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Bishop names Moderator of the Curia, Chief Operating Officer

The Most Reverend Robert J. Brennan, Bishop of the Diocese of Columbus, has appointed Father Michael Hartge as the diocese's Moderator of the Curia and Matthew Schlater as its Chief Operating Officer.

"I am very excited to announce the appointment of Father Hartge and Mr. Schlater to these two new posts," Bishop Brennan said. "Moving forward, it represents a positive step in enabling us to provide more effective service to parishes and the faithful of our Diocese."

In addition to assisting Bishop Brennan in his Diocesan governance, Father Hartge's principal role will be managing and facilitating the "Real Presence, Real Future" strategic ini-

tiative currently being implemented throughout the Diocese.

Reporting to Bishop Brennan, Schlater will be responsible for directing and coordinating all Diocesan offices' strategic and operational efforts.

Father Hartge was ordained a priest in the Diocese of Columbus by the Most Reverend Frederick Campbell at Westerville St. Paul Church on May 30, 2015. A Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School graduate, he holds a B.S. degree in communications from Ohio University and a master of divinity and master of arts degree from the Pontifical College Josephinum.

Following ordination, he served as parochial vicar at Chillicothe St. Pe-

ter Church, Waverly St. Mary Church, Washington Court House St. Colman Church and Zaleski St. Sylvester Church; pastor for the Perry County Consortium of Churches (New Lexington St. Rose Church, Corning St. Bernard Church, Junction City St. Patrick Church and Crooksville Church of the Atonement); and most recently as diocesan vice chancellor.

Schlater is a local entrepreneur who also serves as board chairman of the Damascus Catholic Mission Campus and the Catholic Youth Summer Camp near Centerburg. A Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School graduate, he received a B.S. degree in business administration from Francis-

can University of Steubenville. He is a member of Sunbury St. John Neumann Church along with his wife and eight children.

"One of the critical goals of Real Presence, Real Future is to ensure the necessary support to our leaders to embrace the future of our Diocese, and effective leadership of this initiative and our diocesan offices are essential to fulfilling this goal," Bishop Brennan said. "I am grateful for the important contributions Father Hartge and Mr. Schlater will make as a part of our leadership team, and am confident that they will prove to be significant contributors to the overall success of our strategic plan for the future."

Local news and events

Deacon Joseph to be ordained in England this month

Deacon Eugene Joseph, a seminarian of the Diocese of Columbus, will be ordained a priest on Thursday, July 22 at St. Chad Cathedral in Birmingham, England by Bishop Stephen Wright, auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Birmingham.



Deacon Eugene Joseph

Deacon Joseph, 28, was born in India and has been living in England since he was 9 or 10. He came to Columbus in 2015 to study for the priesthood at the Pontifical College Josephinum and was ordained a deacon by Bishop Robert Brennan on Sept. 14, 2019 at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral.

He had to return to England in November 2020 because of paperwork problems related to a change in his immigration status from student to full-employed priest. He has remained

there while awaiting the reopening of U.S. embassies in London and Belfast, Northern Ireland, where he can go to complete the necessary documents.

Bishop Brennan and Archbishop Bernard Longley of Birmingham agreed to have him ordained in Birmingham. He will serve in the Birmingham archdiocese until conditions permit him to return to Ohio.

Because his parents were members of the Syro-Malabar Catholic rite, he has been given permission by the Vatican to celebrate Mass in either rite. There is a Syro-Malabar community in Columbus that gathers regularly for Mass at Sacred Heart Church, and Deacon Joseph has been involved with some of its activities.

Deacon Joseph's ordination ceremony will be available on livestream at 2 p.m. Columbus time on July 22 at www.stchadscathedral.org.uk. He will celebrate two Masses of Thanksgiving that will be livestreamed at www.tinyurl.com/reveugene: from St. Philip Meri Oratory in Birmingham at 2:30 p.m. Columbus time on Friday, July 23, and a Syro-Malabar Mass from St. Joseph Church in Derby, England, at 10 a.m. Columbus time on

Sunday, July 25.

Columbus St. Patrick sponsors events for prospective Catholics

Columbus St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., will be conducting a six-week series of events in July and early August for people interested in becoming Catholics. They are meant to bridge the gap until the standard RCIA course leading to full communion with the Catholic Church begins in September.

Four of the events will be talks, and the others will be a tour of the church and a celebration of the Dominican Rite Mass. The parish has been served by friars of the Dominican Order since 1885.

The program is being organized by Brother Bartholomew Calvano, OP, who is serving the parish for the summer. Sessions will be at 7 p.m. Wednesdays, with the talks taking place in the parish's Aquinas Hall.

The schedule is as follows: July 7, Try Before You Buy (tour of the church); July 14, Beauty As a Witness to God; July 21, Dante: Don't Abandon Hope!; July 28, Devotions: Altars and Relics and Prayers, Oh My!; Aug.

4, Dominican Rite Mass for the Solemnity of St. Dominic; Aug. 11, Will I Really Be Happy in Heaven?

The sessions are designed to encourage interested non-Catholics who may not feel comfortable about coming to Mass. Since they are meant for non-Catholics looking to learn more about the faith, St. Patrick parishioners are asked to come only if they are bringing a guest.

If you have any questions, contact Brother Bartholomew at Bartholomew.calvano@opeast.org.

In-person bereavement ministry resumes

The Seasons of Hope Bereavement Ministry, sponsored by the North High Deanery, is resuming in-person programming for people suffering from the loss of a loved one and looking for friends to share the experience of grief and healing.

The ministry's next series of six consecutive sessions will take place at the Columbus St. Thomas More Newman Center, 64 W. Lane Ave., from 2

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MARRIED COUPLES HONORED AT JUBILEE

Married couples observing milestone anniversaries were in attendance on Sunday, June 28 at a Mass celebrated by Bishop Robert Brennan at Powell St. Joan of Arc Church. *CT photo by Ken Snow*

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Real Presence, Real Future reaching out to youth in parish communities

By Octavio Mendoza

Being part of the diocesan Real Presence, Real Future commission has shown me how much Bishop Robert Brennan cares about the Church and our youth. Working with commission members, who come from throughout the diocese, allowed me to do something new that can make a difference in my community.

As a Spanish speaker, I see the struggles that some in the Latino community face. Many are extremely hard workers with two or three jobs, looking for a better life. But so much effort can distract people from the real purpose of their hard work, and they can forget their families and God.

Forgetting these important things comes from prioritizing money, and some people also become addicted to alcohol and drugs. I have seen many people walk away from the Church because they think they were mistreated or judged harshly by members of the Church community. They get more involved in what the world offers, including the party culture.

I'm a father of two girls, ages 17 and 16, and the Real Presence, Real Future program has given me hope of a better future for them to grow deeper in their faith with the Church community. With a stronger faith, my family and I will remain united and serve my Church.

My hope for this program, which Bishop Brennan is working on with the help of the Real Presence, Real Future commission, is that we will reach more youth, show them God's love and help those who are disillusioned and following false ideologies grow closer to God.

I hope for new programs tailored to the interests and concerns of youth, using means they are familiar with, such as social media. Some youth become disillusioned because they don't know or have not experienced true

love, especially God's love.

Teenagers face temptations and influences from bad examples presented through social media. Too often, these examples show that sexual intimacy is OK at any time with anyone without explaining the consequences and also that drugs are OK to be used irresponsibly without regard to the outcome.

My family and I have been working with the Missionary Servants of the Word priests and sisters, learning about and sharing God's love and words as missionary disciples.

We love to work with the priests and sisters because they have groups for the whole family: Chiquitin Misionero, for kids 7 to 11 years old; Adosepas, for 12 to 17; Jumis for single young adults ages 18 to 30; and our group, CERS, Comunidad Evangelizadora para la Reconciliación y el Servicio (Evangelizing Community for Reconciliation and Service).

My wife and I teach Bible studies, help the sisters with retreats for married couples, women and men and also help with church activities. Our daughters belong to our parish leadership youth group, helping in the bilingual Mass. One is a lector, and the other is an altar server, usher or greeter on Sundays.

In my parish, I have served others as Christ served. Being active helps me work out the struggles that my family and I face. Together we deal with challenges such as family conflicts and work difficulties. We talk about problems we see in the world, our community and our family.

The Real Presence, Real Future initiative is a source of hope and joy. It brings people of different backgrounds together. We find hope in the Real Presence of our Lord, and we can work together to build a Real Future that shines brightly for all people.

Octavio Mendoza is a Real Presence, Real Future commission member and a parishioner at Columbus Christ the King Church.



Real Presence Real Future Reflections

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 4, 2021

Real Presence, Real Future reflections: Hardness of Heart Joseph Zaino, St. Margaret of Cortona Parish & RPRF Commission Member

This Fourth of July let us celebrate the freedom of our country as well as the freedom God gives us to open our hearts to Himself and others. Each of us can harden our hearts in our own ways. Whether it be anger, jealousy or stubbornness, God will do anything to replace these with His love. Today's readings see God sending Ezekiel, Jesus and Paul to call each of us to replace any hardness of heart with His love. Let us all focus on two things today: America and praying to replace hardness of heart with God's love.

To read more about how we are growing together in the life of faith and discipleship in the Diocese of Columbus, visit www.RealPresenceRealFuture.org.

15th Sunday Ordinary Time, July 11, 2021

Real Presence, Real Future reflections: The Heart of Christian Vocation

Pamela Harris, Resurrection Parish and RPRF Commission member

In this week's Gospel, the apostles are chosen to participate in the salvific mission of Christ. They were given authority to preach and heal in His name across the land, to invite others to accept and believe in the Gospel. Our Christian vocation calls us into a contemplative life in Christ and living the teachings of the Gospel by our words and deeds. We are united in the Mystical Body of Christ through the Sacrament of the Eucharist. As each day passes, let us continue to strive to live a life of holiness and continue the mission of Christ, to be missionary disciples.

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Reflexiones Presencia Real, Futuro Real: Dureza de corazón Joseph Zaino, Parroquia Santa Margarita de Cortona y miembro de la comisión PRFR

Este cuatro de julio celebremos la libertad de nuestro país, así como la libertad que Dios nos da para abrir nuestros corazones hacia Él y hacia los demás. Cada uno de nosotros endurecemos nuestros corazones en nuestra propia forma. Ya sea por ira, envidia o terquedad, Dios hará todo para reemplazar eso con Su amor. En las lecturas de hoy, vemos a Dios enviando a Ezequiel, a Jesús y a Pablo para hacernos un llamado a cada uno de nosotros para reemplazar esa dureza de corazón con Su amor. Enfoquémonos en dos cosas hoy: Estados Unidos y orar para reemplazar la dureza del corazón con el amor de Dios.

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Reflexiones Presencia Real, Futuro Real: El corazón de la vocación cristiana

Pamela Harris, Parroquia de la Resurrección y miembro de la comisión PRFR

En el evangelio de esta semana, los apóstoles son escogidos para participar en la misión salvífica de Cristo. Se les dio autoridad para predicar y sanar en Su nombre en todas partes, para invitar a otros a aceptar y creer en el evangelio. Nuestra vocación cristiana nos llama hacia una vida contemplativa en Cristo y a vivir las enseñanzas del evangelio de palabra y obra. Estamos unidos en el Cuerpo Místico de Cristo a través del sacramento de la Eucaristía. Cada día que pasa, continuemos esforzándonos en vivir una vida de santidad y continuar la misión de Cristo, la de ser discípulos misioneros.

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CORRECTION

A story in the June 20 Catholic Times contained incorrect information on home movies loaned to Chillicothe St. Peter Church for use in a video on the parish's history. The donor was parishioner Elizabeth Weisenberger, whose mother, Catherine, died earlier this year at age 102. Also, the church was incorrectly identified as St. Mary Church in pictures accompanying the story. The online version of the June 20 edition was updated to reflect the changes.

It's a matter of life and death

On June 16, 2021, the associate director of the Ohio Catholic Conference testified at the Ohio Statehouse on behalf of the Ohio Bishops in support of S.B. 103, which would end capital punishment in the state of Ohio. From 1978 until today, the Conference has issued seven statements in opposition to the death penalty in Ohio. The Conference also has opposed every actual execution by sending a letter to the governor asking for his intervention. The Ohio Catholic Conference has taken this position, motivated by the Catholic belief in the immutable dignity of the human person, in concert with many other state Catholic Conferences, with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, and with the pontificates of St. John Paul II, Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis.

So why does this testimony on S.B. 103 and this moment in Ohio's history seem different? First, the Catechism of the Catholic Church is very clear on Church teaching. In Section 2267, the Catechism states that "the Church teaches, in light of the Gospel, that the death penalty is inadmissible because it is an attack on the inviolability and dignity of the person, and she works with determination for its abolition worldwide." This clarity has crystallized as the Church has pondered the inherent sacredness

FAITH IN ACTION

Mark Huddy

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and dignity of the human person. Reflecting on God's non-lethal punishment of Cain, St. John Paul II wrote, "Not even a murderer loses his personal dignity, and God pledges to guarantee this." (*Evangelium Vitae*. #9) The Church also recognizes that God never desires the death of sinners but rather their reform. Jesus' coming in the flesh and offering his life for us while we were still sinners is the definitive proof of a God who wants to be in right relationship with the persons he has created. Jesus exhorts us to go and learn the meaning of the words "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." (Mt 9:13) Punishment, seen in this way, is always directed toward the correction and restoration of the offender.

This moment in time is also different because attitudes of the public at large toward the death penalty have changed. And that includes legislators, judges, attorneys, wardens, exonerees, family members of both victims and offenders, and many others who

recognize the costs of implementing the death penalty, the insufficiency and cruelty of many of the methods of execution, the possibility and actuality of error, disparate treatment based upon geography, income, race, and legal representation, and the failure of the death penalty to provide closure or healing to anyone involved. Recent polling in Ohio and across the country have shown that a majority of those polled prefer the imposition of a life sentence over a death sentence. Currently, 23 states do not have the death penalty.

We are presented with an opportunity in Ohio to make a positive change more in conformity with the inalienable dignity of the human person and consistent with Church teaching. That change underscores our commitment to a principle (the sacredness and dignity of human life) that is universal, informing our stance on abortion, euthanasia, suicide, war and the death penalty. To take action, please go to: www.actionnetwork.org/letters/lets-end-ohios-death-penalty. To read the testimony of the Ohio Catholic Conference, go to: www.ohiocathconf.org/Portals/1/DP/testimony%20sb103.pdf. Please take this opportunity to stand up for life at every stage and in every condition from conception to natural death.

Collegiality and eucharistic integrity

The concept of the "collegiality" of bishops has been sharply contested since the Second Vatican Council debated it in 1962, 1963 and 1964. That discussion was sufficiently contentious that a personal intervention from Pope Paul VI was required to incorporate the concept of episcopal collegiality within the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church in such a way that the pope's primacy and universal jurisdiction were safeguarded. The debate about collegiality has continued ever since. Now, however, it's focused more on what kind of collegiality exists within national conferences of bishops. Is it an "affective collegiality" of mutual support and encouragement? Or is episcopal collegiality within bishops' conferences "effective," such that a conference has real teaching and legislative authority?

Whether collegiality is "affective," "effective," or some combination of the two, it ought to be clear what truly "collegial" behavior isn't.

It isn't individual bishops attempting end-runs around their national conference, appealing for Roman interventions that would forestall debates that their brother bishops wish to engage. It isn't bishops trying to browbeat the conference chairman into changing an agenda to suit the tastes of a distinct minority — and misleading their brother bishops as to what they're about when soliciting support for such a gambit. And it isn't trying to filibuster a conference meeting so that no action is possible on an agenda item that the great majority of bishops wish to consider and act upon.

If any of those three maneuvers qualifies as collegial, then "collegiality" has no more meaning than the claim that my poor Baltimore Orioles have a great starting rotation.

THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE

George Weigel

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For years now — and by "years," I mean long before the idea of a "President Biden" entered the stream of national consciousness — the bishops of the United States have been concerned that ours is becoming less of a eucharistic Church than Vatican II called us to be when it taught that the Eucharist is the "source and summit" of the Church's life. Pope St. John Paul II reaffirmed that conciliar summons when, in his final encyclical, he taught that "the Church draws her life from the Eucharist," which "recapitulates the heart and mystery of the Church." Yet all around us we see declining Sunday Mass attendance: a sadness that preceded the pandemic but has been further exacerbated by it. Moreover, surveys suggest that too many Catholics think of Sunday Mass as essentially a social occasion, rather than an encounter with the living God in which Christ is offered to the Father and is given back to his people in holy communion — a communion in and through the body and blood, soul and divinity of Christ, received under the forms of bread and wine.

If the Church lives from the Eucharist and yet the people of the Church don't participate in the Eucharist as often as they should, or don't understand what they're celebrating and receiving when they do, then the Church suffers from a serious eucharistic deficit. Those ordained to leadership in the

Church are obliged to do something about that.

