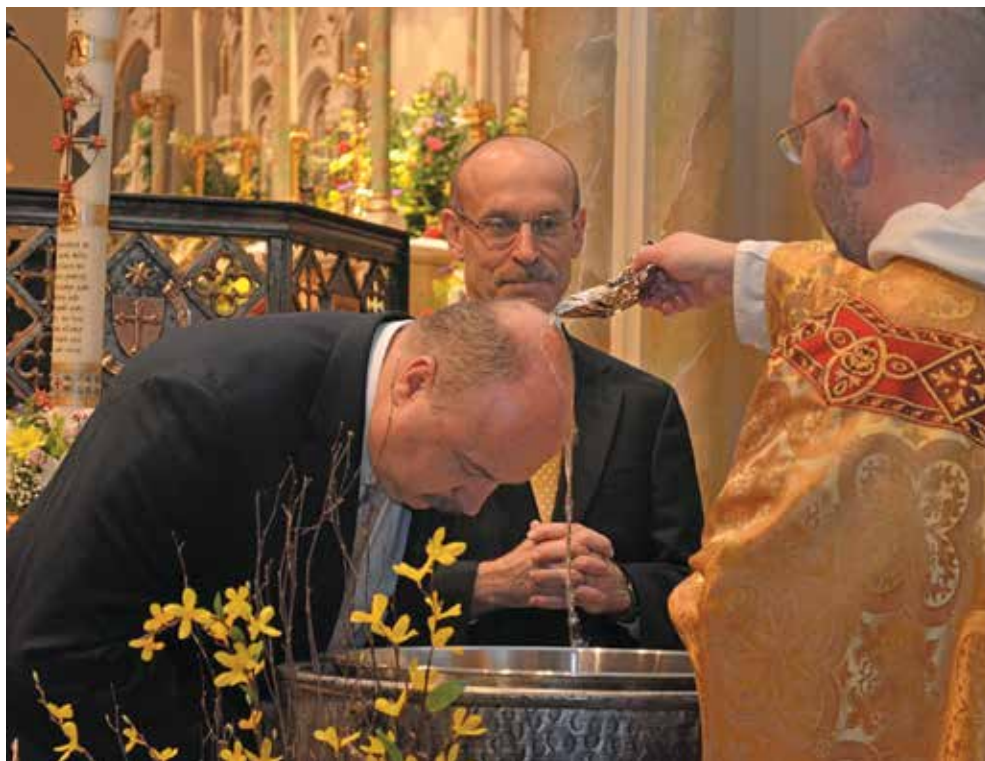


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God Has Won Me Over

by Jon Revell

To all those reading this who are currently on the fence about entering the Catholic Church, go for it! As a former member of the secular culture and former skeptic of all religion I can say God has won me over. I plea for you to keep an open mind and pray to God for faith and he will answer your prayers, He always finds a way to draw us to himself. We are truly blessed at Saint Patrick Church to have all of the RCIA classes taught by the well-versed Dominican Fathers and Brother (soon to be Father). Entering the Church has transformed me dramatically and positively influenced all aspects of my life. Going through the RCIA classes will cause you to thirst for truth and knowledge and provoke you to never stop exploring the endless depths of the faith.

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...I'm speechless. The experience was a once in an lifetime opportunity which I will remember forever. We are hoping to make the Easter Vigil service a yearly tradition so we can support other converts and those who choose to be baptized. Our new found relationships with the priests and members of St. Pat's are priceless. I finally feel whole—the Church was a piece of me that was missing and I am SO glad I was offered the opportunity to be a part of RCIA.

— Lyndale Allison

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PARISH EVENTS

- 1st & 3rd Monday**.....Marian Movement of Priests' Mass/Holy Hour
- 2nd Monday**Calix Society Meeting and Mass
- Tuesdays**.....Youth Ministry
- 1st Tuesday**.....Knights of Columbus Meeting
- 2nd Tuesday**Women's Club Meeting
- Wednesday** Choir; Martha Mary Sewing Circle; RCIA
- Thursday** 20s Group Holy Hour (7 p.m.); followed by Catecheses (8 p.m.) and Social (9 p.m.)
- Friday**.....Adoration and Benediction
- 1st Friday**.....Catholic Men's Lunch
- 3rd Friday**All Night Respect Life Vigil for Life
- 4th Friday**..... All Night Vigil for Vocations
- 1st Saturday**.....Fatima Devotions
- 3rd Saturday**.....Respect Life Rosary at abortuary followed by coffee and doughnuts at the parish.

