

## From the Pastor's Desk

Last Tuesday evening, a group of parishioners from Saint Dominic and Saint Patrick parishes gathered to continue the dialogue about our relationship in regards to the diocesan reconfiguration process. The group's comments were frank and insightful, and the "journey" will continue at the next gathering scheduled for Thursday, February 9 at Saint Columba Hall. These discussions are not easy but necessary. We cannot let reality pass us by. Please pray for these discussions and for both parishes and all the parishes and schools involved in the process.

Saint Patrick is getting a face-lift! Our Saint Patrick statue that has been in the social hall for years, is getting an artistic face & body lift from parishioner Al Orr. Over the years, the statue has been bumped and bruised. One of Patrick's hands is mostly missing. Al has taken Pat home and will be working on him in the hopes that his return will bring him to a new spot in church. And where will be his new home??

As you know, we have moved the door of the church restroom. The entrance/exit is now located in the main foyer. The former doorway will be converted into a suitable space for Saint Patrick. It's kind of an exciting endeavor, and it will put Patrick in a nice place of honor as our parish patron.

George Spencer, George Schuler and Christine Silvestri have stepped up to be co-chairs of this year's parish golf outing. We have been blessed to have wonderful people who have planned our past four outings. I know that George, George and Christine will carry on the tradition of this fun fundraiser. Interested in helping?? Call George Spencer at 330-757-2708.

This year's BISHOP'S APPEAL campaign is gearing up. We surpassed last year's parish goal of \$31,920.00 by raising \$33,350.75. One \$7500.00 gift put us over the top and that gift came from a non-parishioner. I am very grateful for that gift and your generosity. At various diocesan meetings, some are surprised that we

have reached our goal for the past 7 years. I am quick to point out that some "friends" of the parish help us annually go over the top. I am also quick to point out that Saint Pat's has generous parishioners.

ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE??  
THE PRIMARY ELECTION IS MARCH 6.  
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REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 6.  
REGISTRATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT  
THE RECTORY.

How about this?? We now have more servers than monthly slots to put them into. What a great, great problem to have. We are working to have the schedules set up so that we stagger the servers in such a way that they serve approximately every five weeks.

ACTION national training for faith-based organizing is being held here at Villa Marie during the week of March 25. The cost is \$600.00. ACTION pays for one third, the parish pays \$250.00 and the participant is asked to pay \$150.00. Our goal is to send four parishioners. Might it be you??

**Last Saturday's Polar Plunge at Mosquito Lake was a huge success. The effort raised \$33,000.00 for Special Olympics-Ohio. As of this printing, our team raised \$4,769.00.**

**Thanks to team members**

**Pat Kerrigan  
Gina Lariccia  
Father Steve Popovich  
CJ Sassi and myself.**

This coming Thursday is CANDLEMAS DAY. We will bless candles at morning Mass. They will be available for sale next Sunday.

I can tell you that it looks pretty good that Father Kyle will be here at the end of April to switch parishes. That means I will be at his parish, Sacred Heart in Lacombe, Louisiana during the same week. Father Kyle and I talked about such a switch awhile back. The biggest sticking point was being able to deal with both parish calendars. When this "switch" is finalized, there

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

will be a need for some help while he is here. For instance, in doing hospital visits, it would probably be very helpful to have someone take him to the hospitals rather than turning him loose on our roads and highways. A small group of "emergency responders" will also be a big help. As the time for the "switch" gets closer, I'll have more details. This switch will continue the relationship between our two parishes and Father Kyle.

Working on your last will and testament this month?? Have you remembered your parish?? A moment of thoughtfulness now will benefit the parish for years to come. Thanks for thinking of us!

**Reporting Child Abuse in the Diocese of Youngstown and the State of Ohio**

The Diocese of Youngstown *Child Protection Policy* states: Persons who feel that they have been a victim of child abuse by a priest, deacon, seminarian, religious, diocesan employee or volunteer, and persons who have reason to suspect that someone they know has been a victim, shall bring the allegation to civil authorities and diocesan officials.

To assist in the reporting process, the Chancery Office has created a booklet with information about who needs to report, how to report, phone numbers and references.

Each parish has received a quantity of the reporting booklet. You are encouraged to take a copy and keep for your reference. The booklet may be found in the sacristy.

If you have any questions on reporting procedures, please contact Nancy Yuhasz at the Chancery Office, 330-744-8451.

**The First Friday Club will be held Thursday, February 2 at 11:30am at Antone's Banquet Centre.** The topic this month will be *The Church and Young Adults* with a panel of young adults from the Diocese of Youngstown. Call the rectory to reserve your seat!

**2011 Contribution Statements:** Please call Debbie at 330-743-1109 for a copy of your 2011 parish contributions.

**Mass Schedule**

Sunday, January 29 / *4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

10:00am Ted Soroka

5:30pm Leo Arnaut

Monday, January 30

8:30am Miraculous Medal

Tuesday, January 31 / *St. John Bosco*

8:30am William Bowden

Wednesday, February 1

8:30am Word & Communion Service

- Mary Lou Eicher

Thursday, February 2 / *Presentation of the Lord*

8:30am Margaret Simon

Friday, February 3 / *St. Blaise; St. Ansgar*

8:30am Tom Hartwig

Saturday, February 4

Sunday, February 5 / *5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

10:00am Ralph Colla

5:30pm Aaron Running Hawk

**NEXT SUNDAY ...**

	<u>10:00am Mass</u>	<u>5:30pm Mass</u>
Readers:	Sam Eddy Karen McGivern Chuck Holden	Jere Blaylock Loretta Stock Carrie DeMarco
Distributors:	Ed Kocur	Carrie States
Altar	Marilyn Kocur Chris Heasley Joan Boyd Patti Burke Debbie Sharp	Courtney Schuller Cheryl Schuller
Sacristan:	Stella Spikell	Tony Lape
Servers:	Michael Syphard Janis Syphard Jeff Syphard	Stephen Bigley Gary Workman Halie Bigley
Greeters:	Martha Tyrrell Irene John	Cathy Bender Kathy Costello
Ushers:	John Sepulveda Catherine Goins Rick Mosco David Dilla	Bill Petrunak Jack Kelly

Collection –	
Regular (121 envelopes)	\$5,328.50
Electronic Giving (7 envelopes)	750.00
Weekly Budget Amount	7,375.00
Difference	- 1,296.50
Visitor	319.00
Novena	27.00
Children (9 envelopes)	9.00

AT MASS

10:00am                      252                      5:30pm                      87

**The Sanctuary Candle burns January 28 thru February 3 for Margie Kettler from Ed & Mary Lou Palguta.**