

# St. Patrick Church



# Parish Handbook



# St. Patrick Roman Catholic Church

Shrine of Saint Margaret of Castello

Catholic Diocese of Columbus, Ohio



**Administered by Dominican Friars since 1885**

**Province of St. Joseph**

**Order of Friars Preachers**

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*Dear Parishioners of St. Patrick's,*

*We have tried to provide within these pages a basic representation of our parish community under the patronage of our glorious St. Patrick. From its humble beginning as a parish providing for the Irish Catholics in the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century, St. Patrick's has, through the years, stood out with its lamp shining brightly, preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ, in downtown Columbus. Much in downtown Columbus has changed in the past 165+ years, but St. Patrick's continues to flourish.*

*St. Patrick's has a relatively young congregation with many active parishioners and numerous opportunities to become involved. We are blessed with a rich Catholic tradition steeped in 800 years of Dominican history. It is my hope that this booklet will help you better familiarize yourself with our parish: its schedule of Sacramental celebrations and devotions, its pastoral staff, its rich history and beautiful church, and finally its opportunities to contribute your treasure, time and talent to your parish.*

*The Dominican friars of the Province of St. Joseph are very blessed to serve you, and it is our hope that we will continue to do so for many years to come. The Dominican friars are here to serve your spiritual needs.*

*So, welcome! Please avail yourself of our parish tours for newcomers – check bulletin for dates. Meet one of our friars in Patrick Hall after the noon Mass on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month for a tour of the facility and an opportunity to meet the touring priest.*

*May God bless St. Patrick Church through the intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary, St. Joseph, St. Margaret of Castello, and of course, our Patron, St. Patrick.*

*Peace,*

*Fr. Stephen Alcott, O.P., Pastor*

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# Schedule of Masses and Confessions

## ✘ Weekday Masses

7:00 a.m. (Monday – Saturday)

11:45 a.m. (Monday – Friday)

## ✘ Sunday Masses

5:00 p.m. Saturday *Vigil Mass*

7:00 a.m. Sunday (*incense free*)

9:00 a.m. Sunday (*incense free*)

10:30 a.m. Sunday

12:00 noon Sunday

## ✘ Masses on Holy Days of Obligation

6:30 p.m. *Vigil Mass*

7:00 a.m. Holy Day Mass

10:00 a.m. Holy Day Mass

12:00 noon Holy Day Mass

6:30 p.m. Holy Day Mass

## ✘ Masses on Civic Holidays (Memorial Day, July 4, Labor Day, Thanksgiving)

**7 a.m. and 10 a.m.** *All other holidays, please consult the parish website or contact the office to confirm Mass times.*

## ✘ Confession Schedule

Monday – Friday, 12:15 p.m. until all are heard.

Saturday, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

First Saturday (only), 6:30–7:00 a.m.

Sunday, 1/2 hour before each Mass

*Confessions are typically not heard on holy days of obligation and most civic holidays.*

**Mass Intentions** – Mass intentions may be scheduled for both the living and deceased. Requested Mass offerings are a suggested \$10 and help support the Dominican community. Please contact the parish office to request a Mass. Dominican Friars fulfill Mass intentions at St. Patrick’s in the “Church” and in the priory “Chapel” and also at Mohun Health Care Facility. Mass requests may be sent to the Dominican House of Studies, the Dominican Fathers studying abroad and our missions in the Solomon Islands and East Africa.

# Schedule for Regular Devotions

- ✘ **The Holy Rosary**
  - follows the 7:00 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. Mass daily
- ✘ **Holy Hour concluding with Benediction**
  - 12:15 – 1:15 p.m., Friday
- ✘ **First Saturday Fatima Devotions**
  - follows the 7:00 a.m. Mass
- ✘ **Novena to St. Margaret of Castello with veneration of her relic**
  - follows each Wednesday Mass
- ✘ **Eucharistic Vigil for Respect Life**
  - Third Friday of the month, from 8:00 p.m. until 7:00 a.m. on Saturday with peaceful recitation of the Holy Rosary at local abortion center and/or in the church following the Saturday 7 a.m. Respect Life Mass
- ✘ **Eucharistic Vigil for Priestly, Religious and Consecrated Vocations**
  - Fourth Friday, 8:00 p.m. until 7:00 a.m. on Saturday
- ✘ **Stations of the Cross (during Lent)**
  - 7:00 p.m., Friday
- ✘ **Frassati Society**
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, 7 p.m. Christ in the City
- ✘ **Children's Hour of Mercy**
  - Monthly, typically the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 3:00 p.m. during the school year.

# The Celebration of the Sacraments

**Celebration of the Holy Eucharist (Mass)** – Please see Page 6.

**Baptisms** – Parishioners may arrange for baptisms here at St. Patrick by contacting the parish office. Baptisms are usually celebrated on Sunday afternoons following the 12 noon Mass. *All first time parents are required to attend a Baptism class prior to the baptism of their first child. Please contact the parish office to register for class or baptism.*

**First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion** – Children in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade are prepared for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion through the CCD Program. Children from parochial schools may join us in the celebration of 1st Reconciliation and Holy Communion, with the permission of their pastor.

**Reconciliation (Confession)** – St. Patrick’s generously offers the Sacrament of Reconciliation every day, typically with multiple confessors. Please see the Confession schedule on page 6.

**Holy Communion to the Sick** – Holy Communion may be brought to the homebound and hospitalized by Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Please call parish office to make arrangements.

**Confirmation** – Children in the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade are prepared for Confirmation through the CCD Program. Children from parochial schools may join us in the Sacrament of Confirmation with the permission of their pastor.

