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May 2011—A Month of Blessings!



St. Patrick parish was buzzing with activity during the month of May. Gavin Pivont received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on May 1st. Gavin also placed the May Crown on the statue of Our Blessed Mother following the Eucharistic Celebration. The morning concluded with a beautiful reception in the parish hall to honor Gavin.

Divine Mercy Sunday was also observed on May 1st, with a special time for prayer, Adoration and devotion during the afternoon.

The following weekend greeted us with yet another beautiful celebration in the parish hall in honor of the ladies on Mother's Day. All women of the parish received a pink carnation and a fantastic breakfast, compliments of the St. Patrick Friars.

Bishop Bransfield visited our parish on May 15th to adminis-

ter the Sacrament of Confirmation. The date was also the 40th Anniversary of Bishop Bransfield's ordination into priesthood. Once again, the parish met in the parish hall following the beautiful Eucharistic Celebration for a reception to honor the confirmandi. Our bishop was also surprised with a special cake from the parish to celebrate his anniversary.

Congratulations to Gavin Pivont on her First Holy Communion and to Robelle Dalida, Pearl Knott, Katie Peplowski, Avery Pivont and Evan Pivont, who received the Sacrament of Confirmation. These children are the future of our parish. We extend our appreciation to the wonderful C.C.D. teachers who prepared our children to receive these blessed sacraments.

The graduates of St. Patrick were recognized with an after Mass breakfast on May 22. The Women of St. Patrick and the



Friars worked together preparing the celebration. Special recognition was given to the St. Patrick members of the Summers County High School Lady Bobcats, who won their 5th straight AA basketball championship this year. We are so very proud of you girls! Congratulations Hallie Gunnoe, Hannah Gunnoe and Keri Hudson.

HUGS FOR OUR HOME-BOUND

- Waja Cobb
- Faye Gwinn
- Virginia Gwinn
- Margaret O'Farrell
- Sarah Smith
- Alice Ward

Please keep these wonderful ladies in your daily thoughts and prayers. Though they are unable to be with us during our Eucharistic Celebrations, they are still with us in our hearts. Call them or send a note to them to let them know how blessed we are to have them in our parish family.

Pastoral Council News

The first "open" pastoral council meeting took place in late March and had a positive outcome. Council members met with five non-members to discuss future plans for the parish. Immediate plans focused on

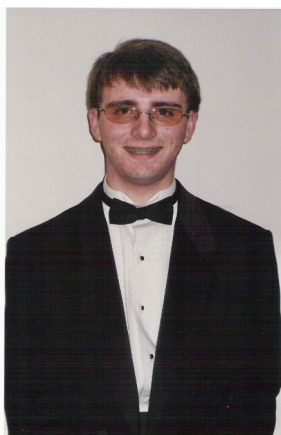


upcoming events for Holy Week, including decorating the church for Easter, First Communion, May Crowning, Divine Mercy Sunday and Confirmation. Future plans involved a parish sports/graduation banquet to honor "our girls" on the

SCHS Girls Basketball team, the upcoming parish rummage sale and opportunities for spiritual enrichment.

Friars of St. Patrick present at the meeting agreed to host the Mother's Day brunch and to undertake the hot dog sale dur-

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Kyle Lively, former parishioner and St. Patrick organist, recently presented a Lenten classical musical recital for St. Patrick and the Hinton community. Kyle plans to offer future concerts in our area. Check upcoming bulletins for details.



Friars Club News

It was an honor for the Friars to honor Mothers. The Friars Club did the shopping, cooking, and even the cleanup after for the Annual Mother's Day breakfast. It was their honor again to host at the Church Hall May 8 following Sunday Mass; a splendid spread was enjoyed by some 70 parishioners.

This was followed two weeks later with some of the

Friars helping the Women of St. Patrick with the after-Mass breakfast honoring this year's high school graduates with a special salute to the stars of the Lady Bobcats championship basketball team.

Between those two events and the Sacrament of Confirmation that took place on the intervening Sunday, time ran out for the Friars to do their spring cleaning in preparation for the annual Mass and Parish Picnic at

St. Colman on Irish Mountain, typically held over Memorial Day weekend. Alternative plans are in the making.

