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FATHER TOM DAGLE "BLOOMS IN FULFILLMENT"

By Art Sanda

Rather than "a late bloomer," Father Tom Dagle describes himself as "finally fulfilled." A business executive until the age of 42, Father Tom said he realized early in his life that becoming a Priest inevitably was in his future.

"I knew in high school that my true calling was to the Priesthood," Fr. Tom said, "but first I wanted to complete my education and to experience life as led by those to whom I would be ministering when that wonderful day of fulfillment finally arrived."

A native of Murrysville, Pennsylvania, Father Tom earned Bachelor of Science degrees in both psychology and business administration from Fairmont State College. "My father spent his early career in the financial consulting and planning field, a career that had us living in a

many different parts of the country; I've lost count of the number of different schools I had attended," he smiled.

"As the family grew, my parents made the decision not to inflict that experience on my younger siblings. Having decided to settle down permanently, the only question remaining was where," Father Tom recalled, "which was decided by my mother who wanted to return to her roots, West Virginia; thus leading to my formal education at Fairmont State.

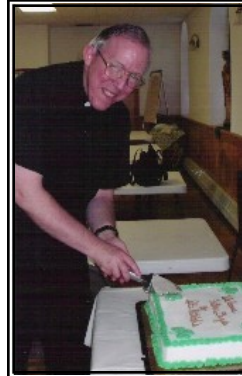
"Personally," he continued, "I marvel at what a wise decision that had been; I love West Virginia, loved going to school here, loved working here, and now am loving even more ministering here in my true calling as a Catholic Priest."

Father Tom noted that, rather

than regretting not entering the Priesthood earlier, he

appreciates the experience of having been out in the secular world, of having experienced working and living as a parishioner for nearly two decades before having done so as a Pastor.

"For 11 years I worked in Fairmont as a job costs analyst, until 1994," he said. "During that time I had undertaken graduate studies in counseling and guidance and served as a volunteer manager of the Hope Incorporated Domestic Violence Shelter. As rewarding as those combined careers were,



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Faith Sharing Breakfast

Father's Day 2010

The parish would like to thank Brent Fernandez and Arthur Sanda for sharing their faith journey stories with us during the June Faith-Sharing Breakfast.

Brent, who is the director of Loaves & Fishes and resident of Bethlehem Farm, guided us through his

faith journey, which began by surprise as a teen. He decided to take part in a summer youth group outreach to help the needy in Alabama. It wasn't the calling to help the needy and elderly that caught his attention, but the promise of spending some time on

the Gulf shore beaches that enticed this Tennessee youngster to pack his bags and head for Alabama.

While replacing a door in an elderly man's home, Brent witnessed sincere humility and gratitude in the eyes of that gentleman. He found

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HUGS FOR THE HOME-BOUND

Waja Cobb

Faye Gwinn

Virginia Gwinn

Margaret O'Farrell

Grace Repetti

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.

WAJA COBB's new address is:

Saunders Assisted Living
7385 Walker Ave.
Gloucester, VA 23061

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I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.
Rev. xxii. 13.



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**Catholic Committee of Appalachia
Annual Meeting 2010
St. Patrick Catholic Church
Hinton, WV**

Bishop Michael Bransfield of the Wheeling-Charleston Diocese, Bishop Dan Conlon of Steubenville, Ohio and Bishop Emeritus Walter Sullivan of Richmond, Virginia will be co-celebrants of the Eucharistic Liturgy at St. Patrick Church on September 18th at 5:00p.m.

Anyone interested in joining the CCA for dinner after Mass on Saturday, September 18 is welcome to attend. The price of the dinner is \$15.00 per per-

son, payable at the door.

For additional information contact Brian DeRouen, Bethlehem Farm at brian-derouen@hotmail.com or see the CCA website at <http://www.ccappal.com>

Preliminary Schedule

Friday, September 17th

7:00 p.m. Welcome & Introduction

7:15 - Celebrating Memories and Moving Ahead

8:30 - Evening Social

Saturday, September 18th

8:00 a.m. BREAKFAST

8:45 - Morning Prayer

9:00 - Keynote Speakers

10:00-Dialogue & Q/A

10:45-Break

11:00-Break-out Sessions

12:00-Plenary sharing on

breakout sessions

12:30-LUNCH & FREE TIME

Visit with friends, rest, or take a tour of

- Bethlehem Farm
- Alderson Hospitality House
- Enchanted Gardens
- Sandstone Falls & Irish Mountain Chapel
- 4:00 - "The Pastorals Still Speak" Plenary
- 5:00 - Eucharistic Celebration - St. Patrick Church
- 6:00 - Dinner
- 7:00 - Bishop Sullivan Award and FOCIS Award presented

Entertainment & Social

Sunday, September 19th

7:30 a.m. - BREAKFAST

8:30 - Business Meeting

We Are Grateful, Indeed!