**Marriage** – Marriage may be scheduled at St. Patrick’s by registered parishioners (those who have been registered and participating for a period of six months before initial request.) Marriage preparation begins no later than six months prior to a wedding. For more specific information, please read St. Patrick’s Marriage Guidelines found on the parish website:  
[www.stpatrickcolumbus.org](http://www.stpatrickcolumbus.org).

**Anointing of the Sick, Holy Communion, Viaticum and Commendation of the Dying** – Priests are available to administer the Sacrament of the Sick, bring Holy Communion, and celebrate the Commendation of the Dying to the homebound, hospitalized, and the dying. Please call the parish office to make arrangements. For emergency needs, please call 614.224.9522, prompt “8” for the “Priest on Duty”.



## Parish Office

<b>Office Hours</b>	Monday-Saturday: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Sunday: 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.
<b>Phone Numbers</b>	(614) 224-9522 General directory (614) 240-5910 Office (614) 240-5928 Fax
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<b>Facebook pages</b>	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/stpatrickcolumbus">www.facebook.com/stpatrickcolumbus</a> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/columbusfrassatisociety">www.facebook.com/columbusfrassatisociety</a> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/stpatrickyouthministry">www.facebook.com/stpatrickyouthministry</a>

## Membership in the Parish

St. Patrick Parish welcomes as parish members anyone who intends to participate fully in the sacramental, pastoral, and communal life of the parish. You may register as a member anytime by stopping at the parish office and completing an enrollment form or getting one on-line at our website, [www.stpatrickcolumbus.org](http://www.stpatrickcolumbus.org). Registration materials may also be requested via the *Welcome Envelope* located in the church pews and checking the appropriate box (once received, a parish registration form will be sent along with the monthly mailing of offertory envelopes. Your parish membership is not complete until the registration form is filled out and returned to the parish office. To be considered an active member of the parish and qualify for parish school subsidies or reception of sacraments one must first be registered, attend Sunday Mass weekly, and contribute to the financial support of the parish through the regular use of the weekly offertory envelopes.

# Pastoral Staff

## **Pastor**

Rev. Stephen Alcott, O.P. 614-240-5914 [pastor@stpatrickcolumbus.org](mailto:pastor@stpatrickcolumbus.org)

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## **Director of Youth Ministry**

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## **Director of Altar Servers, Ushers, Lectors**

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## **Rites of Christian Initiation (RCIA)**

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## **St. Margaret Guild**

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## **Confraternity of the Holy Rosary**

Mary Leathley, secretary 614-240-5915 [www.rosaryconfraternity.org](http://www.rosaryconfraternity.org)

## **Hall Rental for private events** *(Patrick and Aquinas Halls)*

Frank Hartge 614-240-5911 [rental@stpatrickcolumbus.org](mailto:rental@stpatrickcolumbus.org)

# Pastoral Council

The Pastoral Council is composed of a maximum of twelve parishioners who serve three-year terms. They are a consultative group that serves as a vehicle of pastoral advice, dialogue and communication with the pastor, parish staff, parishioners and the various organizations of the parish. The Council typically meets once a month from September to June. To have an item placed on the agenda, please call the parish secretary who will put you in contact with the Pastoral Council Chairperson. The (4) committees are: Communication, Ministry Connection, Social Events, and Administration.

## **Current Members (2023-24)**

Rev. Stephen Alcott, O.P.

Joe Testa, Chair

Beth Atkinson, Vice-Chair

Martiana Klui, Secretary

Marian Hyden

Chris Chenault

Jordan Kudija

Don Williams

Mark McGrath

Daniel Heitzenrater

Deb Newman

Kelly Birnbrich

Lou Matt

## **Finance Council**

The Finance Council provides assistance in administering the finances and physical facilities of the parish, and prepares and reviews monthly the parish financial budget. It serves in an advisory capacity to the pastor. Members are appointed by the pastor for a three-year term, serving a maximum of 3 terms (9 years).

# Parish History

February 1851	Fr. John Furlong receives permission from Archbishop John Purcell of Cincinnati to form St. Patrick Parish. The new Irish Parish continues to meet at Holy Cross Church with different Mass times from the German speakers of Holy Cross.
1852	Fr. James Meagher becomes the pastor of the newly constituted parish on the corner of Grant Avenue and Naghten Street.
Sept. 5, 1852	Archbishop Purcell lays the cornerstone.
Sept. 25, 1853	Archbishop Purcell solemnly dedicates the new church.
1854	School Building is built. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur for Girls</li><li>• Brothers of the Holy Cross for the boys</li></ul>
1857	Rectory Building is built.
1866	To relieve overcrowding, St. Joseph (later to become the Cathedral) is established on Broad St.
1867	St. Patrick's Pastor, Rev. Edward Fitzgerald, is consecrated Bishop of Little Rock, Arkansas and leaves St. Patrick's.
1867	Bishop Rosecrans arrives in Columbus as Pastor of St. Patrick's. St. Patrick's serves as the pro-cathedral until St. Joseph Cathedral is ready on Christmas Day 1872. Bishop Rosecrans moves to the Cathedral rectory.
1885	Bishop John Watterson invited the Dominican Order to take over administration of St. Patrick's.
Early 1890s	First church organ is installed.
Sept. 12, 1905	Bishop James Hartley, a son of the parish, invites Dominicans to establish Aquinas H.S.
1909	Bishop Hartley donates the main altar in thanksgiving for his vocation.
1920	Present stained glass windows are installed.
May 1935	During routine roof repairs, the entire roof is set ablaze and collapses into the church. Walls and stained glass are preserved.
1935 -1936	Church is repaired and renovated, present Stations of the Cross, organ, and confessionals on the north and south walls are installed. Fr. James McKenna establishes the Shrine and Guild of Blessed Margaret.
1950	Population shifts from city to suburbs. Highways are built and neighborhood is greatly diminished.
1959	Elementary School is closed.
1965	Aquinas High School is closed.
1970-80s	St. Patrick's is considered an aging inner city parish.
1990	Faithful Roman Catholics are attracted back to St. Patrick's by its orthodoxy and Dominican preaching.
Late 1990s	Parish realized the goal of building a parish center and refurbishing of church structure.
Sept. 2003	Parish opens new parish center and renovated church building on the date of its Sesquicentennial.
Sept. 2011	Parish opens newly renovated parish center basement with add'l classrooms and restrooms
Sept. 2013	Arrival of Dominican Sisters of the Immaculate Conception Province from Justice, Illinois.
Sept. 2013	Blessing of the new Statue of St. Thérèse and the dedication of new Shrine to St. Therese of Lisieux and her parents, Sts. Louis and Zelig Martin
June 2014	Dedication of the historical marker and carved St. Patrick Statue at Naghten/Grant.
Nov. 2015	Dedication of the Lourdes Grotto
2018	Church's 85 year old slate roof replaced
Nov. 2019	Dedication of newly refurbished church pipe organ by Muller Pipe Organ
Apr. 2021	St. Margaret of Castello, O.P. is canonized in Rome
(Summer) 2021	St. Patrick Dominican Community devoted to priory status
May 2022	Church Air Conditioning (heat pumps) replaced

