

February 4, 2024 • Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday 7:00 & 11:45 AM Saturday 7:00 AM, Vigil 5:00 PM Sunday 7:00, 9:00, 10:30 AM & 12:00 Noon Holy Days of Obligation Vigil 6:30 PM, 7:00 & 10:00 AM, 12:00 Noon, 6:30 PM

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**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** Congratulations on your decision to immerse your child (or yourself) in the saving waters of Baptism, for the washing away of original sin, entry into Christ's Body, the Church, and to share in the divine life of the Trinity through sanctifying grace! We ask that all first-time parents attend a baptism class. Please contact the parish office to register.

**SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY** Congratulations on your engagement and your decision to make a lifelong commitment to each other in the vocation of Marriage! Please see our marriage guidelines on our website or contact the parish office to begin your marriage preparation.

**FATIMA DEVOTIONS ON FIRST SATURDAYS** Eucharistic Adoration with Rosary and prayers in honor of Our Lady of Fatima begin after the 7:00 AM Mass.

 EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
 Exposition & Benediction every Friday 12:15 - 1:15 PM

 Third Friday 8:00 PM - 7:00 AM — Respect for all human life
 Fourth Friday 8:00 PM - 7:00 AM — Vocations

**ANGELIC WARFARE CONFRATERNITY** This is a supernatural fellowship of men and women bound to one another in love and dedicated to pursuing and promoting chastity together under the powerful patronage of St. Thomas Aquinas and the Bl. Virgin Mary. The Confraternity is an official apostolate of the Dominican Order. Enrollment is offered quarterly at Saint Patrick Church. For more information, visit www.angelicwarfareconfraternity.org

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### WINTER AT ST. PATRICK'S AND PREPARING FOR LENT

This time of year is always an "in-between phase" – Christmas is over, and Lent hasn't started yet. The dreary, gray Ohio sky can be disheartening, and there will be yet another Super Bowl this year without the Browns playing in it! But life at our parish has been far from dreary or disheartening, as we have been blessed with many great moments ahead of the coming Lenten season.

Last weekend, we had an exciting Trivia Night. Patrick Hall was packed for this annual event that draws a large crowd of both parishioners and visitors. A special thanks goes out to the Marriage and Family Life Committee for organizing it, to the Columbus Frassati Society for their work in promoting the event (and for having an exciting, competitive table!), and to the Knights of Columbus, who oversaw concessions. Events like this help our parish to connect, and to grow in community.

Besides working Trivia Night, the Knights of Columbus have been busy, with the Chili Cook-off the weekend before Trivia Night and now making preparations for the Lenten Fish Fries. Our Knights of Columbus Council #11207 has seen a growth in new members over the last year, and it is a great opportunity for the men of our parish to grow in faith, fellowship, and service, both within our parish and to the greater community. If any man 18 years and older would like to know more about the Knights and the good works they do, or to be a member of the Knights of Columbus, please visit: https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-kofc.html

While the Christmas season officially ended with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on January 8<sup>th</sup>, our parish has the custom of following "the long Christmas" celebration, leaving our Christmas crèche up through this past Friday's Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, or Candlemas. Once again this year, we marked Candlemas with our solemn evening Mass, beginning with the Blessing of Candles in Patrick Hall and the Procession to the Church. During the Offertory of the Mass, the faithful brought up their lit processional candle as an offering to the Lord, in a Dominican tradition known as the oblatio candelarum. The burning candle is a reminder of our own baptismal candle, and more so, of our baptismal promises. By offering the burning candle to God, we show through visible signs that our lives are not our own, but are dedicated to the Lord, and that we will do what he asks of us. Though the winter is dark and dreary, the light of Christ, which shines in the blessed candles of Candlemas, as well as within our own hearts, burns brightly, casting out the darkness of error and sin.