That is why the U.S. bishops have been determined for some time to undertake a comprehensive program of eucharistic education throughout the Church. For the great majority of bishops, that determination has been intensified by the fact that our eucharistic deficit is being compounded by the eucharistic incoherence of public officials who, rejecting authoritative Catholic teaching based on both revelation and reason, nonetheless present themselves for holy communion as if they were in full communion with the Church. The longstanding episcopal failure to address this incoherence exacerbates the eucharistic deficit in American Catholicism by implying that the Church really doesn't mean what it teaches about the sacred nature of the Eucharist.

Those suggesting that this is all about "politics" are either ill-informed or deliberately misleading the Church and the gullible parts of the media. Concern for the eucharistic integrity of the Church includes, but goes much deeper than, concerns about the eucharistic incoherence of Catholic public officials who act as if the Church's settled convictions on the life issues and on worthiness to receive holy communion don't exist. That is why the U.S. bishops are forging ahead with developing a teaching document that will clarify for the whole Church why we are a Eucharistic community, what the Eucharist truly is, what reception of the Eucharist means, and why everyone in the Church should examine conscience before receiving Christ in the sacrament.

The wheels of collegiality may grind slowly. In this case, however, they are grinding truly, and for the sake of the Gospel.

First-time pastors look forward to serving as shepherds

By Tim Puet
Catholic Times Reporter

Several priests of the Diocese of Columbus who begin their initial assignments as pastors later this month, and one who recently became a first-time pastor, are enthusiastic about the opportunity to get to know people of their new parishes and to serve them as spiritual shepherds.

"I look forward to serving the people of the Scioto Catholic Consortium and to immersing my life in theirs," said Father Brian Beal, who on Tuesday, July 13 will become pastor of the consortium that includes Portsmouth St. Mary and Holy Redeemer churches, Wheelersburg St. Peter in Chains Church and Pond Creek Holy Trinity Church. He had been parochial vicar of Chillicothe St. Peter and St. Mary churches and Waverly St. Mary Church.

Father Thomas Herge will become pastor of Wellston Ss. Peter & Paul, Jackson Holy Trinity and Zaleski St. Sylvester churches on July 13 after

two years as parochial vicar at Worthington St. Michael Church.

"I was vicar for a consortium that included Zaleski, have been to Jackson several times and have visited Wellston twice since the end of April," he said. "I'm excited about the possibilities there, especially since the Wellston parish has a school. I'm looking forward to helping the three parishes in the consortium strengthen their ties with each other."

Father Brett Garland has been pastor of Delaware St. Mary Church since April 23 and had been serving in effect as pastor since being appointed parish administrator in March. He had been parochial vicar in Delaware since July 2020.

"It's been a great blessing to become pastor of such a large parish at an early age," said Father Garland, 30, a priest since 2018. "I felt a little overwhelmed when Bishop Brennan said he wanted me, rather than a more experienced priest, to be pastor here, but what I've felt mostly has been a sense of peace amid the ebbs and flows of parish life."

Father Ryan Schmit will become pastor of two small parishes, Dresden St. Ann and Mattingly Settlement St. Mary, on July 13 after serving as administrator of one of the diocese's largest parishes, Sunbury St. John Neumann, for nearly 10 months. Father Schmit, who already was administrator of Columbus Holy Cross Church, also was given the appointment in Sunbury when Bishop Brennan granted that parish's pastor, Father Paul Noble, a medical leave of absence in September.

"I enjoyed serving both parishes, but especially given the size of St. John Neumann (1,800 families), I said to the bishop that I'd prefer one parish or the other once things became similar to what they were before the COVID pandemic began," he said. "As it happened, a third option opened up."

Father Beal was ordained a priest in 2019 and was appointed vicar of a consortium that included Chillicothe St. Peter, Waverly St. Mary and Washington Court House St. Colman of Cloyne churches. Chillicothe St. Mary Church was added to the con-

sortium and the Washington Court House parish became a congregation with its own pastor in 2020.

"God's grace made it unbelievably easy making the shift from being a student to a priest," said Father Beal, 43, who studied for the priesthood at Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary in Weston, Massachusetts, which specializes in priestly formation for men age 30 and older. He was executive director of Pro-Life of Mercer County, Pennsylvania, for 10 years before entering the seminary, and for five of those years also was chief executive officer of the Missionaries of Purity, an organization promoting healthy relationships among teenagers.

"It was a delight learning from Father (William) Hahn, and it was a joy to be able to share people's joys and struggles. My time at the consortium provided affirmation that I was born to be a Catholic and a committed priest," he said. Father Hahn was pastor of the consortium until 2020, when he was appointed diocesan vocations

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St. Maria Goretti: pure forgiveness

By MaryBeth Eberhard

A frequently quoted mantra in our home is that your story starts and ends with mercy. It is written on the white board that holds family announcements. It is brought out when mistakes are made, feelings are hurt and we desire to make amends with ourselves, those we've hurt and especially with the Lord.

Mercy is lived out in our home in tangible ways. Without mercy, there can be no love, for we are all flawed as humans, and breathing mercy allows us to continually begin again on our path to heaven.

How blessed we are to be part of a church that preaches and lives a Gospel message of mercy, a church that lifts up those within as models and companions with whom we should strive to know more fully.

In a society where role models are frequently found from the front cover of a supermarket magazine, it is heartening to see the story of Maria Goretti shared and spoken of by so many of our youth. She is a relatively new saint in the Church, and a young one as well. Her virtues of purity, fortitude and mercy are living examples of the power of forgiveness, and we hold tight to them in our everyday lives bearing witness to the grace that mercy can bring.

St. Maria Goretti was born into a poor Italian tenant farming family. She had no schooling and no ability to read or write. Her family shared a home with another family after the death of her father. She was at the age of 12 when one of the older sons of the other family came into the home and attacked her.

Though she fought this attack, she also continu-

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ally reminded the young man, Alessandro Serenelli, that this was a mortal sin and would send him to hell for his actions. She was stabbed repeatedly and died shortly after. Upon her deathbed, she forgave her attacker.

Serenelli was sentenced to 30 years in jail. While in jail, he received a vision of Maria in a dream, bringing him flowers, one for each wound he had inflicted upon her. From that point, his life began a new course, and his first act after being released from prison after 27 years was to go to Maria's mother and beg forgiveness.

Devotion to this small but faithful martyr grew, and in less than half a century, on June 24, 1950, she was declared a saint with her mother, sisters and brother attending her canonization along with her attacker, Alessandro, who had joined the Capuchin Friars.

Allowing ourselves to walk with Maria Goretti is akin to the hard task of learning to love Jesus like a child. In her, we see a strong and pure desire to love and serve the Lord. She is not a saint who was well cat-

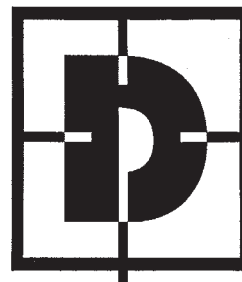
echized. She could not quote scripture. Her witness of purity and mercy is simple and fervent.

Reading her story, one can feel this, as from her deathbed she desires to be in heaven one day with her attacker. She pleads for him from heaven, teaching us that prayers go beyond death, that God can make all things new. Her mercy gives us courage to forgive the deepest wounds against us or our family and to trust that mercy can heal and redeem.

In Maria Goretti, we have a beautiful saint to whom especially our youth, but all of us as well, may seek intercession for pure hearts and minds. We also receive the gift of a saint whose life began and ended with mercy. St. Maria Goretti, pray for us.

St. Maria Goretti's feast day is July 6. She is the patron saint of purity, victims of sexual assault, girls and mercy.

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Veteran reporter Tim Puet retires from full-time work

For the past 14 ½ years, Tim Puet has written thousands of inches of copy that kept readers of *The Catholic Times* informed about people, parishes, news and events in the Diocese of Columbus. During that time, he has worked on approximately 850 issues of the newspaper. All but a few have included multiple stories with his byline.

There's no one more dedicated to his or her profession than Puet. Other than a span in 2018 when he suffered a serious knee injury that required three months of recuperation, hardly a day went by when he wasn't sitting at the computer in his office, typing away or interviewing story subjects on the phone from the time he arrived until he left.

Last month, he turned 70. He won't mind his age being revealed because a competent journalist always asks for ages when reporting on individuals. That's also the golden age to claim full retirement benefits, which means earlier this year he rather reluctantly decided it's time to take one step back from the full-time grind of the workaday world.

As this issue went to print earlier this week, Puet completed his long and distinguished run as a full-time reporter with his official retirement on June 30.

A western Pennsylvania native, Puet graduated from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh in 1973 and began a nearly 50-year news career, first at the Steubenville *Herald-Star*, where he spent five years

EDITOR'S REFLECTIONS Doug Bean



as a reporter and editor. In 1978, he took a job with the Associated Press (AP) bureau in Columbus and worked at the news service for almost 26 years, covering news and sports and rewriting stories that reached a worldwide audience.

After his job with the AP ended, he kept his hand in journalism as a freelance writer before he was hired for a reporter position with *The Catholic Times* in November 2006. Right after Puet started, he remembers suggesting that he compile a round-up of Advent activities in the diocese, and away he went, hardly ever slowing down for almost a decade and a half.

Characterizing Puet as an old-school reporter is the most accurate way to describe him. He's detail oriented; asks the right questions; strives for fairness, accuracy and thoroughness; and delivers news and information in a readable fashion. It's a skill set that might not seem extraordinary, but writing a competent news or feature story is more of a challenge than blogging and producing internet or social media content.

The older generation who grew up with newspa-

pers as the primary source of information laments the decline of quality news gathering and reporting. Today's journalism on many levels is riddled with biases and assumptions that have tainted the reputation of the profession. Puet has maintained a level of competence that readers appreciate.

Much has changed in the past 50 years. Puet began his career working with typewriters in noisy, smoky newsrooms. Onsite reporters dictated stories over the phone to an editor, sometimes writing the story from an accident scene or city council meeting in their heads as they spoke. Newspapers were mostly printed in black and white. Then came computers and more technology, faster presses and the ability to produce more color and graphics.

The internet and social media have led to a rapid decline in newspapers over the past 20 years. Many career journalists have lost their jobs and matriculated into other work, but Puet has mostly weathered the tumultuous times.

The good news for *Catholic Times* readers is that Puet isn't going away. He will still be a regular contributor to the newspaper and web content for the foreseeable future. So expect to see his byline going forward, but maybe just a little less frequently.

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It's time to come back to Mass

The past 15 months have been a time of crisis and deep challenge for our country, and they have been a particular trial for the Catholics. During this terrible COVID period, many of us have been compelled to fast from attendance at Mass and the reception of the Eucharist. To be sure, numerous Masses and Eucharistic para-liturgies have been made available online, and thank God for these. But Catholics know in their bones that such virtual presentations are absolutely no substitute for the real thing. Now that the doors of our churches are commencing to open wide, I would like to urge every Catholic reading these words: Come back to Mass!

Why is the Mass of such central importance? The Second Vatican Council eloquently teaches that the Eucharist is the "source and summit of the Christian life" — which is to say, that from which authentic Christianity comes and toward which it tends. It is the alpha and the omega of the spiritual life, both the path and the goal of Christian discipleship. The Church Fathers consistently taught that the Eucharist is sustenance for eternal life. They meant that in the measure that we internalize the Body and Blood of Jesus, we are readied for life with him in the next world. Thomas Aquinas said that all of the other sacraments contain the *virtus Christi* (the power of Christ) but that the Eucharist contains *ipse Christus* (Christ himself) — and this would help to explain why St. Thomas could never make it through the Mass without shedding copious tears. It is precisely at the Mass that we are privileged to receive this incomparable gift. It is precisely at the Mass that we take in this indispensable sustenance. Without it, we starve to death spiritually.

If I might broaden the scope a bit, I would like to suggest that the Mass is, in its totality, the privileged point of encounter with Jesus Christ. During the Liturgy of the Word, we hear not simply human

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words crafted by poetic geniuses, but rather the words of the Word. In the readings, and especially in the Gospel, it is Christ who speaks to us. In our responses, we speak back to him, entering into conversation with the second person of the Trinity. Then, in the Liturgy of the Eucharist, the same Jesus who has spoken his heart to us offers his Body and Blood for us to consume. There is simply, this side of heaven, no more intimate communion possible with the risen Lord.

I realize that many Catholics during this COVID period have become accustomed to the ease of attending Mass virtually from the comfort of their own homes and without the inconvenience of busy parking lots, crying children and crowded pews. But a key feature of the Mass is precisely our coming together as a community. As we speak, pray, sing, and respond together, we realize our identity as the Mystical Body of Jesus. During the liturgy, the priest functions in *persona Christi* (in the very person of Christ), and the baptized in attendance join themselves symbolically to Christ the head and together offer worship to the Father. There is an exchange between priest and people at Mass that is crucially important though often overlooked. Just before the prayer over the gifts, the priest says, "Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father," and the people respond, "May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all

his holy Church." At that moment, head and members consciously join together to make the perfect sacrifice to the Father. The point is that this cannot happen when we are scattered in our homes and sitting in front of computer screens.

If I might signal the importance of the Mass in a more negative manner, the Church has consistently taught that baptized Catholics are morally obligated to attend Mass on Sunday and that the conscious missing of Mass, in the absence of a valid excuse, is mortally sinful. I understand that this language makes many people today uncomfortable, but it shouldn't, for it is perfectly congruent with everything we have said about the Mass to this point. If the Eucharistic liturgy is, in fact, the source and summit of the Christian life, the privileged encounter with Jesus Christ, the moment when the Mystical Body most fully expresses itself, the setting for the reception of the bread of heaven — then we are indeed putting ourselves, spiritually speaking, in mortal danger when we actively stay away from it. Just as a physician might observe that you are endangering your life by eating fatty foods, smoking and refraining from exercise, so a doctor of the soul will tell you that abstaining from the Mass is compromising your spiritual health. Of course, as I suggested above, it has always been the law of the Church that an individual may decide to miss Mass for legitimate prudential reasons — and this certainly obtains during these waning days of the pandemic.

But come back to Mass! And might I suggest that you bring someone with you, someone who has been away too long or has perhaps been lulled into complacency during COVID? Let your own Eucharistic hunger awaken an evangelical impulse in you. Bring in people from the highways and byways; invite your co-workers and family members; wake up the kids on Sunday morning; turn off your computers. Come back to Mass!

Rekindling Eucharistic amazement

By Sister John Paul Maher, OP

When you stop to think about it, Jesus is amazing. He does not ask of us anything He has not done first. He asks us to remain with Him, to choose to be with Him. And yet, He has chosen to be with us first.

In 2003, John Paul II gave the faithful an encyclical letter, expressing his desire to “rekindle” a “Eucharistic Amazement” for the third millennium. (*Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, no. 6) Like a best friend, Jesus invites us to stay with Him, to abide. (John 15.4) This is astonishing. Jesus is expressing a desire to simply be in our presence.

God made us wired for presence. In good times and in bad, we rely on the presence of others to help us through. God made it part of His plan for our salvation to be present to us. Jesus took on our human nature to walk with us and teach us. Then, He gives a total gift of self to us in the Eucharist until the end of time. What unrelenting love!

Even so, it can be hard to believe in unrelenting love. God knows this. He knows each of our stories. He loves us. He is humble. He waits. When we are ready to “come and see,” He is ready to be encountered. When we come into His Eucharistic Presence, we can rest. We can speak to God as a friend. He speaks to us as a friend in the Gospels. When we open the Scriptures, we can often recognize the Word of

God guiding us and offering a response to our prayer.

We all need grace to keep an ongoing friendship with God. Like any relationship, it takes two, and perseverance. When it gets challenging, we can ask for grace and strength. God will give it. We should not be discouraged by failure or afraid. We recall Pope Francis’ words: “When we receive the Eucharist, Jesus knows we are sinners and make many mistakes, but he does not give up joining his life to ours.” (*Angelus on the Solemnity of Corpus Christ*, 2021)

God comes to us through the sacraments. He restores our union with him by embracing us in mercy through Confession. There is nothing like the lightness of heart that comes after a good Confession. By going to Mass and Confession regularly, we receive grace to avoid sin and grow our friendship with God.

As St. John Paul writes, when we receive Jesus, He enters into friendship with us. “We can say that not only *each of us receives Christ*, but also that *Christ receives each of us*.” (EE, no.22) It is a wonder to think of God receiving us! If we cannot receive Him physically in the Eucharist, we can unite ourselves to Him spiritually.

Spiritual communion is one way to unite ourselves to Jesus, especially if we cannot attend Mass. Making a spiritual communion daily can “cultivate in our hearts a constant desire for the sacrament of the Eucharist.” (EE, no. 34)

Some people may not experience a desire for the Eucharist. This is understandable. Many people have not encountered Jesus personally in the Blessed Sacrament. Some lack the gift of faith or have not heard the truth about Jesus’ Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Eucharist proclaimed by others. Let us pray that people will know the love of God as the answer to their heart’s desire.

