



The Breastplate

The Newsletter of St. Patrick's Episcopal Church

From the Rector's Desk

Dear Friends in Christ:

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Being on sabbatical two Sundays gave me opportunity to see new things. On Sunday, January 8, I attended Scioto Ridge United Methodist Church and got to see how a mainline denomination mixes modern music and media with worship: fascinating. The media clearly served the purposes of worship. The church used media as a tool to help get the message across. It impressed me. Then, January 15, I attended evening worship at Jacob's Porch, the Lutheran ministry on Ohio State's campus. Over 100 young people crammed into a space filled with couches and comfortable chairs. Media and modern music were used extensively. There was a meal. And students led the worship, preaching and teaching. It felt electric and full of the Spirit.

In addition, I saw what happens outside Sunday Worship. I left the early service at Scioto Ridge and went to the grocery store at 10:30 am. It was packed. And almost no one looked as if they had just come from church. I asked a clerk if it was always this crowded on Sunday mornings. She responded, "No, it's usually worse."

Because I attended evening service on the 15th, Jan and I went out to breakfast that morning. There was a line and a long wait. Again no one looked as if they had just attended Church.

We need to remember that the vast majority of the US population does not attend Church. Even if we do have something to say and use incredibly slick media presentations to say it, most Sundays we are "preaching to the choir." Our message needs to move beyond our church doors, by our mission to those in need, by living our faith in our lives, and by being willing to share our faith with others. Tell people that God's love has made a difference in your life. Invite them to Church. Given what I saw those two Sundays, odds are that most anyone you would invite to Church probably isn't already going. The mission field is right outside our front door.

Faithfully:

The Rev. Stephen Smith



Lenten School – Annual Deanery Event at St. Mark's This Year

Another opportunity to feed your soul in Lent is to take a class at the Deanery Lenten School. St. Mark's in Upper Arlington is the host this year. We'll meet during March on Tuesdays from 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Worship begins at 6:30 pm and classes begin at 7:15 pm. Childcare can be made available. Classes are being taught by clergy and lay leaders in the deanery, and range in topic from the theology of light to making and using prayer beads. Registration forms will be available in the narthex, or contact Cricket, who is once again serving as the Lenten School registrar. Cost is \$10.

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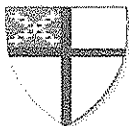
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From the Hearth – Cricket's Column

February – the shortest and longest month. It's short in days – 29 this year, but still, the month with the least days. It's long because there's not the same rush rush rush associated with Valentines Day or President's Day, unless you work in retail. We have another long Epiphany season, so we don't even rush into Lent. February is long because we're in the dead of winter and Columbus skies are more gray than blue. Our everyday tasks have the tendency to become tedious.

We can overcome the bluesy nature of this time of year by seeing all of our work, even the most menial, as opportunities for sacredness. Anne Wilson Schaef says, "We know, somewhere deep inside us, that even if *what* we are doing doesn't exactly have a great cosmic meaning, the way we go about it and the interactions we have with others around our work can give it meaning beyond itself." Go forth into the world, free to take advantage of sacred possibilities.

Parish Life Coordinator Update

When my husband Bill and I, along with our children, first started attending St. Patrick's over 21 years ago we had worship services, coffee hour, Christmas Pageants, VBS, Shrove Tuesday Pancake Suppers and other parish fellowship events in the Parish Hall. We all were very good at stacking chairs, moving tables, stacking prayer and hymnal books and even moving a piano and organ. It was all part of being in community with others. Then we built on a narthex and sanctuary and the parish hall became the center of just our fellowship events.

We are still good at moving chairs and setting up and taking down tables for events in the Parish Hall, and over the next couple of months we will be doing quite a bit of that. Annual Meeting Brunch, Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, two Fish Fry's, Maundy Thursday, and the Easter Vigil are scheduled. To help with the acoustics of the room, and to make it look a little more inviting, I would like to form a small committee to research, make/purchase and install some curtains on the windows. Years ago we had curtains but they went by the way side. It is time to bring them back.

