



The Shamrock

Winter 2016/2017

From the Director of Development..



This fall was a very busy time for all of us at St Patrick School! Students and staff were a BIG help with the preparation for Bishop Gainer's Anniversary Mass that we celebrated on September 22nd. All who attended were blessed with a special Mass and our 6th grade students and several guests were treated to a lunch with Bishop Gainer and Father Carroll! Bishop Gainer made visits to every child's classroom and even took time to learn about our school's history and rang our school bell that dates back to 1851. Check the Catholic Witness soon for a follow up story on this event!

May God Bless you & your families this Holiday Season!
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The School Board is pleased to welcome Mr. Jeffrey Pautz as the new President! Jeff has 2 children at Saint Patrick School in 6th & 2nd grade and is VERY involved with athletics and academics here at St Patrick and throughout the community! Please welcome Jeff!

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Project 165!

For our Anniversary Project we chose to dedicate a mural on the side of our school that would depict Saint Patrick Catholic School & Parish and our life through the Trinity over the course of 165 years.

We hired local Artist Ophelia Chambliss to come in and learn about our student, school, and Parish family. She was able to design a mural to include all aspects of the life of our Community with many significant features from the church and school included in her painting. **MANY Thank You's** go out to all of our donors and sponsors of this project.

The mural will be completed for an installation and ribbon cutting ceremony in early Spring. Please watch your bulletin or check the website for updates!

The mural location will be on the East side of the school & visible from North George Street.

Ophelia Chambliss's work can be found at numerous places throughout the downtown area and on her website at www.opheliachambliss.com

Did you know?

Did you know that Father Carroll has over 80 Nativity scenes that he sets up every year in the months of October and November?! He also has over 250 Santa's! It takes him several weeks to get these all set up!

The reason Father established his collection was to share the joy and the story of Christmas with others.

If you are interested in seeing his awesome collection just ask...he is always happy to share it! In the month of December he invites the students to come over & visit for cookies & fellowship!

Please note! Dec 1st: Christmas Caroling Downtown January 30th-Feb 3rd: Catholic Schools Week Feb 25th: Mardi Gras Social Event

Father Carroll's Corner

Dear Alumni and Friends of Saint Patrick School,

Our school year began its 165th year successfully. We are off to a great start! On Thursday September 22nd we were honored with the presence of our Bishop, His Excellency the Most Reverend Ronald Gainer. As he told our children "to thank their parents for choosing St. Patrick School," I as pastor want to thank all of you for your prayerful support.

We have come to, once again, that time of year in which we begin a new liturgical year with the holy season of Advent. This time of year is one of preparation in which we prepare ourselves to welcome the Christ child. The children of St.

Patrick School learn the real meaning of the season as we prepare them for the excitement of what is about to come. As pastor of St. Patrick Parish, I am proud of our school...our alumni, faculty and staff, volunteers and, of course, our children.

So much is happening and as we prepare during the season of advent with the excitement of welcoming a special child into our hearts, may we keep that excitement going through the entire year!

As I began school one day during the week with the song "We Are Family," that is the heart of who we are...each individual involved in our parish and school are a part of a special family. We have something special here, let's keep it going!

Father Carroll, Pastor