We can grow our love for the Eucharist by spending time with Him, spiritual reading, and meditating on the institution of the Eucharist in the Gospels. Another recommendation is to read John Paul II’s apostolic letter on the Eucharist called *Stay with Us, Lord, (Mane Nobiscum Domine*, 2004), based on the disciples’ recognizing Jesus in the breaking of the bread. (cf. Lk 24:29)

Mary, as the “Woman of the Eucharist,” intercedes for us so the joy of the Eucharist may be experienced in our lives. “The Eucharist has been given to us so that our life, like that of Mary, may become completely a *Magnificat*!” (EE, no. 58) Mary’s *Magnificat* is a personal hymn of joyful praise for the Lord’s faithfulness. Let us ask Mary to pray for us that our joy may be complete. (cf. Jn 15:7-11) Let us be disciples who bear witness to Jesus by rekindling an amazement for the gift of the Eucharist.

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How healthy is your Domestic Church?

By Dr. Gregory Popcak

For the last several months, this column has been exploring the *Liturgy of Domestic Church Life*, a model of family spirituality that helps families encounter Christ more meaningfully at home.

To briefly recap, the *Liturgy of Domestic Church Life* enables Christian families to bring Eucharistic grace home, be transformed by it and carry it out to the world. This liturgy of family life is made up of three rites – the Rite of Christian Relationships, the Rite of Family Rituals, and the Rite of Reaching Out – each of which is tied to our baptismal call to live as priests, prophets and royals, respectively. Finally, each rite recommends four practices that families are encouraged to live out in a way that works best for them but, when taken together, help them experience all the blessings and benefits that come from creating an authentically Christian household.

Although it’s a simple model, it can be a lot to take in all at once. In response to reader’s requests for a simple resource to help them learn to celebrate the *Liturgy of Domestic Church Life*, I’ve developed a little “quiz” that reviews the high points and can help you determine your family’s strengths

and areas of growth.

How well is your family living the three rites that make up the *Liturgy of Domestic Church Life*? Take the following quiz to find out. Rate your family on a scale of 1 (“We don’t do this at all.”) to 5 (“This describes us perfectly.”).

1. The Rite of Christian Relationships helps families live the priestly mission of baptism. When we work to overcome the selfish, sinful ways we treat each other, imitate Christ’s generous, incarnate love and consecrate the things we do all day to Christ, family life becomes a “little way of holiness.”

_ a. We prioritize family time. Because we can only form godly kids if we spend meaningful time together every day, we don’t let outside activities compete with our efforts to create a close-knit, family team.

_ b. We are extravagantly affectionate. Christ’s love is generous and incarnate. As a Christian household, we imitate Christ by being generously and appropriately affectionate, affirming and supportive of one another.

_ c. Pope St. John Paul II said that Christian relationships are characterized by “mutual self-giving.” We work hard to respond to each other’s needs (parents and kids), promptly, generously, consistently and cheerfully.

_ d. We practice Discipleship Discipline in our home. As St. John Bosco taught, we reject harsh punishments and focus on teaching, supporting and encouraging godly behavior through “reason, religion and loving-kindness.”

2. The Rite of Family Rituals equips families to live the prophetic mission of baptism. When families work, play, talk and pray together every day, they witness to the ways Christians relate to work, leisure, others and faith.

_ a. Work rituals. Each day, instead of dividing and conquering, we make time to do at least some household chores together. We don’t think of chores as just “things that have to get done.” We know they are opportunities to learn to be a team and take good care of each other.

_ b. Play rituals. Every day, we make a point to play together, enjoy each other’s company and model healthy ways to celebrate our life together.

_ c. Talk rituals. Several times a week, we have meaningful conversations (not lectures) about faith, values, how God is showing up for us and how we can take better care of each other.

_ d. Prayer rituals. We pray together as a family throughout each day. We relate to Jesus as another member of our family. We regularly praise him

and ask for his help.

3. The Rite of Reaching Out equips families to live the royal mission of baptism. We reign with Christ by serving with him.

_ a. We take good care of each other at home. Authentic Christian service begins with caring generously for the people under our roof.

_ b. We think about others even when we’re home. As a family, we donate our gently-used items, look for ways to help our neighbors and make our home a place where others can enjoy godly fun and fellowship.

_ c. We are kind, thoughtful and use good manners in and outside our home. As a family, we’re conscious of leaving people happier than we found them.

_ d. We regularly engage in charitable service together as a family.

How’d you do? Every family has strengths and areas for growth. To discover more ways the *Liturgy of Domestic Church Life* can bless your family, visit our Facebook discussion group, CatholicHOM (Households on Mission) – Family Discipleship.

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All of creation is beautiful and deserves our respect

“You are indeed Holy, O Lord, and all you have created rightly gives you praise, for through your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, by the power and working of the Holy Spirit, you give life to all things and make them holy...” – Eucharistic Prayer III

In my most recent column, I gave you St. Thomas’ requirements for beauty. Your conscience is the place you figure out the beautiful. *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CCC) 1798 tells us, “A well-formed conscience is upright and truthful. It formulates its judgments according to reason, in conformity with the true good willed by the wisdom of the Creator ...”

One key to energizing the Christian life is to recapture and realize the beautiful. For this to happen, we must start small and simple and go back to the beginning.

CCC 41 (from my previous column) and the above quote from Eucharistic Prayer III speak of creation. Scripture and tradition never cease to teach and celebrate this fundamental truth: “The world was made for the glory of God” (CCC 293).

St. Thomas adds this, “Creatures came into existence when the key of love opened his hand.” Man is the summit of the creator’s work, as the inspired account expresses by clearly distinguishing the creation of man from that of the other creatures (CCC 343). God created everything for man, but man in turn was created to serve and love God and to offer all creation back to him (CCC 358).

The Fall. This event might be likened to a cosmic spiritual nuclear weapon. We often think it affected

AQUINAS CORNER

Richard Arnold

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only man, but we took all of creation “down” with us. Our harmony with creation is broken; creation is now subject “to its bondage to decay.” Death makes its entrance into human history.

Beauty ... where? Despite the “disaster” in Eden, what God created is still good and each creature possesses its own goodness and perfection. The beauty of creation still reflects the infinite beauty of the creator and ought to inspire the respect and submission of man’s intellect and will. Beauty ... where? Start small and at home: pests.

The normal homeowner “works” to keep places such as the front porch clear of pests. I submit to you, that before you squash the life out of the spider that has erected a web, look at the beauty ... the symmetry, the functionality, the location, all those things that a spider would do to capture its prey. It is doing exactly what it is supposed to do and is trying to live.

Before you take actions that you feel you must do and that result in the death of a creature, lament, because that creature was created by God and participates in His goodness and His beauty. Through your prior lamentations and appreciations of beauty,

you might think of alternatives such as capturing and relocating.

I have driven 10 miles with a captured bat, hoping that it would continue life, eating mosquitos and not returning to my attic. And I find joy in that. If you are harassed by mosquitos on your front porch, say a prayer that they will go next door (just kidding).

In finding beauty in these small places, I hope you will find beauty in many other places where you had not before, and you will find yourself participating more greatly in God’s creation and be all the more happy for it. There is a solidarity among all creatures arising from the fact that all have the same creator and are all ordered to his glory.

St. Francis of Assisi tells us in his *Canticle of the Creatures*: “May you be praised, O Lord, in all your creatures, especially brother sun, by whom you give us light for the day; he is beautiful, radiating great splendor, and offering us a symbol of you, the Most High. ... May you be praised, my Lord, for sister water, who is very useful and humble, precious and chaste. ... May you be praised, my Lord, for sister earth, our mother, who bears and feeds us, and produces the variety of fruits and dappled flowers and grasses. ... Praise and bless my Lord, give thanks and serve him in all humility.”

Our interaction with creation needn’t be political, adversarial or careless. It will be beneficial, both physically and spiritually, if we see and appreciate the beauty.

Challenging the establishment on childhood gender transitions

A 23-year-old woman named Keira Bell recently brought a pivotal lawsuit against the National Health Services Gender Identity Development Clinic in London, better known as the Tavistock Clinic. Keira experienced significant personal harm from puberty blockers, testosterone and an operation to remove her breasts. She claims the medical staff at the clinic failed to challenge her seriously about her decision as a teenager to transition to a male. In a landmark ruling delivered in December 2020, a British court upheld her claim that she’d been rushed through gender reassignment without proper safeguards.

Keira represents the leading edge of a new class of young people struggling with gender dysphoria who, as they become adults, are starting to push back against various “gender affirmation” interventions perpetrated against them, even, in some cases, seeking legal recourse and financial redress. As these intrepid individuals challenge the status quo, they are becoming known as “trans-desisters” or “detransitioners.”

When Keira was 16 and struggling with gender dysphoria, she was referred to the Tavistock Clinic and was almost immediately launched down the medical path. After three one-hour long visits to the medical facility, she was prescribed puberty blockers, powerful drugs that delay the development of signs of puberty. In an interview with the British Broadcasting Corporation, she stated that there hadn’t been adequate investigation or therapy prior to that stage.

“I should have been challenged on the proposals or the claims that I was making for myself,” she said. “I

MAKING SENSE OF BIOETHICS

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think that would have made a big difference.”

Later she was prescribed the male hormone testosterone to help her develop male features like a beard, moustache and a deep voice. A few years later, she underwent a mastectomy.

“Initially I felt very relieved and happy about things, but I think as the years go on, you start to feel less and less enthusiastic or even happy about things,” she said.

“You can continue to dig yourself deeper into this hole or you can choose to come out of it and have the weight lifted off your shoulders.”

She stopped taking the cross-sex hormones at age 22 and says she has come to accept being female now. She remains upset, however, about what had happened to her over the last decade.

“I was allowed to run with this idea that I had, almost like a fantasy, as a teenager ... and it has affected me in the long run as an adult.”

Vulnerable young people, caught up in the pressure of the moment, have too easily been drawn into life-altering pathways involving medications and scalpels with their frequently irreversible effects. Puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones and complex surgeries can all lead to permanent damage, even

the destruction of a young person’s reproductive organs and fertility.

Now in her early 20s, Keira soberly observes, “I’m very young. I’ve only just stepped into adulthood and I have to deal with this kind of burden or radical difference.”

Parents have a serious obligation to protect their children from the gender-reassignment industry, which profits handsomely from the lucrative, long-term hormone prescriptions and the multiple complex surgeries. When parents give consent for cross-sex interventions on their children, they will often do so under pressure from clinicians and professional societies like the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP).

Keira and other detransitioners insist that extended waiting periods, with appropriate questioning and challenging of young people, need to occur as part of a good psychotherapeutic response to claims of gender dysphoria. The AAP, meanwhile, strongly discourages such approaches, telling pediatric primary care providers, in an official statement, “to be a reliable source of validation, support, and reassurance,” and exclusively to pursue “affirmation-based approaches” for children’s mental health services, including pharmacological and surgical interventions.

As James Cantor, director of the Toronto Sexuality Centre, noted in a critical review of the AAP statement, “Although almost all clinics and professional associations in the world use what’s called the watchful waiting approach to helping gender-diverse children, the AAP statement instead rejected

Priest's advice helped Capuchin brother persevere

By Tim Puet
Catholic Times Reporter

Brother Thomas Piolata, OFM Cap, says the wise words of a Columbus diocesan priest helped him discern how best to serve God.

"I had thought about becoming a priest since I was a boy, and joining the Capuchin Franciscan order had been on my mind off and on since I was 18," he said. "It was an open door, and I just had to try it, so I applied to become a Capuchin postulant (someone in the first year of formation for possible life as a member of the order).

"In the summer of 2012, just before beginning postulancy, I had a talk with Msgr. Frank Lane (now retired and living in Cincinnati), whom I had known for several years and who knew I was discerning the priesthood. He told me, 'You've made your decision, and you should stick to it, unless the formators helping you discern tell you this life is not for you, or if there is an overly powerful presence of the Lord pushing you out of religious life. Don't let discernment become a pathology.'

"His advice became crucial for my eventual perseverance. The year of postulancy and the following year of novitiate were quite difficult because I was dealing with a broken heart from the end of a serious relationship with a young woman and because the strict lifestyle of the novitiate made me feel caged," Brother Thomas said.

"But I knew I would be lying to myself if I didn't continue and left for the wrong reasons. Eventually, it became clear that God was calling me. I'll always be grateful that I listened to Msgr. Lane."

During his novitiate, Brother Thomas decided to become a lay brother instead of a priest because he felt called to serve as a theologian focusing on academic work. Like Capuchin priests, Capuchin lay brothers take vows of poverty, chastity and obedience but are not ordained to celebrate Mass or hear confessions.

"I've fallen deeply in love with the Capuchin life despite the difficulties and struggles," he said.

"For me, the vows became avenues of freedom. The day I professed my final vows (March 18, 2018 at the St. Augustine Friary in Pittsburgh) was one of the most beautiful days of my life. It's hard to describe the tangible experience of grace I felt when I professed my vows."

Brother Thomas, 31, grew up near Columbus St. Andrew Church and is the only son and the youngest of four children of Carla (Ciotola) Piolata and the late Tommy Piolata, who died May 19.

His father, a real estate agent, was an usher at St. Andrew's, was involved in its summer festival and pro-life activities and was a fourth-degree member of the Knights of Columbus. The archbishop of Boston, Cardinal Sean O'Malley, OFM Cap, who also is a Capuchin Franciscan, was among those attending his funeral. Brother Thomas' mother is part

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that consensus, endorsing gender affirmation as the only acceptable approach."

The available studies reveal, moreover, that the majority of pre-adolescent children who present as "trans" eventually revert to the identity that accords

ANSWERING GOD'S CALL

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of the family who operated the former DaVinci's Restaurant in Upper Arlington.

Father and son shared interests in golf and taekwon do, in which Brother Thomas has a third-degree black belt, and were drummers in rock 'n' roll groups. "I always was in a band while attending UA (Upper Arlington High School)," Brother Thomas said. His musical groups included 1/3 Nerd, The Shakedown and Suave ("named after the drummer," he said with a smile).

Brother Thomas said he always was attracted to the Mass, was part of the youth group at Columbus St. Agatha Church and attended Catholic Youth Summer Camp.

"But the major turning point in my life occurred when I began reading the works of Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger (who became Pope Benedict XVI), particularly his book Jesus of Nazareth," he said. "This made Jesus become so alive to me that I said to myself, 'I want the kind of relationship this man (Benedict) has with Jesus and to share Jesus with others in the way Benedict shared Him with me.'"

He graduated from UA in 2008 and for the next four years attended Saint Louis University in the Missouri city of the same name. "I applied to several schools, and Saint Louis was the only one to offer me a full scholarship. That made my choice easy," he said.

He initially intended to be in pre-med studies, but his reading of Benedict XVI's works led him to pursue theological formation. He graduated from Saint Louis with an honors Bachelor of Arts degree in philosophy, classical humanities and Italian studies.

"I had a blast in college," he said. "I was involved in the university's Karate Club, Students for Life, an a capella musical group as the beat boxer (a style of music in which the human voice imitates the sounds of a drum), the Philosophy Club and Micah House," a learning community devoted to service work.

"Saint Louis is a Jesuit school, and I met some wonderful Jesuits there. I probably would have become a Jesuit, but I met a great Conventual Franciscan there – Father Wayne Hellmann," OFM Conv, who is minister provincial for his order's province that includes Ohio.

"Father Hellmann is known for his works on the writings of St. Francis of Assisi, and my experience with him heavily influenced my decision to become a Franciscan. Father Hellmann continues to be a dear friend, brother and mentor."

Conventual and Capuchin Franciscans are branches of the religious order founded by Francis of Assisi in 1209. Brother Thomas said he had been in contact with the Capuchins off and on during his college years because he was touched by a visit to

Assisi and Padua, Italy, during a vacation in 2017, which led a priest to ask him, "Have you thought of joining the Capuchins?"

His year of postulancy was spent in Philadelphia, where he served in a door-to-door ministry in the city's Kensington neighborhood and as an intern with Project Dawn, an initiative similar to Franklin County's CATCH Court, which helps survivors of human trafficking recover through counseling and drug and alcohol treatment.

During his year of novitiate, he volunteered at the Catholic Charities food pantry in Santa Barbara, California. He took his first (or simple) vows as a Franciscan in 2014, followed by four years of formation in Washington, D.C., which included ministry and teaching work at several locations in the city. During that time, he also earned Master of Arts degrees in philosophy (2016) and theology (2018) at Catholic University of America.

For the past three years, he has studied at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome, earning a baccalaureate and a licentiate in sacred theology. He was called home for his father's funeral and will stay in Columbus until August, when he will fly to Germany for two months to study the German language before beginning doctoral studies in Rome in October.

He said he continues to enjoy golf but doesn't get much chance to play in Rome because the city doesn't have many golf courses. Some of his favorite pastimes in the Italian capital are bicycling, taekwon do, visiting churches and "mixing beer and good conversation with friends."

