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## HUGS FOR OUR HOME-BOUND LADIES

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Margaret O'Farrell  
Grace Repetti  
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Please keep these wonderful ladies in your daily thoughts and prayers. Though they are unable to be with us during our Eucharistic Celebration, they are with us in thought. Call them or send a note to them to let them know how blessed we are to have them in our parish family.

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## Good Bye Father Arthur

**“A GOOD SHEPHERD, A PASTOR AFTER GOD’S HEART, IS THE GREATEST TREASURE WHICH THE GOOD LORD CAN GRANT TO A PARISH, AND ONE OF THE MOST PRECIOUS GIFTS OF DIVINE MERCY.” - ST. JOHN MARY VIANNEY**



The time has come for our good shepherd to move on to other pas-

tures. We thank you for your tireless service, your patience and enthusiasm, your guidance and wisdom, as you worked so diligently to tend your scattered flock. God’s grace touched us through you. Now it’s time to share you with others so that they may be as blessed as we have been by your presence in our Church and in our lives. You will always have a home at St. Patrick and will remain in our hearts and prayers.

We thank you, Father



Arthur Bufogle, for a job well done, our good and faithful friend, our good shepherd.

## “St. Patrick Feast Day” Celebration

Our dear Saint Patrick was probably smilin’ from above as he watched the gathering for the celebration of his feast day on March 17. Following Eucharistic Liturgy, our parish hall filled with Irish music, dancing, and of course, good old blarney, in honor of our parish namesake. Members from Sacred Heart and St. Mary of the Greenbrier traveled to join us in an evening

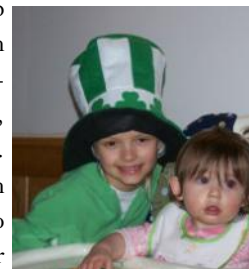


of celebrating our Irish saint and just being Irish at heart.

We thank Margie Woodrum for coordinating the event, Joe Aucremanne and Barb McLean for providing the brisket and lamb, and Tim O’Farrell and Fr. Arthur for the lively Irish tunes. A special thanks to everyone who shared their

delicious Irish foods including Irish soda breads, potato dishes and shepherds pie.

Door prizes went to Patti Burwell of Sacred Heart parish for traveling the farthest to join us, Alice Ward for celebrating the most St. Patrick Feast Days and to Ava Lilly, who was the youngest lassie in attendance.



## Welcome New Members



*SAY A PRAYER Little Johnny and his family were having Sunday dinner at his Grandmother's house. Everyone was seated around the table as the food was being served. When Little Johnny received his plate, he started eating right away. "Johnny! Please wait until we say our prayer," said his mother. "I don't need to," the boy replied. "Of course, you do," his mother insisted. "We always say a prayer before eating at our house." "That's at our house," Johnny explained. "But this is Grandma's house and she knows how to cook!"*

The Church celebrated this past Easter season with Christ's promise of new and eternal life. His promise was understood on Palm Sunday and Easter Vigil as we welcomed new members into our Catholic faith and parish family through the sacraments of baptism and confirmation.

Please welcome Zach Hylton, Larry Hylton, Kelli Jeffries, Janet Lambert, Rebekah Lilly and Robin Turner into our parish family.

### Sacrament of Confirmation



Kelly Eagle, daughter of Brad and Karen Eagle, was confirmed at St. Francis de Sales on Saturday, May 8, 2010.

### Sacrament of Baptism



Ava Lilly, daughter of David and Rebekah Lilly, was baptized on Sunday, April 11, 2010 at St. Patrick Church.



## Answered Prayers, Holding Onto Joy and Sharing Our Faith

The message shared by Gemma Leftwich during her testimony at the recent Faith-Sharing breakfast was one of faith and joy and how they work hand-in-hand.

Gemma, who is a cancer survivor, shared her story of refusing to let go of joy as she underwent treatment for the disease. The nurses commented on how they always saw a smile on Gemma's face and a song in her heart as she endured the side effects associated with chemotherapy. Her faith kept her strong as she fought the fight. Gemma expressed that she knows beyond any doubt that God answers prayer - "it might

not be when we want Him to answer us, or how we think He should answer us, but God answers our prayers. It might take him many years, but He'll answer our prayers."

