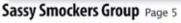
## Easter Vigil

## Greatest and Most Noble of All Solemnities

Saint Augustine calls the Easter Vigil the "mother of all vigils" and the Roman Missal describes it as the "greatest and most noble of all solemnities" (Missale Romanum, "Rubrics for the Easter Vigil", no.2). As the highpoint of the liturgical year, St. Patrick's celebrated it with splendor unparalleled during the rest of the year. In the midst of the transcendent beauty of the celebration of the Lord's resurrection was the palpable joy of the seven individuals entering into the Catholic Church.

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#### **PARISH EVENTS**

1st and 3rd Mondays: Marian Movement of Priests' Mass/Holy Hour

2nd Monday: Calix Society Meeting and Mass

Tuesdays: Youth Ministry

Thursdays: 20s Group Holy Hour followed by 20s Group meeting social

3rd Friday: Respect Life Vigil for Life 3rd Saturdays: Rosary at abortion center 3rd Sunday: Catholic War Veterans

- Catholic Men's Luncheon
- 3 K of C Pancake Breakfast
- 4 Marian Movement Priests Mass
- **Knights of Columbus Meeting**
- Corpus Christi Procession 10
- 11 Calix Society Meeting and Mass
- 15 All Night Vigil for Life
- Respect Life Rosary and Social/Meeting 16
- 17 Catholic War Veterans Meeting
- Marian Movement Priests Holy Hour 18
- 22 All Night Vigil for Vocations
- 24 Parish Picnic at Camp Mary Orton
- 2 Marian Movement Priests Mass
- Masses 7 a.m., 10 a.m. No Confessions. Office Closed.
- High School Boys' Vocation Event
- 9 Calix Society Meeting and Mass
- 11 Children's Hour of Mercy
- 14 NaPro Introductory Session (natural family planning)
- Catholic War Veterans Meeting 15
- 16-20 Vacation Bible School
- Marian Movement Priests Holy Hour
- 20 All Night Vigil for Life
- 21 Respect Life Rosary and Social/Meeting
- 27 All Night Vigil for Vocations
- Special St. Dominic Event (TBA)
- 7 **Knights of Columbus Meeting**
- 8 St. Dominic's Day
- 13 Calix Society Meeting and Mass
- 13 Children's Hour of Mercy
- **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** 15

Holy Day of Obligation.

Masses: 6:30 p.m. Vigil, 7 a.m., 10 a.m., 12 noon, 6:30 p.m.

- All Night Vigil for Life 17
- Respect Life Rosary and Social Hour 18
- 19 Catholic War Veterans Meeting
- 20 Marian Movement Priests Holy Hour
- All Night Vigil for Vocations 24
- 26 Catechists'Retreat
- Labor Day Masses: 7 a.m., 10 a.m., No Confessions. Parish office Closed. September
  - **Knights of Columbus Meeting**
- Fraternities' Consecration to the BVM 5
- 7 Catholic Men's Luncheon
- 9 CCD Begins; Parent Meeting
- 10 Calix Society Meeting and Mass
- 11 Women's Club Meeting
- Fraternities' Consecration to the BVM 12
- 16 Respect Life Bake Sale; St. Gerard Mother's Blessing; Catholic War Veterans Meeting
- 17 Marian Movement of Priests Holy Hour
- 19 Fraternities' Consecration to the BVM
- 21 All Night Vigil for Life
- 22 Respect Life Rosary and Social/Meeting; Altar Boy Training; K of C Spaghetti Dinner
- 26 Fraternities Consecration to the BVM
- 28 All Night Vigil for Vocations
- 30 K of C Pancake Breakfast

### Thank you!

June

August

As pastor and steward of St. Patrick's Church, I wish to thank you for your recent generosity that has helped to slowly bridge the gap of our deficit to the parish budget. Thank you! Please watch the bulletin for quarterly updates on our parish finances. Our bulletin is also posted on the website, www.stpatrickcolumbus.com.

Our Christ, the Sure Foundation capital campaign is steadily growing. We already have the funds to resurface the parking lot, which will happen this summer. Again, thank you!

During the summer, while families are vacationing and traveling, St. Patrick's has often experienced a drop in the collections. Although our budget anticipates this to a degree, I would ask that everyone be attentive to their summertime tithing since unfortunately most of our expenses are constant and do not take a vacation in the summer! If summer travel is an issue, perhaps your bank's service of automatic bill payment is something to explore?