## Pastors of St. Patrick Church

Rev. John Furlong (Organizer)	1851	
Rev. James Meagher (Builder)	1852-1857	
Most Rev. Edward Fitzgerald, D.D.	1857-1867	<i>Later Bishop of Little Rock, AK</i>
Most Rev. Sylvester Rosecrans, D.D.	1867-1872	<i>First Bishop of Columbus, OH</i>
Rev. J. A. Murray	1872-1873	
Rev. J. A. Casella	1873-1876	
Most Rev. N. A. Gallagher, D.D.	1876-1878	<i>Later Bishop of Galveston, TX</i>
Rev. J. R. Madden (temporary)	1878-1880	
Rev. T. F. Delaney (temporary)	1881-1882	
Rev. A. O. Walker	1882-1885	
Rev. Peter Clement Coll, O.P.	1885-1887	<i>Dominicans begin administering St. Patrick's</i>
Rev. Hugh Francis Lilly, O.P.	1887-1890	
Rev. Hugh Joseph McManus, O.P.	1890-1893	
Rev. John Philip Vallely, O.P.	1893-1896	
Rev. Francis Augustine Gaffney, O.P.	1896-1899	
Rev. Francis Colbert, O.P.	1899-1905	
Rev. Francis Larpenteur, O.P.	1905-1907	
Very Rev. Matthew Leo Heagen, O.P.	1907-1908	<i>Later Provincial of St. Joseph Province</i>
Rev. Thomas Sylvester McGovern	1908-1911	
Very Rev. J. T. Aldridge, O.P.	1911-1914	<i>Later Provincial of Lithuania</i>
Rev. Thomas Sylvester McGovern	1914-1917	
Rev. Timothy Leonard Crowley	1917-1920	
Rev. George Ignatius Conlan, O.P.	1920-1922	
Rev. James Benedict Hegarty, O.P.	1922-1928	
Very Rev. John Aloysius Hinch, O.P.	1928-1931	<i>Preacher General of the Order</i>
Rev. Hyacinth Lawrence Martin, O.P.	1931-1937	
Rev. Frederick Jordan Baeszler, O.P.	1937-1945	
Rev. John Justin Costello, O.P.	1945-1954	
Rev. Bernard Paschal Shaffer, O.P.	1954-1956	
Rev. Patrick James Conaty	1957-1958	
Rev. James Thomas a Kempis McKenna, O.P.	1958-1963	
Rev. John Jordan Reichart, O.P.	1964-1970	
Rev. John Timothy Dittoe, O.P.	1970-1976	
Rev. James Dominic Keating, O.P.	1976-1981	
Rev. Raymond Martin McCabe, O.P.	1981-1984	
Rev. Robert Regis Hueschkel, O.P.	1984-1987	
Rev. Charles Albert Farrell, O.P.	1987-1989	
Rev. Thomas Vincent DiFede, O.P.	1989-1992	
Rev. Carleton Parker Jones, O.P.	1992-1995	
Rev. Archibald Kenneth France-Kelly, O.P.	1995-1999	
Rev. Joseph Ambrose Eckinger, O.P.	1999-2005	
Rev. Andre-Joseph Arthur LaCasse, O.P.	2005-2010	
Rev. Michael Mary Cyril Dosch, O.P.	2010-2016	
Rev. Stephen Alcott, O.P.	2016- present	

# St. Patrick Church and Parish Center

St. Patrick Church is located on the corners of Naghten Street, Grant Avenue, and Mount Vernon Avenue. The church, rectory and new parish center are all built of an exterior red brick with sandstone ornamentation. St. Patrick Church was completely renovated from floor to ceiling in anticipation of its Sesquicentennial Celebration in 2003. The interior of the church contains a large vaulted ceiling in a simple Romanesque architectural style.

The vestibule of the church contains shrines to St. Therese of Lisieux and the Infant of Prague, the usher's room, and the entrance stairway to the choir loft. Just above the main entrance of the church's interior is a cross-stitch tapestry of St. Patrick, which was brought to Columbus by Irish immigrants in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. To the left of this tapestry is a reliquary that holds the major relics of St. Margaret's heart, which is venerated on Wednesday, a gold reliquary of numerous Dominican Saints, a relic of our Patron St. Patrick, and relics of St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Gianna Molla, and Blessed Pier Giorgio. Throughout the church, there are candles available for invocation of the saints and prayer.

