

Saint Patrick's Day Fun Coming Up

Tradition, Tradition... yes the Saint Patrick's Party is alive and well. One of Father Jack's favorite evenings continues, as does the legacy started by John Barry.

On Saturday evening **March 18th** we will present a spirited show for your entertainment. Believe it or not this will be our eighth presentation in the Philippine Center.

You will see some familiar faces in this year's show and, as always, a few new faces are recruited to expand and expose various parish talents. More details will be forthcoming in the bulletin.

If you have never come before or it has been awhile, you will be surprised how the entire production has progressed. Hope to see you on March 18th for some fun.

~ Stan Riley and the Saint Patrick's Committee



Good Feedback on Something New

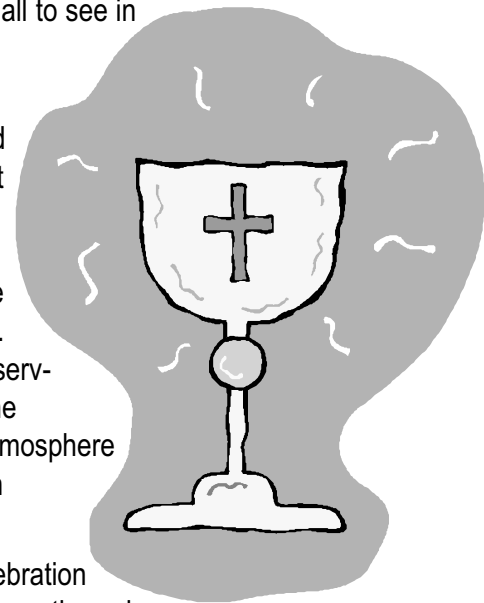
The first Fifth Sunday Evening Mass was held on Sunday, October 30th at 7 pm. Greeters met attendees at the church entrances, but their duties were a little different than normal. Not only was the always-friendly face there to greet people but the greeters were also asking whether there were any birthdays or anniversaries that the person wanted mentioned or celebrated, as well as asking whether they had any prayer requests to add to the petitions.

A large video screen greeted the crowd in the corner of the sanctuary and its purpose would become evident a short time later. A choir made up of primarily high school students and eighth graders began pre-Mass songs about 15 minutes prior to the start of the service and their energy was evident. The need for the video screen became apparent as the words for the songs were displayed for all to see in addition to some beautiful pictures.

Fr. Paul came to the front of church about five minutes before Mass was to start to have a very relaxed conversation with the group about why we were there at Mass. He then went back to the Sacristy to get ready while a lector shared the birthday and anniversary announcements that were collected before Mass. These included a 95th birthday that drew the loudest applause. Mass started from there and it was a beautiful evening service. Sharing the individually requested petitions made the prayers more personally focused and gave the family atmosphere an even bigger boost. The choir continued to provide an uplifting musical background for the community.

Unleavened bread was prepared for the Eucharistic celebration to add a "flavor" to the beautiful gift that Jesus has given us through His sacrifice. At the end of the service, the crowd of about 300 people was invited to the Gathering Rooms to share some fellowship, as well as their thoughts about the evening's events.

The response to this first Mass was overwhelmingly positive. Attendees sought out Fr. Paul after Mass to express their praise about the service. A subsequent online survey also provided positive feedback about the celebration, as well as suggestions for the next Mass. As this edition of Vibrations goes to print, the January 29 Fifth Sunday Evening Mass is the current focus. There are still three more opportunities in 2006 to experience the Fifth Sunday Evening Mass: **April 30**, **July 30** and **October 29**. Come and share in this celebration with your St. Vivian family.



~ John Hadden

Learning about the Jewish Faith

About 75 people from St. Vivian's as well as other churches in the area gathered on Sunday, January 22, to learn more about the Jewish religion. The Northern Hills Ecumenical Council sponsored the talk on Judaism here at St. Vivian's. Charlie Cytron-Walker, a 5th year rabbinical student at Hebrew Union College talked about different forms of Judaism, how they developed and how they differ. He then answered questions about his religion. There were many good and insightful questions that Charlie answered very well.