And now we find ourselves once again preparing for the season of Lent. With such an early Easter this year (March 31<sup>st</sup>), Lent springs upon us quickly. While Lent can always seem like a long haul, especially at the beginning, when winter is still present, it is really an opportunity – an opportunity to grow deeper in our faith, and to renew our own commitment to Christ, which began at baptism. Prayer, fasting, and works of mercy, though penitential in nature, are meant to recreate the heart of mankind, so that when Easter comes, all of us may better understand how we have become new creatures in Christ, and how to live this mystery. During this year of the parish phase of the National Eucharistic Revival, we look forward in a special way to our Lenten parish mission from February 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>, with Father Stephen Dominic Hayes, O.P. as our mission preacher. Besides being the prior of the local Dominican community here at St. Patrick's, Father Hayes is one of the fifty National Eucharistic Preachers, commissioned by the bishops of the United States to preach about the Eucharist. While Fr. Hayes has been traveling the country preaching about the Eucharist, this will be his easiest mission - he'll only have to walk about 10 feet to get there! We look forward to hearing his words of wisdom on the most holy sacrament of the altar. Then, on March 1st and 2nd, St. Patrick's will host nearly 24 hours of Eucharistic Adoration as part of the Diocese of Columbus' "40 Days of Adoration." May this upcoming Lent truly be a Eucharistic Lent!

Also, mark your calendars now for our parish feast day celebration, which will be scheduled a little differently this year. Because St. Patrick's Day falls on the Fifth Sunday of Lent, we won't be able to have our regular Vigil Mass on the night before (due to the liturgical laws of the Church). However, Bishop Fernandes has given us special permission to move up our celebration by one day. So, our parish feast day celebration will be held on **Friday, March 15**, beginning with a Solemn Mass at 6:30pm, followed by our torch-lit procession and Litany of Irish Saints, and our Irish Tea in Patrick Hall. It will certainly be a wonderful celebration, as usual, just a day earlier!

May God bless you always in these days of preparation for the holy season of Lent!

Fr. Paul Marich, O.P.



## St. Patrick Parish Mission with Fr. Stephen Dominic Hayes, O.P.

Preaches at all Masses on February 17/18 There will be an opportunity each day to attend either the morning or the evening session.

### Monday, February 19

| 10:30 a.m.    | Mission Sermon                     |
|---------------|------------------------------------|
| 7:00 p.m.     | Mission Sermon followed by         |
|               | Eucharistic Adoration, Confessions |
| Tuesday, Febr | uary 20                            |
| 10:30 a.m.    | Mission Sermon                     |
| 7:00 p.m.     | Mission Sermon followed by         |
|               | Eucharistic Adoration, Confessions |
| Wednesday, F  | ebruary 21                         |
| 10:30 a.m.    | Mission Sermon                     |
| 7:00 p.m.     | Mission Sermon followed by         |
|               | Eucharistic Adoration, Confessions |

### CONFRATERNITY OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY LOCAL CHARTER INFORMATIONAL MEETING Wednesday, February 7, at 7:00 p.m.

Are you one of the many parishioners who have enrolled in the Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary over the years? Solemn Enrollment Ceremonies have been held at various times, and many of you may have enrolled online. Just in the last few months, over 110 people have enrolled in the Confraternity during Solemn Enrollment Ceremonies held here on Rosary Sunday and the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.

While St. Patrick's has been blessed to have the provincial headquarters of the Rosary Confraternity on site for over 20 years, there hasn't been much done to distinguish the parish's local charter of the Confraternity from the provincial headquarters, even though several parishioners belong to the Confraternity.

If you're already a member of the Confraternity, and are interested in how we can form the Rosary Confraternity into a local parish group/organization, please come to an informational meeting on Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in St. Julie Billiart classroom.

Fr. Paul Marich, who is the provincial Promoter of the Rosary, will explain the necessary steps and advantages of making our parish charter of the Rosary Confraternity a more structured organization.

### Thank you to our wonderful parish volunteers for all you do!



If you volunteered in the parish during the past year and were not able to attend the Volunteer Appreciation Open House, stop by the office to pick up your gift!

# Catholic Times

### FEBRUARY IS SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL MONTH!

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# HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Confessions are on Saturdays at 4pm and Sundays at 6:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