To the left of the reliquary is the Shrine of St. Margaret of Castello that was established here in 1935. The statue is carved from a solid piece of wood and depicts Margaret's handicaps, namely that she was blind and lame, walking with the support of a cane. The tapestry on the right hand wall depicts the life of our Little Margaret. The cross is made from the church timbers burned in the 1935 fire, and has been named the *Cross of Sorrow*. The banister newel post on the left hand wall of the shrine is from the stairway of the old St. Patrick School that was razed to make room for the new parish center, and serves to hold a relic of St. Margaret for personal veneration.

The beautiful wood floor is of red oak interspersed with occasional maple boards and surrounded by a discreet border of walnut. The inlaid shield of the Dominican Order of maple and walnut is a prominent feature adorning the space in front of the altar. The solid oak pews are carved with shamrocks.

Handicap accessible confessionals on the north and south sides of the church match the wainscoting along the north, south, and west walls. Stations of the Cross encircle the body of the church.

Framed portraits of the saints look down upon the congregation. Beginning with the northeast corner and continuing to the southeast corner are St. Thomas

Aquinas, St. Catherine of Siena, St. Antoninus, St. Agnes of Montepulciano, St. Vincent Ferrer, St. Pier Giorgio Frassati, St. Gianna Molla, St. Hyacinth, St. Catherine de Ricci, Pope St. Pius V, St. Rose of Lima and Our Holy Father Dominic. The large framed painting in the center of the ceiling shows in the top panel the Coronation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and in the bottom panel, the Apostles on earth, peering into the empty tomb that has miraculously sprouted fresh flowers. The painting over the St. Mother shrine depicts Our Lady giving the Holy Rosary to St. Dominic in the presence of the Christ Child. The painting over St. Joseph shrine depicts Saints Joachim and Ann presenting their daughter, Mary, to God in the temple. Over the High Altar is the depiction of the crucifixion of Our Blessed Savior, with the Blessed Mother, St. Mary Magdalene, and St. John.

The High Altar contains the tabernacle and was a gift of Bishop Hartley. (If you look closely, you will find an extra hand at the supper table. By carefully matching arms, hands and bodies, it is apparent that the artist simply added an extra hand to make it “look right”, even though the hand does not belong to anyone at the table.) The Altar of Sacrifice was installed in 2003 and contains a beautiful reliquary of mostly Dominican saints. The wrought iron pulpit was installed in 1937 and contains the crests of the Diocese of Columbus, the Dominican Order, and the Dominican Province of St. Joseph.

The stained glass windows beginning with the northeast corner and continuing to the southeast corner depict the Last Supper of Jesus and the Apostles, The Annunciation, Saint Margaret Mary Alcoque, The Wedding Feast at Cana, St. Patrick, The Dominican Shield, Saints Vincent de Paul and Anthony of Padua, St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Mary Magdalene, The Death of St. Joseph, The Resurrection, and the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple.

The Shrine of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, to the left of the main altar, also holds smaller statues of St. Mary Magdalene, patroness of penitents and protectress of the Dominican Order, and St. Dominic. The Shrine of St. Joseph and the Child Jesus to the right of the main altar holds smaller statues of St. Patrick and St. Michael the Archangel.

Separating the sanctuary from the main body of the church is a beautiful altar rail that is still in use today. To the left of the main sanctuary is the Priest Sacristy, and to the right is the Altar Boy Sacristy. The doors to these sacristies have Tiffany stained glass of angels adoring before the Blessed Sacrament. Throughout the church, you will also notice that the shrine and communion rail kneeling pads are handmade cross-stitch tapestry. This beautiful and intricate artwork was done by members of the Women's Club.

The bell tower is located above the Shrine of St. Margaret. There are three automated bells that were dedicated on the 8<sup>th</sup> of August 2003. They are named *S.P.N. Dominicus – Our Holy Father Dominic* (1,100 lbs), *Mater Ecclesia – Mother of the Church* (690 lbs.), and *S.P. Franciscus – Holy Father Francis* (455 lbs.). The bells ring the Angelus three times a day, five minutes before each weekend Mass, and other occasions as well.

In the space that joins our church to the new parish center, a baptistery full of light and sacred space welcomes the newest members of the church and reminds those already baptized of their new life in Christ. The baptismal font, a gift to the parish from the Dominican Friars, is carved from Alabama limestone and weighs 2.5 tons. It is modeled after a 12<sup>th</sup> Century baptismal font at the church where St. Dominic served as an apprentice to his uncle who was a parish priest. The Baptismal gallery or atrium also houses shrines to our Lady, the Sacred Heart, and St. Patrick. The circular window carries the Greek monogram for Jesus Christ. Down the courtyard corridor is a separate alcove shrine to St. Joseph. The newly constructed parish center houses parish offices, offices for pastoral staff, a conference room, parish library, two large banquet halls, lavatories, classrooms, and meeting rooms.





## The Dominican Community

The Dominicans, who have served St. Patrick for more than 138 years, are from the Eastern Province of St. Joseph. The Order of Preachers (O.P.) – the official name of the Dominicans – was founded by St. Dominic in 1216. The first Catholic Church in Ohio was founded in Somerset in 1818 by Fr. Edward Dominic Fenwick, O.P. He later became the first bishop of Cincinnati in 1821. The community includes Dominican friars who serve the parish, as well as those who serve at St. Mary of the Springs Dominican Motherhouse, Ohio Dominican University, and other ministries in the city. From time to time, we also have friars in residence pursuing academic study. St. Patrick Priory is the private residence of the Dominican friars. All official parish activities, meetings, and office work take place in the Parish Center. The Dominican life is centered on the chanting of the Divine Office three times each day and their life as brothers of St. Dominic.