The Friars Club, open to all men of St. Patrick, holds monthly breakfast meetings, announcements of which are carried in the Church Bulletins. For additional information contact Friars Club Chairman Kit Durnan or Secretary-Treasurer Art Sanda.

Women of St. Patrick News

Margie Woodrum recently resigned as the president of the Women of St. Patrick after many years of work and dedication to the various needs of our parish. We thank-you Margie, for sharing your time and talent so generously with our parish.

We now welcome our new Women of St. Patrick president,

Janet Lambert. With so many activities in May, Janet received a "royal" initiation into the position. However, with the help and support of the parish community, all events ran very smoothly and were great successes. Thank-you Janet!

Janet and several parishioners have worked tirelessly on the

parish flower garden (which looks great!) and coordinating the many parish activities. She plans to hold brief meetings after Mass on the first Sunday of each month. All women of the parish are members of the Women of St. Patrick. Please plan to attend the monthly meetings.



Mareelyn McQuaig,

Beyond Wishes . . .

Reaching out to those in need and sharing a God-given talent at the same time is a special gift, for the giver as well as the recipient. Mareelyn McQuaig, who recently became a certified equine therapy instructor through NARHA, has a special "gift" with horses and wants to help those in the community who might benefit from

what a love of horses can do for the mind, body and soul.

Beyond Wishes Therapeutic Riding Program goes "beyond wishes" for individuals with disabilities and with therapeutic needs of many forms. As an instructor through the North American Riding for the Handicapped Association, Mareelyn offers safe, fun and positive

equine activity for those with special needs, as well as non-disabled riding lessons.

The McQuaig family works together in all aspects of the Beyond Wishes Program.

Please contact Mareelyn, Toni or Wendle at riosplace@hotmail.com for additional information or to schedule a riding time.

KUDOS and HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING

ANDREW WEISS, JR. - a regular visitor to our parish and occasional organist was appointed Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Ambassador and will attend the 2011 WV HOBY Seminar at the University of Morgantown.

PEARL KNOTT - achieved the "A" Honor Roll for the third grading term at SMS. Pearl also was the only 7th grade student to have perfect attendance.

DR. JUSTIN JEFFRIES - will be opening a family practice in Rainelle on July 1st.

ELLIE RHODES, GAVIN PIVONT, SULLIE PIVONT - recently performed in Broadway Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. The

last performance is scheduled on June 4th at the Pipestem Amphitheater.

LAYNIE JEFFRIES, ELLIE RHODES, JESSICA OLIVEROS (Madeline Payne's granddaughter) - will participate in a dance recital with the Hinton Starz on June 11th at the SCHS auditorium at 7:00 p.m.

MARIA ROBELLE DALIDA, PEARL LORRAINE KNOTT, KATIE ELIZABETH PELOWSKI, AVERY MANNING PIVONT, EVAN QUINN PIVONT - received the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Patrick on May 15th.

GAVIN PIVONT - received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion at St. Patrick on

May 1st.

ZACH HYLTON - son of parishioner Larry Hylton, graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School and received the State of West Virginia Promise Scholarship and funds from Marshall University, where he will continue his education in Sept. 2011.

HANNAH GUNNOE and HALLIE GUNNOE - graduated from Summers County High School, also received scholarships and will continue their education in High Point, N.C. in Sept. 2011.

DARREN CROOK - recently received his J.D. degree from the Ohio State University College of Law.

Can You Guess Who We Are?



These are members of St. Patrick Parish. They are older now, but still just as cute - don't you think so? Do you know who they are?

Please email an old photograph of yourself if you'd like to appear in the next issue of The Trinity and The Shamrock to: trinity.shamrock3@gmail.com



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Lord ... Will You Lighten My Load?

God allowed a gentleman the rare opportunity to visually see the cross that he was to carry during his lifetime. His cross to bear was very long and quite heavy. The gentleman carried his cross without too many complaints. And then one day, the weight of the cross made it almost impossible for him to continue. The gentleman called out to God, "Lord, could You lighten my load just a little? This cross is so long and cumbersome to carry." God replied, "Are you sure that's what you're asking Me to do?" The gentleman said, "Yes, Lord." So, God sent down two angels, who sawed off a long portion near the bottom of the cross.