APRIL

- 5-13 Blessed Margaret Novena
- 6 Youth Group Swing Fling Dance
- 7 5th Sunday collection for Little Margaret Charity; Families on Mission (Part 1 of 2)
- 8 Calix Society Meeting and Mass
- 9 Women's Club meeting
- 10 Children's Hour of Mercy
- 13 Confirmation Retreat
- 14 *Why Be Catholic!?!?* Presentation; Families on Mission (Part 2 of 2)
- 15 Fr. Harden Catechism Class; Gospel of St. Matthew Bible Study; Marian Movement of Priests Holy Hour
- 17 Sacrament of Confirmation
- 19 All Night Vigil for Life
- 19-21 Youth Group Men's and Women's Retreat
- 20 That Man is You (final)
- 21 Catholic War Veterans meeting
- 26 All Night Vigil for Vocations
- 27 First Communion Retreat
- 28 Baptism Class for First Time Parents

MAY

- 3 Catholic Men's Lunch
- 5 K of C Measure Up Campaign
K of C Pancake Breakfast
- 6 Marian Movement of Priests Mass
- 8 Children's Hour of Mercy
- 11 Sacrament of First Holy Communion
- 12 Mother's Day; Parish Office Closed; *Why Be Catholic!?!?* Presentation; May Crowning
- 12-20 Mother's Day Novena
- 13 Calix Society Meeting and Mass
- 17 All Night Vigil for Life
- 18 K of C Awards Dinner
- 19 Catholic War Veterans Meeting; K of C Pancake Breakfast
Why Be Catholic!?!? Presentation; LMC Toiletry Drive for St. Stephen's Community Center; Baptism Class for First Time Parents
- 20 Fr. Harden Catechism Class
- 24 All Night Vigil for Vocations
- 26 Graduate's Mass and Brunch
- 27 Memorial Day, Office Closed

JUNE

- 2 Corpus Christi Procession
- 3 Marian Movement of Priests Mass
- 7 Catholic Men's Luncheon
- 9 *Why Be Catholic!?!?* Presentation; Fraternities Bake Sale
- 10 Calix Society Meeting and Mass
- 11 Women's Club End of the Year Luncheon at TAT
- 14 All Night Vigil for Life
- 16 Father's Day; Baptism Class for First Time Parents
- 16-24 Father's Day Novena
- 17 Marian Movement of Priests Holy Hour
Fr. Harden Catechism Class
- 21 All Night Vigil for Vocations
- 23 Newly ordained Fr. Reginald Mary Lynch, O.P. First Mass at St. Patrick; Parish Picnic at Camp Mary Orton
- 30 5th Sunday collection for Little Margaret Charity

JULY

- 4 Independence Day, Office Closed
- 8 Calix Society Meeting and Mass
- 14 LMC Toiletry Drive for J.O.I.N.
- 15-19 Vacation Bible School
- 19 All Night Vigil for Life
- 21 Baptism Class for First Time Parents
- 26 All Night Vigil for Vocations

Happy Easter! Habemus Papam!

We live in exciting times. Even while life, religious liberty and the sanctity of marriage are under attack, we witness the Holy Spirit at work in a new pope while confidently celebrating the risen Lord's victory over sin and death!

It has been a vibrant past few months in the parish, with the Lenten concert, our parish mission, St. Patrick's Day, Holy Week, Easter and the flattering article in *The Catholic Times*. I very much enjoyed the comment by one of our parishioners, "I felt dizzy after reading that article about all the activities at St. Patrick's!" Indeed, there is a lot happening. May there also be an abundance of graces during this Easter season and the Year of Faith! ♥

With my prayers,

Fr. Michael Mary Dosch, O.P.
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40th Year Marching to Defend Life

By Katy Orsborn
7th grader from St. Patrick's

On January 25th, 2013, over half a million people, most carrying signs protesting abortion, marched through the streets of Washington D.C. up to the Supreme Court building. Halfway through this year's March for Life, it started to snow. Everyone was tired and cold and wanted to rest, but they kept marching. Why did they do this? Everyone, including all those who had traveled on the St. Patrick's bus (of which I was blessed to be a part, for my