Are you interested in helping with this project? Please contact me by Feb. 12, (Annual Meeting) and we will get started on this project. Thanks in advance.

~Julie Righter – j-righter@att.net

Vestry Vibes

Happy New Year! Our first Vestry meeting of 2012 was a very important one as it was time to approve an operating budget for this calendar year. It was also an opportunity to review the final numbers of 2011. We continue to be most grateful for your generosity.

Certainly the persistent, challenging economy continues to be a concern for us all. Though the number of new members pledging is remarkable, we are also experiencing a significant volume of members who have elected not to make a specific pledge for this year. We are grateful for these members as well and will pray for them and the particular challenges they face in 2012.

Vestry will be finalizing a budget, despite the uncertainty that the new year brings. You will be able to learn more about our decisions at our Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 12th.

St. Patrick's, as a joyful community of faith, is weathering the economic and secular storms that swirl around us. The fellowship and caring exhibited by our congregation to one another and to those we serve in the broader community is evidence of the Holy Spirit working through us. We must look with excitement and trust in God's grace to make 2012 a most wonderful year for us all.

~Tom Jones, Senior Warden

The Curious Curate - Suzanne's Column

I must admit, I am in the post-Christmas doldrums as I write this. Christmas is past, the days are short and the nights long, the Columbus winters dreary and gloomy. After I get home in the early evening, as I make my dinner, it is not long before the grey sky turns to the blackness of night. I wish often that we would have more sunny days and at least some smattering of snow to brighten up the colorless landscape. Sometimes I wonder if we really still aren't made for hibernation, meant to spend the winter snuggled deep under the covers with a good book and long naps. I've often thought that a good snow storm is God's way of saying, slow down, stay home, rest and rejuvenate. Our culture does not see the weather and the seasons in quite this way, as glorious manifestations of God's cycles of death and life, rest and vibrancy, fallowness and regeneration. Instead we must often struggle with finding the space and time for quiet, stillness and rest. In fact, as much as I say I want and need such space I sometimes turn my back on it when given an opportunity to take it. Silence and stillness can be pregnant with voices, voices of grief and regret, comfort and healing, call and expectation. But most startling for me is that silence and stillness is the very place I am most likely to hear God's voice speaking to the griefs, fears, and joys of my heart. It is in the stillness that I can hear just what it is that God has in store for me. Here I am reminded of one of my favorite prayers from *The Book of Common Prayer*,

O God of peace, who has taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and in confidence shall be our strength: By the might of your Spirit lift us, we pray, to your presence, where we may be still and know that you are God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (BCP, 832)

God is with us always, in the post Christmas doldrums, the dreary and gloomy weather, and the darkness of the night, as surely as God is with us on the day of resurrection, the sun kissed new growth of spring, and brightness of the day. Be still and know.

Liturgical Police Report – Lent 2012

You, therefore, in the name of the Church, are invited to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word.

Ash Wednesday Services: 7 am, Noon, and 7 pm

Each service on Ash Wednesday will be Holy Eucharist with the imposition of ashes to those who desire them.

The Sunday liturgies will take a more somber tone during this penitential season. We will say/sing the Great Litany on the first Sunday of Lent (February 26th). The liturgy at 8:00 am will be Rite I, Prayer 1; at 9:30 am we will use Rite II, Prayer A; and at 5:30 pm, Rite III as inspired by the Episcopal Church of Scotland's Book of Common Prayer. Why Scotland? The first American prayer book used the Scottish liturgy at the request of the bishops who consecrated Samuel Seabury as the first Bishop of the Episcopal Church in the United States. Rite I, Prayer 1 is derived from that liturgy. Our liturgical choices for the morning and afternoon services pay tribute to our Scottish brothers and sisters who made possible the continuance of the church here in America.

The next worship committee meeting is scheduled for February 4th at 10 am.