When Gemma was in elementary school, a priest asked the students to pray daily for the fall of communism in Europe. Gemma said that it became her routine even into adulthood to continue to pray to God every day of her life for an end to communism. "It took God a very long time to finally answer my prayer - but He finally answered it over 40 years later when the Wall finally tumbled down. So never stop pray-

ing." Seeing Gemma's smile as she shared her story with us is an answer to our prayers!

An anonymous parishioner wrote a beautiful letter describing how Karen Eagle shares her faith with others in quiet ways. Simple things like finding time to devote to her prayer life during her busy days as a working mother and the way her patience and soft-spoken, gentle manner as a preschool summer Bible school teacher reflected how faith was a central part of Karen's life.

We thank Gemma, Karen and the anonymous author for sharing their faith with us in this very special way.



Fr Arthur, with Bishop Bransfield in Rome, Oct 2006

## Finance Council Notes

by Art Sanda

After more than seven years of service to the parish, Lee Pivont reluctantly submitted his resignation from the Finance Council at the end of April. The Council and Father Arthur expressed their appreciation for Lee's long tenure and contributions of time and talent in helping Father Arthur steer a steady financial course.

During his years on

Council, Lee has been involved in parish paying down its debt to the Diocese, retiring the most recent note a year ahead of schedule; raising sufficient money to replace the aged church organ; analyzing and developing preliminary plans for a major church repair project and repairing St. Colman Chapel on Irish Mountain, as well as advising Father Arthur

on the ongoing financial needs of the parish. His services indeed will be missed.

At the same time, the Council welcomes its newest member, Windel McQuaig who recently joined the ranks of the retired. He brings to the Council experience, wisdom, and a ready wit; welcome aboard, Windel.



Fr. Arthur with Bishop Bransfield at Saint Colman, March 2008

## St. Patrick Friars Club

The Friars Club continued its service to the parish with a major cleaning of the Church hall in April (yes, they even did windows) and in early May, the Spring Cleaning of St. Colman Chapel on Irish Mountain, followed later by preparations for the Annual Eucharist and Parish Picnic Memorial Day weekend. The Friars also continue regular grounds works at the Fox Mau-



soleum in Hilldale, coordinated by Pat Hanafin.

The Friars had the honor of honoring the Mothers of the parish with a light brunch following Mass on Mother's Day, truly a pleasure! Alternating with the Women of St. Patrick and the Pastoral Council, the Friars again will sponsor the after-Mass breakfast the first Sundays of August and November. Kudos to the Pastoral Council for coming up

with a great idea.

All men who attend Mass at St. Patrick are eligible to join the Friars Club. The Friars meet for a monthly prayer breakfast in the Church hall and undertake a variety of projects, including small maintenance work and repairs, grounds keeping, and parish fund raising. For information, contact any Friars Club member or email Chairman Kit Durnan at [kadurnan@yahoo.com](mailto:kadurnan@yahoo.com) or Secretary-Treasurer Art Sanda at [apsanda@gotsky.com](mailto:apsanda@gotsky.com).

*LOT'S WIFE* The Sunday school teacher was describing how Lot's wife looked back and turned into a pillar of salt, when little Jason interrupted, "My Mommy looked back once while she was driving," he announced triumphantly, "and she turned into a telephone pole!"

## Lending Library

Books, faith and life are meant to be shared. Our parish is in the process of opening a lending library where we can share with others through the written word and media. All donated items will



be faith-based and approved by the Pastor prior to placement in the library. The honor system library will be located in the parish hall and open to all St. Patrick parishioners.

Wes Bennett has offered to be our Parish Librarian and will be happy to receive your donations as soon as possible. Please see Wes if you have faith-based adult and/or children's books, DVDs, or audio books that you would like to contribute to the library.



Fr. Arthur blessing the graves at Saint Colman, Sept 2005



Fr Arthur, showing his road bowling skills, Jul 2008

## Pastoral Council News

by Pat Dotson

### *St. Patrick Parish Mission Statement*

*We, St. Patrick Church are a caring Christian community committed to maintaining our strong sense of Catholic tradition within our diverse parish family, by striving to learn, grow and live in a faith that centers around the celebration of the Eucharist, the teachings of Jesus Christ and sharing our God-given gifts.*

Your Pastoral Council continues to seek ways to strengthen the unity in our parish community, which is essential to a vibrant parish life. We are a parish community, brought into unity of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

On May 2, 2010, the parish was invited to join together to ratify the parish mission statement. Let's make a pledge to ourselves to live by the words expressed in our mis-

sion statement and to pray for unity in our parish community.

