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Meet Fr. Patrick O'Loughlin

Fr. O'Loughlin to become the 47th Pastor in St. Matthew Parish's 167 Year History

This is Fr. Pat O'Loughlin, and I am writing this brief article to introduce myself.

I was born in Milwaukee and raised in New Berlin, where my Mom and Dad, who have been married for 50 years, still live. I have two brothers and one sister, all of whom live in the Milwaukee area, and I am the proud uncle of three nephews and two nieces.

I graduated from Thomas More High School, where the late Fr. Dennis Andrews was a great example of what a priest should be.

I have spent the majority of my adult life (1984-1999) in college and graduate school. I graduated from Xavier University in Cincinnati with a degree in Psychology and Classics, and I earned a Masters Degree in Greek and Latin Literature from the University of Wisconsin. I completed doctoral work in the same field at the University of Chicago, and if I ever finish my dissertation—which I interrupted to become a priest—I will have earned a Ph.D. from there.

During my seminary studies I served a parish internship at St. Paul Parish in Genesee Depot and did Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) at St. Luke Hospital in Milwaukee. I also served as a Latin translator for the archdiocese from 1994-2001. I received a Master of Divinity Degree and

was ordained to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee in 1999. I was the only man ordained a priest for the diocese that year.

I started the Life Teen Program at St. Gregory the Great Parish when I was there as associate pastor, and have attended



a number of Life Teen music, liturgy, and leadership conferences in Mesa, Arizona. Working with liturgy and the school continued to be of great interest to me during my time as associate pastor at St. Jerome in Oconomowoc and these last two years as associate pastor at St. Leonard in Muskego.

I enjoy most sports, though I am getting more and more out of practice the older I get. My chief hobby at the moment is reading, with a special interest in history and economics. Reading bestows the additional benefit that it can be done in silence; one of the biggest

challenges of priesthood for me is that I have to listen to myself talk so much.

There is more to say, but it can wait until I arrive. I look forward to meeting all of you in the weeks to come!

Fr. Patrick O'Loughlin



Student Reports on School Happenings

"A Soggy Soccer Start"

by Luke Maurer, Alayna Quinn, Phillip Vang

The 2008 spring soccer season is off to a cold, soggy start. Opening day, April 13th, had to be postponed due to standing water causing poor field conditions at St. Matthew and Divine Mercy fields. According to the Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association website, we are not alone. 38 fields in the Metro Milwaukee area had to postpone games for the first two weekends in April. The Bay View Parochial Soccer Leagues was hoping for a much dryer start the weekend of April 19th and 20th, with several games scheduled to be played both Saturday and Sunday. Hopefully a weekend of warm sunshine, delicious concessions, and great soccer playing was in the forecast.

"Mrs. McDonald's Annual Pi Day"

by Shelby Paige Wester and Isabelle Du Charme

On March 14th every year there is an annual pi day celebration (3.14), hosted by our very own seventh grade teacher, Mrs. McDonald. Every year she plans multiple games and activities with the same topic, pi. First, there are seven stations all with different games, such as, a perfect circle drawing contest, make your own pi cheers, and listing as many things as you can think of that are round. There was a station where you had to divide the number of letters in your first name by your last, and seeing who gets the closest to 3.14. Two people, one boy and one girl, were selected as the pi king and queen.

There were several different teams in each class that went around to the different stations. In those teams, you had to make a team name having to do with some sort of pie, such as Boston Cream pies, pumpkin pies, pecan pies, and many other types.

After you were done with the stations, you came back up to the seventh grade classroom where yet another contest was located. You had a week to memorize as many digits of pi as your brain could hold. You had to get up in front of the teacher and recite as many digits as you could, if you made one mistakes you were done. There was one winner in each class that participated.

Here are the winners of the day's contests...

Memorizing Digits

7th - Shelby Wester (65 digits)

8th - Andrea Schulner (69 digits)

Perfect Circle Drawing

6th - Corinne L. & Rachel B.

7th - Miguel L. & Alyssa R.

8th - Erin P. & Tamara C.

King and Queen

King - Paul R.

Queen - Tamara C.

As you can see, Mrs. McDonald's Pi Day celebrations are a complete success with all the classes. We really hope she continues this wonderful tradition.

Historic Church Tour in Los Angeles



Above: the author poses in front of The Church of Our Lady the Queen of the Angels in Los Angeles, California. Inset: shows close-up of church signage seen behind the author..



During a recent visit to Los Angeles, California, I got to tour a historic Catholic church, and thought I would share my visit with you.

La Iglesia de Nuestra Señora la Reina de Los Angeles (The Church of Our Lady the Queen of the Angels) was founded on August 18, 1814 by Fray Luis Gíl y Taboada, who placed the cornerstone of a new church amidst the ruins of the former “sub-mission,” the Nuestra Señora Reina de los Angeles Asistencia to serve the local pobladores (settlers).

The completed structure was dedicated on December 8, 1822. A replacement chapel, named for Mary, mother of Jesus (La Iglesia de Nuestra Señora de los Angeles or “The Church of Our Lady of the Angels”), was rebuilt utilizing materials of the original church in 1861; Reina, meaning “Queen,” was added later.

For years the little chapel, which collected the nicknames “La Placita” and “Plaza Church,” served as the sole Roman Catholic church in Los Angeles. The facility, which has been designated as a California Historical Landmark,

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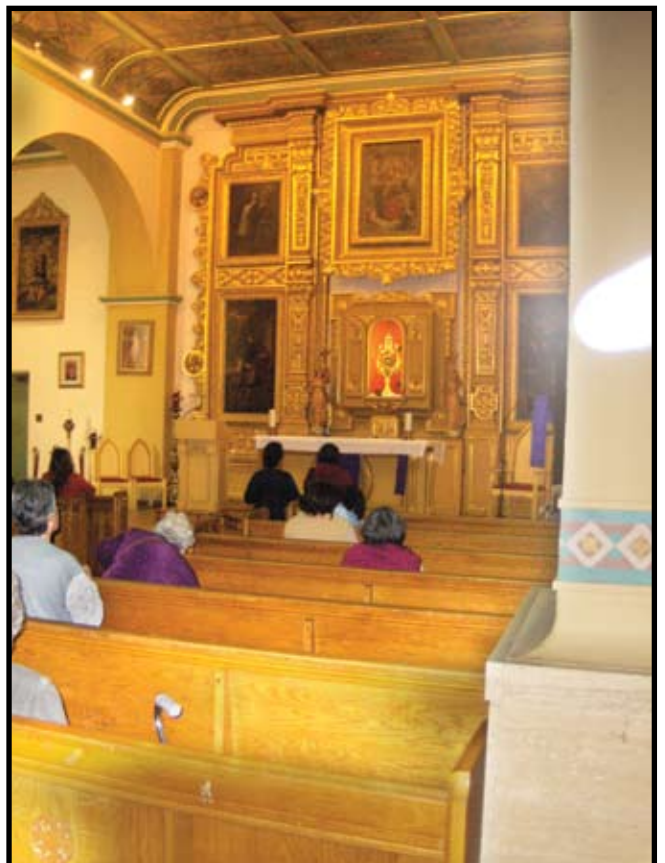
has operated under the auspices of the Claretian Missionary Fathers since 1908.

During the 1980's, the church called itself a sanctuary for refugees threatened with deportation to El Salvador. The sanctuary movement continues today as on August 19, 2007, immigration activist Elvira Arellano was arrested outside the church and later deported to Mexico.

— *Article and photographs by Robert Tabern*



Since 1814, the faithful have gathered to worship at The Church of Our Lady the Queen of the Angels, as shown in these photographs.



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