Annual Meeting Sunday Feb. 12

10:45 Brunch in the Parish Hall

Please bring a dish to share.

Ideas include
Breakfast Casseroles
Fruits/Salads,
Finger Sandwiches,
Desserts, Breads,
& Kid-Friendly Foods.

Please refrain from using any peanut products

11:45 Business Meeting in the Sanctuary

Activities will be provided for the children during the meeting.

Diocesan Mission Statement

The following mission statement was developed by Bishop Breidenthal and his senior staff to reflect the Diocesan theme of Common Ministry:

As Episcopalians in the Diocese of Southern Ohio, we commit ourselves to

- Know the common story
- Proclaim our common faith
- Pray our common prayer
- Drink the common cup
- Serve the common good

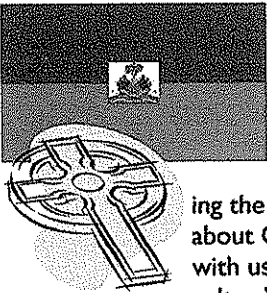
in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

This is our common ministry.



Children's Sunday School News for February

Loving Our Neighbors in Haiti
January 29th, February 5th and 19th



During the "Loving Our Neighbors in Haiti" workshop cycle we will use Scripture, including the 23rd Psalm, to talk about God's presence with us in times of difficulty. We will learn

about our neighbors in Haiti and their customs, taking an imaginary boat ride and a virtual web field trip to Haiti, learning and singing songs in Creole, and baking cookies in the kitchen; and then we will learn about supporting the Haitians in their rebuilding efforts. The people in Haiti are more than our neighbors, approximately ninety thousand of them are our Episcopalians sisters and brothers in Christ, and the Diocese of Haiti is the largest diocese of The Episcopal Church. This cycle is a way for our children to come to understand and appreciate the diversity and needs of our broader church community.

Reminder: No Sunday School on February 12th; Annual Meeting, with a Pot-Luck Meal following the 9:30 service; children's activities provided.

The Mystery of Easter Beginning February 26th

The Mystery of Easter workshop cycle will focus on three Stations of the Cross, "Jesus falls down," "Jesus carries his cross," and "Jesus is helped by his friends." Biblical references will come from Luke 23 and John 19. More about this cycle, which continues into March, in the next Breastplate.

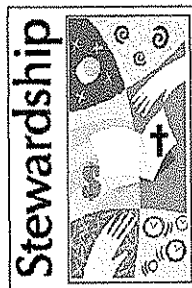


Rebecca's Place

In 2011, for the Rebecca's Place Homeless Women's Shelter, our ministry decided to change up our annual Christmas gifts for the women. Usually, we purchase needed items for the individual women who are at the shelter during the Christmas holiday. However, this year we toured the apartments at the shelter in October and felt our money might be better served in another way. When we viewed the apartments, we noticed that the main living areas did not have any lights. There was an overhead light in each of the bedrooms but no lighting in any of the common areas. Also, all of the carpet had been ripped up in the apartments leaving either bare concrete or pretty beat up hardwood floors. Our committee decided that this year we would ask the congregation for donations so that we could help make the apartments a bit more comfortable this winter. We were once again overwhelmed by the generosity of the parish and received donations totaling \$2,076! Thanks to the savvy shopping of Julie Myers and Ann Buhr and further investigation of the apartments by Ann Buhr and Jeannine Lesperance, we were able to purchase 8x10 rugs for each apartment for the main living area, a 4x6 rug for each bedroom and a wall sconce lamp for each living room. We still have around \$800 left from our donations!

A huge thanks to Vince Valentino, Ann Buhr, Rondi Purcell, Tracy Cooper-Tuckman, Beth Landers, Jennifer King, Peter O'Neill, Fritz Monroe, Greg Bell, Tom Carney, Butch Hunyadi, and Jeff Beuter who went down to the shelter on January 7th and installed the carpets and lights! While we were there, the men noticed that several smoke detectors were missing or inoperable, and the shelter has also asked for blinds and possibly a new refrigerator, so we will need to decide how to best spend the rest of the money we have left. Thank you to all who donated to this cause and know that we definitely made a difference in the lives of the women who are spending the winter at the shelter and hopefully many women who will have to use the shelter in the future as well!