His academic interests are in medieval theology, especially St. Bonaventure, one of the earliest members of the Franciscans. He hopes to write his doctoral thesis on St. Bonaventure's theology of the Holy Spirit.

"I began to read Bonaventure with bias because Cardinal Ratzinger likes him," he said. "In Bonaventure's writings, I find a profoundly rich and deep synthesis of faith in which Christ emerges explicitly as the centerpiece, and a vision of creation that speaks of God and points to Him in a very robust way."

Brother Thomas said he feels blessed to have been formed by his parents' good example and unconditional love and for the support of his Capuchin brothers that has allowed him to pursue his interest in theology. "I treasure my vocation as a brother," he said, "and I hope by the grace of God I can help contribute to the vision of St. Francis – to live and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ."



Brother Thomas Piolata

with their biological sex. Those studies indicate at least 67 percent of gender diverse children cease wanting to transition by puberty as long as "gender affirmation" approaches are not pursued or advocated.

Keira sums up her experience this way: "I look

back with a lot of sadness. There was nothing wrong with my body. I was just lost and without proper support. Transition gave me the facility to hide from myself even more than before. It was a temporary fix."

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director. Father Timothy Hayes succeeded Father Hahn as pastor of the consortium and is assisted by newly ordained Father Jacob Stinnett and Father Milton Kiocha, AJ, who also is a chaplain for the two state prisons in Chillicothe.

Father Beal succeeds Father Joseph Yokum, who was pastor of the Scioto Catholic Consortium as it transitioned from seven parishes with four pastors to four parishes with one pastor. Father Patrick Watikha, AJ, is its parochial vicar, and Father David Glockner, a retired priest of the Glenmary Home Missions who is a Portsmouth native, lives in the St. Mary rectory with Fathers Beal and Watikha.

Earlier this year, Bishop Brennan wrote a letter inviting all diocesan priests not currently serving as pastors to express their willingness to become pastors. The letter also listed parishes where pastoral openings were to occur as part of the priest transfers the diocese traditionally announces in the middle of the year.

"I voluntarily, knowingly and willingly offered to go to Scioto County," Father Beal said. "I sensed that was the place where God was inviting me to follow His will. I was serving in a consortium already, and I loved the beauty of the area and the outdoor experiences available there – something I also can say about Chillicothe and the parishes in Mount Vernon and Coshocton where I served during the summers I was in the seminary."

Father Beal said he was the only priest to apply specifically for the Scioto pastorate. Bishop Brennan told him of his new assignment in March, and since then he and Father Yokum have conducted three transition planning meetings at Holy Redeemer for all of the consortium's parishes.

Father Herge, 32, ordained in 2018, spent one year in a consortium that included parishes in Chillicothe, Waverly, Washington Court House and Zaleski before being transferred to Worthington in 2019.

"After I was ordained, it was interesting integrating the different things a priest has to do – celebrating Mass, administering the sacraments, teaching, RCIA, marriage preparation, social activities – especially in a consortium which stretched about 50 miles from west to east with the priests living in Chillicothe, the center of that area," he said.

"With all the driving time involved, you condensed as many things as possible into one visit to a particular parish. I spent six months mainly going to Washington Court House regularly, and another six mainly serving Waverly.

"I love driving, so I used the time on the road to meditate and to prepare



Father Ryan Schmit



Father Brett Garland



Father Brian Beal

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homilies in my head. Here in Worthington, I had to figure out where to do these things, and I've ended up taking drives in the country anyway or walking around town to work out my thoughts.

"I think the biggest thing I've come to realize in the past three years is that the face of the priest is almost like the front door of a church," he said. "You have to approach people in a way that says, 'Welcome,' not just with words, but with actions and expressions, engaging people where they are and saying, 'We're here for you.'

"It's interesting how things have differed in my two assignments. In the consortium, there were lots of funerals but few baptisms or weddings. In Worthington, it was the other way around, with more baptisms and weddings and slightly fewer funerals. In the consortium, I visited the homebound mainly in their homes; Worthington has few homebound in their residences but many in nursing homes.

"I've been in Worthington through 'COVID-tide,' and the state's shutdown orders meant I couldn't make many of those calls to the homebound, except for hospice-related situations where people were dying. I was the backup for dealing with COVID patients in such instances at Mount Carmel St. Ann's Hospital in Westerville. I was one of the priests trained in March on the protocols of dealing with COVID patients in hospitals or nursing homes, but I handled only one call along those lines, and that was in December," Father Herge said.

"One lesson I've learned in three years in the priesthood is that the priest can't be the only one from the Church interacting with the people in the parish. It's important that others from the parish get involved with people and their needs, while still keeping a connection with the priest.

"The biggest opportunity for changing people's perception of the Church doesn't come from Sunday Masses but from things like funerals, weddings or seeing people at hospitals or nursing homes or on the street," he said. "The

people you see on Sunday for the most part are those fully committed to the Church, while those you see in daily activities give you the best chance to be a missionary disciple. I try to be fully present at all those places.

"One thing that will be nice about being a pastor is that when people call with questions, I won't have to say, 'I don't know. The pastor decides that.'"

Father Herge said becoming pastor of the consortium, which includes Vinton County's one parish and Jackson County's two, "was a great fit for me." He succeeds Father Nicola Ventura, who was appointed pastor of Columbus St. Cecilia Church. Father Herge will be assisted by retired Father David E. Young, who is in residence at the Zaleski parish.

Father Garland, who had been parochial vicar at Columbus St. Mary Magdalene, St. Agnes and St. Aloysius churches for two years, hardly had a chance to unpack his bags in Delaware before he had to go into quarantine because he was diagnosed with COVID.

"I came here for my first day and celebrated Mass, did that the next day, and after Mass, something just went 'Boom!' and I didn't feel right," he said. "I went into quarantine for my first week here, still celebrated Mass privately when I was able to, and used that time as a mini-retreat. I prayed, read some books I'd been meaning to and called other priests. Fortunately, it wasn't a severe case. I had some body aches and fever and lost my (senses of) taste and smell for a while, but that was about it.

"Once I got better, I began working with the small Hispanic community in Delaware because I speak Spanish, and I helped the RCIA, PSR and youth ministry coordinators. I also got in touch with the Catholic students at Ohio Wesleyan University, who have an active faith group.

"One thing that helped me become familiar with people in a sort of non-pastoral situation is that I was our school's fifth-grade soccer coach. That showed a side of me that went beyond what I do as a priest and en-

couraged people to get to know me better. I've come to appreciate that this is a great community, and people are very invested in the parish," Father Garland said.

His appointment as pastor was announced at Masses on Saturday and Sunday, April 24 and 25. "That was Good Shepherd Sunday, an appropriate time for the announcement," he said.

"Parishioners were pleased because it brought a sense of stability. It gave me that sense, too, about the parish and myself. When you're a vicar, you have no set period for your service to a parish and can go wherever the bishop wants you at any time.

"As a pastor in the Diocese of Columbus, you're appointed for a six-year term and generally get a chance to serve another six years. Being appointed pastor gives me time to discern the needs of the parish, communicate to parishioners and implement a vision.

"I've tried to learn from the experience of several priests I've known well, and they've been very good at reaching out to me, particularly priests who have served this parish. I value what's happened before and recognize I need to know the parish's history. Every pastor is different than the one before, and I feel no need to make changes all at once," Father Garland said.

"I know I'm not meant to be the Savior; that's Jesus' job, while mine is to follow the promptings of the Holy Spirit. I'm not here to do the heavy lifting; God is."

Father Schmit, 39, has been a priest for 10 years, giving him the amount of experience first-time pastors usually had before the combination of more retirements and fewer priests led to the shortage of priests that is being experienced by most dioceses in the United States. He was parochial vicar at Gahanna St. Matthew Church for five years and Marion St. Mary and Cardington Sacred Hearts churches for three years before becoming administrator at Holy Cross in 2019.

Instead of having to choose whether to become pastor at either Holy Cross or St. John Neumann after mid-July, he learned earlier this year that the Dresden and Mattingly Settlement churches had been added to the list of parishes with pastorates coming open.

"That would be my choice, because I helped cover weekend Masses there previously for a four-month period, and it always had been on my mind as a good place to be a pastor," he said. "Small parishes are a good choice as the first or the last place for a pastor to serve. This will be my first, and since there's a 12-year limit on pastorates, I hope it won't be my last."

For retiring Hartley principal, short line led to long career

By Tim Puet

Catholic Times Reporter

Longtime Columbus Bishop Hartley High School principal Mike Winters is retiring from an administrative career that he says began purely by accident.

"I was a teacher and head basketball coach at (Columbus Bishop) Watterson (High School) and loved what I was doing, but I decided to study for a master's degree at Xavier University through Ohio Dominican College because I knew I needed a master's to be a college coach, and the added degree would bring me a pay increase," he said.

"So one Saturday morning in 1980, I went to Ohio Dominican to sign up for a master's program in either guidance counseling or educational administration. The line for counseling was out the door, while there were only three people in the line for administration. So I chose the shorter line, thinking I probably wouldn't use what I learned in the degree program, but I wanted to obtain a master's."

That spur-of-the-moment decision led to a 24-year career at Hartley, where he was hired in 1997 as assistant principal and served as principal from the start of the 1999-2000 school year until the end of the just-completed academic year, making him the longest-tenured principal in the diocese. He is retiring effective July 1.

"When (former assistant principal) Barb Casson and I started here, we faced challenges related to enrollment, facilities and culture," Winters said. "We rolled up our sleeves, hired good people and had a vision which you could see had an impact on my first graduating class in 2000 and has grown since then."

"Nothing happens overnight, but every inch of the school has changed in the past 20-plus years because of the hard work of teachers, administrators and support staff through all that time. I'm humbled that so many people who came here in the early 2000s are still here today. It's easier (for me) to leave because I know I've left the school with a good team," including his successor, former assistant principal Chris Kowalski.

"Enrollment has gone from less than 500 to more than 700, and that's a nice number for the space we have," he said. "We've done a good job in terms of the budget, going from having no savings to financial solvency, thanks to the support of generous donors."

Winters said important roles in the school's success were played by former business manager Ken Collura and

former development directors Helmut Naunheimer and Tiffiney Hatem.

He said Naunheimer was mainly responsible for a 20-year plan that has led to construction of a new science wing atop the existing wing; renovation of all classrooms; expansion of the school chapel; improvements to the lobby; construction of a new cafeteria and library; and creation of a courtyard.

The school also offers 22 varsity sports, has won multiple state championships, and in recent years has made upgrades to its athletic facilities that are comparable to the changes elsewhere in the school.

"There's no question athletics is the 'front porch' of the school because it's probably what most people are familiar with, but we made other changes before improving the areas devoted to athletics because we felt this was the right order of doing things," Winters said.

One of the school's most recent additions was completed in 2019 and named in honor of Casson and longtime teacher and coach Robert Telerski. It includes a stand-alone auxiliary gym; a weight room; a classroom for arts programs; and a meeting area for the house system in which the school is divided into groups known as houses consisting of students from each of its four grades.

"We've had the system for at least 10 years, and Chris (Kowalski) is mainly responsible for it," Winters said. "Chris had taught at Cincinnati Moeller High School, which had a house system, and we knew it also was successful at Louisville (Kentucky) Trinity High School."

"The idea was to have adults mentoring students and upperclassmen mentoring younger students, and to give everyone a chance to discuss certain themes away from the academic environment, such as bullying and the impact of diversity."

"The system also lets the students have a lot of fun with competitions like glee clubs, Olympic-style field days, and who has the highest academic average or the fewest demerits. They get points for all those, with the winning house getting a House Cup and a day off of school," he said.

"The houses usually consist of five or six freshmen and about the same number of sophomores, juniors and seniors. That's where real magic hap-

pens. Having all these groups has tripled the amount of student leaders in the school. It was a wonderful effect of the system until March 2020, when COVID closed all Ohio schools for the rest of the academic year. We look forward to having the system return with the beginning of the 2021-22 school year."

For most of the 2020-21 academic year, Hartley operated under a hybrid model, with students divided into two groups and usually alternating days in the classroom and days learning at home. "Like everyone else, we wanted to be at school every day, and we were able to resume daily in-school learning in March," Winters said. "Being back made a big difference, because it's hard learning through Zoom."

"There may be some lingering effects of the pandemic in the coming school year, but I'm confident Chris and the faculty will take care of them. I'm very optimistic for the return to normal activities. Students always are glad to be back

and get involved in activities inside and outside the classroom, and I think they'll be especially ready this year."

Winters said his goal as principal was always to offer "a holistic program which places everything in its proper perspective and doesn't over-emphasize anything. Without question, faith is the most important component of the school and is at the heart of everything we do."

"Every part of the school is important – the classrooms, the activities, the cafeteria, the athletic field. We want it to be worthy of the love we have for our students."

"Hartley was founded in 1957, and it's always been a school with a diverse student population, with most of its students coming from diocesan feeder schools. Its mission of transforming lives through the teachings of Jesus Christ within the Catholic tradition, using the six pillars of faith, preparation, community, service, spirit and leadership hasn't changed," Winters said.

"I don't think students have changed in my years of being a teacher. They have the same goals, aspirations and problems. But the culture, the environment around them has changed, and the pace of change has gotten faster. It's up to us as teachers to be aware of those changes and try to

keep up with them.

"It's the same way with changes in education," Winters said. "Under normal circumstances, we're still teaching in classrooms, usually divided into rows, with a whiteboard instead of a blackboard, and we're still trying to foster a growth mindset."

"One of the most important things I've stressed to teachers comes from a book by Carol Dweck called *Mindset: The New Psychology of Success*. Its emphasis is that perfectionism is not wanted or needed. Instead, mistakes are good. You can learn from them, and they're how you learn. Before, you either 'got it' or you didn't. Now we realize that not 'getting it' right away can lead to growth."

Winters, 67, grew up in Columbus' Clintonville neighborhood, attended Immaculate Conception Church and graduated in 1971 from Watterson and in 1975 from Ohio Dominican, receiving his master's degree from Xavier in 1983. He taught English for two years at Columbus Father Wehrle High School, 15 years at Watterson and five years at Columbus Bishop Ready High School before coming to Hartley, for a career of 46 years as an educator in the Diocese of Columbus.

He coached basketball for 18 years, including two years as an assistant at Wehrle, all of his 15 years at Watterson as assistant or head coach, plus a year as head coach at Grove City High School while he was teaching at Ready.

His wife of 43 years, Lynn, also a Watterson graduate, is tennis coach at Hartley, a position she has held for nearly 30 years, and also coaches the sport at Capital University.

Their two sons, Andy and Matt, are head basketball coach and an assistant coach, respectively, at Otterbein University. Their daughter, Cassie, and her husband, Rich, are parents of their grandchildren, Henry and Audrey.

"I became a teacher because I wanted to coach, and the two go hand-in-hand," Mike Winters said. "Once I started teaching, I fell in love with both, for good coaches have to be good teachers and vice versa."

"I continued to teach a class for most of the time after I became an administrator because it was great to close the classroom door for an hour and just teach, putting everything else aside. I loved all the things I did, whether coaching, teaching or being an administrator, it all involved putting a vision and a plan together, and having everyone benefit from a great deal of teamwork."



Mike Winters

Bishop recognizes couples celebrating milestone anniversaries

Bishop Robert Brennan said to the 203 married couples attending the annual diocesan Jubilee of Anniversaries that Jesus has been part of their marriage from the time they recited their vows.

“On your wedding day, husbands, you said ‘I do,’ and wives, you said ‘I do.’ And you don’t know this, but Jesus said ‘I do’ and He stepped right into the back seat of your car,” the bishop said. “Maybe He even stepped into the front and took the steering wheel. That’s what he wants to do!”

The honorees at the event on Sunday, June 27 at Powell St. Joan of Arc Church were observing anniversaries of 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, and 60 years or longer. Each of the 357 registered couples received a certificate to mark the occasion.

“You made a promise to each other and God made a promise to you – a

pledge to be with you in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health, to love you and honor you. ...

“You chose to be married in the context of the Church, and thereby invited Jesus into your marriage. He’s the one that stayed, even when the reception was over, and He’s going to be part of every bit of it,” Bishop Brennan said.

“Jesus being part of your life doesn’t mean that it will be neat and clean with all the messes cleaned up. ... What He is going to do is walk with you through that and give you the strength and the grace and help ... to rise above all the tough things that come your way. ...

“Jesus is leading us on a journey of faith. He knows the destination better than we ourselves do. ... The destination is holy, but so is the journey,” the bishop said.



Bishop Robert Brennan delivers the homily at the Jubilee of Anniversaries Mass on Sunday, June 27 at Powell St. Joan of Arc Church, telling married couples “what a powerful, powerful witness you are through your love and fidelity.” *CT photo by Ken Snow*



Couples kneel during the Jubilee of Anniversaries Mass at St. Joan of Arc Church.