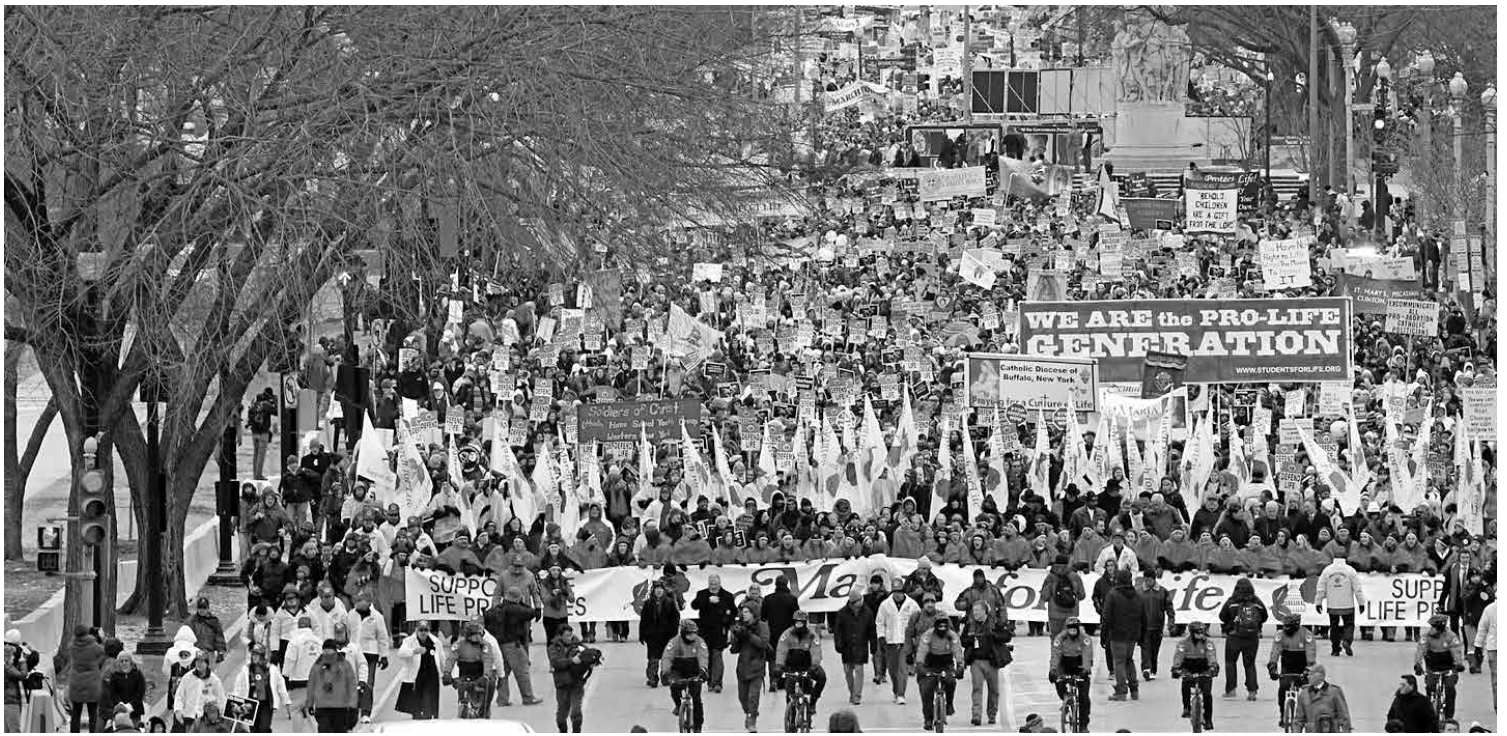
3rd year in a row) was protesting abortion and standing for the rights of the unborn human baby. There was no violence. The only sounds were those of the snow crunching underfoot and the chants of "Hey hey, ho ho, Roe v. Wade has got to go!" and "We love babies, yes we do! We love babies, how 'bout you?". The banners and signs that people carried said things such as "40 = 55M", "I survived the American holocaust", and, of course, the well-

known Dr. Seuss quote, "A person's a person, no matter how small". This was an important year for the March for Life because it was the 40th anniversary of the year when abortion was made legal. In the Bible, 40 is a significant number that symbolizes a time of wandering and testing. This is what the past 40 years have been for our country: a time of wandering in the desert of confusion over what exactly constitutes a human life and testing of the pro-life community while the war against life appears to intensify. Exodus 20:13 says, "You shall not kill". Maybe 2013, the number of this Exodus verse, is the year in which babies will be given back the unalienable right to life. That is what we were all silently praying for during this year's March for Life.

