

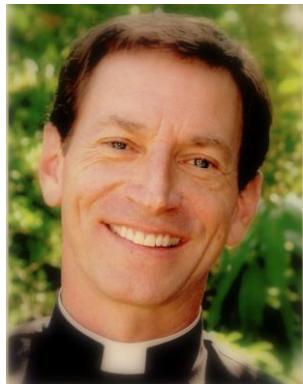
## Archbishop Thomas J. Murphy Award Recipients - Priests Panel

### Rev. Fr. Jeffrey A. McGowan



Fr. Jeffrey A. McGowan was born and raised in Laurel Springs, New Jersey. He has served as pastor of Queen of Peace in Gainesville, Florida for 27 years. Over the years, the parish worked to build a permanent church, open and build a Catholic elementary school, establish 85 active ministries and all the while tithed 10% of the parish income to outside charities (over and above the Cathedrum). Fr. McGowan says, "What I've learned is that the faithful practice we call "Stewardship" is God's best plan for living positive lives. Stewardship places gratitude to God first and I've never met an unhappy grateful person. It invites fuller participation in the Mission of the Church as God's gift of life in action. It gives all Catholic parishioners a faith-filled way of impacting our world with the Good News."

### Fr. Charles Mitchell



Fr. Charlie Mitchell a native of West Virginia and current pastor of St Mary Magdalen Parish in Altamonte Springs FL. Fr Charlie has been the pastor at St Mary Magdalen for the last 21 years. He is a graduate of West Virginia University and St Mary's Seminary and University in Baltimore MD. His parish has an 8.6 million dollar budget and hosts over 200 programs and ministries. In 2014, the International Catholic Stewardship Council awarded St. Mary Magdalen the Archbishop Thomas J. Murphy Parish Stewardship Award.

### Fr. Jan Kevin Schmidt



Father Jan Kevin Schmidt is a priest of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and currently serves, as of July 1, 2016 in the Chancery role of *Executive Director of the Department for Pastoral Life and Evangelization* of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

Prior to entering the seminary Fr. Schmidt worked as an executive in the theme park industry in Cincinnati, Ohio, Richmond, Virginia, Toronto, Canada and Sydney, Australia and consulted on projects in France, South Korea, China and the Middle East.

Ordained by Archbishop Daniel E. Pilarczyk in 1990, Fr. Schmidt is a graduate of Archbishop McNicholas High School in Cincinnati and holds degrees from the University of Cincinnati and the Athenaeum of Ohio - Mount St. Mary's Seminary of the West.

Fr. Schmidt has served as Chaplain and faculty member at Archbishop McNicholas High School from 1990 until his appointment as Pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Cincinnati in 1995. While assigned to McNicholas Fr. Schmidt was in residence and served as a resident associate at St. Andrew's Parish in Milford (1990-91) and Our Lord Christ the King Parish (1991-1995). Fr. Schmidt has served several terms on the School Board of McNicholas High School and has just completed his 24<sup>th</sup> year as a coach in the school's soccer program. In addition, he was appointed the first President of Archbishop McNicholas High School in December of 2007 and continues to serve as a Chaplain to the school.

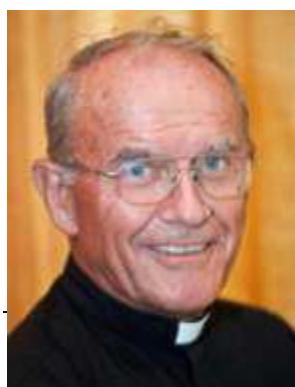
In 2008 as Fr. Schmidt completed his pastorate at Immaculate Heart of Mary the parish received the Archbishop Thomas Murphy Award for the exemplary practice of stewardship in the United States from the International Catholic Stewardship Conference (ICSC) of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

In July of 2008 Fr. Schmidt became the Pastor of St. Margaret of York Parish in Loveland, Ohio, completing that assignment in June of 2016. He has also been responsible for shepherding the Archdiocesan *One Faith, One Hope, One Love Capital Campaign* [Goal of \$130M – present total \$165M] to a successful completion through the solicitation period in his role as Chair of the Pastor's Advisory Committee to the Archbishop on all matters concerning the campaign.

Fr. Schmidt is currently a member of the faculty at the Athenaeum of Ohio – Mt. St. Mary's Seminary of the West and sits on several boards and advisory committees of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. He has presented workshops at the national conventions of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians (NPM) and the National Association of Church Personnel Administrators (NACPA), the International Catholic Stewardship Conference (ICSC), LA Congress, Fashion Me a People and has been the Chair for the Convocation of Priests on issues of Parish Administration for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati in 2003. He frequently presents in-services to pastoral leaders on stewardship, pastoral planning and catechesis.

The *Department of Pastoral Life and Evangelization* of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati includes the Offices for: African-American Pastoral Ministries, College and University Campus Ministry, Divine Worship and the Sacraments, Evangelization and Discipleship, Health and Hospital Ministries, Hispanic Pastoral Ministry, Marriage and Family Life, Mission and Pontifical Mission Societies, New Evangelization, Pastoral Ministry to the Incarcerated, Pastoral Vitality and Mission, Respect Life Ministries, Young Adult Evangelization and Discipleship and Youth Evangelization and Discipleship.

Fr. Patrick Sheedy



Fr. Pat Sheedy was ordained a priest in 1965 in County Clare, Ireland. He has served in the Diocese of Orlando for 46 years, and as Pastor of Blessed Trinity parish in Ocala, Florida, since 1988. Blessed Trinity has been a total stewardship parish since 1992. Under Fr. Pat's leadership and direction the parish has grown spiritually, has experienced an increase in parishioner involvement, maintained perpetual adoration, and has become involved in numerous outreach projects locally, nationally, and internationally.

Blessed Trinity parish has been the recipient of the Archbishop Thomas J. Murphy award for outstanding Christian stewardship and has also been recognized for excellence for its parish stewardship video. Fr. Pat and members of the parish stewardship committee have presented sessions at the ICSC annual conferences in San Francisco and Boston, and have been invited to speak at Diocesan stewardship days in Florida, New York, Texas, California, and Illinois.

In addition, Fr. Pat and members of the Blessed Trinity stewardship committee have developed materials and short presentations for numerous parishes throughout the United States to assist them "Parish to Parish" in the introduction of stewardship as a way of life and also with the follow-up "How To" keep stewardship alive and well in the parish.