# Religious Education

In keeping with our deep-rooted Dominican tradition, intellectual formation is key to Catholic Life. Following the sound doctrine of St. Thomas Aquinas, we believe that religious education begins early and continues all throughout life.

**Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD)** – For children, K-12, who may not receive religious education in schools, and for children whose parents choose CCD as an additional program to parochial schools. CCD meets on Sunday morning from 10:15-11:30 a.m. The CCD Program also offers **The Rites of Christian Initiation for Children (RCIC)** for children who have missed sacramental preparation, as well as classes for children with special needs.

**Catechesis of the Good Shepherd** - An approach to the religious formation of children rooted in the Bible, the liturgy of the church, and the educational principles of Maria Montessori. This program is designed to engage children, 3-5 years of age, in a deeper understanding and appreciation of the liturgy, the parables, and the life of Jesus.

**Blessed Margaret's Children** - Founded on the premise that God's special children receive ongoing catechesis insofar as they are capable (including the reception of the Sacraments of the Church), St. Margaret's Children strives to support the catechesis of each special needs child. The child's individual needs are assessed and an appropriate lesson plan is prepared. Each child is accompanied by an aide during class time.

**Rites of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)** – The RCIA program is specifically geared towards adults wanting to be baptized in the Catholic Faith, converts to Catholicism, and Catholics needing specific sacraments. RCIA classes meet from Sept-April of each year on Wednesday evenings. *Please note that children coming into the church are educated and prepared for the sacraments through our CCD program.*

# Youth Ministry

[www.stpatrickyouth.org](http://www.stpatrickyouth.org)

Youth Ministry Programs are open to all parish youth. Those from other parishes are welcome, but are first encouraged to explore the youth ministry programs in their own parish. Please contact the Director of Youth Ministry for information.

**JUNIOR HIGH GROUP** is open to any student in 6th-8th grade and meets every first Thursday of the month in the spring and in the fall. The Youth Nights always include a talk, thirty minutes of adoration with the opportunity for confession, and a social in Patrick Hall. 8th graders are also invited to a Dead Theologians Society meeting every fourth Thursday of the month in the spring and in the fall.

**HIGH SCHOOL GROUP** is open to any student in 9th-12th grade and meets every Tuesday, alternating between Youth Nights and Dead Theologian Society meetings. Tuesdays start with games, a talk with adoration and confessions, and then a social in Patrick Hall.

**YOUTH SERVANTS TEAM** is comprised of mature 11th-12th graders who are already involved in High School Group and would like to assist with Junior High Group. These teens must apply for a position on the team and help lead youth ministry events, animate games and activities, and occasionally facilitate small group discussions.

**YOUTH CORE TEAM** is comprised of young adults who are faithful to the Church's teaching and help lead youth ministry events on the High School level. The Core Team acts as chaperones and professional role models, getting closely involved in the human and social formation of our teens by leading discussions, chaperoning outings and retreats, and setting up for special events. All Core Team members are Protecting God's Children certified and former Youth Group alumni must wait at least one calendar year before applying to be on the team.

# **Post High School and College Young Adult Ministry and Fellowship**

**CATHOLIC CAMPUS OUTREACH (College)**- Catholic students at Columbus State Community College and Columbus College of Art and Design are welcome to join this fellowship of students to find community, common prayer and study, retreats, recreation, and leadership opportunities. We meet weekly after the 11:45 a.m. Mass on Fridays during the academic year. For more information, contact Fr. Stephen Alcott, O.P. at [pastor@stpatrikcolumbus.org](mailto:pastor@stpatrikcolumbus.org) or 614-240-5914.

**FRASSATI SOCIETY** - The Columbus Frassati Society follows in the footsteps of St. Pier Giorgio Frassati, seeking to bring the whole person to Christ through adoration, study, community, charitable activity, and love of the outdoors. Young adults ages 21-34 in the Columbus area are welcome to join. For details, contact [columbusfrassatisociety@gmail.com](mailto:columbusfrassatisociety@gmail.com) or visit <http://columbusfrassatisociety.com/>.

## **USEFUL WEBSITES**

### **FORMED**

Great resource for Catholic teaching series, videos, podcasts, books.

[www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org)

- Register Parish Code V329EB to set up your complimentary account.

**ONLINE BULLETIN:** [www.stpatrickcolumbus.org](http://www.stpatrickcolumbus.org)

**PARISH FACEBOOK PAGE:** <https://www.facebook.com/stpatrickcolumbus/>

**DOMINICAN PROVINCE OF ST. JOSEPH:** [opeast.org](http://opeast.org)

**FLOCKNOTE:** [stpatrikcolumbus.flocknote.com](http://stpatrikcolumbus.flocknote.com)

# St. Margaret of Castello Guild and Shrine

There has been a special devotion to St. Margaret of Castello at St. Patrick Church since the 1930s. A shrine to St. Margaret was established in the Church in the late 1950s, with an expansion of the Shrine as a separate chapel in the renovations of the 1970s. In anticipation of St. Patrick's Sesquicentennial 2003-2004, the Shrine was once again renovated. The beautiful stained glass window just above her head that had been previously boarded over was exposed. The tapestry of her life was reconditioned, and in the center of the tapestry was placed a wonderful charred cross made from ceiling beams from the fire of 1935. In addition, the newel post from a banister taken from the St. Patrick School was reconditioned to contain a relic of St. Margaret for private veneration.

The Saint Margaret Guild was established for a two purposes: First to promote the canonization of Bl. Margaret which took place on April 24, 2021 in Rome; and second to raise money for various programs to benefit "*The Unwanted*," especially the poor, underprivileged, the abandoned, and *Respect for Life*.