The Council would like to recognize Paula Rhodes, Nancy Durnan, Joe Peplowski and Lee Pivont for sharing their God-given gifts with the children of the parish in teaching the CCD program this past year.

We would also like to thank the Friars Club for preparing the wonderful Mother's Day brunch. It was delightful! We look forward to sharing the monthly "after-Mass" breakfast with the Friars Club and Women of St. Patrick. The Pastoral Council's Faith-Sharing Breakfast is set for June 20th (Father's Day) this time, but will then return to the regular first Sunday of the month in September.

Council recently addressed Wes Bennett's suggestion of a parish lending library and gave the project our commitment and support. We also coordinated the plans for the May Crowning, Rosary and Alice Ward's 90th birthday celebration at Bluestone State Park on May 23.

We invite all members of the St. Patrick parish community to contact the Pastoral Council with any questions, comments, ideas, or concerns regarding our Church



**BULLETIN HUMOR**  
*Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.*



## ST. PATRICK KUDOS KORNER

KU dos n. Gr. credit for an achievement; glory.

SARA GUNNOE - graduated from WVU

KARLA GUNNOE - received her Master's Degree from Concord University

SUSIE HUDSON - received her Master's Degree from Concord University

TONY PETRARCA - graduated from SCHS

ROBELLE DALIDA - winner of Summers County Spelling Bee - participated in the State Spell-

ing Bee in Charleston and recently graduated from SMS

AVERY PIVONT - tournament winner as member of SMS basketball team.

EVAN PIVONT- SMS cheer-leading squad Spirit Award winner at 8th grade Boys' Bluegrass Conference Tournament held in Peterstown.

KERRI HUDSON, HALLIE GUNNOE, HANNA GUNNOE - members of SCHS Girls' Basketball team, made history winning 65 consecutive games and a fourth straight AA Title.

HANNA reached her 1,000 pts. in high school basketball.

KELLY EAGLE - Received the sacrament of confirmation on May 8th at St. Francis de Sales parish in Beckley and recently graduated from SMS

PATTY JEFFRIES - a fabulous production of the Summers County K.I.D.S. performance, The Wizard of OZ. The K.I.D.S. and our community will miss Patty's productions as she retires at the end of this school year.

## Trinity & Shamrock Road Bowling by Wes Bennett

An ominous sky and forecast of rain for April 24, 25 this year did not stop members of St.

Patrick, St. Mary and Sacred Heart parishes from showing up at Pipestem State Park's

sixth annual West Virginia Irish Road Bowling Tournament.

Irish Road Bowling came to West Virginia when the town of Ireland, WV was looking for things to add to its Irish Heritage Festival about 10 years ago. The sport originated in Ireland several centuries ago and in a limited area of Ireland is as big as our World Series. Because the game was originally



played with "liberated" English cannonballs, it is also known as "Irish Long Bullets" on the "auld sod."

Put in its simplest form, the object of the game is for bowlers to begin

at a specified point and cover a given distance in as few throws as possible (usually a mile and a half).

One of the sport's great qualities is the fact that participants are not limited by age or physical abilities - young and old alike can enjoy a healthy afternoon at a match.

The Irish sanctioning body recognizes three locations in the

United States: Boston, New York and West Virginia.

Teams and single players who qualify high enough at designated local matches are then qualified to compete in more "intense" matches at the state, then national matches which are held in Boston. High qualifiers there can attend the "All Ireland Match" held yearly in Ireland.

Coach Lynne "Can I Spot Talent or What" Bauer, teamed up with Glenna Prinzbach, Brent Fernandez and Andy "the Natural" Robollar to bowl a very respectable score of thirty-three.

Coach Bennett teamed with Robin "Hook" Turner, Bekkah and David Lilly for an uhh, "maybenotsorepectablescoreofforty-four." Coach Bennett's team later showed their skills when the pizza and desserts came out.

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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?

The photographs featured in the last issue were of Fr. Arthur and Lynne Bauer.

Please email an old photograph (age 6 years or younger) of yourself if you'd like to appear in the next issue of The Trinity and The Shamrock.

Ohn8ive@verizon.net

## Annual Rummage Sale by Connie Newton

I would like to thank everyone who helped or contributed goods for the St. Patrick Annual Rummage Sale. The profit was

\$626.00! Please remember that if we are going to continue to do this every year, parishioners are going to need to re-

member to save their good, working items (not too many clothes) for our future Spring sale.

