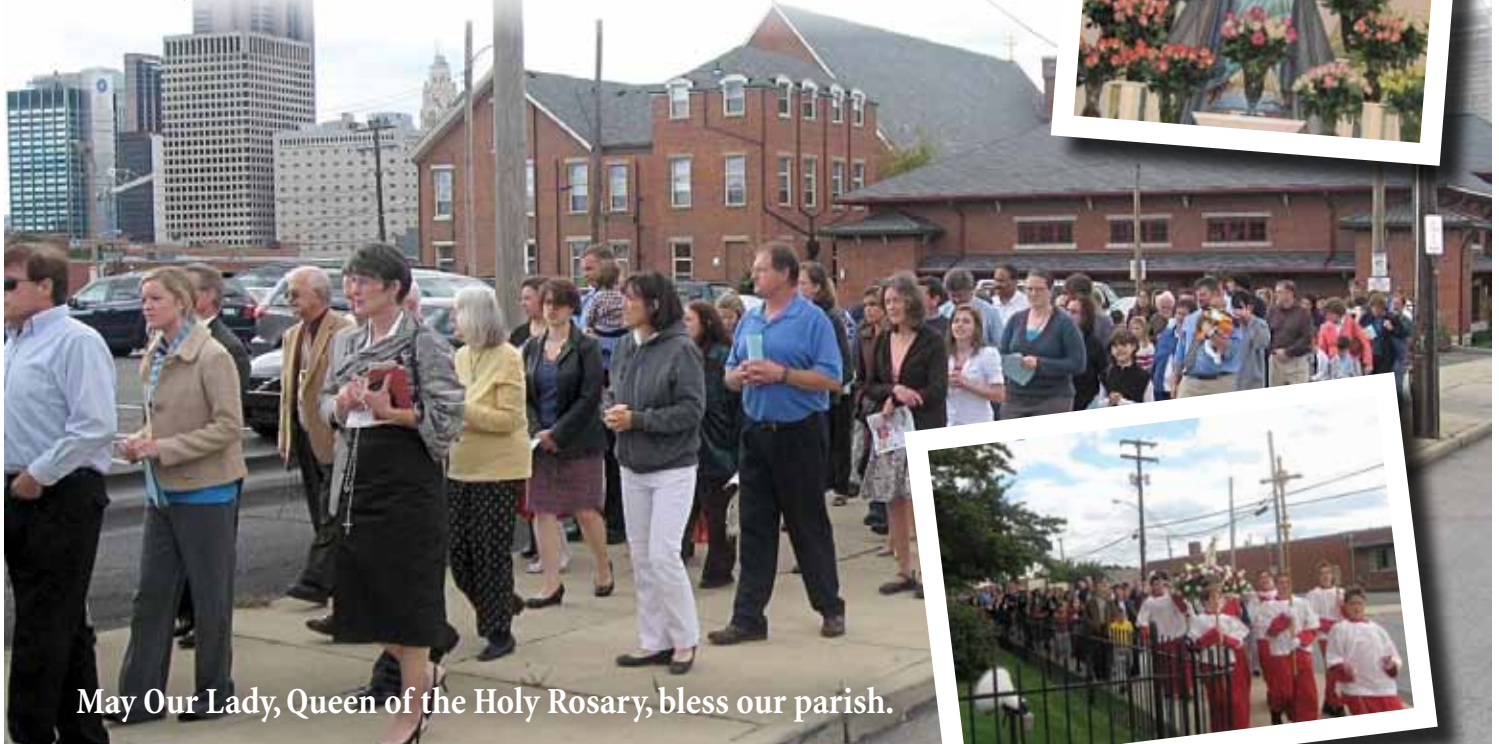


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Nicole**

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## Rosary Sunday Procession

October 3–4 **The First Weekend of October is known as Rosary Sunday in all Dominican Churches. Blessed Roses adorning Our Lady's Altar were distributed to all parishioners. The Rosary Procession and devotions followed the 12 noon Sunday Mass.**



May Our Lady, Queen of the Holy Rosary, bless our parish.