You have responded graciously to the needs of our parish. As your pastor, I am most grateful for your generous gifts of time, talent and treasure. May our God who is never outdone in generosity, bless you abundantly!

With my prayers and gratitude,

Fr Michael Mary Dock, up. Fr. Michael Mary Dosch, O.P.

## May Crowning at St. Patrick's





## **Easter Vigil**

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Three individuals were baptized: Nathan Coe, Rachel Contreras and Michael Starner. Four entered into full communion with the Church, receiving with the other three the sacrament of Confirmation and their first Holy Communion: Nicole Damron, Cassandra Seymour, Savannah Wampler and Ryan West. St. Patrick's Church rejoices in our neophytes. May the graces of the great Easter Vigil bless the seven of you throughout your entire lives!

### The Paschal Candle — Full of Symbolism

By Gina Switzer

The Paschal candle bursts forth from the Easter Vigil bearing the light of the risen Christ. A new candle each year is blessed and then lighted in the Vigil bonfire. Carried by a deacon or priest who thrice proclaims that Christ is our light, the candle is then immersed in the baptismal waters—blessing the water as Christ blessed the water in his own baptism. Individual baptismal candles are lit from the light of the paschal candle at the Vigil and at baptisms throughout the year. The candle is also present for every funeral of the year.

Typically the candles come with standard ornamentation, but this year, Fr. Michael requested a custom candle to coincide with the personality of our parish; in particular it was to have elements of being Irish and Dominican. The following description breaks open the visual meaning of our candle for 2012.

The gold Celtic knot bands and the solid green at the base fill the Irish role.

The top icon is Rublev's Trinity, an image from the Old Testament of three "angels" who visited Abraham and Sara. They are presented at a banquet table. Many details are found there but the main symbol for this candle is a calling to sit in the open space at the front of the table and to share in the very life and love of the Trinity. This was the original intention for mankind, corporately and individually. But freedom to love is also freedom to turn away.

Communion is a Confirmation Holy Orders or vocation. Configuration conversion. And preparation for opportunity for to the God. At the cycles back upplicately and individually. But freedom to love is also freedom to turn away.

The words below the icon, "Exitus Reditus" are from St Thomas Aquinas. It is

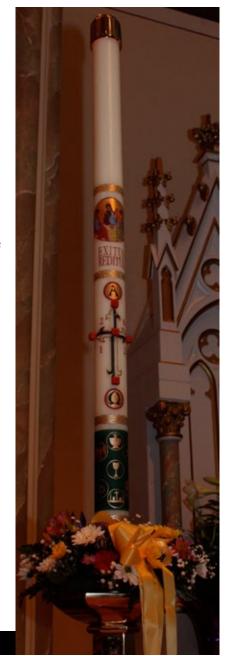
to say that everything comes from the God and is to return to God. That idea is represented symbolically by the images surrounded by circles. As freedom to love is also freedom to turn away, the turning away ruptures the dynamic flow of life and love from and to God. And as Adam turned away so do we, rupturing the flow of life and love.

The Cross bridges the gap. The cross on the candle is the Dominican cross. The alpha and the omega above and below proclaim that Jesus is the beginning and the end, his divinity. The cross itself proclaims his humanity.

In the green base are symbols of the Sacraments. Each Sacrament connects the natural human life (through Jesus' humanity) to a life of grace (through Jesus' divinity) infused in us by the Holy Spirit. Baptism is new birth. Holy Communion is our food.

Confirmation is strengthening.
Holy Orders or Marriage is adult
vocation. Confession is ongoing
conversion. And Annointing is the final
preparation for death which is the
opportunity for the Reditus, the return
to the God. At this point the image
cycles back up to Rublev's Trinity and the
place for the person who has passed to
sit in the company of the Godhead is
finally realized.

To sit at that banquet communing with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit is our eternal delight. ■



### Farewell Fr. Jordan

By Sean Newman

Depending on how long one has been around St.
Patrick's, they likely see Father Jordan Lenaghan in one of two ways: either the powerful speaker that can make every single eye in the church focus intently on his homily, or the priest who shows up on Sundays during coffee and donuts. Father Jordan came to St. Patrick's in 1997 as an associate pastor. In 2002 he



began his doctorate studies in military history at OSU. He still managed to say Masses on a weekly basis along with the enormous workload he had from his studies. Around that time I began to grow acquainted with Father Jordan. I was about fourteen years old and I was still under the impression that priests were somber and rather two-dimensional characters. Truth be told, I was actually quite a bit frightened by some of our priests.