Each Wednesday, the St. Margaret Novena is prayed at the Masses, and a relic of her heart is venerated. A special Mass is celebrated monthly for the intentions of the Guild members. The Dominican Friars recite the Novena prayers every evening at Vespers for the intentions of the Guild. A Christmas Octave of Masses is celebrated for the intentions of the members of the Saint Margaret Guild.

There are two general Guild mailings each year: the October Charities Mailing and the Lenten Novena Mailing in anticipation for her feast day, April 13. (The St. Margaret Novena begins on April 5<sup>th</sup> or April 13<sup>th</sup> any given year). All contributions received are exclusively reserved for charities of the Guild. Also, on the months when there is a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday there is an envelope in the offering packet entitled *Little Margaret's Charity*. All money placed in this envelope and in the poor boxes located at the back of the church is used for the charity program of the guild.

All are welcome to become members of the St. Margaret of Castello Guild by writing to: 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus, OH, or by calling 614-240-5915.

## Brief Life of Saint Margaret of Castello

Saint Margaret of Castello was born of a wealthy, noble Italian family near Florence, Italy in 1287. Born blind and lame, her family was ashamed of her and kept her hidden in virtual imprisonment for nine years in a tiny cell attached to a forest church. It was only through the family chaplain that St. Margaret came to know God. Seeking a miracle, her parents took her to a Franciscan Shrine. When she was not cured, they abandoned her.

St. Margaret's faith and courage inspired others in the community to take pity on her and to help her survive. Eventually she became a member of the Dominican Third Order of Castello, where she lived an exemplary life of prayer, penance, and charity. Despite her difficulties, Margaret was serene, cheerful and courageous. She never became bitter, never complained, never reproached others or lost heart. Discouragement was a word she did not know. She found strength in prayer, in daily Mass, in Holy Communion and sought help from Jesus, Mary, Joseph and St. Dominic.

Margaret was courageous because she looked at suffering with the eyes of faith. She did not know why God permitted her to have so many afflictions. She did know that He was an infinitely loving and kind Father, who never permitted one single misfortune without good reason, who always turned evil into good for His children. She wondered why people pitied her. Was it not a privilege to suffer with Christ? Suffering for her was a way to heaven.

Pain made Margaret sympathetic and understanding toward others. She visited prisoners, helped the sick and comforted the dying. Since her death, at age thirty-three, she has kept on helping those who pray to her. Many cures have been attributed to her intercession.

Margaret of Castello was declared Blessed by the Catholic Church on Oct. 19, 1609 and canonized, April 2021. St. Margaret is an inspiration to those who are discouraged and tempted to self-pity. Her intercession is most powerful to those who suffer from eye and muscular diseases and has become an inspiration for the Pro-Life Movement. She is help for those who are unwanted and abandoned.

Her incorrupt body lies under the main altar in St. Dominic Church, Castello, Italy. Many visit her shrine to venerate her body and pray for her intercession.

# Stewardship of Time, Treasure, and Talent

**Regular Collections** – St. Patrick’s depends completely on your financial support. As a registered parishioner, you may choose to receive a monthly packet of offering envelopes or utilize your bank’s bill pay system or give via our online platform, WeShare online giving. The weekly offering is used to pay the employees of the parish and to provide for programs, supplies, maintenance, utilities, and the general upkeep of the complex. Your offerings are also used to house and employ the Dominican friars who serve the parish. Prayerful, generous, and thoughtful consideration is asked of you concerning your weekly offering to St. Patrick’s. There are occasional 2<sup>nd</sup> Collections mandated by the diocese as well.

**WeShare Online Giving** – Visit the parish online giving page at: [www.StPatrickColumbus.WeShareOnline.org](http://www.StPatrickColumbus.WeShareOnline.org). Click *Give Online* or call the parish office for more information.

**Time and Talent** – Parishioners are also asked to participate in the community life of St. Patrick’s. We ask all parishioners to prayerfully consider joining at least one program or activity and help build up the faith community of St. Patrick’s.

## TUITION SUBSIDIES

**Elementary School Parochial School Subsidies** – Parish will provide Catholic elementary school tuition assistance by way of a parish subsidy grant for registered and participating parishioners. This commitment requires active membership and financial support to the parish from the parents who receive this assistance. Active membership is defined by family registration in the parish, recognition by the pastor as a family participating in the sacramental life of the parish, contribution of time and talent to the ministries of the parish, and the regular contribution of an appropriate portion of their annual income to the financial support of the parish. Parents must reapply for subsidies each year.

**High School Parochial School Subsidies** – St. Patrick’s pays a mandatory subsidy set by the diocese for each registered parish child enrolled in a diocesan High School.

# Parish Ministries

Your help is needed throughout the year with the various projects, activities and committees that serve the Parish. Please refer to the parish bulletin for times and dates of ministry meetings. To contact any of the groups listed, please call the parish office for information or see individual contact information contained herein.

**All VOLUNTEERS MUST BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE DIOCESAN SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR CHILDREN STANDARDS.** All employees and volunteers are required by the diocese of Columbus to attend the *Protecting God's Children* training program and to submit to a Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Background Check. A signed Parish Code of Conduct and other parish specific documents must be on file, as well. Please

**Adult Funeral Servers** – The group invites mature men to serve at funeral Masses and assist the priest with the Rite of Christian burial, practicing a Corporal Work of Mercy to bury the dead. Contact the parish office.

**All Night Vigils** – Eucharistic Adoration on Third Fridays (Life) and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays (Vocations) begin at 8 p.m. and conclude with Mass at 7 a.m. Please contact the following to sign up for one hour in front of our Lord. Contact: (3<sup>rd</sup>) Carla.Adams1111@gmail.com or (4<sup>th</sup>) Fred at buckeye.fs@hotmail.com.