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Kathleen and Donald Meyer, parishioners at Columbus St. James the Less Church who are celebrating 69 years of marriage, sing during the procession. *CT photo by Ken Snow*

More than 200 couples attended the annual Jubilee of Anniversaries Mass honoring marriage milestones in 2021 at St. Joan of Arc Church. Among the honorees were husbands and wives who have been married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55 and 60 or more years.

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Jane (left) and Leno Bevilacqua of Columbus St. Matthias Church are pictured with Bishop Robert Brennan after the Jubilee of Anniversaries Mass at St. Joan of Arc. The Bevilacquas are celebrating their 70th anniversary.

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Couples Celebrating Significant Anniversaries

James & Donna Andriot	Church of the Resurrection, New Albany	25	Steven & Deborah Behringer	St. Bernadette, Lancaster	30
Alex & Lianna Barbu	St. Joan of Arc, Powell	25	Stephen & Dolores Bennison	St. Brendan, Hilliard	30
Ezio & Julie Cecchetti	St. Matthew, Gahanna	25	Chris & Vickie Brake	St. Pius X, Reynoldsburg	30
Deacon Joe & Tara Ciaciura	St. Paul, Westerville	25	Seth & Madeline Bumgarner	St. Elizabeth, Columbus	30
Frank & Jacqueline Cichon	Sacred Heart, Coshocton	25	Gregory & Beth Cheeseman	St. Patrick, Columbus	30
Thomas N. & Kim A. Duncan	Holy Cross, Columbus	25	Gregory & Michele Davis	St. Joseph Cathedral, Columbus	30
George & Lisa Falkenbach	St. Agatha, Columbus	25	Gregory & Ludene Flerchinger	St. Colman, Washington Court House	30
Russell & Teresa Fathbruckner	St. Mary, Delaware	25	Richard & Janet Fowle	Seton Parish, Pickerington	30
Colin & Karen Fowler	Our Lady of Lourdes, Marysville	25	Gregory & Dorie France	St. John Neumann, Sunbury	30
Brian & Jeannine Franz	Church of the Resurrection, New Albany	25	Michael & Tamara Francis	St. Joan of Arc, Powell	30
Jerry & Karen Freewalt	St. Margaret of Cortona, Columbus	25	Ron & Leslie Fresco	St. John Neumann, Sunbury	30
Christopher & Tina Garland	St. Colman, Washington Court House	25	Christopher & Teresa George	Our Lady of Peace, Columbus	30
Kevin & Michelle Gentner	St. Mary, Delaware	25	Mike & Mary Beth Giuliani	St. John Neumann, Sunbury	30
Michael & Pamela Holdcroft	St. John Neumann, Sunbury	25	John & Nancy Hutchings	St. Joan of Arc, Powell	30
Wayne & Rebecca Kintz	Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Grove City	25	Mark & Lisa Jones	St. Vincent De Paul, Mt. Vernon	30
Paul & Laura Landry	St. Margaret of Cortona, Columbus	25	Joseph & Sandra Jurcisek	St. Patrick, London	30
Phillip & Theresa Lashley	Our Lady of Lourdes, Marysville	25	Chuck & Colleen Lewis	St. Joan of Arc, Powell	30
Robert & Sharon Linscott	Church of the Resurrection, New Albany	25	Rick & Lisa McClellan	St. Joan of Arc, Powell	30
Scott & Misty Luallen	St. Pius X, Reynoldsburg	25	Todd & Elizabeth Montazzoli	St. Paul, Westerville	30
Brian & Beth Quinn	St. Brendan, Hilliard	25	Robert D. & Nancy Montgomery	St. Timothy, Columbus	30
Timothy & Nicole Montoney	St. Andrew, Columbus	25	Daniel & Mary Myers	St. Joan of Arc, Powell	30
Steven & Kelly Nasdeo	St. Michael, Worthington	25	Richard & Diane Prettyman	St. Brigid of Kildare, Dublin	30
Boniface & Helen Ogbonna	St. Brigid of Kildare, Dublin	25	Vas & Luba Prilutski	St. Cecilia, Columbus	30
Michael & Michelle Orzo	St. Joan of Arc, Powell	25	Jeffrey & Barbara Reindl	Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Grove City	30
Rejoo & Vinita Pachikara	St. Brendan, Hilliard	25	Brian & Beth Robinson	St. Vincent De Paul, Mt. Vernon	30
Scaria & Greena Pallithanam	St. Paul, Westerville	25	Armin & Gayle Gottlieb Rudy	St. Michael, Worthington	30
George & Sherri Petkus	St. Mary, Delaware	25	John & Lisa Ruth	Church of the Resurrection, New Albany	30
Timothy & Ann Rehbeck	St. Francis De Sales, Newark	25	Rev. Mr. Douglas & Tina Saunders	St. Brendan, Hilliard	30
Keith & Kelly Rubadue	St. John Neumann, Sunbury	25	Bernard & Gail Schreiner	Sacred Heart, New Philadelphia	30
Royce & Monique Thomas	St. Dominic, Columbus	25	Brent & Sherri Smith	St. Paul, Westerville	30
Justin & Janice Tugaoen	St. Thomas More Newman Center, Columbus	25	James & Stephanie Valent	St. Rose of Lima, New Lexington	30
Dale & Crystal Watson Jr.	Church of the Ascension, Johnstown	25	Thomas & Marilyn Wheeler	St. Anthony, Columbus	30
Mark & Sandra Woodruff	St. Joan of Arc, Powell	25	Todd & Ree Wickerham	Immaculate Conception, Columbus	30
Kevin & Lisa Barlage	St. Michael, Worthington	30	William & Joann Wright	St. Cecilia, Columbus	30
Thomas & Karen Battle	Holy Family, Columbus	30	Thomas & Mary Zaino	St. Matthew, Gahanna	30

The Diocese of Columbus along with the Diaconate Community Congratulates Deacons, Deacon Candidates and their wives on their Jubilee Wedding Anniversaries



68 years	Dcn. Richard & Kay Baumann Dcn. Ralph & Mary Parsons
66 years	Dcn. Ronald & Sue Fondriest
63 years	Dcn. Elmer & Catherine Lampe
62 years	Dcn. Joseph & Phyllis Schermer
60 years	Dcn. Thomas Sr. & Betty Berg. Dcn. James & Rose Rouse Dcn. Peter & Judi-Ann Peterson
55 years	Dcn. Stephen & Sandy Venturini Dcn. John & Rita Vellani
50 years	Dcn. Terry & Monica Acox Dcn. Stephen & Theresa De Mers

	Dcn. Roger & Mary Pry Dcn. Gregory & Jane Eiden
45 years	Dcn. Patrick & Katherine Wilson Dcn. William & Marge Andrews Dcn. Michael & Ann Hood
40 years	Dcn. Daniel & Lisa Murray Dcn. Byron & Nancy Phillips Dcn. Douglas & Susan Mould Dcn. Jeff & Terry Carpenter
35 years	Dcn. Andrew & Julie Naporano
30 years	Dcn. Douglas & Tina Saunders
25 years	Dcn. Joseph & Tara Ciadura

Yuri & Ana Arteaga	St. Thomas the Apostle, Columbus	35	George & Sharon Adamson	St. Mary, Delaware	45
Derrill & Joan Baltzer	St. Aloysius, Columbus	35	James & Vicki Albright	St. Patrick, Columbus	45
Anthony & Theresa Borghese	Immaculate Conception, Columbus	35	Joe & Joyce Bigler	Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, Columbus	45
Robert & Christine Carter	St. Andrew, Columbus	35	Carl & Margie Bogenschutz	Our Lady of Peace, Columbus	45
Bruce & Judith Colley	St. Brendan, Hilliard	35	Jim & Gloria Butler	St. Joseph, Plain City	45
Devin & Heather Cousins	St. Mary, Chillicothe	35	Hugo & Ida Chocano	St. Paul, Westerville	45
Robert & Gina DeHays	St. Paul, Westerville	35	Stephen F. & Carolyn S. Dew	St. John, Logan	45
David Mark & Teresa L. Edwards	St. Cecilia, Columbus	35	David & Barbara Garick	St. Joseph Cathedral, Columbus	45
Brent & Diane Fackler	Immaculate Conception, Kenton	35	Tim & Anita Hinton	St. Joan of Arc, Powell	45
Donald & Amihan Fisher	St. John XXIII, Canal Winchester	35	Rick & Nelda Humphries	Seton Parish, Pickerington	45
Michael & Elaine Forrest	St. Paul, Westerville	35	Anthony & Shirley Iannarino	Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, Columbus	45
Robert & Jennifer French	St. Peter, Chillicothe	35	Michael & Teresa Kelleher	Immaculate Conception, Columbus	45
Matthew & Susanna Froehlich	Seton Parish, Pickerington	35	Keith & Eileen Kidner	Immaculate Conception, Columbus	45
Chris & Kelly Hamilton	St. Joan of Arc, Powell	35	Christopher & Beverly Killian	Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Grove City	45
Daniel & Gloria Humphrey	Ss. Simon and Jude, West Jefferson	35	Cliff & Joyce Koenig	St. Mary, Delaware	45
Peter & Laurie Luft	St. Michael, Worthington	35	Michael & Mary McCray	St. Brigid of Kildare, Dublin	45
Christopher & Elizabeth Mahler	Immaculate Conception, Columbus	35	Bill & Paula McWilliams	St. Francis De Sales, Newark	45
Raymond & Cathy Maurer	St. John Neumann, Sunbury	35	Donald & Barbara Mead	St. Mary, Marion	45
Bradley & Christina Moos	St. Patrick, London	35	Joe & Leanne Miller	St. Brendan, Hilliard	45
Andrew & Julie Naporano	St. Margaret of Cortona, Columbus	35	Michael & Cynthia O'Connell	St. Paul, Westerville	45
Tim & Cathy Neja	St. Paul, Westerville	35	Tony & Tina Quitar	St. Joan of Arc, Powell	45
Blake & Gretchen Neuroth	St. Joan of Arc, Powell	35	Kelly & Sharon Ricklic	Sacred Heart, New Philadelphia	45
Theodore & Judith Pagani	St. Matthias, Columbus	35	Dan & Ginger Risinger	Sacred Heart, New Philadelphia	45
Mike & Teresa Paszkiewicz	St. Pius X, Reynoldsburg	35	John & Susan Rizek	St. John Neumann, Sunbury	45
Fred & Darla Reinemeyer	St. Brigid of Kildare, Dublin	35	Gary & Nancy Sterling	St. Andrew, Columbus	45
Donald & Rosemary Shiman	Seton Parish, Pickerington	35	Larry & Mary Ann Tann	St. Patrick, Columbus	45
James & Linda Steiner	St. Joan of Arc, Powell	35	Duane & Marilyn Wikoff	St. Pius X, Reynoldsburg	45
Paul & Patricia Timmel	Seton Parish, Pickerington	35	Deacon Patrick & Kathy Wilson	Blessed Sacrament, Newark	45
Carter & Carrie Young	St. Paul, Westerville	35	Scott & Donna Wittich	St. Joan of Arc, Powell	45
Jeffrey & Patricia Bartsch	Seton Parish, Pickerington	40	Terrance & Monica Acox	St. Peter in Chains, Wheelersburg	50
David & Theresa Bauer	St. Peter in Chains, Wheelersburg	40	Rodney & Mary Anderson	St. Brendan, Hilliard	50
James Heath & Jayne Elizabeth Bryant	St. Mark, Lancaster	40	William F. & Andrea K. Balas	St. Pius X, Reynoldsburg	50
John & Margaret Calderone	St. Joan of Arc, Powell	40	Michael & Kathleen Balmert	St. Joseph, Plain City	50
Jeffrey & Teresa Carpenter	St. Bernadette, Lancaster	40	Charles & Mary Baumann	St. Michael, Worthington	50
Luis F. & Francoise Caso	St. Michael, Worthington	40	Leonard & Ellen Berglund	St. Michael, Worthington	50
Martin & Bernadette Dinehart	St. Brigid of Kildare, Dublin	40	Thomas & Patricia Berryhill	St. Colman, Washington Court House	50
Stephen & Diane Dodaro	St. Matthew, Gahanna	40	Philip & Sandy Bertrand	St. Matthias, Columbus	50
Franklin & Neysa Doudna	St. Sylvester, Zaleski	40	Patrick & Carole Burkey	St. Philip the Apostle, Columbus	50
Richard & Susan Duplain	Church of the Resurrection, New Albany	40	Victor H. & Mary Jo Carmona	St. Matthias, Columbus	50
Franz & Renee Dutro	Church of the Resurrection, New Albany	40	Greg & Patty Chalfant	St. Matthew, Gahanna	50
Rob & Maureen Erney	Holy Spirit, Columbus	40	Jim & Marge Cogan	St. Brendan, Hilliard	50
John & Kellie Erwin	St. Paul, Westerville	40	John Patrick & Judith Maier Connelly	St. Brigid of Kildare, Dublin	50
Joseph & Rosemary Finneran	St. Andrew, Columbus	40	Earl & Carol Crosby	St. Michael, Worthington	50
Thomas & Jean Gray	St. Paul, Westerville	40	Richard & Paula D'Auteuil	St. John Neumann, Sunbury	50
John Patrick & Maryann Heffernan	St. Brigid of Kildare, Dublin	40	Thomas & Nancy Degnen	Church of the Resurrection, New Albany	50
Thomas & Connie Hess	St. Paul, Westerville	40	Tom & Mary Deibel	St. Catharine, Columbus	50
Ernest & Molly Hughes	Church of the Atonement, Crooksville	40	Jack & Karen DeMers	Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Grove City	50
Mark & Elizabeth Hurst	St. Elizabeth, Columbus	40	Deacon Steve & Theresa DeMers	St. Francis De Sales, Newark	50
Kerry & Kathleen Kealisher	Sacred Heart, Coshocton	40	Michael & Teresa Elsass	St. Michael, Worthington	50
Donald & Ermagene Kelly	St. Margaret of Cortona, Columbus	40	Carl & Judy Faehne	St. Agatha, Columbus	50
James & Michele Kenefick	St. Joseph Cathedral, Columbus	40	David & Linda Fersch	Seton Parish, Pickerington	50
Wayne & Linda Kessler	St. Mary, Lancaster	40	Carl Edward & Ruth Ann Fondale	St. Patrick, Junction City	50
Steven & Pamela Klein	Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Buckeye Lake	40	Jeffrey & Mary Theresa Franklin	St. Mary, Lancaster	50
Thaddeus & Linda Kwiatkowski	St. Brigid of Kildare, Dublin	40	Gary & Lorraine Gentry	St. Cecilia, Columbus	50
Jerry & Susan Lienesch	Church of the Resurrection, New Albany	40	Horace W. & Rebecca Sue Gilmore	St. Pius X, Reynoldsburg	50
Louis & Mary Longo	St. Brigid of Kildare, Dublin	40	Ken & Mary Lou Guillory	St. Timothy, Columbus	50
John & Ann Luers	St. Joseph, Dover	40	Lawrence & Cynthia Hanchin	St. Brendan, Hilliard	50
James & Maryann Malinowski	St. Paul, Westerville	40	Peter W. & Marilyn J. Hansen	St. Brendan, Hilliard	50
Jonathan & Teresa Medaugh	St. Rose of Lima, New Lexington	40	James & Rosemary Harrison	Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Grove City	50
Randy & Sharon Miller	St. Pius X, Reynoldsburg	40	Ray & Kathleen Hinkelman	St. Brendan, Hilliard	50
Thomas & Mary Mitchell	St. Brigid of Kildare, Dublin	40	Thomas L. & Linda D. Hollett	St. Mary, Lancaster	50
David & Nancy Nelson	St. Matthew, Gahanna	40	Lawrence & Barbara Hurst	St. Paul, Westerville	50
Timothy & Michele Perrine	St. Paul, Westerville	40	Thomas & Toni Keller	Immaculate Conception, Columbus	50
Deacon Byron & Nancy Phillips	Church of the Resurrection, New Albany	40	Michael & Janice Kelley	St. Joan of Arc, Powell	50
Thomas & Jane Prunte	St. Catharine, Columbus	40	Mark & Denise Killian	Seton Parish, Pickerington	50
Brett & Mary Lee Rippl	Church of the Resurrection, New Albany	40	Joseph & Mariann Koebel	St. Pius X, Reynoldsburg	50
David & Joyce Stahl	Our Lady of Lourdes, Marysville	40	Edward & Christine Kroskie	St. Paul, Westerville	50
Mark & Elizabeth Tomson	St. Bernadette, Lancaster	40	Jay & Della Larrick	St. Vincent De Paul, Mt. Vernon	50
John & Teresa Venneman	St. Mary, Chillicothe	40	Thomas E. & Karen L. Lazor	St. Joan of Arc, Powell	50
Michael & Esperanza Williams	St. Joseph, Circleville	40	Thomas H. & Shirley Lenoy	St. John Neumann, Sunbury	50