Sometimes THANK-YOU just doesn't express the depth of appreciation that comes from the heart. That's the case with our Work-Force WV group, who have worked so hard around St. Patrick during the past few weeks. How can we ever thank them enough? If you happen to see any of the kids in town, please stop and let them know what a great job they've done in our commu-

nity. And thank Mary Lou Haley, who humbly says that

working relationship possible. Mary Lou received a call asking if she know of anyone in the Hinton community who could use some help with maintenance projects - the rest is history.

We thank everyone who has come together to offer their time, talent, muscle and financial support in our Parish Beautification Project. Together as a community, we have helped to build-up the Church on earth – spiritually, symbolically and physically.



Jordan, Brian, Danielle, Misty, John, Brandy, Jason, Rene' and Emmy

she "was just in the right place at the right time" to make this

*Dear God,
In school they told us
what You do. Who
does it when you are on
vacation?
Love,
Jane*

Loving Grandparents - Loving Grandchildren by Loretta Sanda

When you speak, hear or read the name Jesus what comes into your mind? I was taught, from a very young age, to bow my head when His name was spoken. I remember the song; Jesus loves me, yes I know, for the Bible tells me so. Or when saying my prayers at night to Jesus, I listed everyone in the family and all the people I knew and my dog, Puggie.

As I grew older the thoughts that came to mind were: Jesus is my Savior, who suffered and died to save me from sin. Jesus opened the Gates to Heaven. Think how long that line must have been. All the way back to Adam and Eve. We know the thief to the left of Jesus was in heaven and the prophet who was brought to heaven in a fiery chariot. Jesus will judge me. Jesus is The Son of God the Father. Jesus sits at the right hand of His Father. Jesus is the son of the ever-virgin Blessed Mother Mary.

Have you thought that He is a grandson? His grandparents are the parents of the Blessed Mother Mary. Their names are St. Joachim (whose name means Yahweh prepares or God Will Establish) and St. Anne (Hebrew is Hannah and means "favor" or

"Grace").

St. Joseph had been chosen by God to be the foster-father of Jesus and the spouse of the Virgin Mother. St. Joseph's father's name is Jacob, which would make him Jesus' foster grandfather. Being that St. Joseph was very elderly I doubt that his father was still here on earth. But according to the Bible some lived a very long time!

On a special day, St. Joachim had gone to the temple to make an offering to God. He was turned away because he didn't have any children. St. Joachim, being very sad, went into the desert and prayed to God that he and his wife would have a child and they would devote this child to God. When St. Joachim didn't return home, St. Anne knew somehow, what had happened and St. Anne prayed too that they would have a baby. They were late in their years when they were blessed by having Mary, The Immaculate Conception. In those days when a child was born to the elderly it was said that they were special in the eyes of God.

When the Blessed Mary was three years old her parents presented her to the temple to devote her-

self to God. Her father didn't live that much longer so he probably didn't get to meet Jesus in this life. St. Anne must have. There are paintings of St. Anne with the Blessed Mother and Jesus and He is pulling on the ear of a lamb. There is another painting of St. Anne, The Blessed Mother, and Jesus who has his right hand extended over the top of his cousin's head, John the Baptist.

After Jesus was born The Holy Family had to flee to Egypt where they stayed for a few years. They had to wait for King Herod to die. When the Holy Family returned home I bet St. Anne must have been very happy to finally see and met her grandson, Jesus. Bouncing him on her lap, hugging and kissing him and just loving him as grandmothers do. Probably telling him stories about Noah and the Ark and the beautiful rainbow in the sky.

Can you picture the excitement when Our Blessed Mother told her son that they were going over to grandmother's house? Or better still when St. Anne knew she was going to receive a visit from her daughter and grandson? Of course, we

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The Virgin and Child with St. Anne

Leonardo da Vinci

We Welcome Sue Wygal ♪

Our church will soon have music flowing from the newly purchased organ at every Mass, thanks to Sue Wygal. Sue will be the new permanent organist at St. Patrick beginning in September. Please welcome Sue to our parish and let her know just how much we appreciate her sharing her God-given musical talent with us!

Dear God,
Why is Sunday
school on Sunday?
I thought it was
supposed to be our
day of rest?
-Tom S.

