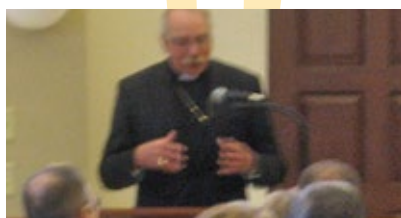




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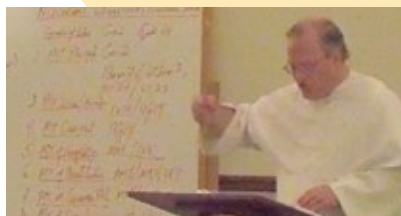
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Year of Faith

by Br. Reginald M. Lynch, O.P.

Beginning in October of this year, Pope Benedict XVI inaugurated a Year of Faith. The Pope opened the Year of Faith with his apostolic letter, *Porta Fidei*, in which he called the faithful to conversion, reclaiming the newness of our own Baptism. Because our need for conversion is continual, the Pope sees this renewal of our own life of faith as a necessary preparation for the New Evangelization. In *Porta Fidei*, the Holy Father reminds us that, although at one time the presuppositions of Christianity were commonplace, forming a common religious and even cultural fabric which united peoples and nations throughout the history of the Western world, we are now entering a time in which those presuppositions are no longer held by many in our cultural contemporaries. The Pope observes that while Christians tend to focus on the cultural, social and political consequences of their faith, we must not overlook the fact that the faith itself—from which such consequences flow—no longer functions as an intuitive socio-cultural frame of reference for many in society. (See *Porta Fidei* 2)

In 1967, Pope Paul VI instituted a year of faith commemorating the nineteenth centenary of the martyrdom of Sts. Peter and Paul, calling the Church to a renewed spirit of mission and witness. As our society becomes more secular, the need for the mission and witness of the Church can only become clearer. However, in the present year of faith Pope Benedict reminds us that the exterior mission and witness of the Church in society is supported by a deeper reality. While the Church's vision of society and the

human person includes elements drawn from those tenets of natural reason which we share with even the most secular of people, our approach to issues social, moral and cosmological is leavened by a supernatural gift, the possession of which can no longer be assumed in society at large.

The missionary spirit of the Church must be ordered firstly towards conversion, and it is for this reason that the Pope has tied the year of faith to the project of the New Evangelization. Despite the secularization of society, Pope Benedict is confident that people in our own day can still discover within themselves "the need to go to the well, like the Samaritan woman, in order to hear Jesus, who invites us to believe in him and to draw upon the source of living water welling up within him (cf. Jn 4:14)." (*Porta Fidei* 3)

To foster more deeply this spirit of evangelism that lies at the heart of the Church's mission, the Pope cites an image of the Church taken from the Acts of the Apostles: "...They called the church together and reported what God had done with them and how he had opened the door of faith..." (Acts 14:27). The Pope calls on us to renew the faith of our own baptism, entering once more through the door of faith that was opened to us in the waters of regeneration. Entering again through this door of faith—*Porta Fidei*—entails a conversion which renews our need for Scripture, doctrine and the life of the sacraments: "We must rediscover a taste for feeding ourselves on the word of God, faithfully handed down by the Church, and on the bread of life, offered as sustenance for his disciples (cf. Jn 6:51)." (*Porta Fidei* 3)

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PARISH EVENTS

1st & 3rd MondaysBible Study ; Marian Movement of Priests' Mass/Holy Hour
2nd MondayCalix Society Meeting and Mass
TuesdaysYouth Ministry
1st TuesdaysKnights of Columbus Meeting
2nd TuesdaysWomen's Club Meeting
Wednesday Choir; Martha Mary Sewing Circle; RCIA
Thursdays 20s Group Holy Hour (7 p.m.); followed by Catecheses (8 p.m.) and social (9 p.m.)
FridaysAdoration and Benediction
1st FridaysCatholic Men's Lunch
3rd FridayAll Night Respect Life Vigil for Life
4th Friday All Night Vigil for Vocations
Saturdays*That Man Is You* Men's Program after 7 a.m. Mass
1st SaturdaysFatima Devotions
3rd SaturdaysRespect Life Rosary at abortuary followed by coffee and doughnuts at the parish.

DECEMBER

20-23 Youth Ministry Winter Mission Trip
 31 Vigil for the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God. Parish Office Closed.
 11 p. m. Holy Hour; 12 Midnight Mass, preceded by Sung Te Deum.