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John & Johanna Marmion	Our Lady of Peace, Columbus	50	Gerry & Judy Mizer	St. Joan of Arc, Powell	60
Kevin & Barbara Martin	St. Pius X, Reynoldsburg	50	David & Angelina Murdock	St. Paul, Westerville	60
Michael C. & Diane M. Matuska	St. Brendan, Hilliard	50	Thomas & Janice Obringer	St. Paul, Westerville	60
Robert & Jennifer McGonigle	St. Patrick, Columbus	50	William & Catherine Palmer	St. Ladislav, Columbus	60
James & Frances Michalec	Church of the Resurrection, New Albany	50	Jack & Patricia Poppe	Our Lady of Peace, Columbus	60
Patrick & Barbara Moulin	St. Joan of Arc, Powell	50	William & Mary Reinhard	Ss. Simon and Jude, West Jefferson	60
Don & Mary Jo Neader	St. Pius X, Reynoldsburg	50	Paul & Eleanor Rhymor	St. Mary, Lancaster	60
Robert & Antoinette Nowoczynski	Church of the Resurrection, New Albany	50	James & Rosina Rouse	St. Joan of Arc, Powell	60
James & Mary Paisley	St. Colman, Washington Court House	50	Thomas & Beverly Sweeney	St. Timothy, Columbus	60
Rodney & Joy Parker	St. Matthias, Columbus	50	Edward & Reba Teiga	Church of the Resurrection, New Albany	60
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Andre & Mary Christine Prenoveau	St. Paul, Westerville	50	Jim & Deedee Bradley	St. Joseph, Plain City	61
Deacon Roger & Mary Pry	St. John XXIII, Canal Winchester	50	Jack & Elaine Light	Our Lady of Lourdes, Marysville	61
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Greg & Shirley Woltz	St. Mary, Lancaster	50	Edward & Pauline Merklin	St. Patrick, Columbus	62
Jeff & Cindy Wright	St. Mary, Lancaster	50	Richard & Marilyn Prunier	St. John XXIII, Canal Winchester	62
Michael H. & Bonnie C. Wurst	St. Elizabeth, Columbus	50	Clarence & Barbara Smithberger	Seton Parish, Pickerington	62
Michael & Rochelle Young	Our Lady of Victory, Columbus	50	Charles & Dorothy VanKirk	Ss. Peter and Paul, Wellston	62
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John & Catherine Zangri	St. Peter, Chillicothe	50	Ray & Patricia Guinsler	Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Buckeye Lake	63
Robert & Mary Zapp	St. Aloysius, Columbus	50	James H. & Madonna A. Ketcham	St. Mark, Lancaster	63
Roger & Sarah Baughman	St. Michael, Worthington	55	Michael A. & Corinne F. Musselman	St. Nicholas, Zanesville	63
Timothy & Teresa Blalock	Christ the King, Columbus	55	Robert & Patricia Peterson	St. Margaret of Cortona, Columbus	63
Jim & Jane Booth	Seton Parish, Pickerington	55	Warren & Carolyn Roberts	Holy Cross, Columbus	63
Eduardo & Angelita Canlas	St. Paul, Westerville	55	Joseph & Marjorie Brembeck	St. Brendan, Hilliard	64
James & Barbara Chilton	St. Dominic, Columbus	55	Thomas & Eileen Feldman	Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, Columbus	64
Michael & Deborah Derflinger	St. Joan of Arc, Powell	55	Charles William & MaryAnn McCarrick	St. Patrick, Columbus	64
John & Mary Dimond	Immaculate Conception, Columbus	55	Robert & Mary Ann Mudd	St. Paul, Westerville	64
Dave & Susie Engle	St. Philip the Apostle, Columbus	55	James & Diana Arnold	St. Luke, Danville	65
Ray & Mary Kay Gleich	Seton Parish, Pickerington	55	Aldo & Bernadine Bredolo	St. Margaret of Cortona, Columbus	65
George & Paula Gummer	Church of the Resurrection	55	Thomas & Carolyn Brown	Sacred Heart, New Philadelphia	65
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William & Noreen Hartmann	Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Grove City	55	Russ & Rita Kilbarger	St. Mary, Lancaster	65
William & Carol & Jurasek	St. Brigid of Kildare, Dublin	55	John L. & Mary F. Monk	Seton Parish, Pickerington	65
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Fred & Elizabeth Lecce	St. Joseph, Dover	55	Stanley & Carol Ann Vingle	St. Pius X, Reynoldsburg	65
Dr. Richard & Geraldine Lembach	St. Andrew, Columbus	55	Emmett & Dolores Walden	St. Anthony, Columbus	65
Dennis & Sharon McQuaid	St. Brigid of Kildare, Dublin	55	Charles & Sarah Arnold	St. Matthew, Gahanna	66
Charles & Ardith Mers	St. Paul, Westerville	55	Dick & Barb Flowers	St. Mary, Lancaster	66
James & Patricia Murphy	St. Brendan, Hilliard	55	Christian & Margaret Sarych	St. Brigid of Kildare, Dublin	66
Harold & Linda Prisco	St. Mark, Lancaster	55	Ronald & Inez Bayes	Our Lady of Lourdes, Marysville	67
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Randy & Rosemary Scholl	St. Andrew, Columbus	55	James & Rita Marsinek	St. Paul, Westerville	67
Leslie & Krista Schupbach	Sacred Heart, New Philadelphia	55	Frank & Jerri McKimmins	St. Matthew, Gahanna	67
Norbert & Rose Marie Stalica	St. Pius X, Reynoldsburg	55	Paul & Emma Cacchio	St. Mary Magdalene, Columbus	68
Michael & Mary Ellen Stallings	Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Grove City	55	Emery & Sylvia Lombardi	St. Andrew, Columbus	68
Stephen & Sandra Venturini	Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, Columbus	55	Donald & Suzanne Cruickshank	St. Francis of Assisi, Columbus	69
Nathaniel & Hazel Watson	St. Paul, Westerville	55	Donald & Kathleen Mayer	St. James the Less, Columbus	69
Robert & Dorothy Williams	St. Paul, Westerville	55	Richard & Emilie Miller	Our Lady of Victory, Columbus	69
L. Eugene & Billie Marie Crowley Arnold	St. John Neumann, Sunbury	60	Alfred & Marilyn Schneider	Christ the King, Columbus	69
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David & Kathy Brooker	St. Pius X, Reynoldsburg	60	Hans & Joyce Bauer	St. Pius X, Reynoldsburg	70
John A. & Shirley A. Callahan	St. Pius X, Reynoldsburg	60	Leno & Jane Bevilacqua	St. Matthias, Columbus	70
Joseph & Carol Clapp	St. Joan of Arc, Powell	60	James & Virginia Dittoe	Holy Trinity, Somerset	70
Luke & Gail Feck	St. Paul, Westerville	60	Raymond & Dolores Trucco	St. Joan of Arc, Powell	70
Edwin & Martha Foster	St. Peter, Columbus	60	George A. & Phyllis J. Beeson	Our Lady of Lourdes, Marysville	71
Charles & Noreen Hartard	St. Mary, Portsmouth	60	Robert & Margaret Cudak	Holy Spirit, Columbus	72
John & Elizabeth Hoermle	St. Pius X, Reynoldsburg	60	Charles & Patricia Eckel	St. Ladislav, Columbus	72
Dennis & Marcia Kairis	St. Paul, Westerville	60	Bernard & Jane Paumier	Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Buckeye Lake	72
			Bill & Mary Martha Questel	St. Mary, Portsmouth	72

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Rebels for God obey His teachings

Ezekiel 2:2-5
Psalm 123:1-2, 2, 3-4
2 Corinthians 12:7-10
Mark 6:1-6

God's plan for human beings is not to create a utopia but rather to open us to His Presence in our lives on earth, to create an opening within us to eternity.

When Jesus grew up in Nazareth, He did not surprise anyone until He began His public ministry. Up to that point, He was just "the kid next door."

Look around you. Is there someone in your life who is called by God to bring a message to you? Are you paying attention? Think of those who share your household. Is one of them telling you something that comes from God? How about those you work with? Does someone there have a message that you are not able to hear because you take him or her for granted?

What about yourself? Have you discovered what God meant to accomplish through you when He put you on earth? What is God saying to the world through you? Are you expressing that message clearly?

The prophet Ezekiel is reminded that even if the people to whom he is sent do not hear him, there is an authenticity to his life that speaks clearly. He truly proclaims the Word of the Lord. St. Paul speaks of his struggles and the Lord's response to his prayer: "My grace is sufficient for you." Jesus experiences a profound sadness that His own family and neighbors would not receive Him – and yet still offers them healing through His touch.

God is calling us, as Catholics and Christians, to an authenticity of life, no matter what anyone else is doing. We do not take the measure of our faith from public polls, from mass media or from what others think about the teachings of our Church. We measure it, rather, by the depth of our fi-

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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delity in the face of struggles.

Our problem is not that our faith asks too much of us – for whatever it asks of us, it always promises more. Rather, our problem is that we underestimate ourselves and those around us. God's Word can speak through any vessel that is willing to serve as a means. Our imperfections and weaknesses do not get in God's way.

The Gospel is proclaimed here and now among us. There is a hard truth that we must accept. We are a nation in rebellion, persons who rebel living among others with rebellious hearts. When we are truly honest, we have to admit that at times our judgment of others and their way of rebelling highlight our own infidelity to the truth. The question is not whether we rebel, but rather, what do we have to say for ourselves and on what basis do we resist the authority over us?

Teenagers rebel against the limits their parents set on them. This ultimately leads to their finding their own way in life. But the right response "while they live at home" is obedience. This forges their ability to hold their own emotions in check and strengthens their capacity for endurance of future struggles. God's grace is sufficient for them.

Adult children who have children of their own are often still in rebellion against their parents, as well as against others who hold authority over them. Without realizing it, they teach their children to rebel against them by their disrespect and the attitude of disobedience they manifest. A truly adult decision is the choice to obey, submitting one's own will to a higher authority.

THE WEEKDAY BIBLE READINGS

7/5-7/10

MONDAY

Genesis 28:10-22a
 Psalm 91:1-4, 14-15b
 Matthew 9:18-26

TUESDAY

Genesis 32:23-33
 Psalm 17:1b, 2-3, 6-8b, 15
 Matthew 9:32-38

WEDNESDAY

Genesis 41:55-57;
 42:5-7a, 17-24a
 Psalm 33:2-3,
 10-11, 18-19
 Matthew 10:1-7

THURSDAY

Genesis 44:18-21;
 23b-29; 45:1-5
 Psalm 105:16-21
 Matthew 10:7-15

FRIDAY

Genesis 46:1-7, 28-30
 Psalm 37:3-4,
 18-19, 27-28, 39-40
 Matthew 10:16-23

SATURDAY

Genesis 49: 29-32;
 50:15-26a
 Psalm 105:1-4, 6-7
 Matthew 10:24-33

7/12-7/17

MONDAY

Exodus 1:8-14, 22
 Psalm 124:1-8
 Matthew 10:34--11:1

TUESDAY

Exodus 2:1-15a
 Psalm 69:3,
 14, 30-31, 33-34

Matthew 11:25-27

WEDNESDAY

Exodus 3:1-6, 9-12
 Psalm 103:1b-4, 6-7
 Matthew 11:25-27

THURSDAY

Exodus 3:13-20
 Psalm 105:1, 5, 8-9, 24-27
 Matthew 11:28-30

FRIDAY

Exodus 11:10--12:14
 Psalm 116:12-13;
 15, 16bc, 17-18
 Matthew 12:1-8

SATURDAY

Exodus 12:37-42
 Psalm 136:1, 23-24, 10-15
 Matthew 12:14-21

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION

MASS SCHEDULE: WEEKS OF JULY 4 AND 11, 2021

SUNDAY MASS

10:30 a.m. Mass from Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral on St. Gabriel Radio (AM 820), Columbus, and at www.stgabrielradio.com and diocesan website, www.columbuscatholic.org.

10:30 a.m. Mass from Portsmouth St. Mary Church on St. Gabriel Radio (FM 88.3), Portsmouth.

Mass with the Passionist Fathers at 7:30 a.m. on WWHO-TV (the CW), Channel 53, Columbus and 10:30 a.m. on WHIZ-TV, Channel 18, Zanesville. Mass from St. Francis de Sales Seminary, Milwaukee, at 10 a.m. on WWHO-TV. Check local cable system for cable channel listing.

Mass from Our Lady of the Angels Monastery, Birmingham, Ala., at 8 a.m. on EWTN (Spectrum Channel 385, Insight Channel 382, or WOW Channel 378). (Encores at noon, 7

p.m., and midnight).

Mass from the Archdiocese of Milwaukee at 6:30 a.m. on ION TV (AT&T U-verse Channel 195, Dish Network Channel 250, or DirecTV Channel 305).

Mass from Massillon St. Mary Church at 10:30 a.m. on WILB radio (AM 1060, FM 94.5 and 89.5), Canton, heard in Tuscarawas, Holmes, and Coshocton counties.

DAILY MASS

8 a.m., Our Lady of the Angels Monastery in Birmingham, Ala. (Encores at noon, 7 p.m. and midnight). See EWTN above; and on I-Lifetv (Channel 113, Ada, Logan, Millersburg, Murray City, Washington C.H.; Channel 125, Marion, Newark, Newcomerstown and New Philadelphia; Channel 207, Zanesville); 8 p.m., St. Gabriel Radio (AM 820), Columbus, and at www.stgabrielradio.com.

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Videos of Masses are available at any time on the internet at these and many other parish websites: Mattingly Settlement St. Mary (www.stannstmary.org); Columbus St. Patrick (www.stpatrickcolumbus.org); Delaware St. Mary (www.delawarestmary.org); Sunbury St. John Neumann (www.saintjohnsunbury.org); and Columbus Immaculate Conception (www.iccols.org). Check your parish website for additional information.

We pray Weeks II and III, Seasonal Propers of the Liturgy of the Hours.

All of us rebel at times, at least inwardly, against those in authority over us. There tend to be two primary reasons for rebellion:

- **Selfishness:** We see only our own world; we want our own way.
- **Altruism:** We see something higher, calling us to respond to a deeper truth.

Are we rebels for God and for the truth that He has entrusted to us? What is the basis of our rebellion? Do we amaze Jesus by our lack of faith? We pray that we may learn to obey and that He will heal us and our nation. "Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy."

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

We have all that we need to spread God's message

Amos 7:12-15
Psalm 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14
Ephesians 1:3-14
Mark 6:7-13

God has a vision for His people. The world is intended for more than meets the eye. We are privileged to know the mind of God on this point. He speaks

to each of us in the depth of our hearts: "Go, prophesy to My people..."

Recent popes have led the Church to open our hearts to this truth. Pope St. John XXIII proclaimed our responsibility to seek peace in our time and to open our lives to the breath of the Spirit. Pope St. Paul VI held the Church on course through troubled times, point-

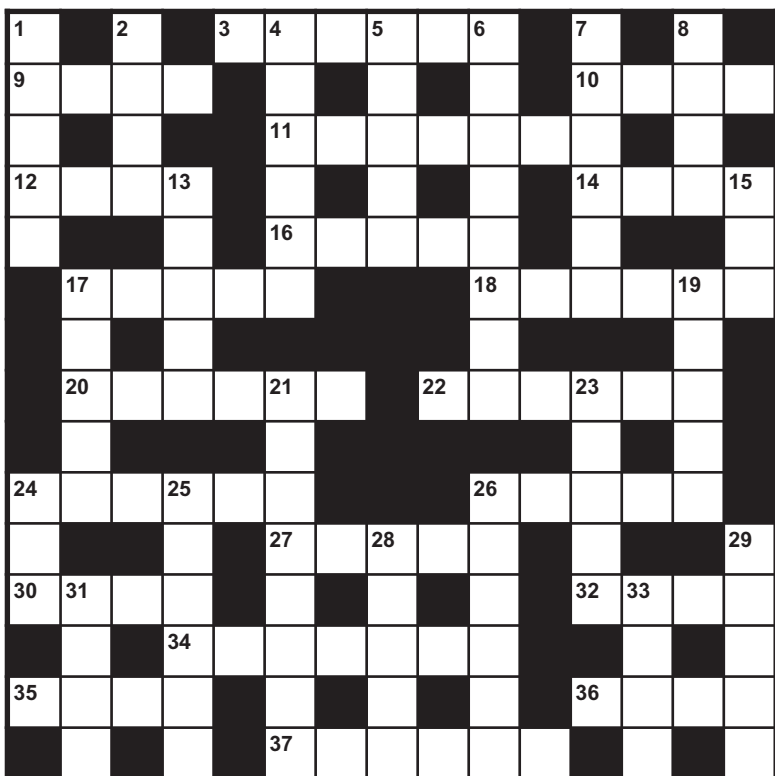
ing out the need to evangelize and to build up family life, seeking true progress for all people.