### SATURDAY, February 3

| Blessing of Tl           | hroats after the 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. Masses                               |
|--------------------------|---|
| 6:30 a.m.                | Confessions   |
| 7:00 a.m.                | Francisco Pedrozo   |
| Devo                     | tions in honor of Our Lady of Fatima                                    |
| 5:00 p.m.                | +Jo-an Hartings Grady   |
| SUNDAY, Feb              | oruary 4 – 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time                      |
| Catholic Time            | es Subscription Month   |
| 7:00 a.m.                | +Evelyn Kitta   |
| 9:00 a.m.                | Parishioners and Benefactors  |
| 10:30 a.m.               | Caleb Daniel Rose and Natalie Lynn Rose                                 |
| 12:00 p.m.               | Olga Jimenez and Andrew Ferguson  |
| 1:15 p.m.                | Baptism: Henry Michael Worley   |
| MONDAY, F                | <b>ebruary 5</b> – St. Agatha (M)                                       |
| 7:00 a.m.                | Leandrito and Aurora Asuncion   |
| 11:45 a.m.               | John Connolly   |
| 12:15 p.m.               | Confessions   |
| TUESDAY, Fe              | bruary 6 – St. Paul Miki and Comps. (M)                                 |
| 7:00 a.m.                | +Ernest Powell  |
| 11:45 a.m.               | Chloe Dewey   |
| 12:15 p.m.               | Confessions   |
|                          | 7, February 7 – Anniv. of Deceased Parents                              |
| 7:00 a.m.                | Dick and Yvonne Schuler   |
| 11:45 a.m.               | dec. parents of the Order of Preachers                                  |
| 12:15 p.m.               | Confessions   |
|                          | February 8 – St. Josephine Bakhita (M)                                  |
| 7:00 a.m.                | dec. parents of the Sisters of the                                      |
|                          | Order of Preachers  |
| 11:45 a.m.               | Hoy, Cahill, Zink and Rankin families                                   |
| 12:15 p.m.               | Confessions   |
| FRIDAY, Febr             | -   |
| 7:00 a.m.                | +Marina Catharina Mooney  |
| 11:45 a.m.               | +Maria Hoffman  |
| 12:15 p.m.               | Confessions   |
| 3:00 p.m.                | Wedding: Mary Williams + Alex Chlosta                                   |
|                          | February 10 – St. Scholastica (M)                                       |
| 7:00 a.m.                | +Peggy Hausch   |
| 11:00 a.m.<br>5:00 p.m.  | Wedding: Sarah Hawbaker + Hayden Kachur<br>Parishioners and Benefactors |
|                          | pruary 11 – 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time                     |
| 7:00 a.m.                | +Paschal Hatton   |
| 9:00 a.m.                | Shay Whitaker   |
| 10:30 a.m.               | +Maria Hoffman  |
| 10.30 a.m.<br>12:00 p.m. | Dominic Marchi family   |
| 1:15 p.m.                | Baptism: Silas Alexander Uecker   |
| 3:45 p.m.                | Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic Holy Hour                               |
| 5.45 p.m.                | Lay materinities of St. Dominic holy hour                               |

# **Dates to Remember**

### Sunday, February 4

AHG Candy Sale; 1<sup>ST</sup> Sunday Social sponsored by the AHG 10:15 a.m. CCD Monday, February 5

|                      | <u>ivionday, February 5</u>                   |  |
|----------------------|---|--|
| 7:00 p.m.            | Choir (Patrick, Church)                       |  |
|                      | Tuesday, February 6                           |  |
| 7:00 p.m.            | K of C Meeting (Kolbe)                        |  |
| 7:00 p.m.            | Youth Ministry (PH, CH)                       |  |
| 7:00 p.m.            | CGS (DePorres)                                |  |
|                      | Wednesday, February 7                         |  |
| 9:30 a.m.            | FIAT90 Book Club (Kolbe)                      |  |
| 7:00 p.m.            | Choir (Patrick, Church)                       |  |
| 7:00 p.m.            | R.C.I.A. (Aquinas)                            |  |
| 7:00 p.m.            | Mary-Martha Sewing (Kolbe)                    |  |
| 7:00 p.m.            | Rosary Confraternity Meeting (Billiart-A)     |  |
| 7:30 p.m.            | Catholic in Recovery (Library, dePorres)      |  |
| Thursday, February 8 |   |  |
| 9:30 a.m.            | Mary-Martha Sewing (Kolbe)                    |  |
| 6:30 p.m.            | Melchizedek Project (AH, CH)                  |  |
| 7:00 p.m.            | Jr. High Youth Ministry (Patrick)             |  |
|                      | Friday, February 9                            |  |
| 9:00 a.m.            | CGS   |  |
| 1:30 p.m.            | Catholic CCAD/CSCC Students (AH)              |  |
|                      | Saturday, February 10                         |  |
| 7:30 a.m.            | That Man is You Men's Group (Aquinas)         |  |
| 7:30 a.m.            | FIAT90 Book Club (Library)                    |  |
| 8:30 a.m.            | LFSD (Billiart-A)                             |  |
| 9:00 a.m.            | Exodus 90 Men's Group (Aquinas)               |  |
|                      | Sunday, February 11                           |  |
| AHG' Candy           | Sale; K of C Sub Sale pick-up in Patrick Hall |  |
| 10:15 a.m.           | CCD   |  |
| 1:00 p.m.            | Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic (AH, CH)      |  |