Refreshments were served afterwards courtesy of St. Vivian's 2004 Women's CRHP team. All enjoyed the learning and the fellowship.

This educational program was sponsored by the Northern Hills Ecumenical Council (NHEC). The Council is made up of churches in the Northern Hills area that foster ecumenism by working together on various projects during the year. Last spring Faith Lutheran hosted an interfaith Good Friday Liturgy. This past October St. Bart's hosted the Crop Walk to fight world hunger. Other members of the Council include Fleming Road United Church of Christ, Northern Hills United Methodist, Northminster Presbyterian, St. Stephens Episcopal, Holy Trinity-St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox, New Beginnings Fellowship and Inspirational Baptist. If you would like more information about NHEC feel free to call Joan Michael 542-5468 or Sue Lennert at 772-7731.



Charlie Cytron-Walker, a 5th year rabbinical student at Hebrew Union College, enjoys a reception after speaking about the Jewish faith to an interdenominational group at St. Vivian

Mayoral Candidates Respond to AMOS Project Annual Public Meeting

A big thanks to the 31 members of our parish who took the bus to St. Peter in Chains on October 27 for the annual AMOS Public Meeting. They heard and saw mayoral candidates, council candidates and others agree to work with AMOS. Over 600 persons from 32 congregations attended the meeting. They heard AMOS's plans to double its size in the coming year and to work with sister organizations across Ohio in 2006 to impact statewide issues.

The meeting focused on three areas of concern: housing, jobs and transportation. A task force was created for each area of concern to research the problem and to determine who are the decision makers that can bring resolution to the problem.

1. The Housing Task Force Issues

A motion was initiated in City Council that implied a two-pattern for Cincinnati residents -- a residential private police for residents of public housing and the Cincinnati Police Department for private homeowner residents of the city. The suggestion was that public housing was placing undue stress on the Cincinnati Police Department.

The resolution: This statement, "As long as I am in public office, I will oppose any effort to deny equal police protection to residents of public housing. I declare this publicly to the congregations of AMOS, this day, Thursday, October 27, 2005, in the Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains." was signed by all of the candidates for City of Cincinnati Council Members who were at the meeting.

The metropolitan Cincinnati area has been supporting a system of sprawl where residents are forced to choose between opportunity and diversity. A choice which is not only unfair and immoral but moves good opportunities (good schools,

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good jobs, lower taxes) farther away from stable integrated neighborhoods and the city out to sprawl areas.

The resolution: Each candidate for Cincinnati City Council was asked: "Would you support the AMOS Housing Platform by convening, with AMOS, a regional housing allies table?" All who were asked agreed. The mayoral candidates were asked the same question, but with the stipulation that the implementation take place within 60 days of taking office. Both mayoral candidates agreed. Also State Representative Driehaus was asked, "Will you support the AMOS Housing Platform and commit to take part in the AMOS Regional Housing Allies Table?" State Representative Driehaus also agreed.

2. The Jobs Task Force

The city of Cincinnati and the construction trade unions have been allowing out-of-state workers to come into the metropolitan Cincinnati area and take local trade jobs that are needed by Cincinnati residents. A bi-partisan amendment to the Federal Highway Bill that Congress passed and President Bush signed allows for the creation of a local hiring agreement. Cities and counties can now pass hiring agreements that require that jobs on federally funded construction projects go to local residents.

The resolution: The mayoral candidates were asked, "If elected mayor, will you initiate a Local Hiring Agreement in Cincinnati? Please answer YES or NO. Both candidates agreed yes. Then candidates for City Council were asked, "If you will support the new mayor in a Local Hiring Agreement please come and join them here on stage." All candidates present came forward and agreed.

3. The Transportation Task Force

For 33 years the funding source for transit has been almost entirely dependent on city tax revenue. The county appoints the majority of the people to the governing board, but contributes nothing to daily operating expenses.

A voice is needed that represents all of the stakeholders, the city, the suburbs and the riders.