Pope John Paul I, in his brief reign, smiled on the world and reminded us of the need to stay on course through the name he chose as pope, which was also taken up by his great successor, Pope St. John Paul II, who called the

world to recognize that faith and reason work in concert to discover truth.

Pope Benedict XVI, whose motto is "Coworkers with the Truth," continued the prophetic ministry through his encyclicals such as *Caritas in Veritate* (*Love in Truth*). Pope Francis contin-

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| 3 | 4 | An angel |
| 9 | 5 | St. Juan Diego, for example |
| 10 | 6 | Bread and Wine |
| 11 | 7 | "... am I my brother's ____?" (Gen 4:9) |
| 12 | 8 | "By the sweat of your ____..." (Gen 3:19) |
| 14 | 13 | Jesus said this divided could not stand |
| 16 | 15 | Birds of the air don't do this |
| 17 | 17 | John, Paul and John Paul |
| 18 | 19 | Patriarch respite, perhaps |
| 20 | 21 | Honorary title for a bishop |
| 22 | 23 | Commits a capital sin |
| 24 | 24 | "... for ____ and tooth for..." (Ex 21:24) |
| 26 | 25 | Paradise |
| 27 | 26 | St. ____ de Porres |
| 30 | 28 | "... ____ one another with a holy kiss" (1 Cor 16:20) |
| 32 | 29 | "Let us make man in our ____" (Gen 1:26) |
| 34 | 31 | Sub ____ (secret appointment) |
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ues to speak on behalf of the poor and the marginalized, telling stories in simple terms to help us realize that everyone can live the truth of the Gospel.

The message of the Church expressed by these popes is consistent: Do not forget the necessity of truth and ethics when making decisions. Do not leave out the vulnerable, the starving, the poor, those who have no voice, as choices are made for all of us. Put the Gospel into practice by word and deed. Remember that we are an interdependent world, all the people of God.

The prophet Amos offers a call to self-examination. The hymn of praise from the letter to the Ephesians is an invitation to count our blessings. The mission that Jesus entrusts to His 12 Apostles is the apostolic mission we are called to continue in our day. We are called to heed the Word. Our world needs to see witnesses of the plan of God being accomplished among us. This is a moment of decision.

Baptism makes us children of one Father. In Baptism, we have been anointed priest, prophet and king, as members of the Body of Christ. Priesthood means mediating God to the world, sharing the divine treasures of our life of faith. Prophecy is a call to share the Word of God in words and actions in coherence with the Word. Kingship is authority to bring the world around us under the influence of the Gospel.

Confirmation gives us the ever-present power of the Holy Spirit. Eucharist feeds and nourishes us with the very reality of the risen Jesus. All the other aspects of our faith work together to give us a living experience of the glory of God both in this life and in the life to come.

Jesus shared His mission with the first 12 Apostles:

- He gave them authority.
- He called them to trust in providence, not in themselves or their own resources.
- And He invited them to create deep relationships with the people among whom they lived as they went about proclaiming the kingdom.

The challenge of our day is the need to deepen and renew Catholic culture. We are a sign to the world of the truth of what Jesus Christ has to offer. We must pass on our faith to the next generations, or we will have no part in shaping the world around us.

We aim for a goal, a purpose that is beyond this world's possibilities. We have been sent out as a community, and we are invited to rely not on ourselves, but on what God supplies. We have received every spiritual gift we need to accomplish the purpose for which we have been created.

We have been summoned. We are sent out. We bring with us everything we need. Let us go out to heal and teach and invite the world to the kingdom of God.

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Given this 4 JULY 2021;

REVEREND ROBERT KITSMILLER, M.DIV, JCL
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St. Bernard Church, Corning

BERNS, Charles A., 67, June 10
St. Paul Church, Westerville

BERRY, Silvia E., 70, June 9
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

BIEKSZA, Apolonia, 93, June 20
Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, Columbus

BURKHART, Lawrence D., 82, June 19
St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Zanesville

CLARK, Anna K. "Trina" (Brushart), 62, June 14
St. Mary Church, Portsmouth

CORDI, JoAnn M. (Chiavetta), 106, June 16
Our Mother of Sorrows Chapel, Columbus

CRAFT, Patricia A. (Francisco), 84, June 18
Our Mother of Sorrows Chapel, Columbus

DiGIANDOMENICO, Mary J. (Belcastro), 92, June 14
St. Leonard Church, Heath

EBERT, Barbara J. (Kirk), 85, June 23
Holy Family Church, Columbus

GALLUCCI, Salvatore D., 100, June 13
Holy Family Church, Columbus

GARDNER, Walter M., 86, June 2
St. Peter Church, Columbus

GUTIERREZ, Juan M., 71, May 25
Christ the King Church, Columbus

INDICIANI, Rosa, 90, June 21
Our Mother of Sorrows Chapel, Columbus

KALICH, Irene (Payer), 89, May 30
St. Joseph Church, Dover

LAVRIC, Nada (Tomas), 89, June 16
Holy Spirit Church, Columbus

MARTINELLI, John J., 72, May 19
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

McCLELLAND, Charles H., 94, June 13
St. Pius X Church, Reynoldsburg

METZGER, Jessica L., 42, June 17
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

MILES, R. Dean, 79, June 11
St. Pius X Church, Reynoldsburg

SROUFE, Jacquelyn M. (Mayle), 84, June 15
St. Christopher Church, Columbus

THORPE, Michael, 53, June 8
Holy Rosary-St. John Church, Columbus

THURN, Thomas C., 92, June 14
Our Mother of Sorrows Chapel, Columbus

VAN HEYDE, Betsy L. (Bernert), June 14
St. Brendan Church, Hilliard

VASILIAUSKAS, Algirdas, June 11
St. Catharine Church, Columbus

WILDER, Naomi (Elwell), 82, June 12
St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark

Deacon Thomas V. Johnston

Funeral Mass for Deacon Thomas V. Johnston, 95, who died Monday, June 14, was celebrated Friday, June 18 in Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus.

Deacon Johnston was ordained on June 29, 1985 by Bishop James Griffin in the cathedral, where he was assigned to diaconal ministry until his retirement in 2015. He became associate director of the diocesan diaconate formation program in 1986 and later served as associate director of the diocesan Office of the Diaconate until 2004.

He was born on Sept. 2, 1925 in Pittsburgh to George and Hannah (Lordeon) Johnston.

He graduated from North Fayette High School in Imperial, Pennsylvania, in 1943 and served in the U.S. Navy for 22 months as a landing craft engineer operator and mechanic. In 1950, he was a member of the first graduating class of The College of Steubenville (now Franciscan University of Steubenville), receiving a Bache-

Donald K. Munhall

Funeral Mass for Donald K. Munhall, 81, who died Friday, June 18, was celebrated Friday, June 25 at Worthington St. Michael Church. Burial was at Resurrection Cemetery, Lewis Center.

He was born in Pittsburgh on April 22, 1940 to J. Kenneth and Mary (King) Munhall.

He was a member of St. Michael Church for 55 years, served as president of both the Serra Club of Columbus and the Catholic Laymen's Retreat League and was a member of the Friends of the Josephinum.

He was owner and founder of the

lor of Arts degree in English and history. He also received a Master of Arts degree in educational administration from Ohio State University.

He became a teacher and later a principal in Columbus public schools and for a time taught a sixth-grade science class on WOSU-TV. He also was involved with the Singing Buckeyes choral group and many barbershop quartets. After retiring from teaching in 1982, he was accepted into the newly developed Diaconate School of Theology at the Pontifical College Josephinum.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Paul (Grace), James and Raymond; and sisters, Helen (Wayne) Kramer and MaryJean (Herb) Speer. Survivors include his wife of 65 years, Mary Alice (Mercer); son, Tim (Julie); daughters, Kathleen (Rick) Markin and Maureen (Murry) Mercier; five grandsons; five granddaughters; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Munhall Co., which sold laboratory instruments. While in Pittsburgh, he was part of a band known as The Emeralds, which earned a national recording contract.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Brian. Survivors include his wife, Jody (Barnett); sons, William (Beth), Joseph (Anna), Thomas, John Paul (Christine) and Matthew; daughters, Christine Bogue, Anne (Andy) Bott, Martha (Mike) Bogue and Kate (Faustin) Weber; brothers, Robert (Betty) and James (Nancy); sister, Kathleen; 17 grandsons; and 10 granddaughters.

Father William Cyril Dettling, OP

Funeral Mass for Father William Cyril Dettling, OP, 88, who died Tuesday, June 22 at the Sacred Heart Home in Hyattsville, Maryland, was celebrated Monday, June 28 at St. Dominic Church in Washington.

Father Dettling served in the Diocese of Columbus from 1992 to 2016. He was parochial vicar of Columbus St. Patrick Church in 1992 and 1993 and taught at the Pontifical College Josephinum from 1993 to 2010. He was professor of systematic theology at the seminary from 1993 to 2002 and remained in residence at the seminary as professor emeritus until 2010, when he moved to the Mohun Health Care Center in Columbus. He became a resident of the Sacred Heart Home in 2016.

He was born on July 1, 1932 in Akron to the late Theodore and Leonora (Stolley) Dettling. He graduated from Akron St. Vincent High School in 1950 and attended John Carroll University for one year before transferring to the pre-ecclesiastical program at Providence College.

He entered the Dominican novitiate at St. Stephen Priory in Dover, Massachusetts, in 1952 and professed his first vows

on Aug. 16, 1953. He studied philosophy from 1953 to 1956 at St. Rose's Priory in Springfield, Kentucky and St. Joseph's Priory in Somerset. He made his solemn profession on August 16, 1956, went to the Dominican House of Studies in Washington to study theology, and was ordained to the priesthood at St. Dominic Church on June 5, 1959 by Archbishop Patrick O'Boyle of Washington.

He was awarded a licentiate in sacred theology in 1960, then became a teacher and administrator at Providence College, where he remained until 1986 except for a two-year period at the Dominican House of Studies to complete work on his doctoral degree.

For five years in the 1980s, he also taught during the spring term at the Angelicum in Rome. In 1986, he was appointed president of the Pontifical Faculty of the Immaculate Conception in Washington and associate professor of theology at the Dominican House of Studies. From 1990 to 1992, he served as parochial vicar at Youngstown St. Dominic Church.

He is survived by a sister, Marjorie Lesho.

Stephanie A. Kettendorf

Funeral Mass for Stephanie A. Kettendorf, 70, who died Thursday, June 10, was celebrated Wednesday, June 16 at Columbus St. Cecilia Church.

She was born on Aug. 17, 1950 in Charleston, West Virginia to the late Vincent and Santina Ciccarello.

She was a graduate of Charleston Stonewall Jackson High School and received an Associate of Arts degree in nursing from the University of Charleston, a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from Marshall University and a Master's degree in nursing from Ohio

State University.

She was a longtime faculty member of the Mount Carmel College of Nursing and was involved at different times of her career in critical care, intensive care and nursing management at the Mount Carmel Health System. She also was instrumental in helping establish the Mount Carmel's Evergreen Program for Children and was a founding member of Mount Carmel Hospice and Palliative Care.

She is survived by her son, Kristopher, and a brother, Vincent (Carol).

St. Francis Center's upgrades improve service to needy

It is a time of hope. And few people need hope more than the poverty-stricken residents of Portsmouth in Scioto County – the second poorest county in Ohio.

With a median household income of \$28,840, Portsmouth has a 37 percent poverty rate. Nestled in green hills, this rural town across the Ohio River from Kentucky has historic charm and a quaint beauty but also rampant drug use, severe economic decline and (amid the ravages of the COVID-19 pandemic) a near vacuum of economic opportunity. Residents face massive, persistent struggles as they cope with the challenges of poverty.

Thankfully, hope can take many forms including the form of a building and the caring people inside.

For many Scioto County residents, that building – a beacon of hope – is the St. Francis Center, a one-stop community center providing families a variety of services from Catholic Social Services (CSS) and its partners.

It is the place where the people of Portsmouth and surrounding communities can turn for food, financial emergency assistance, clothing, household items and intervention classes and support for struggles with substance abuse and addiction. It can provide both immediate assistance in times of crisis and a foundation for lasting stability for the long term.

Building a better center

With growing demand

for CSS services during recent years (especially as the COVID-19 crisis developed), it became clear that the St. Francis Center building needed improvement. Originally a Sisters of Poor Clare's monastery, the building presented logistical limitations to CSS' mission-driven work and was no longer adequate to fully serve the community.

The time for an upgrade and expansion had come. While upgrades were already in the works, the pandemic forced the gears into full motion, and CSS broke ground on a building renovation on Aug. 3, 2020.

CSS' goal is to make the center more functional, safe, comfortable and client-friendly by making these improvements:

- Installing a new roof.
- Upgrading electricity and HVAC.

- Strengthening security.
- Expanding the parking lot.
- Weatherizing and expanding the food pantry, which was housed in a two-car garage space with insufficient heat or air conditioning, so that it could transition to a choice pantry, where clients have better options for self-determination.

- Moving, expanding and redesigning the resale thrift store, Clare's Closet. The store provides clothing and household items for CSS clients. Previously, the store was in the basement, where it could be accessed only by stairs, making it difficult for many clients to get to it and

carry items to their car. They often relied on volunteers to help. Now, clients can better choose, carry and transport their items themselves with dignity.

Removing walls to create open space, providing room for cleaning, sorting and storage of thrift store and food pantry donations. No longer must volunteers stand outside in cold or heat to sort items and bag food.

These renovations improve the quality of services CSS can provide. The buildout likely will allow staff members to help an estimated 20% more people in the food pantry and increase the number of households served in the thrift store by 30 percent.

For the center and its surrounding community, this is a leap forward that will help put more clients on the road to self-sufficiency and stability.

Time for compassion

The St. Francis Center upgrades could not have come at a better time. In addition to Portsmouth's ongoing struggles with a sluggish economy and an opioid epidemic, the pandemic brought new challenges, making life for CSS' Portsmouth clients that much harder.

Many local businesses closed, causing significant job loss. In 2020, local unemployment increased to 15 percent – almost double the pre-pandemic rate. With schools closed, many children who had relied on school-provided meals during the day had

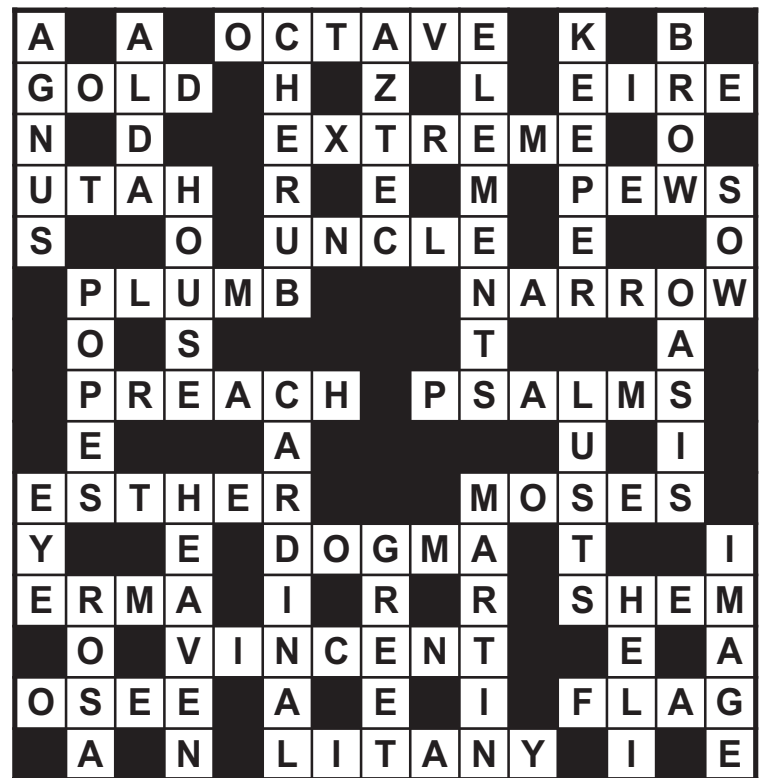
to go without. Hunger and the need for emergency assistance exploded.

These factors resulted in the center seeing more families visiting and, subsequently, more food was needed. In the first three months of 2020, the center served 4,542 people, compared with 2,892 people in the same period of 2019.

In all of 2020, the center served 122,949 meals to 14,207 families. This is why CSS' nearly finished build-out is critical and timely.

The St. Francis Center renovations are vital to CSS' ability to help empower the needy across Scioto County. CSS is excited at what the future holds as it advances its commitment to providing sustenance, care and hope for this economically depressed rural community.

While clearly struggling, the people of Portsmouth have the heart for a brighter future, and the St. Francis Center is there to help make it a reality.



St. Timothy Parish
1070 Thomas Lane
Columbus, OH 43220

Employment Opportunity

Position: Parish and School Custodian
Status: Non-Exempt (hourly)
Pay Range: negotiable based upon skills and experience

Seeking qualified candidates for the position of custodian. The custodian is responsible for routine and preventative maintenance of equipment and interior and exterior structure of the building; performs mechanical duties and other duties as assigned.