~ Amy O'Neill



Stewardship is...

This month I asked Dwight King to answer three questions about stewardship. Thank you Dwight for sharing your wisdom with us.

What is stewardship to you?

Stewardship is taking the responsibility to care and nurture for that which can not prosper without help. In other words, I want to see that which I care about is properly tended.

What do you believe based on what stewardship is to you?

I know that I own the expectation of ensuring the success of that for which I am responsible. I believe I am not alone in acknowledging the ownership for the wellness for that which we hold dear. I believe that like minded people will collaborate to see successful nurturing takes place. I believe that God will provide the guidance to do what is right.

What do you do as a result of that belief?

I take personal the duty of stewardship. I act and solicit others to act for the goodness of the whole body. I don't quit.

Thanks again for sharing your thoughts on stewardship, Dwight, and for joining the Stewardship Commission. May God bless all our efforts.

~Amy Collins

Adult Formation – February and the beginning of Lent

Adult formation classes in February follow two themes and have a one-week 'vacation' so that we can gather for the annual meeting on the 12th.

On February 5th and February 19th, join the rector in a discussion of the liturgies of initiation and incorporation. We'll contemplate the questions "Are you serious about your faith?" "Are you one of us?" and "Does church matter?"

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd. The first two Sundays in Lent (February 26th and March 4th) center on the theme of "Your End Times." We'll discuss the theology of death and what we can do to prepare ourselves and our loved ones for what eventually comes to us all.

Newcomer Classes Begin February 5th. Joining the Episcopal Church from another faith tradition, or new to church completely? Attend Newcomer classes and get the scoop on our history, our governance, our Prayer Book, and our Joyful Community. These classes will prepare you for confirmation or reception when Bishop Breidenthal visits us in March. The class meets after the 9:30 service in the Education Room for four weeks (Feb 5, 19, 26 and March 4).

This Month in Episcopal History – February 5, 1631 Roger Williams and the Separation of Church and State

The separation of church and state is a basic principle of our country. However, this principle has not always been followed on these shores. There was a time in America when church leaders, through the police and courts, told citizens, among other things, what they could wear, what church they must attend, the words they were allowed to speak, and what were to be their activities each Sunday.

On February 5, 1631, English theologian Roger Williams landed in Boston with his wife. He had left England in search of religious freedom. He believed that soul liberty and freedom of conscience were gifts from God to each person and that everyone had the natural right to relate to God in the manner he or she sees fit.

When Williams arrived in America, he found the same system of church domination of public affairs as he'd seen in England. He spoke out forcefully against such a system proclaiming that a person's connection with his government should be separated from his or her connection with God. His views were vigorously opposed in the Massachusetts colony. His views caused such a public outcry that he was threatened with imprisonment if he kept publicly stating them. Williams fled the Massachusetts colony and eventually settled with a few followers in what became the Rhode Island colony. His views prevailed there and he became governor of the colony. It was in Rhode Island that the separation of church and state first became public policy in America. It was from the example of religious freedom that Roger Williams and his followers set in Rhode Island, that the principle of the separation of church and state flourished in America, and eventually was embedded in our system of government and society in the First Amendment to our Constitution in 1787. Roger Williams is remembered each February 5 on the Calendar of the Church Year according to the Episcopal Church.

~Jim Westman

Ash Wednesday Reflection Hours

10:30-11:30am and 5:30-6:30pm,
Parish Library

"Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return."