As I got to know Father Jordan I learned that he was not just a priest but a human being just like me. He grew up in Ann Arbor and had aspirations of being a Foreign Service diplomat. He was an athlete in high school as well. He played



lacrosse for four years before he went on to Michigan for college. Contrary to my previous beliefs, he did not know that he wanted to be a priest the day he could talk. It wasn't until a friend of his suggested it while he was in undergrad that he realized he might very well have a calling for the priesthood.

Stories like this made me realize how much I had in common with Father Jordan and we bonded very quickly from there on out. Some days we would make jokes and laugh together and other days

we would get into in-depth moral and political debates that one could only hope to have with a Dominican.

It is bittersweet to many that Father Jordan will be leaving in the next couple of weeks to be a chaplain of the Nuns of our Lady of Grace in Guilford, Connecticut. He is a one-of-a-kind man who enjoys listening to Chinese Pipa music and could give a tour of Europe that no tour guide could ever hope to provide. He loves travel and knows numerous foreign languages. In short, Father Jordan is an educated and devout disciple of God and while he will be greatly missed by the parishioners of St. Patrick's, our prayers go out to him as he tackles new challenges that lie ahead.  $\blacksquare$ 

### Women's Club News

By Dena Hoover

The Women's Club held its biannual bake sale on April 1. Proceeds from the bake sale will be presented to Fr. Michael at the Women's Club luncheon in June. Last year, the Women's Club presented over \$13,000 to the parish with most of that coming from bake sale proceeds. Father has found this a valuable aid especially in this economy. Please contact the parish if you wish to contribute to this fund outside of the bake sale. The Women's Club meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. in the parish hall and is always looking for new members. ■

## Catholic Men's Conference

By Connor Newman

Annually, men from various parishes are invited to an event to get perspective and guidance from fellow men striving to reach our ultimate goal through the church. Different men of Christ mingled and listened to the insightful words from this year's speakers: Dr. Scott Hahn, Mr. Richard Lane, and Monsignor Morris.

This invitation is extended to men of all ages and walks of life; but unfortunately, the response of a teenage man may not be full of excitement initially despite the benevolence and atmosphere of this step in the way of Christ. The idea of getting up at 6 a.m. for an all-day conference may not sound that appealing. As an attendee at this year's Catholic Men's Conference, that was my first thought; however, upon arriving at the conference, my viewpoint was immediately changed.

I had the extreme pleasure of serving adoration upon my arrival, which prepared me for the day of enlightenment ahead of me. Speaker Scott Hahn shared stories and experiences that really allowed me to connect with him along with the other attendees at the conference.

The first speaker portrayed to me the beauty of this conference which essentially allows those in attendance, even the younger audience, to share the experience as one and accurately illustrate what it means to be a Catholic man.

The second talk then commenced with Richard Lane. Of the three speakers, Mr. Lane moved me the most. Lane was able to keep the audience engaged in the talk with his enthusiastic speaking style, which grasped my interest and concentration easily. Moreover, being the son of the infamous football player known as "Night Train" Lane, he used a football game as an analogy to our mission from God and what we must do to achieve that goal. Naturally, this was able to keep the men of the conference readily involved.

The conference ended with Mass, a perfect end to this day. At Mass, I know I was able to open up to God with the techniques and inspiration the (continued on page 6)

## Run the Race Catechesis

By Nicole Floetker

his school year, St. Patrick's CCD program has had the honor of teaching 11 students from Rachel Muha's Run the Race program. Run the Race was founded by Rachel Muha in 1999 after her son, Brian, was murdered in Steubenville, Ohio. Rachel realized that the Lord was asking her for mercy and forgiveness to heal from her loss. Rachel saw that the young men who her killed her son were in need of healing too, so she founded Run the Race on the West Side of Columbus to reach out to children and families in need in the inner city. To this day, Rachel considers it her sincere privilege to work with the Run the Race community.

Rachel is a modern day St. John Bosco. She works with children and families to show them God's love and to invite them into a relationship with Him. Every aspect of Run the Race is filled with love and prayer. You can ask any of the racers what is most important and they'll all answer, "Miss Rachel says that God is most important!" Through this loving witness many children have had a desire to grow deeper in their relationship with God; and because of "Miss Rachel," many of them want to come into full communion with the Catholic Church.