JANUARY

1 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. Holy day of Obligation.
 Masses: 7 a.m., 10 a.m., 12 noon. No Confessions. Parish Office Closed
 6 Epiphany
 9 Children's Hour of Mercy
 19 Trivia Night.
 21 Martin Luther King Day Holiday.
 Masses: 7 a.m., 10a.m. No Confessions. Parish Office Closed.
 22 Day Of Penance For Violations To The Dignity Of The Human Person Committed Through Acts Of Abortion
 24-27 March for Life in Washington, DC
 25 K of C Pro-Life Rosary and Meditations

FEBRUARY

1 Catholic Man of the Year Luncheon
 2 Candlemas Mass. Blessing and presentation of candles.
 3 K of C Pizza Sale
 13 Ash Wednesday. Masses: 7 a.m., 11:45 a.m., 6:30 p.m. Day of Fast and Abstinence.
 15 Stations of the Cross. Lenten Fish Fry. Day of Abstinence.
 20 Children's Hour of Mercy
 22 Stations of the Cross. Lenten Fish Fry. Day of Abstinence.
 23 Columbus Catholic Women's Conference. Offsite.

MARCH

1 Stations of the Cross. Lenten Fish Fry. Day of Abstinence.
 2 Columbus Catholic Men's Conference. Offsite.
 8 Stations of the Cross. Lenten Fish Fry. Day of Abstinence.
 8-10 Youth Ministry Spring Retreat
 10-14 Parish Mission.
 13 Children's Hour of Mercy
 15 Stations of the Cross. Lenten Fish Fry. Day of Abstinence.
 16-17 Women's Club Raffle Ticket Pre-Sale
 18 St. Patrick Feast Mass and Celebration
 19 Solemnity of St. Joseph
 22 Stations of the Cross. Lenten Fish Fry. Day of Abstinence
 23-24 Women's Club Bake Sale

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24 Palm Sunday.
 25 Monday of Holy Week.
 26 Tuesday of Holy Week
 27 Wednesday of Holy Week
 28 Holy Thursday
 29 Good Friday
 30 Holy Saturday
 31 Easter Sunday. Masses: 7 a.m., 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12 noon.
 No Confessions. Parish Office Closed.

APRIL

5 Catholic Men's Lunch
 7 Divine Mercy Sunday
 10 Children's Hour of Mercy
 13 K of C Spaghetti Dinner
 17 Sacrament of Confirmation, 7 p.m.
 21 Women's Club Ice Cream Social

God's blessing upon you during this Advent season!

In the midst of many Advent events in preparation for the coming of Christ at Christmas, St. Patrick's neighborhood is preparing for the relocation of Faith Mission. The administrative offices and kitchen for this charitable organization are moving into the abandoned florist building catty-corner from St. Patrick's Church in mid-December. This offers many service and educational opportunities, but it also raises additional security concerns. St. Patrick's is taking every prudent security measure, but it is also important that you adhere to any safety directions that we publish in the bulletin. I do not expect problems, but we must be as careful as always.

The most exciting news is that we are in the great Year of Faith. Please avail yourself of the various opportunities being offered during the year here at St. Patrick's. May God bless you with an increase in the theological virtue of faith throughout this year. ♥

With my prayers,

Fr. Michael Mary Dack, OFM

Passing on our faith to our children

By Nicole Floetker

St. Patrick's was blessed to welcome Bishop Frederick Campbell to speak with our families about the importance of passing on our faith to our children. He shared fond memories of his childhood as his mother taught him how to pray; one prayer at a time. He exhorted the families that the youth are not only the future of the Church, they are the Church and we need to ensure that they have a deep and profound understanding of the faith to combat the overly secular culture that surrounds them. He sympathized, knowing that it is not an easy task, but he reminded the St. Patrick's community that it is a necessary task, so don't give up! ♥



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New Head Servers and Acolytes Blessed

By Fr. Gregory Schnakenberg, O.P.

Each year, all those interested in becoming Altar Boys at St. Patrick's Church spend four Saturdays in October completing the required training. This year, fourteen new boys fulfilled the requirements, having learned about the Holy Mass, their role as servers, and how to properly serve at the Altar during the Sacred Liturgy. On November 4th, these new "Acolytes" were blessed by the Pastor, bringing the total number of active servers at St. Patrick's Church to 108.