The resolution: A pledge of support that read: I support AMOS' campaign to appoint a community leader to the transit authority governing board (SORTA or its equivalent) who meets the following qualifications: (1) is a member of a large grassroots organization; (2) is a member of a regional organization that represents both urban and suburban interests; and (3) is a member of an organization with members who are transit riders. I declare this publicly to the

congregations of AMOS, this day, Thursday, October 27, 2005, in the Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains," was signed by all of the City Council candidates.

Both mayoral candidates were asked, "If elected mayor, will you appoint to the transit authority governing board a community leader who meets the three qualifications listed on the "Pledge of Support?" Both candidates answered yes.

The night of requests for resolution support was a complete success. The continuity and implementation of the resolutions presented at this meeting will set the agenda over the coming year. A year from now, will the requests be powerful enough to meet with candidates for the governor's office? The AMOS organization will be larger and much more powerful.

~Pat Youngblood

Clete's Prayer

The following prayer was written by Clete Ollier who, with his wife Ann, became members of St. Vivian in 1968. Clete was one of the original members of the St. Vivian Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, a Monday morning money counter and a dedicated festival worker.

Ann helped organize the Free Spirits with Bob Oehler and Sister Martha, supported her children's activities and volunteered at the rectory on Saturday mornings.

Clete's sensitivity and insight could be an inspiration to all of us older parishioners (and probably to some younger ones, also).

Clete's Prayer

Lord, Thou knowest that I am growing older. Keep me from becoming talkative and possessed

with the idea that I must express myself on every subject.

Release me from the craving to straighten out everyone's affairs.

Keep me from the recital of endless detail. Give me wings to get to the point.

Seal my lips when I am inclined to tell of my aches and pains. They are increasing with the years, and my love to speak of them grows sweeter as time goes by.

Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be wrong.

Make me thoughtful, but not nosey; helpful but not bossy.

With my vast store of wisdom and experience it does seem a pity not to use it all.

But Thou knowest Lord that I want a few friends at the end.

Women's CRHP Weekend Was a Spiritual Success



The Giving Team are from left: Lois Neltner, Mary Kent, Betty Ann Hess, Sue Lennert, Marian McDaniel, Sharon Montgomery. Not pictured are Joan Haber, Dawn Vettel, Mary Ann Wurtzler.



The Receiving Team is Women's CRHP '05 and they are, front row: Felicia Tully, Cathy McDaniel, Kim Ostendorf; back row: Joanne Bunning, Shelly King, Marian Klusman and Judi Blank.

The Women's Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) weekend retreat held here in October is considered a spiritual success by all attendees. CRHP began as a renewal experience in Cleveland, Ohio, in April, 1969, specifically for American parishes. From this beginning, through word of mouth and without any official advertising, CRHP has officially grown to 26 states and Italy.

CRHP was introduced to St. Vivian in the late 1970s and was re-introduced here due to Fr. Jack Filippine's wishes in 2001. Since that time, more than 130 parishioners experience this unique weekend.

The women's retreat held here in October included prayerful reflection, spiritual re-awakening, laughter, tears, fellowship (what is the feminine form of that word?) and lots of great food.

CRHP provided the recipients a break from life's hectic everyday schedule to spend time with our Lord and meet

people with whom they might never come into contact. Where else can you have this type of experience at such a great price? – FREE!

Thanks!

We would like to extend warm and sincere thanks to Fr. Paul, Deacon Larry Maag, Evelyn Maag and Fr. Kenan for their gifts of time and spiritual guidance, and to all the previous CRHP sisters who gave witnesses and acted as table leaders for the weekend. And, thanks to John Hadden and Joe Meyer for their endless energy and beautiful chapel arrangement. Also, a yummy thanks to the other CRHP sisters and brothers who prepared the fantastic meals for the weekend -- we couldn't have eaten without you! Watch the bulletin, Quicklets, and sky writing for information concerning the 2006 Women's CRHP retreat – don't miss it!