On Ash Wednesday our liturgy of the Word is in essence a liturgy of confession and penance with imagery from Scriptures, Psalms, and Prayers that remind us of our failures before God. We of course don't like to look at or admit our failures. I think maybe that is a cultural thing, we are often encouraged to put our failures behind us and move on. One of the things I love about the Episcopal Church, having grown up on a good dose of guilt, is that we don't beat ourselves over the head with our failures. But the truth is we cannot ignore our failures either. Twelve Step recovery makes that clear; the Fourth Step, "making a searching and fearless moral inventory" is an important step in moving towards wholeness. Our Episcopal liturgies and faith also make clear the necessity of such an inventory, especially in the Litany of Penitence during the Ash Wednesday service (BCP, 267-69). What we know when we take such an inventory is that we have nothing to fear, God's forgiveness is already at hand, proclaimed to us by the priest and affirmed in our participation in the Eucharist. In Step Three, Twelve Steppers turn their wills and lives "over to the care of God," before they begin their inventories. We too as Christians have already turned our lives over to the care of God before we make our confessions. With the knowledge of such grace and love our confessions become catalysts for making amends and changing our ways, catalysts for our own healing, the healing of our relationships with others and with God. God wants nothing more for us than our wholeness, and confession and penitence have always been part and parcel of the road to such wholeness. And so, on Ash Wednesday, February 22, from 10:30-11:30 AM and 5:30-6:30 PM, prior to the Ash Wednesday Liturgies at noon and 7:00 PM, I invite you, as part of beginning the making of a Holy Lent, to join in an hour of guided reflection on confession and penitence.

~ Suzanne+

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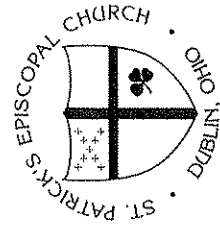
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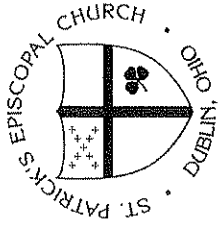
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ST. PATRICK'S PARISH CALENDAR



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Meet your Vestry Candidates

Candidates were asked to provide a short biography, with a focus on their spiritual journey, and respond to the following questions: 1. Why (or how) do you feel called to serve on St. Patrick's Vestry? 2. What gifts do you bring to the Vestry? 3. What is your vision of what St. Patrick's would be in ten years? Here are their responses:



Julie Myers

I was very surprised to get the call from Mike Kennedy asking me to consider putting my name on the slate for Vestry. After asking for some time for reflection and prayer, I decided that I would say "yes." Having served on St. Patrick's Vestry before, as well as having served in other parishes, I know what an awesome (excuse me for using that overworked word!) experience it is. I enjoy knowing the challenges, joys and disappointments, and shared expectations that face us as a family of God. I would look forward to sharing in that experience again.

I bring experience in various aspects of parish life: e.g. Altar Guild, Lay Eucharistic Visiting, Choir, EFM, Heavenly Helping Hands. I think of myself as a listener, as one able to appreciate both sides of an issue, and therefore perhaps as a facilitator in bringing two viewpoints to a consensus.

It is a little daunting to think about in that I will be 81 in 10 years..but here goes: I would like to see expanded facilities for clergy offices and other administrative needs; an elevator into an expanded basement space; a day care program for the elderly and expanded kitchen to accommodate that program. High-tech amenities for both sight and hearing impaired at worship services; a tracking system for those who wander away from our church family; being part of development of an Episcopal Retirement Home in Franklin County;...do you see a theme here?!; a "real" organ...pipes and all; small things like complete sets of communion vessels that match; pew racks to accommodate envelopes and newcomer info & pens; Vestry and parish education on the need for continuing maintenance of our physical plant.



Becci Bell

St. Patrick's has been my home for over ten years now. The sense of community I have found here is unmatched. This church has given me so much support that I feel it is my time to give it back. Even though I consider myself an active member of this church community, I feel like I can do more. Serving on the vestry would give me that chance to help my community grow and flourish, just as it has done for me.

