

First Holy Communion Retreat Day: April 22



Our second grade students, accompanied by parents, participated in a retreat day, as part of their preparation process for First Holy Communion. They join St. Patrick parishioners at the Lord's Table at the 4:00 pm Mass on Saturday, April 29.



Working together to "bake bread" and making chalices out of clay helped them better understand the earthly elements of "bread and wine" which become the Body and Blood of Christ during Mass. The joy of working together and leaning about the Mass can be seen through their smiles!



Please lift our 2nd grade students in your prayers this week!



The students practiced receiving Communion and serving as a reader at Mass. Accompanied by parents, the children will read the Mass Intentions during their First Holy Communion Mass.

Gathering for prayer during the retreat helped emphasize the importance of daily prayer.



Pro-Life:

Spiritually Adopted Baby - At 16 weeks a little girl baby will have millions of eggs forming in her ovaries. At almost 5 inches in length and weighing nearly 4 ounces, the baby can coordinate the movement of its arms and legs, though his or her mother will not likely feel it yet.



Millions of unborn babies are killed every year. Life is too precious to discard these babies for any reason. They have a soul and Jesus' plan for their lives within in them. Keep praying and supporting the Supreme Court in hope they will overturn these atrocities.

Holy Mother of Joy inspire the hearts of all newly pregnant women with the joy of which you sang at the Annunciation. (Say a Hail Mary).

Our annual Baby Bottle Fundraiser will start on Mother's Day and end on Father's Day. Last year our \$1000.00 donation was matched by The Knight's of Columbus and we were able to contribute to buying an Ultra Sound Machine. Thank you for your generous support and participation.

Celebrating the Fatima Centennial 1917-2017

The year 2017 marks the 100th Anniversary of the appearance of Our Lady to the three children of Fatima. In remembrance of this event, join the World Apostolate of Fatima, USA and the St. Mary Council #15942 of the Knights of Columbus for a Holy Hour for each apparition. This month's Holy Hour is on **Saturday, May 13, 2017**, with the remaining days being:

Tuesday, June 13, 2017

Thursday, July 13, 2017

Sunday, August 13, 2017

Wednesday, September 13, 2017

Friday, October 13, 2017

Each Holy Hour will be held at St. Mary Church, Chardon, and will begin at 7:00 p.m. with the rosary and a brief description of what took place on that day's apparition and conclude with Eucharistic Benediction. Please take this opportunity to remember what had taken place 100 years ago and how it still applies to us today. *Our Lady of Fatima, Pray for Us!*

First Step Program: Continuing Education Regarding Marriage and Divorce in the Catholic Church

Attempting to pick up the pieces of one's life after the tragedy of divorce is an area that can impact a person's relationship with God and the Church. The Tribunal of the Diocese of Cleveland offers its First Step Program to help individuals deal with these questions in order to renew and/or strengthen their relationship with God and the Church. This program is offered to help everyone, especially those who have experienced divorce, learn more about Catholic teaching regarding marriage, divorce, and remarriage.

Representatives from the Ministry to the Divorced Office of the Department for Marriage and Family Ministry will also be present to explain the resources they offer to the divorced. Everyone is welcome to the First Step Program as it helps individuals navigate the path of healing and closure. Please refer to the Tribunal website for testimonials about the program from past participants. **A First Step meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 16, 2017, at St. Mary Parish, Chardon, at 7:00 p.m.** Note that the Diocese of Cleveland no longer requires any fees for this process. For more information check our website: www.dioceseofcleveland.org/tribunal Or call the Tribunal: 216-696-6525/800-869-6525, ext. 4000.

Painting With a Purpose Painting Parties!

Each month Birthright will be hosting 2 painting parties - one held in the cafeteria of St. Mary's in Chardon on the 3rd Wednesday of each month and one at Birthright's offices at 209 Center Street in Chardon (next to Joey's Italian Grill) on the 4th Wednesday. The cost is \$35 per person.

A portion of this price is a donation to the wonderful work Birthright does to help women in crisis pregnancies. All materials, as well as light snacks and coffee and water are provided. A great way to have fun while helping those in need! Contact Birthright at 440-286-9711 to reserve your spot.

APRIL 30, 2017

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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St. Patrick May/June Calendar

Congratulations to Deacon Robert Schwartz on his 10th Anniversary of Ordination to the Diaconate!!

We express our sincere thanks and appreciation to Deacon Bob for the gift of his service for St. Patrick Church, for many years prior to and since his Ordination on May 5, 2007. Deacon Bob generously serves as a minister of the Word, proclaiming the Gospel, preaching, and teaching in the name of the Church, especially through his efforts with our Parish School of Religion. He also serves those who are homebound through Meals On Wheels and by taking Communion and spending time with parishioners in their homes. *Please help us thank Deacon Bob for his "YES!" to God's call to service, through the Diaconate, in our parish!*

**Parish Pastoral Council: We Hear You**

Each meeting, Parish Pastoral Council checks the "Suggestion Box" in the entry area of the church and considers the suggestions, concerns and questions that parishioners submit. They received a suggestion regarding Divine Mercy. The parishioner suggested that a Divine Mercy image, displayed in the church, would "assist in developing an increased devotion to the "Divine Mercy" practice at St. Patrick. *The Divine Mercy image can now be seen on the right hand side of the main entryway, as you exit the church.*

Parish Pastoral Council, with members Mary Lencse, John McDougall, Bill Mothersbaugh, Brooke Perlik and Mary Vavpetic discuss parish topics with Fr. Dan Redmond at bi-monthly meetings. Their feedback, insights and suggestions are important as Fr. Dan makes decisions for our parish. Please feel free to add your idea to the suggestion box or to talk with current Parish Pastoral Council members. *The Holy Spirit may be working through you ... to help guide our parish!*

A Full Life

As we celebrate the joy of Easter and the promise of new life in Christ, mark your calendars and plan to join us this summer at The FEST—our 17th Annual Catholic Family FESTIVAL—Sunday August 6, 2017. The theme for FEST 2017 is—A FULL LIFE. Come and hear the best of Christian artists: *Laura Story, Matt Maher, Crowder, and for King & Country.* There are plenty of activities and displays, along with rock walls, BMX shows, and so much more. You will also want to check out the Marc's mom's Relaxation Station. It's the perfect family day and a great opportunity to help your family celebrate our faith in Jesus Christ. It's an exciting day as we celebrate a fullness of life in Christ. To learn more go to: www.theFEST.us.

**St. Patrick Vacation Bible School:**

Maker Fun Factory
July 11, 12 & 13, 5:30-8:00 PM

Mark your calendar and come join the faith-filled fun this summer!!



Register now!!

Information and Registration Forms,
to participate or to volunteer,
are available in the entry area of the church.

Mark your calendar: VBS Volunteer Meeting June 20, 6:15 pm

Adult, Teen & Youth Volunteers:

We need your help to make VBS great for our children .
Interested in volunteering or have questions:
Contact Marilyn Schwartz 440-298-1845