The gentleman was relieved when he lifted the cross and began to walk again. It was shorter and more manageable

for him to carry. He continued until he became so overwhelmed with the weight of the cross that he cried out to God again. "Lord, could You lighten my load? My cross is heavy and I am so weary." God replied, "are you sure that's what you're asking Me to do?" The gentleman said, "Yes, Lord, it's just too heavy for me to continue." So, God sent down two angels, who cut the cross in half, from the top to the bottom. The gentleman gathered what was left of his cross and began to walk again. He smiled as he continued, noticing how much easier it was to bear.

In the far distance, the gentleman saw several other people walking along, carrying their long, heavy crosses. He could see them stop, stoop down and then continue walking. As he

neared the place where the people stopped and stooped down, he saw a wide gap in the road. The crevice was so deep that he couldn't see the bottom and too wide for him to jump over. The other cross bearers bent down and bridged the gap with their cross, slowly walking on their cross to the other side. The man was stunned. His cross was now too short to reach the other side and too flimsy to support him even if he could find a more narrow place to cross over.

The gentleman realized too late in his life that the cross God gave him to bear was for a purpose known only to God.

Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone would come after Me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me." Mt. 16:24

-- Enrich Your Spirit and Enlighten Your Mind --

Don't miss Fr. Bonaventure's next Saturday morning class, scheduled on June 6th at 10:00 a.m. Join Fr. "Bonnie" and friends for a morning of prayer, teaching and fellowship. The classes offer us a wonderful opportunity to grow deeper in our faith through learning more about the Church, types of prayer and our relationship with the Holy Trinity. Check the bulletin for class dates and times throughout the summer months.



IS MOVING!!



Father Vincent Ezhanikatt Joseph is appointed pastor of St. Luke Parish in Cheat Lake and Mary, Help of Christians Mission in Bruce-ton Mills, with residence at the parish rectory at St. Luke's, effective June 22, 2011.

Pastoral Council News con't

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ing the rummage sale.

It was decided to update and print the parish information brochures once again, which have now been placed at several visitor centers including Pipestem and Bluestone State Parks.

Many positive suggestions were presented, including the idea of video taping Sunday Mass and audio recording members of

our parish praying the Rosary, to be given to our homebound parishioners.

It was also decided to provide the opportunity for Exposition and Adoration of the Holy Sacrament in our church on a regular basis. Please contact any member of the pastoral council if you are interested in spending quiet time (a few minutes or as long as you like) with Our Lord in this special way. We are trying to schedule a convenient day

and time for all parishioners who wish to participate in this devotion.

Thanks to Kit Durnan, Chuck and Mike Maxant, Loretta and Art Sanda for spending the evening with us and for their input.

Please contact any member of the council if you have questions or comments: Lynne Bauer, Patti Crawford, Pat Dotson, Patty Jeffries, Andrea Pack and Joe Peplowski.

My Daddy's Hand

Daddy, take my hand in yours and you will plainly see,

How very much I need you now to love and care for me.

As my little hand grows, I will need you even more,

Everything I do in life, I have

never done before.

Teach me to be kind and loving, sharing and forgiving;

Show me through your acts of love the pure joy of living.

The years will pass by quickly and one day I will be grown,

I will pass what you have taught me onto children of my own.

Hold me always in your thoughts and remember when we are apart,

The special love between a child and a daddy's heart.

Loaves and Fishes

char•i•ty, n. < Fr. < L. Caritas, 1. in Christianity, the love of God for man or of man for his fellow men. 2. a giving of help to those in need.

Remember to bring canned food items for the needy of our community. Your donations can be placed in the box located at the rear of the church before Mass, or placed on

the porch of the rectory anytime during the week. The supply of food items at Loaves and Fishes is running low. Your CHARITY is greatly appreciated!