~ Mary Kent

A Most Rewarding Ministry

One of the most rewarding ministries at St. Vivian's for me is the taking of Holy Communion to the sick, elderly and shut-ins. For nearly 10 years my wife and I have shared this experience together. It's a wonderful way to keep our home-bound parishioners in contact with their church and their fellow parishioners. But most importantly it is such an honor to be able to physically bring our Lord in Body to such special men and women.

Before I got involved in home communion I was a distributor once a month at Sunday Mass. Through this ministry I learned that we have such a great opportunity for



prayer at the moment we receive communion. What a powerful time to ask our Lord Jesus Christ to bless these people and comfort them.

Over the years many people I have had the privilege to share with and give Holy Communion to have been called home to our Lord. It is an honor to have been the last person to give the gift Jesus gave us at the Last Supper to these precious souls.

If you are interested in this ministry, please take some time in prayer and consider being a mass distributor or a home distributor and contact the rectory. God Bless.

~Joe Meyer

NOTE

The CRHP men's team will host a retreat February 25-26 for men of our parish. For more information call Paul Platt 851-3870 or email to plattpk@fuse.net.

Favorite Soup at CRHP Weekends

Many people have asked for this recipe after enjoying this soup on a CRHP retreat. So here it is:

Feel free to cut out this handy recipe card.



FRANK DOYLE'S BAKED POTATO SOUP

Ingredients:

1 stick butter
1 ½ teaspoon seasoned salt
1 mild onion, chopped
½ cup all purpose flour
1 teaspoon basil flakes or
1 tablespoon chopped fresh basil
6 cups chicken stock
4 russet potatoes, baked
2 ½ cups Potato Buds
Dash hot pepper sauce
1 quart Half-and-Half

Garnish:

shredded cheddar,
1 teaspoon black pepper
green onion,
crumbled bacon

Melt butter and cook onions on low 10 to 15 minutes in a heavy pot. Do not brown. Add flour and cook, stirring four to five minutes. Do not brown.

Mix chicken stock with Potato Buds and whisk until smooth. Whisk stock mixture into butter and flour.

Cook 20 minutes. Stir occasionally. Whisk in Half-and-Half. Add seasonings and cook 10 minutes longer. Do not boil.

Dice cooked potatoes and stir into soup. Garnish with cheese, onion and bacon before serving.

Makes 12 to 16 servings.

Our Outreach Food Drives

For over 20 years St. Vivian's Church has been donating to the Terrace Guild in Winton Hills and to Mercy Franciscan at St. John's downtown, and more recently to Mother of Christ church in Winton Hills. These projects have generated a lot of interest, with collections at Christmas and Easter amounting to 75-125 boxes of food, cleaning supplies, paper products and baby supplies. And at Christmas, many, many toys.

The collections at Christmas and Easter go to the Terrace Guild and Mother of Christ Church. We help them with emergency assistance to keep their pantry shelves filled over the holidays. The paper leaves and butterflies posted at church are a general reminder of what you can help with and where the needs are. You may box up whatever amount of food you can give at the time.

We also do a monthly collection, which usually amounts to about 8-15 boxes. The collection on the first Sunday of the month goes to Mercy Franciscan at St. John's. This is when you can bring one or two items in to help keep St. John's pantry full.

These items can be placed in the gray barrels at the church doors. Money can also be donated. We then box these items up and St. John's has a truck that goes around to churches to pick up the items on Monday. In a recent thank you note from St. John's the director said that because of our support and other churches like us, St. John's can continue to offer assistance to clients through their tough times and that our support means so much to their agency. So the old cliché still fits --

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Parish Vocation Committee Update

The Diocesan Vocation Office requested parishes to submit a plan to address vocation "calls" to priesthood, diaconate, religious life (male and female), married and single life. St. Vivian submitted a plan in September, with Fr. Paul's approval. The plan is as follows:

Element One:

Repetitive Public Prayer

- 1) To have petitions for vocations included in the Sunday Mass petitions at least once a month.
- 2) To encourage prayer for vocations by distributing cards with the Prayer for Vocations at all Masses on a particular weekend and ask people to make a commitment to pray for vocations regularly. (Part of this will be to ask parish groups to use the Prayer for Vocations to open their meetings.)