In my experience with VBS, the Christmas Pageant, and the (hopefully annual) Talent Show, I have gained great organizational skills. It takes a lot of work to get these events up and running; much more work than I could handle on my own. Collaboration is the key to success and I have been very blessed to work with dedicated and competent people. I believe the greatest skill I would bring to the vestry is my ability and willingness to work with others toward a common goal. No one can take on big projects alone. Teamwork is what makes an idea a reality.

In ten years I would love to see all of St. Patrick's youth involved in the church in some way. Whether it be in the annual Christmas Pageant, kids choir, youth group mission trips, etc., being involved is what allows this community to stay strong. I would love to see the creation of a middle and high school music program, be it vocal or a small chimes/bell choir. I believe the youth program does a wonderful job, but they seem to be off on their own branch of the church. I would love to see the older youth participate in other events outside of youth group. Our church is very young and still growing. I know St. Pat's will continue to serve our younger generations and grow in our ability to do so.



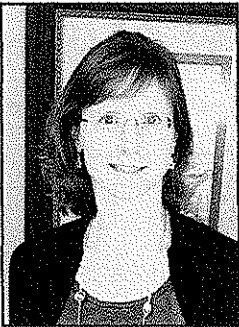
John Montgomery

Service to God and the church steers my life. The desire to be in His service, coupled with certain skills and abilities in personnel, finance, and management, cause me to believe that I can assist the membership and clergy of St. Patrick's in this way.

At my former church home (St. Paul's in Greenville, Darke County) I served as a vestry member, Senior Warden, Stewardship chairman, media liaison and photographer, choir member, outreach coordinator, chair of various committees and membership on others, newsletter writer and editor, and convention delegate. I have attended various diocesan and national church conferences. I served as a Lay Eucharistic Minister, Eucharistic Visitor, Reader, Kairos volunteer, and I conducted Morning Prayer and delivered homilies when the priest was not available. In smaller congregations, there

are many jobs to do! Together, these very rich experiences help me to provide the Vestry with a very well-rounded, knowledgeable, seasoned and capable candidate.

Dynamic, diverse, welcoming, growing. Spawning the birth of new Episcopal congregations in the area. Looking after our own, but reaching out and being a ministerial presence in those places where Christ demands that we be; places where too many of us don't necessarily want to go. A journey of faith for sure, but a church like St. Patrick's can help make so many good things happen as we spread the Word.



Margaret Robinson

The call to serve on the Vestry at St. Patrick's follows several years of my service as a ministry leader. During my many years of working with the Sunday School ministry, I have made valuable connections with many of you here at St. Patrick's and my life has been enriched by these new friends. Recently, I was given the opportunity to co-chair the Fall Pledge Drive campaign, from which I benefited more than I gave. Working with Mike Kennedy, the stewardship committee, and our wonderful cadre of facilitators increased my desire to want to serve our church and to keep the momentum going through all the wonderful ministries here. As a vestry member, I strive to meaningfully contribute to the important work we do here for our members as well as for the community at large. One goal of mine is to attract more families by providing flexible educational programs that fit into the busy lives of our families. I look forward to ways I will grow in my own faith as I learn more about the love of God while working with the talented men and women of St. Patrick's.

The gifts I bring to the Vestry are my knowledge of the children's ministries as a parent and a volunteer, my common sense approach to handling issues, and the connections I have made with so many of you here. I also bring both a business background as a former systems analyst and project manager, and an education background as a licensed elementary school teacher. My love of music and joy in the music ministries here are also assets I bring to the vestry as we continue to celebrate God through music. My Stephen Minister training at St. Patrick's brought me to a closer understanding of how to be a caring Christian in every day life. It has been valuable in my relationships with friends and family and I think would be an asset as a vestry member as well.