Every week since September, 11 racers have been dedicated to coming to Catechesis classes at St. Patrick, taught by Dan DeMatte, DRE; Nicole Floetker, Religious Education Assistant; and Rachel. They have covered everything from the Trinity to the sacraments and prepared to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil Mass. It has been exciting to watch these students grow in their relationship with Christ and develop a deep desire to be united with Him in the Sacraments. The racers are rising from their challenging circumstances to answer the call of Christ. Please pray for them as they continue to seek Christ above the influence of the world.



### **The Sassy Smockers Group**

By Eunice Hayes



In late March, a group of 12 women gathered in St. Thomas Aquinas Hall for three days of classes with Australian children's wear designer, Judith Adams. Some of the women came from Indiana and Michigan. The ladies came together to learn the finer details of smocking, fine machine sewing, and hand embroidery. The first day, the class learned various techniques for working with pleaters.

On March 23-24, the group sewed, pleated and smocked dresses, hats and booties.

The host group for these classes was the Sassy Smockers. Sassy Smockers is the local chapter of the international guild, Smocking Arts Guild of America (SAGA). The purpose of SAGA is to preserve and foster the art of smocking and related needlework for future generations through education, communication, and quality workmanship. The local chapter is nine years old and has 12 members from around the greater Columbus area; the larger guild was founded 33 years ago and boasts 3000 members worldwide. Three of the group members, Debbie Summers, Marie Neff, and Eunice Hayes are parishioners of St. Patrick's.

Although the primary focus of the group is to educate, we spend much of the year in service. The Sassy Smockers hone their sewing skills working on

smocked hats for the NICU (preemie ward) at St. Ann's Hospital. At Christmas, all the babies receive red hats. We also sew IV gowns for the



vard) at St. Ann's Hospital. At lats. We also sew IV gowns for the little ones. (An IV gown is made in such a way that the nurses can get the baby dressed without disturbing the IV lines or other tubes that are needed to support the babies.) We

If anyone is interested in learning to smock or sew, the Martha Mary Sewing Circle meets Wednesdays in the St. Martin DePorres room, 7-9 p.m. Call Eunice Hayes for more information 740-403-2960. ■

also provide burial gowns and

blankets.



# A 7th Grader's First March for Life in Washington D.C.

By Gabby Pallone

his year I joined a group of Saint Patrick youth, parents and clergy on a trip to Washington D.C. for the March for Life. We left Sunday evening on a big luxury bus and I really didn't know what to expect. I went because I believe in my heart that someday the laws will be changed to protect the lives of the unborn and I want to play at least a small part in making that happen. I am passionate about the pro-life movement because killing a baby in the womb is really no different than killing any other person. I want to stand up for the rights of those babies who have no voice and try to give them a chance at life.

When we first arrived in Washington D.C., we went to the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. I got off the bus, walked into the building and...."Wow." I couldn't believe how many people were there, and most of them were young people from middle school to college age. They seemed like really cool, normal everyday kids and they were all there to stand up for the rights of those tiny babies. The shrine was amazing. It was full of many chapels, each dedicated to

a specific devotion of Mary or a particular saint. Our Lady of Guadalupe was my favorite. It had curved walls all covered in mosaic tiles and the most beautiful mosaic of Our Lady. Some of the other more memorable chapels were Our Lady of Mount Carmel, the Miraculous Medal. and Our Lady of Lourdes. I could have spent an entire day in the shrine taking pictures, praying and soaking in all of its beauty. But, we needed to get the main church for Mass. The entrance procession had so many priests, I couldn't count them all. Some of them, I even recognized—Fr. Blau, Fr. Schnakenburg, and Fr. Streitenberger. The homily by then Cardinal Elect Timothy Dolan was incredibly inspirational. After Mass we had breakfast in the shrine cafeteria and then, thankfully, there was more time to explore.

Soon, it was time to jump on the subway and head to the march. It was raining, but no one seemed to mind. We held up our signs and walked down Constitution Avenue. My sign was a quote from Dr. Seuss: "A Person's A Person. No Matter How



Gabby Pallone in Washington D.C.

Small!" The streets were packed with youth groups from all over the country. We marched for a few hours, making a loop around the Capitol Building and then headed to Union Station for dinner. Then, sadly, it was time to catch the bus back to Columbus.