Thank you

We would like to thank everyone who contributed information, photos and ideas for this issue of the parish newsletter. Please continue to send your ideas, etc., to trinity.shamrock3@gmail.com

Heavenly Humor

Jesus and Satan were having an on-going

argument about who was better on the computer.

They had been going at it for days, and frankly God was tired of hearing all the bickering.

Finally fed up, God said, 'THAT'S IT! I have had enough. I am going to set up a test that will run for two hours, and from those results, I will judge who does the better job.'

So Satan and Jesus sat down at the keyboards and typed away.

They moused.

They faxed.

They e-mailed.

They e-mailed with attachments.

They downloaded.
They did spreadsheets!
They wrote reports..
They created labels and cards.
They created charts and graphs.
They did some genealogy reports.
They did every job known to man.

Jesus worked with heavenly efficiency and Satan was faster than h*ll.

Then, ten minutes before their time was up, lightning suddenly flashed across the sky, thunder rolled, rain poured, and, of course, the power went off.

Satan stared at his blank screen and screamed every curse word known in the underworld..

Jesus just sighed.

Finally the electricity came back on, and each of them re-started their computers. Satan started searching frantically, screaming:

'It's gone! It's all GONE! I lost everything when the power went out!'

Meanwhile, Jesus quietly started printing out all of his files from the past two hours of work.

Satan observed this and became irate.

'Wait!' he screamed. 'That's not fair! He cheated! How come he has all his work and I don't have any?'

God just shrugged and said,

JESUS SAVES



Did you know the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston has a Facebook page?

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Do It Anyway

People are often unreasonable, illogical and self-centered;

Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives;

Be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some false friends and some true enemies:

Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and frank,

people may cheat you:

Be honest and frank anyway.

What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight:

Build anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous:

Be happy anyway.

The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow:

Do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have and it may never be enough:

Give the world the best you've got anyway.

You see, in the final analysis it is between you and God:

It was never between you and them anyway.

~Mother Teresa~



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with Trinity and Shamrock in the subject line. We look forward to hearing from you!



--- Prayer for Travelers ---

O Almighty and merciful God, who hast commissioned Thy angels to guide and protect us, command them to be our assiduous companions from our setting

out until our return; to clothe us with their invisible protection; to keep from us all danger of collision, of fire, of explosion, of fall and bruises, and finally, having

preserved us from all evil, and especially from sin, to guide us to our heavenly home. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



Symbols of the Saints

St. Peter - Feastday June 29



Because he felt unworthy to die as h a d Christ, St. Peter requested that his cross be inverted so that he might look Heavenward as he was crucified. St. Peter's shield is a gold cross, silver keys and the Kingdom of Heaven, all on a red field.

Simon Peter, or Cephas, *the Rock*, the first pope, Prince of the apostles and founder with St. Paul, of the see of

Rome.

Becoming a disciple of Jesus, Peter acknowledged him as "...the Messiah, the son of the living God." Christ responded by saying "...you are Peter and upon this rock I will build my church ... He added: "I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

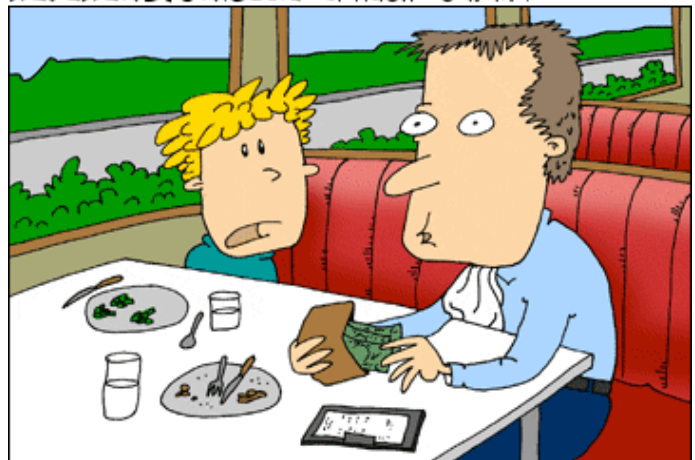
For more information on our saints, check out the many interesting books in the parish lending library.



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