In ten years time, I see St. Patrick's providing an increased level of outreach programs within Dublin and surrounding communities. The church building will have a new addition providing more meeting rooms and storage space for the many programs at St. Patrick's. The playground area will be updated with new equipment, and be more accessible for children and their families to enjoy. The basement rooms are updated with paint, furnishings, and artwork appropriate to the use of these rooms. I continue to see St. Patrick's as a vibrant, active member of the community, and our congregation making meaningful contributions while improving the lives of others.



Rose Chumita

I have been attending St. Patrick's for about 6 years with my husband, Tom, and my three children Justin, LeeAnn and Tyler. I have been involved with a variety of ministries including Rebecca's Place, Sunday School, Heavenly Helping Hands, and I am in year three of EFM. I have met a lot of people through these ministries and I have enjoyed calling St. Patrick's "my church." I believe that the church extends well beyond the walls of the building of St. Patrick's and I have seen this firsthand in all of the ministry work being done by the people within and through this church family. I believe this church truly represents a group of people who want to give back and make this community as well as surrounding areas a much better place for all.

As a registered nurse working at The OSU Ross Heart Hospital in the outpatient cardiology clinic area, and as a resident of Hilliard, I am blessed to work and live in such a diverse area within our city. I feel that I can bring to vestry the voice of the "average" family juggling work while raising children, participating in extracurricular school/community activities, maintaining relationships with family & friends while trying to maintain a sense of spirituality in the midst of all of this. I enjoy working with people in groups and I always learn so much from other people's perspectives on matters.

I see St. Patrick's church continuing to grow in ministry work within the building as well as beyond the walls of the building. I have enjoyed the contemporary additions of the Sunday 5:30 service as well as the annual Irish festival "U2charist" and I see St. Patrick's continued growth as it reaches out to people in the community in the non-conventional ways.

Convention Delegates

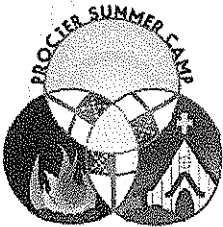
From right to left, Bev Pugh, Spencer Pugh, Bruce Mansfield and Deb Parker.



Talent Night

You're invited to a night of talent. The 2nd Annual St. Patrick's *Talent Night* benefits Lissa Barker's annual mission to Honduras. She and a group of nursing students travel to Honduras to give medical care to those in need. St. Patrick's has always assisted Lissa through donations of funds and supplies; this is your opportunity to do so and have a little fun as well! *Talent Night* opens **Saturday March 3, 2011 at 7:00pm** in the Parish Hall. Refreshments of coffee and dessert will be served during intermission. There is no ticket purchase required, but donations are welcomed and appreciated. Those of you who wish to perform in the show or bring a dessert to share need only sign up in the Parish Hall or email Becci Bell at rebecca.bell@otterbein.edu. Come and join us for a night of singing, dancing, laughter and fun and help support a great cause.

Opportunities for the Whole Family at Procter!



There are wonderful opportunities for fun, education, spiritual growth and community at Procter Camp and Conference Center this summer. Those who have been to Procter

know what a truly beautiful and spiritual place it is. For those who haven't had the opportunity to visit Procter, this summer would be a great time for the kids and/or the whole family to experience this magical place.

The summer camping schedule provides something for all ages and interests:

June 15-17	Family 1 - All Ages
June 19-22	Outdoor - Grades 6-12
June 24-30	Senior Hi - Grades 10-12
July 2-6	Boys and Girls - Grades 4 & 5
July 6-8	Family 2 - All Ages
July 9-14	Creative Arts - Grades 6-12
July 16-21	Intermediate - Grades 8 & 9
July 23-28	Junior - Grades 6 & 7
August 1-4	Family 3 - All Ages

For more information, contact the Church office or visit Procter's website: <http://www.procter.diosohio.org/>, and click on "Summer Camp."

Tuesday February 21

St. Patrick's Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper.

To benefit Habitat for Humanity

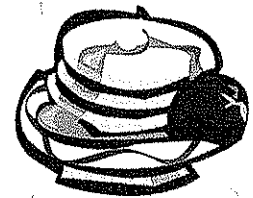
Come watch the men of the parish wear stupid hats, cook and serve supper! Plenty of food and great fun for all.