It was a whirlwind trip that happened so fast, but it made me realize that there are a lot of young people out there like me who really care about those helpless babies and want to do something about it. If I would have kept my normal routine, I would have really missed out on a life changing experience that I will never forget, an experience that will continue to remind me to stand up and do whatever I can to make a difference.

Your Sister in Christ, Gabby Pallone



#### Men's Conference

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previous talks of the day had instilled in me. Overall, this experience has been a great encounter with God first, because of the excellent speakers and second, through the efforts and spiritual bonding done by sons of God throughout the conference from the beginning to the final blessing of the Mass. I am sure I will be attending next year.

### **Eucharistic Amazement**

By Mary Meyers

Fr. Giles Dimock, O.P. visited St. Patrick Church and presented a parish mission focusing on the Eucharist, March 24–29. Each night included Eucharistic adoration.

Fr. Dimock spoke about how at each Mass we enter into the one, timeless sacrifice of Jesus to the Father. The Eucharist is a sign of the great love Christ has for us where Jesus becomes our companion in life. (Companion is from the Latin: *cum pain* = with bread.) Jesus shows us the truth about God — God is life. He satisfies our hunger for truth, freedom, clarity, and His truth makes us free. The Eucharist is the summit of the life of the Church.

Blessed John Paul II wanted to enkindle Eucharistic Amazement.



# Presenting NFP at the Catholic Men's and Women's Conferences 2012

By Holly L. Deliduka, BSN, FCP

This year at the Catholic Women's Conference, our Respect Life Committee here at St. Patrick's sponsored a booth for NFP (Natural Family Planning). So some of us who teach forms of NFP were invited to sit at the booth to answer questions and promote. I had the honor of helping and answering questions, also to promote this option in your marriage. I sat there most of the entire day talking almost non-stop to women from all over the state. I was joined by Mary Meyers, who set up the booth, Marie Gigliotti and her sister Karen Ford who are users of the Creighton FertilityCare model that I teach. I was so pleased how Marie and Karen shared all the positive effects that practicing NFP has had on their marriage and Mary shared how it had helped her in her overall health.

I was really touched to see how the talks from the day—especially from Leah Darrow and Yvonne Florczek-Seeman—were



touching women to reconsider some of their past choices and look into NFP. We had a few women who came up and said, "I just came from confession and Father told me to come see you at your booth to get more information." I am so glad we were there to catch the stirring hearts.

I had others who came to talk about how their OB wanted them on birth control pills for health reasons. Some followed those commands from their doctor, and some just said "no" and suffered from particular health conditions to try to stay in line with the Church. I was able to explain how NaProTechnology could help with many of these health conditions.

NaProTechnology is a new reproductive technology that is natural and procreative. So we could share how birth control pills typically do not fix anything but cover up the symptoms of problems. Through NaProTechnology, however, you can utilize charting patterns—specifically the Creighton FertilityCare Model—to monitor, evaluate, and maintain your own reproductive health. That means you can be an active participant in your health care; the purpose of NaProTechnology is to uncover the real problems and heal the body to normal function.

It was great to see such positive talk about what the Church truly supports through its teaching on these delicate matters, especially at this time of health care reform and the negative press the Catholic Church has to endure to stand up to these reforms that effect our religious freedom.

Through all of this positive response we had at the Women's Conference, we were asked to keep the booth up for the Men's Conference and our husbands all helped to answer questions from a husband's point of view. Please keep all this work in your prayers because even though we had such a great response at the Conferences there is still a lot of difficulty to change hearts about NFP, large families, and the Church's teachings even within the Church and society. It is a battleground that needs prayers to win over hearts.



At the Catholic Women's Conference:
Back row left to right: Christina Tawney (Ovulation Method instructor), Jennifer Fullin (Diocesan Marriage and Family Life Office—Sympto-Thermal Method instructor), Mary Meyers Front row left to right: Holly Deliduka (Creighton FertilityCare Model instructor), Marie Gigliotti, and Karen Ford



At the Catholic Men's Conference:

Left to right: Dustin Ford, Vince Gigliotti, Thomas Deliduka and
Joseph Pardi (St. Andrew Parish—Sympto-Thermal Method instructor)

Not pictured: Francis Fullin (Sympto-Thermal Method instructor)



Marriage and Family Life and St. Patrick NFP tables at the Catholic Women's Conference

### NFP—Special Thanks

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