# Looking Ahead

February 14: Ash Wednesday, Lent begins
February 16: Fish Fry, Stations of the Cross, All Night Vigil
February 18-21: St. Patrick Parish Mission
February 23: Fish Fry, Stations of the Cross, All Night Vigil
February 27: Adult Catechism with *Fr. Paul Marich, O.P.*March 1: Fish Fry, Stations of the Cross
March 2: St. Patrick CYO Basketball Banquet
March 8: Fish Fry, Stations of the Cross
March 9: Dominican Rite Mass for St. Thomas Aquinas
March 12: Eucharistic Revival Lecture with *Fr. Reginald Lynch, OP*March 15: Parish Feast Celebration in honor of St. Patrick
March 22: Fish Fry, Stations of the Cross, All Night Vigil
March 23: Volunteers' Church Cleaning for Easter



### Please support St. Patrick's American Heritage Girls Troop OH0031!

If you aren't interested in the delicious chocolate for yourself, you can still purchase a small or large gift bag and we will donate it to the retired priests and religious at Mohun Hall!



Single bar: \$1.50 Small bag (3 bars of random variety): \$5 Large bag (6 bars of random variety): \$10 20 bars of your choice : \$25 (\$5 in savings!)

Stop by the table at the east entrance to pick up some bars and bags after all Masses these weekends:

## February 3/4 \*\* February 10/11

Questions? Please email <u>ahg.oh0031@gmail.com</u>.

AHG's mission is to build women of integrity through service to God, family, community, and country.

### **CHORUS ANGELORUM**

St. Patrick's children's choir will begin rehearsals Saturday, February 17, 9:30-11:00 a.m. Boys and girls ages 8 through high school are welcome. We will rehearse each Saturday morning and sing once a month at the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Our final sung Masses are May 11 and 12, First Communion and Mother's Day. Please

consider joining the choir and raising your voices in a beautiful way to God. For information and to register, contact Barbara Magree at 614-940-7720 or barbaramagree@gmail.com.



### "An Experience of Hope" St. Patrick Post-abortion Support Group

**St. Patrick Post-abortion Support Group** welcomes any women who have suffered the tragedy of abortion. We gather on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month to share, acknowledge the hurt, and enter into a journey of hope and healing with others who have had the same painful experience. *An Experience of Hope* is a confidential, safe place, providing support, prayer, hope, and reconciliation in the context of spiritual renewal. **Date:** February 21 (3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday)

Time: 12:30-2:15 p.m.

Location: St. Patrick Parish Library Bring: A sack lunch, bottle of water, notebook and pen Questions: Judy Schlueter, RN, MAPC (614) 537-6452

God bless and hold you close to the Heart of Jesus through the Immaculate Heart of Mary.



We invite you to join us for a Catholic in Recovery meeting in St. Patrick's parish library, meeting every Wednesday evening from 7:30-8:30 p.m. We welcome all Catholics who are interested in recovery from addiction and deepening their relationship with Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church. Our program integrates the 12 steps of recovery with the Holy Sacraments. If you struggle with alcohol, drugs, food, gambling, pornography or sex, join us for a safe place to work through your recovery. We also welcome those who have friends and family struggling with addiction issues.