## General Instruction Roman Missal (G.I.R.M.)

The ritual text for the celebration of the Eucharistic Liturgy, known as The Missale Romanum (Roman Missal) was revised by Pope John Paul II during the Jubilee Year in 2000 and was published in Latin in 2002. Among other things, this

third edition contains prayers for the celebration of recently canonized saints, additional prefaces for the Eucharistic Prayers, additional Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Intentions, and some updated and revised instructions for the

celebration of the Eucharistic Liturgy. For information regarding the upcoming changes for the celebration of the Eucharistic Liturgy, go online to: <http://uscgb.org/romanmissal> The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops official website.

## St. Colman Renovation; Completes First Two Stages



*DID NOAH FISH? A Sunday school teacher asked, "Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark?" "No," replied Johnny. "How could he, with just two worms?"*

*A Catholic boy and a Jewish boy were talking and the Catholic boy said. "My priest knows more than your rabbi." The Jewish boy said, "Of course he does, you tell him everything."*



Father Arthur at this year's Memorial Day service at St. Colman

Since the Annual Spring Cleaning by the Friars Club, Stage One and Stage Two in the renovation work at St. Colman has resulted in a new roof, complete with gutters and downspouts, and a dozen or so new pilings added to raise the floor closer to its original contour. A drainage channel across the top of the driveway also has been established.

This work on St. Colman was made possible through the generosity of a group of parishion-

ers at St. Francis de Sales in Beckley (daughter church to St. Patrick) who had created a special account dedicated to maintenance projects at St. Colman, as well as contributors from St. Patrick Parish.

The two phases were completed in May by the Richmond brothers, well known in the Hinton area for the quality of their work while keeping costs at a minimum. Their talents next will be employed in similar work at Sacred Heart Church in Spring

Dale.

With the first and second stage work accomplished at St. Colman, the Friars Club has committed to completing the renovation work, consisting of re-pointing and puttying the windows, replacing clapboard siding where necessary, and painting both the interior and exterior of the Church. A definitive plan is expected to be announced in early summer.

## PENTECOST SUNDAY CELEBRATION

About than 40 members of the St. Patrick family gathered at Bluestone State Park on May 23rd for a celebration of the birth of the Church (Pentecost) and the birthday anniversary of Alice "Mer" Ward.

Fr. Arthur began the evening with a community recitation of the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary, which were lead by Gemma Leftwich, Nancy Dur-

nan, Patty Jeffries, Patty Stacklin and Frank Seitz. Keri Hudson, granddaughter of Alice Ward, then crowned the statue of Mary, the Blessed Mother of our Lord. Following the May Crown-



ing, the community gathered for snacks and birthday cake in honor of Alice Ward's 90th birthday.

Thanks to Joe Aucremanne and Wes Bennet for transporting the large statue of Mary from the church to the park for the May Crowning.

## SEND US YOUR STORY!

We will soon welcome new Catechumens into the Church. Perhaps you have a distinct moment which brought about your journey into the Church - a particular person or event. We invite you to share your story with us - anonymously if you prefer. We also invite YOU, all members of St. Pat-

rick, to share your story. This is a new feature page, dedicated to sharing with others. Send us your favorite prayer, a personal story, a wee bit of humor or even a favorite recipe. Sometimes the keyboard or the point of a pen allows us to speak where our voice might fail us. If you want total anonymity,

just drop your article in the collection basket on Sunday morning. If you don't mind a byline, you can email your article to ohn8ive@verizon.net with TRINITY AND SHAMROCK on the subject line. We look forward to hearing from you!

## ST. PATRICK PURCHASES NEW ORGAN

The goal of purchasing a new organ for the parish was realized as Fr. Arthur blessed our new Allen organ during Eucharistic Liturgy on May 30. The organ was made possible by many donations and pledges from parishioners as well as an anonymous donation and pledge of \$10,000 from one parishioner. The new organ replaces the 50-year old Allen organ.



Parishioners are taking part in the blessing of the cemetery at St Colman

## GOOD LUCK ♪ KYLE LIVELY ♪

Our dear friend and keyboard genius recently left the Hinton area to advance his musical career in Huntington, WV. Kyle Lively came to St. Patrick's rescue during the Christmas Season in 2006. St. Patrick Church was faced with the possibility of Christmas Eve Liturgy without music. Kyle distinguished himself as our parish organist then and continued to create beautiful music for our parish until he accepted an offer

in the Huntington area. In addition to his music ministry at St. Patrick, Kyle also played for the Hinton Methodist Church and was the director of the Hinton Community Choir.