**Altar Servers** – Boys grades 5<sup>th</sup> through High School assist the priest in the celebration of Mass and other liturgical functions. Contact: Fr. Paul at frpaulmarich@stpatrickcolumbus.org.

**American Heritage Girls** – AHG is a Christ-centered character development program for girls ages 5-18. The mission is to build women of integrity through service to God, family, community and country. Contact: ahg.oh0031@yahoo.com.

**Bereavement Committee** – Assist with a meal after a family burial service. Members provide luncheon as well as assist with set up or clean up. Contact: Kathy Fornes at kathy@kfornes.com.

**Catholic in Recovery** – Complimenting the 12 step program, meets Wednesday evenings at St. Patrick. Contact Jon at 614-588-4022 or circolumbus@gmail.com.

**Choir** – Adult choir that sings two Sundays per month and all principal feasts. Contact: Kathleen Tully at kathleen@stpatrickcolumbus.org or 614-224-9522, ext. 152.

**Chorus Angelorum** - Under the direction of Mrs. Barbara Magree, the children's choir of St. Patrick Church are educated in the beauty of sacred music. The children sing at Christmas, First Holy Communion, and other liturgical times throughout the year. Contact Barb Magree at 614-421-2079.



- Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary** – The purpose of the Rosary Confraternity is to praise and honor the Blessed Virgin Mary and to secure her patronage by the recitation of the Rosary for the spiritual benefit of all the members throughout the world. Contact: Mary Leathley at 614-240-5915.
- Creighton Model Fertility Center** – Teaches natural procreative technology according to the Creighton Model. Contact Holly Deliduka at holly@freedomfertilitycare.com.
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** - Ministers are commissioned on behalf of St. Patrick Church to bring the Sacred Eucharist to the sick and the infirmed. Contact parish office.
- Faith Mission** - A group of parishioners serves meals at Faith Mission on the second Sunday of every month. We arrive at 11:00 a.m. and are generally finished around 1:30 p.m. 3-6 volunteers needed each month. Must be at least 14 years of age, and if under 18, must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Contact: Steve Kiene, 419-306-4721.
- Finance Committee** – Assist the pastor in the administration of the goods of the parish, as determined by Canon Law. Contact Pastor.
- FOCCUS/WITNESS TO LOVE Marriage Preparation Couples** - These couples work with the priests to prepare engaged couples for the sacrament of marriage. Contact Pastor.
- Frassati Society for Young Adults** - The Columbus Frassati Society follows in the footsteps of St. Pier Giorgio Frassati, seeking to bring the whole person to Christ through adoration, study, community, charitable activity, and love of the outdoors. Young adults ages 21-34 in the Columbus area are welcome to join. Contact: Sarah at columbusfrassatisociety@gmail.com.
- Kairos Prison Ministry**: Gerard Tracy at gbtracyjr@sbcglobal.net.
- Knights of Columbus Council 11207** – Fraternal organization dedicated to charity, unity and fellowship. The Knights promote vocations, prayer, religious education and parish activities. Contact: Clint Atkins at clint.atkins@gmail.com.
- Lectors** – Readers who Proclaim the Word of Sacred Scripture during Mass. Contact: Fr. Paul at frpaulmarich@stpatrickcolumbus.org.
- Library** – Volunteers serve and staff the parish library on Sunday mornings. Contact: Fr. Albert Dempsey, O.P. at fralbert@stpatrickcolumbus.org.

- Little Flower Shower** – an outreach of St. Patrick’s Respect Life Group, is a ministry reaching out to mothers in crisis pregnancies. Using the example of St. Therese, who while doing ordinary things showed extraordinary love, we hope to shower each mother with love by giving her a baby shower - one “Little Way” to encourage these moms and support them through their journey of motherhood. Contact Katie at [littleflowershowers@gmail.com](mailto:littleflowershowers@gmail.com).
- Little Margaret’s Charity** – Established to raise money for various programs to benefit “*The Unwanted*,” especially the poor and underprivileged; to promote social justice; to further the cause of *Respect for Life*; and to promote the principles and ideals carried out by St. Margaret in her work as a laywoman of the Dominican Order. Contact: Frank Hartge at [businessmanager@stpatrikcolumbus.org](mailto:businessmanager@stpatrikcolumbus.org) or 614-240-5911.
- Madonna Garden Club** – Members tend to the parish gardens and lawns and take care of the seasonal decorations. Contact [bill.hueckel@thorsensgreenhouse.com](mailto:bill.hueckel@thorsensgreenhouse.com).
- Marriage Preparation Couples (WITNESS TO LIFE / FOCCUS)** – Appointed by the pastor, these couples work with the priests to prepare engaged couples for the sacrament of marriage. Contact Pastor.
- Martha-Mary Sewing Circle** – A weekly opportunity for women to make friends while developing basic sewing, smocking, knitting, quilting and crocheting skills. Beginners are welcome. Contact Eunice Hayes at [eunicesmocks@gmail.com](mailto:eunicesmocks@gmail.com).
- Pastoral Council** – The Pastoral Council serves in an advisory capacity to the pastor in matters regarding the spiritual and social concerns of the parish. Nominations are typically conducted in November. Contact Pastor.
- Respect Life** – Outreach relating to the protection of the sanctity of human life meet regularly on the Saturday following the third Friday for Mass at 7 a.m. followed by social and praying the rosary at a nearby abortion clinic. Contact Tricia Speicher at 614-882-0448.
- Saint Margaret Guild** – Provides upkeep for the St. Margaret Shrine located in St. Patrick Church, promotes the sanctity of all life, and furthers the devotion to St. Margaret of Castello, O.P. Members of the Guild share in the spiritual fruit of weekly Masses and yearly novenas. Contact: Mary Leathley at 614-240-5915.
- Social Events Committee** – Sponsors programs to strengthen parish life by providing spiritual and social activities. Contact Marian Hyden at [kmhyden@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kmhyden@sbcglobal.net).