Jon Weaver at 614-588-4022 circolumbus@gmail.com \*\* www.catholicinrecovery.com







Downtown Columbus | 280 N. Grant Ave. Park east side of church

# FEB. 16 & 23 | MARCH 1, 8 & 22 5 pm to 7 pm (Stations of the Cross 7 pm)

<u>Menu (Dine-in or carryout):</u>

Fried Cod or Baked Fish Baked Potato or Sweet Potato, or Fries Mac 'n Cheese Cole Slaw Desserts, Beverages Included Cost (cash or credit/debit card):

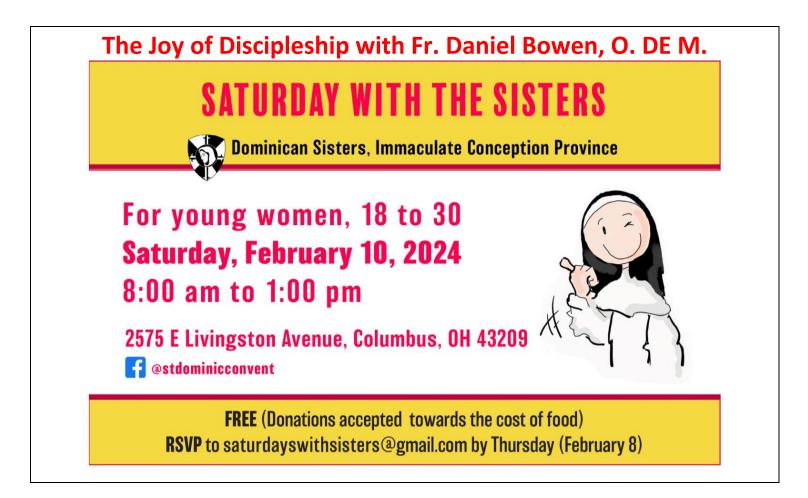
Senior (65+): \$8 Adult (13-64): \$10 Children (5-12): \$6 (Includes 1 piece of fish and pancakes if desired) Family (children 5-18): \$45 Children 4 and under FREE

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### **COLUMBUS FRASSATI SOCIETY - A Midsummer Night's Dream**

8:00 p.m. Friday, February 9 - Fritsche Theatre at Otterbein (Cowan Hall, 30 S. Grove St., Westerville, OH 43081) Cost: \$22 cash / Venmo / PayPal

Sit with us and enjoy Shakespeare's best-known comedy, a fairy tale about the complexities of human relationships and the often-hilarious path to love. Optional: Join us for dinner at Koble Grill in Westerville for dinner at 6pm before the play starts at 8. Contact Sarah at 937-212-1614 or <u>columbusfrassatisociety@gmail.com</u> for more information or check out the details linked on <u>www.columbusfrassatisociety.com</u>.

| Sunday Collection 1/28/24                   | <u>Actual</u> | <b>Budget</b>     | <u>Over/Under</u>    |
|---|---------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Weekly Offertory:                           | \$28,483.45   | \$24,064.00       | \$4,419.45           |
| Other Income (parish activities, programs): | \$ 5,212.30   | \$ 903.00         | \$4,309.30           |
| Capital Repair Fund (Pipe Organ)            | \$15,225.00   | \$ 125.00         | \$15,100.00          |
| Total Income:                               | \$48,920.75   | \$25,092.00       | \$23 <i>,</i> 828.75 |
| Year to Date Offertory:                     | YTD Actual    | <u>YTD Budget</u> | YTD Over/Under       |
|   | \$834,589.26  | \$778,299.08      | \$56,290.18          |

The Capital Repairs Fund received a very generous \$15,000 from a parishioner's Schwab Charitable Fund. Thank you! Other income includes proceeds from Trivia Night! Thanks to all who organized and participated!

| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collections | (Diocesan, | Dominican, | Other) |
|-----------------------------|------------|------------|--------|
|-----------------------------|------------|------------|--------|

| Little Margaret's Charity:                        | \$ 50.00 |
|---|----------|
| Propagation of the Faith:                         | \$500.00 |
| J.O.I.N./Ash Wednesday:                           | \$ 90.00 |
| Ukraine Relief – Dominican Sisters:               | \$200.00 |
| Total Offerings from 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collections: | \$840.00 |



# SUPER BOWL ATLANTIC CITY SUB SALE Benefitting Knights of Columbus Charities PLACE YOUR ORDER NOW!



Pick up the weekend of February 10/11!



Let the Knights of Columbus help with your Super Bowl feast! Treat yourself and your family to authentic Atlantic City Subs! We have brought the best of Jersey Shore eating all the way to Columbus for you! These are the best Italian subs this side of the Ohio River – made with two types of Italian Capicola and Salami - from Carfagna's Meats, Provolone, and Secret Sauce! \$10 each. You won't be disappointed!