Element Two:

Personal Contact or Exposure

- 1) To surface names of potential vocations through a "Called by Name" program within the parish. This will coincide with Vocations Sunday.
- 2) To work with Junior High teachers within our school to invite speakers to talk to the students about various careers in Church ministries and on topics of building a personal faith. (Our goal is to have two to four speakers this year, and then to add more speakers in years to come.)

Element Three:

Vocation Visibility

- 1) To inform the parish about the goals of the Vocation Committee (these goals), through a presentation at all masses on a particular weekend.
- 2) To offer articles on vocation topics in the parish's quarterly newsletter.
- 3) To put information on vocations and the Vocation Committee on the parish web site.

The plan has been approved to be implemented as follows: The committee is composed of three married couples, a single mature woman and man, a young single woman, and Father Paul. The committee is also looking for a young single male.

How we are implementing the plan:

Element One:

#2 The week for vocation prayer cards distribution is planned for the Sunday that the diocese designates as Vocation Sunday/week (late January or early February).

Element Two:

- #1 To be further explained and publicized during the diocesan vocation week.
- #2 To be developed with Jodie Bender (Religious Education Director).

Element Three:

- #1 By this Vibration article and on Diocesan Vocation Sunday.
- #2 The committee plans to have articles in Vibrations from time to time.
- #3 This will be addressed with Tom Bove from time to time on the parish website.

"We all must pray that the Lord of the harvest will send many workers into His Vineyard."

~ Milt Partridge

Our High School Youth Participate in National Conference

Recently 1,700 young people from around the country joined together for an opportunity of a lifetime. The National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC), "Winds of Change," was held in Atlanta, Georgia, October 27-29. A group from our parish went including adult coordinator Jodie Bender, Director of Youth Ministry and chaperone Randy Kent. The youth delegates were: Chelsea Rothschild, Sarah Kent, Briana Elsen, Alexis Parker, Laura Heekin, Josh Campbell, Troy Elsen, Mike Gantt and Cody Parker.



The conference theme was Winds of Change. Each day the conference focused on a particular sub-theme with scriptural references: Thursday -- Draw Strength from God (James 1:17); Friday-- Winds of Change Carry the Message (Psalms 104:4); Saturday afternoon -- Stand Strong in our Faith (Matthew 7:25); and on Saturday evening -- Praise God Above All Things (Daniel 3:65).

NCYC was an opportunity for young people to gather together and to realize that they are not alone in their quest to deepen and live out their faith.

The daily conference activities included keynote addresses, prayer services and sessions focusing on the daily themes. Workshop topics included media and values, forgiveness, Catholic identity, Catholic social teaching, sexuality, spirituality and prayer, self-esteem, global issues, cultural diversity, leadership, family relationships, and social justice. An interactive theme park provided hundreds of exhibitors and over 170 learning stations.

Our group sported "flying pigs" and became known as the group with the best hat at the entire conference. Our members traded their hats with various other churches and brought home many souvenirs.

Plans are already underway for NCYC 2007 in Columbus, Ohio, where we will again celebrate our young church.

~Jodie Bender

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every little bit helps. It's truly an uplifting feeling to know the people of our parish care so much and continue to support these projects and to know we are fulfilling one of Jesus' great requests.

If you would ever like to help with any of these projects please contact Barb at 641-1702.

Suggested items to donate: non-perishable food, canned meats, canned fruits and vegetables, prepared chili, spaghetti sauce, soups, canned hams, dry milk, cereals, puddings, pancake mix, pasta, baby food, formula (Similac w/iron), condiments, cleaning and paper products such as bar soap, detergent, household cleaners, toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant, toilet paper, paper towels, tissues, sponges, scrub brushes and disposable diapers.