Ten other Altar Boys, having reached high-school age and having completed more advanced training, were promoted to "Head Servers." These young men carry out the more complex liturgical roles (e.g., serving as Thurifer and Crucifer) and also serve as leaders and role models for the younger Acolytes. Let's congratulate all our Altar Boys for their hard work and encourage them in their devotion to the Mass! ♥

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Dr. Ray Dinner—Back to the Family

By Christine Cooney

On November 9th, the Marriage and Family Life Ministry sponsored a dinner event with Dr. Ray Guarendi. Dr. Ray's talk, "Back to the Family," drew in over 150 people from St. Patrick's Parish and other neighboring parishes. Those in attendance were treated to a delicious dinner by JW's Diner and fabulous desserts by members of the Marriage and Family Life Ministry. The food was only trumped by the fun as Dr. Ray kept the entire crowd in stitches while encouraging the guests in their familial vocations with his wry humor.

If you missed out on the fun, not to worry. The MFL Ministry is sponsoring the ever popular and entertaining Trivia Night on January 19th. Save the date and start studying. The ministry also hosts other events—such as Euchre night—throughout the year. If you are interested in joining the Marriage and Family Life ministry, contact Marian Hyden at kmhyden@sbcglobal.net. ♥

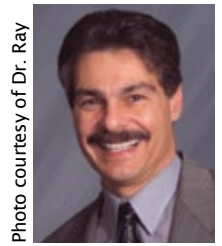


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Pope Benedict tells us that the New Evangelization must be rooted in an encounter with Jesus Christ as the source of our faith, which in turn leads us to share this faith with others. To this end, the Year of Faith is intended to foster a renewed appreciation for the very content of the faith itself.

This Year of Faith occurs on the fiftieth anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council and on the Twentieth anniversary of the publication of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Pope Benedict tells us that a deeper engagement with both of these two sources of sacred truth, accompanied by a renewed participation in the sacraments of Eucharist and Penance, can open for us again the door to faith, converting

our hearts and strengthening our participation in the Body of Christ, so that the Church's faith may make present the life and power of Christ to the world. Despite the turmoil of the post-conciliar period, the Pontiff sees the texts of Vatican Two as an important point of reference for this renewal. He cites the following text from the Vatican Two document *Lumen Gentium*:

"Christ, 'holy, innocent and undefiled' (Heb 7:26) knew nothing of sin (cf. 2 Cor 5:21), but came only to expiate the sins of the people (cf. Heb 2:17)... the Church ... clasping sinners to its bosom, at once holy and always in need of purification,

follows constantly the path of penance and renewal. The Church, 'like a stranger in a foreign land, presses forward amid the persecutions of the world and the consolations of God', announcing the cross and death of the Lord until he comes (cf. 1 Cor 11:26)." (*Lumen Gentium* 8)

It is the Church that manifests Christ and the power of his Cross to the world. As the Council Fathers taught, this outward witness is sustained by continual penance and renewal—it is sustained by our return to the door of faith. May we find in this Year of Faith the renewal, purification and newness of life that comes only from Christ. ♥



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Bible Study—*The Gospel of Matthew*

Beatitudes as antidotes for the seven deadly sins

By Mary Meyers

Fr. Thomas Blau, OP, has been giving his bible study class new insights into the Gospel of Matthew and taught that the Beatitudes MATTHEW 5:1-12 [RSV], can be antidotes for the seven deadly sins.

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

—The humble, gentle person, trusting in God, knows the need to rely on God. This healing of the soul works to combat avarice.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.”

—Those who grieve over sins in general will be accepted and reconciled. This works against gluttony.

“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.”

—Those who are meek have strength under control and they do not use their strength to dominate. Meekness is part of temperance. This works against pride. These persons shall have all they desire in God.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.”

—Righteousness equals justice. Those who practice this have a right relationship with God. Their greatest satisfaction is in the Eucharist. This works against sloth. These people are not spiritual couch potatoes.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.”

—God is merciful and we should act like God and also be merciful. This works against vengeance.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.”

—The people have undivided allegiance to God and see God as their ultimate goal. Grace helps to prepare us for the beatific vision; helps us become close to God. This works against lust.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

—We become like Jesus who suffered. This works against envy.