# **Pre-order by February 9 to guarantee availability.**

## A limited number of subs for walk-up purchase will be available on Super Bowl Sunday (February 11)

Subs available for pick-up in Patrick Hall after Masses February 10/11.

Payment is pre-pay or due at pick-up. Cash or check accepted, payable to: "St. Patrick Council #11207"

### Order online: www.kofc11207.org/subsale

Or use the FORM below and return to the parish office before February 9<sup>th</sup>.

| NAME<br>PHONE   | _E-MAIL                                       |
|---|---|
| <ul> <li>I would like to order Subs (\$10 ea.)</li> <li>I would like to order (GF) Sub Bowls (\$1</li> <li>Total order amount of all items: \$</li> </ul> |   |
| I am paying now OR I will pay at  | pick-up                                       |
| Interested in joining the Knights of Colum  | bus: Visit: www.kofc.org/join - COUNCIL 11207 |

The Adventures of AHG

Issue 7

Winter 2024

# **Welcome to Our Newsletter!**

Girl Editor: Elena Perez

Troop OH 0031- Columbus Ohio

### Fall Campout – Charlotte Waite: Tenderheart



It all began on Friday with everybody coming to the lodge and setting up cots. Everybody brought snacks so we had a nighttime snack, prayed a decade of the Rosary, and went to bed. On Saturday, we woke up, got ready, and had breakfast. We made sit-upons and went on a hike to see the Explorers. We planted bean seeds, ate lunch, and then we had some play time. Finally, we met up with the PiPas and Explorers and got to make some S'MORES!! Once we got back to the lodge, we colored, listened to a story, and went to bed. Sunday, we woke up, got breakfast, packed up our things, and headed home for Mass!

## Veterans Day Parade - Madeline Wolf: Explorer



On November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023, our AHG troop marched in the Hilliard Veterans Day Parade. Our troop participates in this parade most years to honor our country. During the parade, we marched two miles! At the end, we got to watch a demonstration of a gun salute. I got to hold the American flag and the AHG banner twice. Marching in the parade was very fun.

## Volunteering at Alicia's Closet – Catherine Fagge: Pioneer



On Saturday, January 13, 2024, the American Heritage Girls volunteered at a place called Alicia's Closet. Alicia's Closet is a free store for children in foster care, parents who have kids in foster care, and young adults who have aged out of foster care and are trying to make it on their own. We organized the clothes by size and made sure they were facing the right way on the hangers. We got rid of the ones that were not good quality. Alicia's Closet was grateful for the help to sort donations and organize the Free Store.

### PiPa Shooting Sports Event – Elena Perez: Pioneer



On August 12, 2023, the AHG Pioneers and Patriots gathered at the Columbus Muzzle Loading Gun Club in Grove City, Ohio to work on our Shooting Sports badge. We began with receiving an introduction from Laura and Art McCall. Next, we split into two groups: half of us shooting, half of us tomahawk throwing.

During the shooting session, we got to learn how to clean and prepare a gun, techniques for holding different firearms, and we got to practice shooting at various targets. At the tomahawk throwing station, we learned how to hold these small axes and how to throw them. We also got to throw the 'hawks' at wooden targets a few feet away. There was a scoring system, and if you could pop a balloon or slice one of the playing cards that were pinned to the target, you would have a certain amount of points added to your score. There was a similar system at the shooting station, but it had to do with the amount of times you shot and hit the given target.

At the end, the McCalls tallied up everyone's scores, chose the two girls with the most points, and awarded each of them with a medal. By the end of the day, we had learned many new things, practiced them, and had fun. All in all, the PiPa Shooting Sports Event was a great success.

## AHG Troop OH 0031 Receives 2023 Bishop's Troop Award!

Congratulations AHG Troop OH 0031 for receiving the 2023 Bishop's Troop Award! On January 27, 2024, the troop was presented the award by Bishop Earl Fernandes at the annual Scouts Day with the Bishop. The Catholic Committee on Scouting for the Diocese of Columbus selected AHG St. Patrick Parish as the Bishop's Troop. This honor is awarded each year to one parish in the Diocese for the accomplishments of the parish's Girl Scouts or American Heritage Girls troop in promoting Catholic Scouting.

Scholarships available. Please contact the parish office, 614-240-5910.