~Barb Meyer

Welcome

Ryan & Katherine Weigand

Melissa Martignetti

Thomas & Annette Chmiel

Donald & Mary Feldmann

Infant Baptisms

Stella MacKenzie French
daughter of James L. and Deborah G. Brinck French

Piper Lilly Rother
daughter of Ronald C. and Kathryn L. Zenko Rother

Brayden Stephen Dunn
son of David S. and Amanda M. Watkins Dunn

Nicholas Ryan Weigand
son of Ryan M. and Katie M. Ward Weigand

Nathan David Murphy
son of Michael T. and Jennifer E. Reker Murphy

Ryan Nicholas Zestermann
son of Matthew J. and Jennifer L. Cahill Zestermann

Morgan Ann Rohling
daughter of Timothy J. and Tricia A. Tenhundfeld Rohling

Samuel James Mayers
son of Matthew J. and Tracy A. Tenhundfeld Mayers

In Memoriam

Mary T. McSorley – September 11

Irene Carr – September 22

Robert Nichols – October 3

Rita McDonagh – October 3

Agnes Salem – October 4

Mary McCann – October 8

William Kiley – October 14

Glen Berning – October 16

Nicholas Bischak – October 21

Marie Holte – October 31

Irene Kayser – November 6

Dorothy Beutonne Kreimer – November 8

Donald E. Reese – November 9

Colin Robert Schell – November 10

Anna Verba – November 14

Margaret Braun – November 16

Paul Cabana – November 16

Beverly Carmichael Ramsey – November 24

Joseph Gerbus – December 14

Ann R. Siegel – December 19

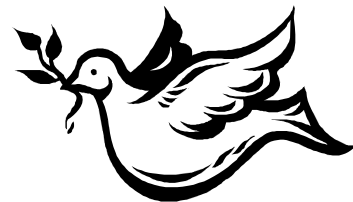
Dorothy J. Tilton – December 27

Gertrude J. Winter – December 29

Helen Gardner – January 5

Jack Schimpf – January 11

Mary Whissel – January 16



Calendar of Events for the Parish and School

February	March	April
2 Eucharistic Adoration	1 Ash Wednesday, Collection for Europe	1-2 Monthly Food Collection
3 FANS Spaghetti Dinner	2 Eucharistic Adoration	6 Eucharistic Adoration
4-5 Monthly Food Collection	3 Toy & Clothing Sale, Fish Fry	7 Fish Fry
6 Child Protection Decree Class	4 Child Protection Decree Class	8 Easter Activity Day Palm Sunday, Beginning of Holy Week, Coffee & Donut Sunday
10 FANS Father/Daughter Winter Dance	4-5 Monthly Food Collection PPC & Education Comm. Discernment Weekend	13 Mass of the Lord' Supper
12 Coffee & Donut Sunday	7 Lenten Parish Reconciliation Service	14 Good Friday, Holy Land Shrines Collection, Parish Office Closed
17 Faculty Day, No School	10 Faculty In-Service/No School Fish Fry	14-21 School Spring Break
18 Market Day Pick-Up	11-12 Archdiocese Annual Fund Drive	15 Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil
20 President's Day, Parish Offices Closed, No School	12 Coffee & Donut Sunday	18 Baptismal Preparation Class
21 Baptismal Preparation Class	18 Market Day Pick-Up, St. Patrick's Day Party	22 Market Day Pick-up
22 PTA Self-Defense Program	21 Baptismal Preparation Class	28 Girl Scout Sock Hop
25-26 Men's CRHP Weekend	22 Women's CRHP Speaker	29-30 First Communion Weekend, St. Vincent de Paul Second Collection, Bishop's Overseas Relief Collection
26 Scout Sunday	24 Fish Fry	
	25 Jesus Day/Blessing Cups Girl Scout Square Dance	
	31 Fish Fry	

Vibrations Needs You!!

This newsletter belongs to the whole church community. Please think about what you would like to see in Vibrations and call or drop a line. This should be more than a record of what's happened and a list of what's to come. Would anyone like to write a column? Interview parishioners on some topic? Let us know what your parish group is doing? Submit a poem?

Let us know about one of the parish's unsung heroes? Or help in any way with the newsletter? Please let us know.

Thanks.

~Pat Frey

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