“Blessed are you when men revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so men persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

—We suffer for Jesus’ sake. ♥

The Authentic Man — *That Man is You*

By Kevin McNamara

That Man is You! is an interactive men’s program focused on the development of men in the modern world. It combines the best social science research with the teachings of the Catholic faith, and the wisdom of the saints to develop an orthodox vision of authentic men capable of transforming themselves, their families, and God willing society. The program is divided into two 13 week sessions. The fall session emphasizes the development of the Scriptural vision of man; especially in his relationship to his family and society. The Spring session emphasizes the practical means of becoming that man. The program was started by Steve Bollman in 2004 after meeting Pope John Paul II and inspired

by the new evangelization. Since then it has quickly established itself as one of the Church’s premier men’s program in this country with tens of thousands of men attending the program. It is a parish based program with DVD materials given freely to each church, then is funded by men attending and then freely giving a tax deductible gift back. It thus allows for grace to flow upon grace, rather than it being a purchased teaching seminar. St. Pats started their program back in September of this year with the permission and support of our pastor, Fr. Michael. Other parishes in the diocese also started the program with the encouragement and support of the Columbus Catholic Men’s ministry. We

have had nearly 40 men from half-a-dozen parishes register and join the Saturday morning sessions after the 7am mass in Patrick Hall. We eat breakfast, watch a DVD session, and then break up into smaller men’s groups to discuss the material. We have fine parishioner leadership with Greg Speicher, Shane Switzer, Br. Reginald Mary Lynch, O.P., and Don Williams, leading the discussions, and are true servants for the Church. Any man is welcome to attend, and can be caught up easily on the materials from previous sessions. If there are any questions, please call Kevin McNamara at 614-598-8405. ♥

20s Group Visits Our Lady of Consolation Shrine in Carey, Ohio

By Mary Parker

Since 1875, pilgrims have flocked to the Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey, Ohio. They do this in search of miracles and to confide their needs to the Mother of God as Mary, Consoler of the Afflicted. On November 10th the 20s Group made their own pilgrimage to Carey with members of the Zanesville Faith on Tap young adult group.

The 20s Group received a warm welcome from the Conventual Franciscan Friars who have had a presence and ministry in Carey since 1912. Br. Randy gave a tour that began with the Original Shrine, which stands across the street from the current basilica and the tour ended with daily mass in the upper basilica. The lower basilica is filled with different personal testimonials of the many miracles that have happened at the Shrine such as; crutches, candles and pictures, which reflect God's healing power and love. Additionally the 20s Group received a blessing with the relic of the True Cross, prayed the rosary together and explored the grounds.

During this Year of Faith, the 20s Group plans on making more pilgrimages, including: St. Anthony's Shrine in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania and Washington D.C. ♥



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About The Shrine

A HOLY PLACE OF MARY'S FAVORS

Since 1875, countless pilgrims have journeyed to the Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey, Ohio to offer prayers of thanks and to confide their needs to the Mother of God as Mary, Consoler of the Afflicted.

Devotion to Mary under this title dates back to the second century and is among her earliest titles of honor. In the 17th century, as plague ravaged the population of Luxembourg, the people formed a special union with Mary, Consoler of the Afflicted.

An image of her was enshrined in a small chapel built on the outskirts of town and many favors were authenticated among visiting pilgrims. In 1652, the Pope fostered devotion to Our Lady under this title by establishing a confraternity.

The devotion spread to the United States, and the first shrine to Our Lady of Consolation was built in Carey, Ohio. A replica statue was commissioned and arrived from Luxembourg in 1875.

Since 1875, Mary, the Mother of God, has manifested herself as a most loving Mother to the thousands of the devoted pilgrims at this shrine. Through her prayers, the sick and afflicted have found health, comfort and consolation.

Our Lady of Consolation offers a number of special events and heritage days throughout the year. All are welcome at anytime on their journey to faith, hope and healing. ♥

—text from shrine web site www.olcshrine.com



Women's Club Bake Sale



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Annual All Saints Day Party Features "Stump the Priest"

By Nicole Floetker

Children of St. Patrick's parish celebrated All Saints Day early this year with the annual All Saints Day Party on October 28. Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Saint Therese of Lisieux, Saint George, and Saint Michael were all represented. Also present: Saint Joan of Arc, Saint Dominic and Saint Elizabeth of Hungary. Even Moses managed to make it down the mountain for the feast day celebration.

This yearly event is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 11207 who, in their generosity, provide loads of fun, pizza and treats for the children of our parish. Activity stations including Saints Bingo, Fish and a Saint Walk were set up around the perimeter of St. Patrick Hall. There was a craft station set up and later a piñata was brought out.

"Stump the priest," a favorite activity every year, resulted in a few of the lesser known saints to make an appearance. Fr. Dosch and Fr. Schnakenberg didn't have a chance when Saint Melangell and Saint Joan Delanoue showed up. Saint Margaret, too, came dressed up in an outfit she doesn't typically don for saint cards. It has been suggested that our parish priests study the very popular "Once Upon a Time Saints" by Ethel Pochoki (and the sequel "More Once Upon a Time Saints") for next year's feast celebration.

Thanks again Knights of Columbus Council 11207! A good time was had by all. ♥





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