The St. Patrick's bus left for the March for Life on the 24th of January after sunset. We took a red eye bus to Washington D.C. and arrived at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception just as the sun was rising on the morning of the 25th. Upon our arrival, after cleaning up, we were just in time

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40th Year

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for a beautiful Holy Hour for Life and Morning Prayer down in the Crypt Chapel, in the undercroft of the Basilica. We also were able to attend mass; held in the undercroft. However, we were unable to attend the Basilica mass as it was already full to standing room only by the time the Holy Hour ended – how amazing to see the church literally overflowing with people praying for the end of abortion!! After mass, my friend and I lit candles in front of a beautiful statue of the Infant of Prague. We were praying for energy and perseverance to make it through the day, as we were feeling very physically exhausted at that point! We then were able to tour the Basilica's many amazingly beautiful chapels and shrines. Each little Marian chapel seemed more beautiful than the last one. Finally, we ate breakfast, which definitely gave our energy levels a much needed boost. We went to the restrooms to put on long underwear and multiple layers for warmth and then headed off to take the subway to the pre-March rally at the National Mall. We found a spot surrounded by dozens of our dear Dominican friars and sisters and listened to many amazing pro-life speakers. After that the 2013 March for Life began. It was

apparent to me that this was the largest March for Life in the three years I have attended. We moved really slowly, at times not walking for up to five minutes. It is always amazing to me to see the number of young people at the March. There were a lot of groups from different high schools, colleges and churches around the U.S. that came to stand for an end to abortion. Numbers show that the youth is the fastest growing pro-life group in our country. Today's young people are often depicted as being self-centered, shallow and materialistic. All of these young people could have been doing many things other than traveling to D.C. and walking through the freezing snow for hours – but they took time out of their life and chose to come and support human life. It gives me great hope that so many young people decided to do this year after year. These

overwhelmingly young people seem to understand the gift that human life is in a special and deep way, perhaps feeling the loss of the 33% of our generation that have been lost to abortion. If the number of young people attending the March for Life and praying for an end to abortion continues to increase, I am confident that abortion will end during my lifetime. I am so very thankful to be at a parish like St. Patrick's, so deeply committed to the cause of Human Life, and allowing me to go on trips like this will be etched in my mind forever. ♥





The newest members of the Church who entered at the Easter Vigil: Mahnaz Amini, Frederick Kaiser, Kellyene Radford, Jonathan Revell and Robert Spreng; and Lyndale Allison, Kelsey Hoover, Benjamin Kochensparger and Rachael Van Hulle who received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion.

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To all those who are Catholic, do not take your faith for granted, it something truly special that no one can ever take away from us. Hold on to it tight and make it the most important aspect of your life. Thank the Lord, our God, everyday for everything He has done for you. We are all truly part of something special, and Christ has reconciled himself to us. I thank all of you for being so welcoming to me into the parish with open arms, I finally feel at home.

It's amazing to think about how far all of us in RCIA have come and how much we have learned, but much like anything else, the more you learn the less you feel you know. I'm sure I speak for all of us when I say we still feel there is much to learn. Ever since participating in the sacraments, I feel so much closer to God now being a member of the Body of Christ. My soul yearns for God more now than ever.

Thank you for all of your prayers leading up the Easter Vigil, I can ensure you, I could feel them and it was like nothing else I have ever experienced. I will be sure to keep all of you in prayers. May God Bless you all. ♥

Respect Life Committee Sponsors Natural Family Planning (NFP) Table at 2013 Conferences

By Mary Meyers

Volunteers again supported the NFP table at the Catholic Women's and Men's Conferences in February and March 2013. Knowledgeable instructors and volunteers from multiple parishes made themselves available to answer questions, handed-out flyers, and kept this topic in the forefront.

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For more information or to get started with NFP:

Sympto-Thermal Method

call the Marriage and Family Life Office of the Columbus Catholic Diocese
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Creighton Model—St. Patrick Church

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*...it seems most important to
get this topic into Pre-Cana,
into marriage prep with
priests, etc.... to maintain
a presence there to keep it
in people's minds.*

– Mark Wolf

*This is perfect. I am
getting married and
need to learn NFP.
How do I get started?
– conference attendee*