During his tenure at St. Patrick, Kyle became interested in the Catholic Faith. He attended R.C.I.A. class at the age of 17 and was later received into the Catholic

Church.

We wish Kyle the best of luck and thank him for making beautiful music. He will be missed!



*After the Baptism of his baby brother in church, little Johnny sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car. His father asked him three time what was wrong. Finally the boy replied, "That priest said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home, but I want to stay with you guys."*

## What Makes a Dad

God took the strength of a mountain,  
The majesty of a tree,  
The warmth of a summer sun,  
The calm of a quiet sea,  
The generous soul of nature,  
The comforting arm of night,

The wisdom of the ages,  
The power of the eagle's flight,  
The joy of a morning in spring,  
The faith of a mustard seed,  
The patience of eternity,  
The depth of a family need,  
Then God combined these

qualities,  
When there was nothing more to add,  
He knew His masterpiece was complete,  
And so, He called it ... Dad  
Author Unknown



Art Sanda prepares food for the people attending the Memorial Day service at St Colman.

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Thanks to  
Patti Crawford  
for sharing her  
copy of Faye  
Gwinn's recipe  
with us.

*Pineapple Banana Cake*  
3 cups plain flour  
2 " sugar  
1 tsp. soda  
1 " salt  
1 " cinnamon  
1 can crushed pineapple (8oz size) with  
juice  
1 1/2 cups salad oil  
3 eggs  
1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla  
2 cups diced bananas.  
Mix all ingredients together by hand,  
do not use electric mixer. Pour into  
greased and floured tube pan. Bake 1  
hour and 20 minutes (I bake mine 1 hr.  
and 10 minutes) at 350° Cool completely  
before removing from pan.  
Faye

## Spotlight Grace Repetti

by Loretta Sanda

The shadow of the man showed that he was bundled up very tightly. The echo of his walk meant a fast pace down the cobblestone, narrow street in Worcester, MA. He carried his black bag close to his side. March was going out like a lion. The day was the 24th and the year was 1917. Back then, doctors made house calls and babies were born at home.



Frank and Antoinette DiLuzio were ready to bring into this world a new treasure. It would be their third child and their third daughter, they baptized Grace. Her name is mentioned very often in prayer and she is present at every meal.

Her parents were immigrants from Italy, from the city of Bari on the east coast of the "Boot." Like so many millions of others, they came

for a better life, but at a time that was difficult indeed.

When Grace was just 5 years old she worked at home at night around the kitchen table with her mother and sisters making buttons for girdles. Each one had one large box and the one who finished first got ice-cream as her reward. To this day, Grace still loves ice-cream.

Times still were difficult, Grace nor her sisters ever had a doll and in their Christmas stockings, just a piece of fruit. Tough times.

Grace went to school until she was 13, finishing the 8th grade. She wanted to continue on but her father sent her to work, just as he had her two older sisters, and as would be her two younger sisters. Instead of also joining the workforce, their younger

brother joined the war effort, being released early from school at just 17 so he could join the Navy; becoming up to then the only sibling to have received a high school diploma.

Grace's father was a cabinetmaker, including the exterior parts for pianos, but there was no work. Her mother washed and ironed clothes for a fee, using a scrub board and the heavy irons that were heated on the stove.

Moving to from Worcester to South Boston, Grace met her life-long best friend who lived across the street. As with Grace, Enas also went to work after the 8th grade; both of them laboring in a garment factory sewing. In the evenings, together they would climb Telegraph Hill to South Boston High School where both finally earned their high school diplomas.

A few years later Enas's older brother asked Grace if she enjoyed ice-skating, a cold day that warmed into

dating that evolved into courtship. His name was Adolpho; a good man, a loving husband and father. They had been married 65 years when "Dollo" died in 2001.

Throughout her life, Grace worked hard in the garment factories of Boston, taking care of her children (2) and house—still finding the time to become a good cook, but all Italians are!—and later in Fort Lauderdale, FL.

Always a crafts person, Grace loved to knit, making Irish knitted sweaters and socks for the G.I.'s during WW II, afghans, later getting into crocheting and tatting. In 2003, Grace moved to Hinton, joining her daughter and son-in-law and today is very happily living on the New River and enjoying St. Patrick Parish as her extended loving family.

While sitting on the back porch she once asked, "Was that river there when you bought the property?" She is a sweetheart and she is my mother.