BOOK REVIEWS

Dear God,
 Maybe Cain and Abel
 would not kill each
 other if they had their
 own rooms. It works
 with my brother.
 -Wes B.

Faith, life and books are meant to be shared. The new St. Patrick Lending Library is about to become a reality. Please visit the library, which will be located in the Parish Hall, and browse through our collection of faith-based media. The library operates on an honor system. Simply sign-out the book or movie and return it in 30 days.

Marilyn Chandler McEntyre shares her contemporary reflections on St. Patrick's ancient, yet timeless, prayer. Her thirteen deeply devotional meditations take you on a journey through Christ's love for you.

This book is available in our lending library.

The Apostolate of Holy Motherhood

A Prayer Journal - Author Unknown

An apostolate of mothers called to glorify God and pursue the Divine Will in their lives, who are consecrated to the Mother of God, and practice contemplative prayer and fidelity to duty in an exemplary manner of holiness.

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Crossing The Threshold of Hope

by His Holiness John Paul II

Sixteen years into his papacy, and on the eve of the millennium, Pope John Paul II brings to an accessible level the great theological concerns of our lives. He goes to the heart of his personal beliefs and speaks with passion about the existence of God; about the dignity of man; about pain, suffering, suffering, and evil; about eternal life and the meaning of salvation; about hope; about the relationship of Christianity to other faiths and that of Catholicism to other branches of the Christian faith.

The three basic tenets of the Apostolate of Holy Motherhood:

1. They must devote all their time, energy, and resources, including their very selves to the greater glory of God and the pursuit of the Divine Will in their lives;
2. They must be consecrated to Christ's Most Holy Mother under the title of 'Mother of God';
3. They must seek to fulfill their daily duties, that is, as mothers and wives in an exemplary manner of holiness by pursuing the contemplative life in their homes..."

This book is available in the lending library.

Christ, My Companion



Meditations On The Prayer of St. Patrick
 by Marilyn Chandler McEntyre

Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me. Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

Christ promises to be with you always. Yet how often do you feel misunderstood, scared, and abandoned? In the much beloved "St. Patrick's Prayer," the patron saint of Ireland passionately invokes the ways Christ is present to us.

Inspired by this litany,



Dear God,
 We read Thomas Edison made light.
 But in school they said You did it. So I bet he stole your idea.
 -Sincerely,
 Donna.

LOVING GRANDPARENTS CON'T

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cannot leave out St. Joseph who was also their protector. We know St. Joseph was still alive when Jesus was twelve years old because He became separated from his Mother and St. Joseph. Remember He was in the temple doing His Father's Work?

From research it states that the priest announced through Judea that they

wished to find in the tribe of Judea a respectable man to espouse Mary, then twelve to fourteen years of age and Joseph at the time was ninety years old. Counting that would make him 102 or older when Jesus was 12.

St. Anne is patroness of women in labor; she is represented holding the Blessed Virgin Mary in her lap, who again carries on her arm the child Jesus.

She is also patroness of miners, Christ being compared to gold, Mary to silver. Wonder if our coal miners realize this?

St. Joachim is the patron saint of fathers, grandparents, married couples, cabinetmakers and linen traders. There is a prayer for the intercession of St. Joachim and St. Anne. It's a beautiful prayer.

PRAYER TO SAINT ANNE & SAINT JOACHIM GRANDPARENT'S PRAYER

Good Saint Anne and Saint Joachim,
parents of Mary and grandparents to Jesus,
be with me and all grandparents
that we may be wise and loving,
and may enjoy and not spoil too
much the grandchildren
for they are the sign of God's life to us.
Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
be with our grandchildren and all

other grandchildren
that they may love and respect their
grandparents
and all older people,
may remember to call,
visit or write,
and grow in wisdom,
age and grace before God.
Amen
-Feast Day of St. Joachim and St. Anne is July 26th-

I know at Christmas time I wish about holding Baby Jesus. Getting all those or giving all those kisses and the good feelings you have holding a baby. What a great gift God gave His Son's grandparents. I have three grandchildren. Rachel and Rebecca. My husband calls them his two Jewish grand-

daughters. Then there is Arthur Paul the Third who my husband refers to him as the Pope. I was explaining to them that el means God. As in angel, (which means messenger of God). Gabriel, Raphael and Michael and my granddaughter said very quickly and Rachel! All three are fantastic. Do I spoil them?

Yes! My mother has four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren and they all spoil her!

If I knew how wonderful grandchildren were I would have had them first! Happy Grandparent Day to all those kissers and huggers who are grandparents.