Setup Time: 4:00pm
Dinner Time: 6:00-8:30pm

This Year's Menu Items Include



Pancakes,
Waffles,
Scrambled Eggs
Omelets (all types)
Sausage,
Cheese Grits,
Cajun Surprise,
Fruit,
Assorted Beverages



**Celebrating Birthdays
February 2011**

- 1st Lauri Sullivan
- 2nd Bob Dunn
Patrick Dunn
Vic Miller
Amy O'Neill
- 3rd Sammy Nadalin
Margie White
Erin Zelinski
- 4th Joyce Edwards
Olivia Fisher
Ruth O'Farrell
Thom Rauenswinder
Colin Rinaldi
- 5th Kathy Graff
Ginny Miller
Sabrina Seagrave
- 6th Cheryl Estep
Dan Hull
Joe Jester
Brooks Longley
Claire McCarthy
Joyce Rozon
- 7th Kate Thomas
- 8th Emily Bunt
- 9th Will Meador
- 10th Scarlett Davidsen
Karen Meador
Madeline Miller
- 11th Richard Alkire
- 12th Matt Sladoje
Marilyn Strasser
- 13th Tannis Alkire
Jim Estep
Joe Leach
- 14th Dave Kendall-Sperry
- 15th Roy Barker
Tobin Brown
- 16th Tom Doan
David Freas
Ron Gleason
Ann Semans
- 18th Dan Pierce
- 20th Kaydence Rasberry
- 23rd Frank Tuttle



- 25th Jessica Adair
John Gagne
Wes Parker
Mary Pierson
- 26th Peggy Murfitt
Mark Nadalin
Teddy Shannon
- 27th Jennifer King
- 29th Robyn McIntire

**Congratulations on
Your Anniversaries
February 2011**



- 22nd Thom & Wendy
Rauenswinder
- 25th Chris & Jo Parsons
- 29th Gale & Janet Hagerty

St. Patrick's Youth Mission

Provide a safe, fun place for youth to explore, share and deepen their relationship with the Trinity.

February	5	SUPER BOWL SUNDAY - No Class
	12	Regular Sunday
	19	Regular Sunday
	26	Regular Sunday

All evening sessions begin with dinner at 6:15. We open with music, skit or icebreaker with entire group and then subdivide for lessons.

Youth Grades 6th-12th - Class Descriptions

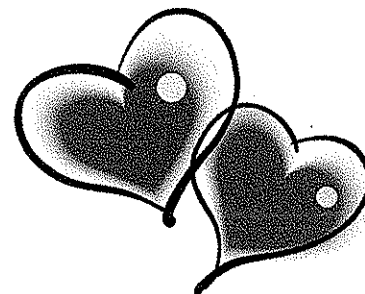
- Rite 13 (Grades 6 & 7) - Meets weekly each Sunday evening.
- J2A (Grades 8 & 9) - Meets weekly each Sunday evening.
- YAC (Grades 10, 11 & 12) - Includes Confirmation Class. Meets weekly each Sunday evening.

IN MEMORIAM

Elsie May Price



May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed by the mercy and grace of God rest in peace.





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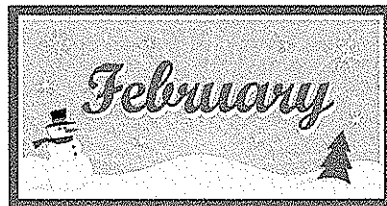
Vestry Candidates

Annual Meeting

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Ash Wednesday

Education Opportunities



*"The mission of the Episcopal Church is to
restore all people to unity with God
and each other in Christ.*

*"Through the ministry of all the people
at St. Patrick's, we pray and worship,
proclaim the Gospel, and
promote justice, peace, and love.*

*"In all we are and all we do,
wherever we are, we represent*

Christ and His Church."

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