***That Man is You*** – is an interactive men’s program combining the best research from the science with the teachings of the Catholic faith and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of a man fully alive. By honestly addressing the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, *That Man is You!* meets on Saturday mornings after the 7 a.m. Mass seeking to form men who will be capable of transforming home and society. Contact Kevin McNamara at kevinmcmamaratherapist@gmail.com.

**Ushers** – Ushers assist in the seating of the people, in taking up the collection, and inviting participation by those who bring up offertory gifts. Contact: Fr. Paul at frpaulmarich@stpatrickcolumbus.org.

**Vacation Bible School - VBS** for children from age 3 to 5<sup>th</sup> grade is offered in July of each year. The planning and execution of this program begins through the Religious Education Program in March with both parents and children involved. Contact Sr. Leonarda at sisterop@stpatrickcolumbus.org.

**Women’s Club** – The Women’s Club promotes the general welfare of St. Patrick’s Church by fostering a friendly spirit among parishioners. The Group sponsors fund raising events to assist in the needs of the parish. Regular meetings are held monthly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday. Contact Anne at annepnpm@gmail.com.

**Women of Joy** – provides an opportunity for the women of St. Patrick’s to come together for fellowship to grow together in faith. Contact Nancy at nancy@madridfamily.com.

# Adult Spirituality

## **Angelic Warfare Confraternity**

The Angelic Warfare Confraternity is a supernatural fellowship of men and women bound to one another in love and dedicated to pursuing and promoting chastity together under the powerful patronage of St. Thomas Aquinas and the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a wonderful aid to promoting the virtue of chastity. This power spiritual devotion for chastity will be offered immediately after the 12 noon Mass on the 3rd Sunday of each month.

**Saint Margaret Guild** – Promotes the sanctity of all life and the cause of canonization of St. Margaret of Castello, O.P. Members share in the spiritual fruit of weekly Masses and yearly novenas.

**Confraternity of The Most Holy Rosary** – The purpose of the Rosary Confraternity is to praise and honor the Blessed Virgin Mary and to secure her patronage by the recitation of the Rosary for the mutual spiritual benefit of all the members throughout the world.

**Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic** – Dedicated men and women who promise to fulfill their Christian vocation in the world according to the Dominican charism “to contemplate and to give to others the fruit of their contemplation.” Officially joined to the Order founded by Saint Dominic in 1216 with their own rule of life in 1285, they continue under their contemporary rule to join together with the friars and sisters of the Order in prayer, study, healthy asceticism and apostolic work to achieve their own salvation and that of their neighbors. They seek an understanding of their faith through study fortified by prayer (both private and liturgical) to make a difference by caring action in a secularized world. The Chapter of Saint Catherine of Siena was formally established at St. Patrick’s in 1939 and continues through its regular meetings and common effort to implement the mission of the laity faithful to the Church’s Magisterium. Meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday. Contact Linda Henry at 4ihs@att.net.

# Becoming Catholic at St. Patrick

**Want to learn more? Start at any time!**

You do not need to wait until September to begin your journey.

*"Do you understand what you are reading?" "How can I unless someone guides me?"  
"Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this scripture he told him the good news of  
Jesus" (Acts 8:30-31).*

The Holy Catholic Church is missionary by her very nature and continues to respond to the Lord's command to his disciples "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Mt 28:19). We, the priests and parishioners of St. Patrick seek to share and spread the Catholic Faith as an essential part of living it out. Our program for the "Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults" (RCIA) embodies this in a critical way since it seeks to share the Catholic Faith with adults who have not yet received the fullness of teaching and practice. Since St. Patrick's is a ministry of the Order of Preachers, the RCIA program is accentuated by the Order's purpose of preaching and the salvation of souls.

RCIA is catch-all term for the process the preparation that participants undergo. This preparation is a combination of personal conversion, catechetical instruction, prayer, liturgical rites, and integration into the larger parish community. Participants in RCIA include inquirers who are simply learning more about the faith; catechumens and candidates who have expressed their desire to become Catholic; and those baptized Catholic but who require adult instruction to prepare for one or more of the sacraments.

To learn more, please contact:  
Father Albert Dempsey, O.P.  
fralbert@stpatrickcolumbus.org  
614-240-5919

## **Hallmarks of St. Patrick's RCIA program**

While the essentials of RCIA remain the same throughout the Catholic Church, St. Patrick's RCIA program is blessed to have the following hallmarks:

- Emphasis on personal conversion
- Instruction by Dominican friars
- Ability to begin the process at any time
- Emphasis on formation in the Church's tradition of liturgy, prayer, and devotions
- Sponsors from the parish
- Integration into active parish groups
- Emphasis on the saints as our "heavenly sponsors"
- Dominican Credo Curriculum

## **Want to invite a friend or loved one to consider becoming Catholic at St. Patrick?**

Share this information with them and encourage them to contact Fr. Albert Dempsey, O.P.

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614-240-5919

## **Becoming a Godparent/Sponsor**

If you and are interested in getting involved as a sponsor, please contact Fr. Charles. Sponsors encourage and support an individual candidate along their journey. The impact of a sponsor can be deep and lasting as they assist the candidate not only during the RCIA process but afterwards. Sponsors are required to attend the Rite of Acceptance, the Rite of Election, and the Easter Vigil (or Mass of initiation) with their candidate. At St. Patrick's the sponsors chosen are generally parishioners so that they can help their candidates integrate into the parish by attending Mass with them, inviting them to events and introducing them to other parishioners. Sponsors are welcome to attend the RCIA class sessions along with their candidate; however, this is not required since a sponsor's most important work actually takes place outside the class sessions.

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