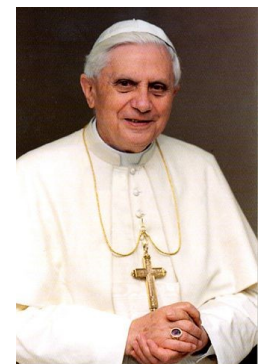
Grandmas and Grandpas
are everything nice.
Like presents and candy
and raspberry ice.

And chocolate fudge
sundaes, with cherries on
top.

And popcorn and peanuts
and grape soda pop.

In winter or summer, in
rain or in sun,
Grandmas and Grandpas
are wonderful fun!!!
- By Unknown Author

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PASTORAL COUNCIL UPDATE CON'T

The pastoral council met in July and got acquainted with our new priest, Fr. Tom Dagle. The evening began with an Invocation, led by Andrea Pack. Members focused on discerning the needs of the parish and invoked Divine guidance for leadership and direction in all matters considered.

Ideas regarding opportunities for spiritual enrichment within our parish were discussed. We will begin recitation of the Rosary prior to Sunday morning Mass in October, the month of Mary. Rosary will begin at approximately 8:35 a.m. This will present an opportunity for members who were recently welcomed into the Church during the Easter Season to learn to pray the Rosary and a time to intercede for those in our parish who have asked for our prayers.

The next Faith Sharing Breakfast has been re-

scheduled until October due to the busy September calendar of events. An adult retreat is being considered for later in the year - *A Day of Spiritual Reflection*. The dates and details of these events will be announced in our weekly bulletin.

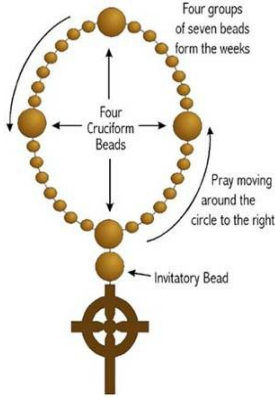
The C.C.D. program is scheduled to begin in September. St. Patrick will have 5 young ladies who are scheduled to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation during this upcoming session: Robelle Dalida, Pearl Knott, Katie Peplowski, Avery Pivont and Evan Pivont. We may also have a First Communion recipient. In addition to preparing for the Sacraments, the C.C.D. students will participate in a quarterly Youth Mass, which will help them to understand and learn about the true meaning and rites of our Eucharistic Liturgy. The Pastoral

Council would like to thank Nancy Durnan and the Confirmation class for sharing their time and muscle in the parish beautification project.

The Friars are to lead the parish beautification project, but everyone is asked to participate by offering their physical labor, monetary contributions or creative input. Plans for a rectory garden with a statue of Our Holy Mother are underway, in addition to the many maintenance needs inside and outside of the church.

Please feel free to contact any member of the Pastoral Council with your questions, comments, concerns, or if you would like to place an item on the agenda for an upcoming meeting.

Members: Lynne Bauer, Patti Crawford, Pat Dotson (Chairperson), Patty Jeffries, Andrea Pack and Joe Peplowski.



MORNING PRAYER
Dear Lord,

So far today Lord, I've done alright. I haven't gossiped, haven't lost my temper, haven't been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish, nor over-indulgent. And I'm very thankful to you for that.
But,in a few minutes, Lord, I'm probably going to need a lot more help because I'm going to get out of bed!



Girl Scout News

Kelly Eagle, Pearl Knott, and Katie Peplowski attended a six hour training to earn the Girl Scout Cadette Program Aide pin. These girls will

assist Summers County Girl Scouts during county and troop events this year. They are eligible to assist in designated council events through-

out the state for Girl Scouts of Black Diamond.

Women of St. Patrick News

July and August have been busy months for the Women of St. Patrick. During the July meeting, Wes Bennet, who met with a local nursery owner for guidance, presented ideas for the rectory garden. Several members offered their ideas and the final design will be revealed in early September. It was decided to purchase a statue of Our Holy Mother for the rectory garden. Individual members of the Women of St. Patrick (and parishioners) contributed toward the purchase of the statue, which was recently delivered and is



ready for placement in the garden. A special thanks to Wes Bennett, Margie Woodrum, Lynne Bauer and the many parishioners who shared their time, money and ideas in this project. Several other items were considered during the recent meetings including: cleaning the church by parishioners in order to help

with church finances; to delay the purchase of a dishwasher for the parish hall; the upcoming Railroad Days Potato fundraiser.

Please check the bulletin for the next meeting date. We hope to have all adult female members of St. Patrick become active Women of St. Patrick! We need your help with the parish fundraisers (fun-raisers!). It's a great time to get involved, make new friends, renew old friendships and build up the Body of Christ.