12th Night Volunteer Appreciation Dinner at St. Patrick Church



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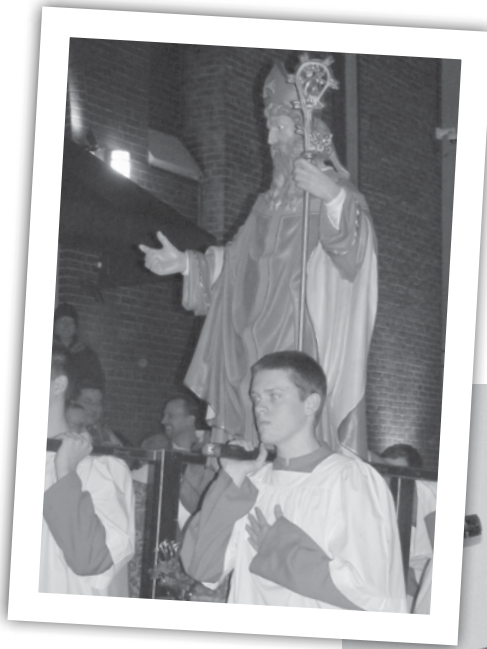
Annual St. Patrick Day Celebration

By Carol Wall

A lively St. Patrick Day Celebration was held once again this year at our parish! The evening began with a beautiful Mass honoring St. Patrick, our patron saint. Celebrant for the Mass was Very Rev. Brian Mulcahy, O.P., the Prior Provincial for the Dominican Province of St. Joseph from New York City, and also in attendance was Fr. Benedict Croell, O.P., Director of Vocations from Washington, DC, Dominican novices from St. Gertrude's Parish in Cincinnati, and Dominican sisters from St. Michael's Church in Worthington.

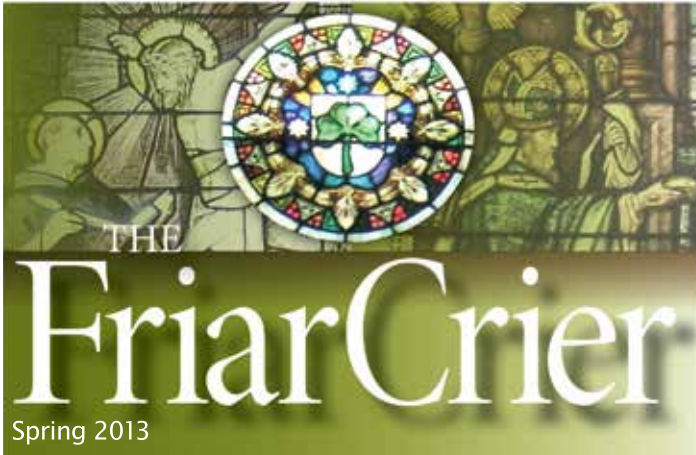
During mass, our parish choir performed Irish inspired hymns which added a lovely element of solemnity to the service. Mass concluded with a statue of St. Patrick being carried via a torch lit procession outside, while flanked by an arrangement of Irish pipes and drums.

Afterward, our church hosted a traditional Irish tea party, which included an assortment of soda bread, scones, shortbreads, and Irish beer. Music performed by an Irish band added to the festivities, while those in attendance enjoyed Irish dancing and singing! ♥



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St. Patrick Paschal Candle Imagery

By Gina Switzer

The Year of Faith ends on the Feast of Christ the King 2013. As the Paschal candle is an ancient symbol of Christ, it is fitting that this year's candle celebrates Christ as our King.

In the center of the top panel our crowned Lord raises his wounded right hand with fingers formed in an ancient priestly blessing with his fingers forming the Greek letters of Jesus Christ, ICXC. His wounded left hand holds a globe with a cross, indicating his power by the Cross as ruler of the universe. The central panel of his vestment is a pelican feeding its young from its own breast, an image most connected to St. Thomas who proclaims in the hymn "Adoro Te Devote", "O loving Pelican! O Jesus Lord! Unclean I am but cleanse me in Thy Blood; Of which a single drop, for sinners spilt, Can purge the entire world from all its guilt".

The mandorla surrounding Christ is ringed in flames and topped with three shamrocks and two Celtic knots, honoring both the Trinity and the Irish roots of our parish. The Alpha and Omega follow the same pattern of Celtic influence with a peacock (sign of eternity) and doves (sign of peace). Reminiscent of the new Eden, panels of riotous flowers and crowned shields representing the King flank each side of the mandorla.

In the center another shield contains the Dominican Cross. Instead of a crown, on the top of this shield lays the "Lamb as if slain", whose victory is noted by his banner. Finally the base of the candle, "Worthy is the Lamb..." proclaims the opening antiphon for the Mass on the Feast of Christ the King and ties together the images of the Lamb on the Cross and Christ King, ruler of all. ♥



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Brother Reginald holds the Paschal Candle before it is lit from the new fire.