Dear God
 I didn't think orange
 went with purple until
 I saw the sunset you
 made on Tuesday.
 That was cool!
 -Pat

A Special Thanks ...

to Chris Honaker for sharing his time and talent with us during his vacation time in the Hinton area. Chris played the organ for us for a few weekend Masses. It was so nice to have music again! Chris also helped with the parish beautification project during his time here. If you'd like to see more of Chris' talent, check out his artwork in the parish hall. Chris donated his detailed painting of St. Patrick Church to the parish.

Can You Guess Who We Are?

These are members (or past 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 Loretta Sanda and Andrea Pack.

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 to: trinity.shamrock3@gmail.com

Send Us Your Story!

We invite you to share your story with us - anonymously if you prefer. 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 allow 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: trinity.shamrock3@gmail.com. We look forward to hearing from you!

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located on the website!

Food is also meant to be shared ...

Barb McLean finally tracked-down the "master chef" who prepared this dish for the June farewell gathering at Bethlehem farm. Thank-you Wes Bennett for sharing this delicious dish with us!

Cannelini Bean Salad and/or Pasta Topping

1 18oz. Can cannellini beans - drained & rinsed

4 cloves minced garlic

1/3 to 1/2 cup olive oil

1 sm. can sliced black olives

1/2 cup fresh basil - or dried to taste - or from tube.

2 med. Tomatoes chopped

Mix all together - let marinate for hours is best. Serve as salad or over pasta. Ziti, Rigatoni, etc.

Bon Appetiti!

Father Dagle

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I still felt something missing in my life; I was successful, but I wasn't content; I was involved, but I wasn't fulfilled."

That fulfillment came with his graduation in 2001 with a Master of Divinity Degree from St. Vincent Seminary—during which time he had served as a Deacon for St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Weirton and had completed summer placements at four Diocese Parishes: St. Leo, Inwood; Immaculate Conception; Montgomery; Our

Lady of Fatima, Huntington, and St. Francis de Sales, Beckley—and in June the following year with his ordination in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston by Bishop Bernard W. Schmitt.

This past summer, Father Tom was named Pastor of St. Patrick, along with its Mission of St. Mary in Alderson, Sacred Heart Parish in Rainelle, and St. Colman on Irish Mountain, when Father Arthur Bufogle, Jr. had been named Pastor of the Churches of Preston County: St. Sebastian in Kingwood with its Mission of St.

Edward the Confessor in Terra Alta and St. Zita Parish in Maysontown.

"My few months here have been wonderful," offered Father Tom. "I must admit, the involvement of our parishioners in our respective churches has been a most unexpected but most pleasant surprise. An example of this was when we asked for volunteers to prepare St. Patrick Church for the 40th Anniversary Celebration and annual meeting of the Catholic Committee of Appalachia, taking place in September and at which three Bishops will be con

celebrating Mass. That's a first in our 130-plus year history. I remain overwhelmed by the response.

"This experience is truly heartening and makes me all the more anxious to get to know each of our parishioners personally, and well. I so much look forward to being everyone's Pastor as we continue to build a strong Parish, one whose foundation truly is grounded in the best and most valued traditions of our Christian Faith."

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himself in the true presence of God - and at the beginning of his ongoing faith journey. "We never forget the moment when we're touched by God and recognize that it is God who has touched us." Brent plans to travel to Haiti with his parents to help the earthquake victims in that area.

Art Sanda gave a heartfelt account of how the community of St. Patrick reached

out and gathered him into its parish family. Being accustomed to larger parishes, Art was used to battling for position after Mass in the parking lots with the people who had just offered him the sign of peace during the Eucharistic Liturgy. He noticed a difference at St. Patrick - people would stop and motion him to go before them on the streets - "...they looked into my eyes and reached for my hand during the sign of peace, here [at St. Patrick] ... like they really

meant it. And they didn't try to run over me in the parking lot after Mass."

That sense of faith community drew Art in and he is now a "big brother" in our parish family. In addition to sharing his culinary skills for our very successful Italian Night and Lenten Fish dinner fundraisers, Art serves on the finance council, was implemental in formation of the Friars Club and shares his time and talent with our parish in many other ways.

We thank Brent and Art

for sharing their faith with during this special Fathers Day breakfast. Due to Labor Day and the many events taking place in September, the Faith-Sharing Breakfast for the month of September will be rescheduled for October. Please check the weekly bulletin for the date. Breakfast is free of charge, but we ask that you bring a canned food item to donate to Loaves & Fishes. A collection box for the canned goods will be placed in the rear of the parish hall.