Duties include and are not limited to: sweeping, vacuuming, mopping, scrubbing floors, cleaning carpets; resupplying restrooms, emptying trash cans and recycle containers; setup and tear down of assigned areas; dusting and washing walls and windows, polishing woodwork, using ladders and moving objects as needed, clearing sidewalks of snow and ice; performing other incidental seasonal tasks.

Applicants must be able to work independently, pay close attention to detail and perform all physical aspects of job duties. Physical Requirements: balancing, carrying, climbing, kneeling, lifting, pulling, sitting, standing, reaching, crawling, stooping, bending and walking.

High School Diploma or equivalent required. Must possess necessary janitorial skills.

Job offer is contingent on the successful passing of the mandatory background screening and Safe Environment Training. A minimum of one-year prior experience is preferred.

Please forward resume, references to St. Timothy School Principal, George Mosholder at gmoshold@cdeeducation.org or (614) 451-0739

Patricia A. Morris

Funeral Mass for Patricia A. Morris, 72, who died Wednesday, June 9, was celebrated Tuesday, June 15 at Columbus Holy Spirit Church. Burial was at St. Joseph Calvary Cemetery, Dover.

She was born on Dec. 11, 1948 in Dover to Marion and Leah (Orr) Lombardo and moved to Columbus in 2011. She was a bookkeeper and office manager at Dover St. Joseph and Columbus Holy Family churches and former treasurer of the Tuscarawas County Board of Education and the Conotton Valley School District.

She was preceded in death by her parents and an infant brother, Marion. Survivors include son, Matt (Stacy); daughter, Sara (Mike) Altier; brother, John (Beverly) Patterson; sister, Joy (Dale) Rodgers; and six grandchildren.



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Saint Agatha Employment Opportunity

Office: Child Care
Status: Full Time
Position: Child Care Director
Practicing Catholic: Preferred
Deadline: Until position is filled

Position Summary: The Child Care Director is directly responsible for planning, supervising, and directing the programs and activities for the parish child care program. This includes the After-School Program and Summer Camp.

Qualifications for the position:

- Bachelor's degree in child development, early childhood education, child psychology or a related field.
- Minimum two years' experience in a day care or child care setting.
- Must have computer skills, to include proficiency in Microsoft Office.
- Must be able to work with minimal supervision and consistent self-discipline.
- Must have initiative, discretion, confidentiality and judgment when making decisions.
- Must have organizational, interpersonal, mathematical, and communication skills.

Compensation is commensurate with education and experience. Benefits are according to Diocesan policy.

Submission should include cover letter and resume.
Send via email to angela.keener@st-agatha.org

Our Lady children's RCIA class



Members of the children's RCIA class at Columbus Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church were baptized and received their first Communion on Saturday, June 19. Their parents migrated to the United States from the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Liberia and Nigeria. Pictured with Father James Coleman, the parish's pastor, are (from left): Myriam Andapongo; Marianne Khandi; Yollande Phakaloko; Georgia Phakaloko; Precieuse Dondo; Gloria Phakaloko, who was baptized and will receive her first Communion next year; and Hedy Phakaloko. Also receiving their first Communion, but not pictured, were class members Yaarsennehn Davay, Akaoma Eneh, Nneka Eneh and Mariella Milando. Photo courtesy Fritz Mirville

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Downtown Serra Club installs new members



The Downtown Serra Club welcomed six new members at an installation Mass and Dinner celebrated by Bishop Robert Brennan and Father William Hahn, diocesan director of vocations, on Wednesday, June 23 at St. Charles Preparatory School. New members included (front row from left) Gail Wood, Marilyn Wikoff, Jeanette Kuschill, Peggy Pardi and Anthony Cacchillo. Back row from left are club president Tom Murphy, seminarian Jake Asuncion, Bishop Brennan and Father Hahn. Not pictured is new member Donna Swartz. Photo courtesy Downtown Serra Club

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4. I will be their secure refuge during life, and above all, in death.
5. I will bestow abundant blessings upon all their undertakings.
6. Sinners will find in My Heart the source and infinite ocean of mercy.
7. Lukewarm souls shall become fervent.
8. Fervent souls shall quickly mount to high perfection.
9. I will bless every place in which an image of My Heart is exposed and honored.
10. I will give to priests the gift of touching the most hardened hearts.
11. Those who shall promote this devotion shall have their names written in My Heart.
12. My divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment.

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- St. Margaret Mary

Columbus St. Peter Church completes 50th anniversary year

Columbus St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road, completed its 50th anniversary year at its current location with celebration of an anniversary Mass by Bishop Robert Brennan on Monday night, June 28, the Vigil of the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul, followed by a dessert reception.

The parish had hoped to conduct additional events to mark the anniversary, but the COVID-19 pandemic prevented those plans from taking shape.

The parish was established in 1970 in northwest Franklin County in an area that was mostly farmland, but has grown steadily in the past 50 years. St.

Peter, with 2,500 families, is a large parish, and two larger ones – Powell St. Joan of Arc and Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare – were created within its original boundaries in 1987.

The current St. Peter Church was built in 1973, with a major expansion occurring in 2001. Father Chris Tuttle is its pastor, with Deacons Phil Paulucci and Hector Raymond on the clergy staff. Deacon Paulucci has served the parish for more than 30 years.

Columbus' first St. Peter Church was established in 1896 in the city's Milo-Grogan neighborhood near what's now the site of a Wendy's restaurant at

the East Fifth Avenue exit of Interstate 71. Masses were celebrated on the top floor of its school until a separate church was built in 1929.

For most of its existence, the church was a melting pot of German, Italian and Irish families, many of whom worked in nearby railroad yards. At its peak, it had about 750 families and a school with 450 students.

Many people believe the church was torn down in 1970 to make way for Interstate 71, but photos from the time show cars traveling on the highway and passing by the church. However, construction of the road split the

neighborhood, taking out hundreds of homes. At the time of its closing, *The Catholic Times* described it as a "ghost parish."

It had two pastors in 73 years – Msgr. Hugh Ewing, the founding pastor, and Msgr. Anthony Schlernitzauer, who became pastor after Msgr. Ewing's death and was there to see the building torn down on May 8, 1970. Because it was such a beloved church, Bishop Clarence Elwell of Columbus gave its name and sacramental records to the new northwest Franklin County parish being built at the time.

Listen during prayer, Passionist priest tells Serrans

Come away by yourselves to an out of the way place ... – Mark 6:31

The Serra Club of North Columbus hosted Passionist Father Enno Dango, CP, for its annual Day of Reflection on Tuesday, June 1 at the Pontifical College Josephinum.

During the mini-retreat, Father Dango urged club members and their guests to practice prayerful silence with an emphasis on listening to the Lord.

"Prayer is accessible to us in every moment of every day and is our immediate connection with God who is both transcendent and imminent," he said.

Father Dango reminded participants that they need not fend for themselves as God always provides support. He said Jesus claimed every person as His own in baptism, and, for this rea-



In St. Turibius Chapel at the Pontifical College Josephinum are (from left) Father Jeff Rimelspach, Serra Club North chaplain; Passionist Father Enno Dango, CP, the retreat leader; Ginger West, Serra North vice president of programs; and Tom Rhatigan, Serra North president.

son, there is no season of faith, and all can be nurtured as children of God.

The Serrans continue their mission to pray for vocations.

The Day of Reflection concluded with Mass concelebrated in St. Turibius Chapel by Father Enno and Father Jeff Rimelspach, Serra Club of North Columbus chaplain and pastor at Columbus St. Margaret of Cortona Church.

Father Dango was ordained in the Passionist Order on May 22, 2010, in Chicago.

Born in the Philippines, he is the eldest of seven children and currently the retreat director at St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat and Conference Center in Detroit.

As the Passionist priests share, "A retreat is a special moment to step back from the demands and challenges of daily life. It is an opportunity to slow down, rest and gain perspective.

A retreat affords graced time to renew faith, experience the presence of our loving God and to discover anew the energy and wisdom to continue life's journey. Be good to yourself – and to all those you touch in life and who depend upon you – seek the refreshment and renewal of heart, mind and spirit that comes from making a retreat."

The Passionist mission is the communication of the saving message of the cross of Jesus Christ. For more information about the Passionist priests or their retreats, visit www.stpaulretreat.org/retreats.

For information on the two Serra Clubs in the Diocese of Columbus, go to serracolumbus.org or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/Pray4Vocations.

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to 4 p.m. each Sunday from July 11 to Aug. 15. To register, call Karen Droll at (614) 582-8848 or e-mail her at ksdroll@gmail.com.

Aquinas High School alumni to resume meetings

The Columbus Aquinas High School Alumni Association, which had discontinued its monthly meetings because of the COVID-19 pandemic, will resume the gatherings on Monday, Aug. 2 in the TAT Ristorante Di Famiglia, 1210 S. James Road, Columbus.

Other meeting dates will be Monday, Sept. 13, at Walter Student Commons, Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School, 2010 E. Broad St.; and Monday, Oct. 4, at TAT. Doors open at 11 a.m., with the meeting at noon, followed by lunch.

More information is available from Lou Nobile at (614) 451-4477 (home) or (614) 313-5889 (cell).

St. Thomas welcomes pastor, says goodbye to secretary

Columbus St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 2692 E. 5th Ave., will welcome its new pastor and honor its retiring secretary at receptions in its undercroft after the 6 p.m. Mass on Saturday, July 17 and the 9 and 11 a.m. Masses on Sunday, July 18.

Father David Schalk, who also is pastor at Columbus Christ the King Church, succeeds Father Michael Gentry, who is becoming pastor of Columbus Holy Cross Church.

Marge McKee is stepping down as secretary after more than 20 years. She has always been a devoted advocate, encourager and strong supporter of the needs and wishes of parish members and the less fortunate members of the church's community.

For additional information or to indicate if you are planning to attend, contact the church at (614) 252-0976 or secretary@saintthomasapostle.com.

Assumption Mass canceled at Indian Lake Fatima Shrine

The annual Mass for the Feast of the Assumption that usually takes place on or around Aug. 15 at the Our Lady of Fatima Shrine overlooking Indian Lake has been canceled this year.

This is the second straight year it will not take place. Last year, it was canceled because of the COVID pandemic. This year, there was a large outdoor Mass at the shrine on Sunday, May 16 as the kickoff of a 300-mile Marian pilgrimage to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, within whose boundaries the shrine is located.

The American Society of Ephesus, which owns the shrine property, decided not to have a second large outdoor Mass in a year, but its president, Bill Quatman, said it will return in 2022. It had taken place every year since the shrine was founded in 1964 until

last year. Indian Lake is within easy driving distance of Columbus, Dayton and Cincinnati and draws large groups from all those areas.

The Mass is celebrated by the pastor of St. Mary of the Woods Church in the community of Russells Point, just off U.S. Route 33, where the shrine is located. The shrine is 43 feet tall and includes a 19 1/2-foot fiberglass statue of the Virgin Mary on a concrete pedestal.

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JOB OPENING FOR PARISH SECRETARY

Holy Rosary/St. John Church
648 S. Ohio Ave., Columbus

Holy Rosary/St. John Church in Columbus has an opening for a parish secretary. The secretary coordinates and facilitates the day-to-day operations of the activities of the parish. This position offers the flexibility and opportunity to make use of particular gifts and talents of the individual such as computer skills, communication and scheduling of various ministries.

Essential requirements for the position are: compliance with BCI&I background checks and completion of Protecting God's Children program; high school degree or GED, with additional office training preferred; a minimum of two years' experience in an office setting; keyboard and computer experience; an understanding of communications and the Catholic perspective; the ability to both serve and lead others; excellent reading skills and communication skills; must be courteous at all times and flexible to adapt to changing needs; proficiency in MS Office and other software.

The position requires 10 hours per week and the pay range is \$12-\$15 per hour depending on experience.

For more information or to submit an application, email hrsjevents@gmail.com or contact Father Ramon Oweru at 614-252-5926, ext. 2.

Mount Vernon students receive honors

Several Mount Vernon St. Vincent de Paul School students received honors in various reading, writing and language contests during the recently concluded academic year.

The school's Battle of the Books team of seventh- and eighth-graders won the diocesan competition for this program, in which teams try to identify titles and authors of books based on their plots, settings and characters. Members of the winning team were Kate Phillips, Lily Mayville, Lilly Percy, Andrea Holland and Jillian Beever. They competed against teams from Delaware St. Mary and Columbus St. Timothy, Our Lady of Peace, St. Andrew and Holy Spirit schools.

The fifth-grade team of JoAnn Odonkor, Amelia Bleiler, Aidan Hawkes, Miles Colopy, Abigail Yocum and Serafina Arvizu-Soria finished second at its grade level among seven competing schools in Knox County.

In the Power of the Pen writing contest, Charlotte Petrie finished first in Round 1 for eighth-graders. She also qualified for the state tournament, along with Jillian Beever and Ellie Salvucci.

In the Laws of Life essay contest, sponsored by the Life Paths research program, Brooklyn Grohe won first place among central Ohio eighth graders for her story cover. Second-place awards were given to seventh-graders



Members of Mount Vernon St. Vincent de Paul School's diocesan championship Battle of the Books team are (from left) Kate Phillips, Lily Mayville, Lilly Percy, Andrea Holland and Jillian Beever.
Photo courtesy St. Vincent de Paul School

Ellie Salvucci and Gabriel Fuller and sixth-grader Jace Daubenmier.

Honored in the Daughters of the American Revolution American history contest for students in Knox County were: eighth grade, Lillian Percy, first and Andrea Holland, second; seventh grade, Ellen Salvucci, first and Allison Tharp, second; sixth grade, Xavier Marhefka, first and Jace Daubenmier, second.

Twenty of 25 students taking part in the National Latin Awards received awards, with Lily Mayville and Aubry Schlarriet turning in perfect papers

and receiving gold medal summa cum laude honors. Other gold medalists were Charlotte Petrie and Lillian Percy.

Silver maxima cum laude medals went to Brooklyn Grohe, Caleb McNamara, Gabrielle Fuller, Jillian Beever, Ellie Salvucci and Jonathan Day. Other honors went to Melanie Becerril-Soria, magna cum laude, and Gwen Stein, Andrea Hollan, Quinn Tague, Conor Crane, Audrey Stuller, Allison Tharp, Ansley Daubenmier, Maggie Richardson, and Truman Chester, cum laude.

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Beekeeping a decades-long attraction for Father Gideon

By Jenna Mar

With 18 beehives under his care, Father Peter Gideon says his beekeeping is “a stretch beyond a hobby.”

The pastor at Lancaster St. Mark Church has been beekeeping for 46 years, one year longer than he has been ordained.

“My lifetime interest is woodworking,” Father Gideon said. He described making boats, kitchen cabinets and a variety of other products. His passion for woodworking led him to beekeeping when his fellow seminarians asked him to build hives for their own beekeeping. Gideon agreed and has been beekeeping himself ever since.

Though it’s been challenging at times to find space for his hives at his various assignments, Father Gideon said, he’s discovered numerous ways to continue beekeeping. He has even included his parishioners in the process.

“I started at St. Monica New Boston,” Father Gideon said. “I took hives and found parishioners who had open ground.”

He has brought his bees wherever he has been assigned, including St. Mark.

“Folks here in Lancaster were looking for a place where they could form



Father Peter Gideon, pastor at Lancaster St. Mark Church, tends to the hives he maintains as a beekeeper, which he began doing in seminary and has continued for the past 46 years. He donates the honey he gathers to St. Mark’s Food Pantry and other organizations.

Photo courtesy St. Mark Church

a beekeeping association,” Father Gideon said. “So I host the beekeep-

ing association at St. Mark. We meet on the third Tuesday of the month.”

From his 18 hives, Father Gideon gets 500 to 600 pounds of honey. He donates the honey to St. Mark’s Food Pantry and other organizations.

“I’m not trying to make money,” he said. “It all goes to a good cause.”

His experience with beekeeping has enabled him to educate his parishioners on the insect’s importance and the damage pesticides can cause them.

“People want to know about the bees,” he said. “It gives me the opportunity to talk about how important it is to grow things and that we need to be more sensitive to using pesticides. It can be risky to bees and to human beings.”

Father Gideon said that when pesticides are used on flowering plants where bees gather nectar and pollen, the chemicals can end up in the honey that they produce. He said it is important to be careful with God’s creation.

As Pope Francis said in his encyclical *Laudato Si*, “Let us be protector of creation, protectors of God’s plan inscribed in nature, protectors of one another and of the environment.”

Jenna Mar is a student at Kent State University and a Columbus Bishop Watterson High School graduate.



Position: Coordinator of Youth Ministry
Reports To: Pastor **Status:** Full-time (35/week)
Practicing Catholic: Required

Position Overview: The Youth Ministry Coordinator designs, develops, and directs a parish program for students in grades 8-12 and provides leadership to assist the parish community in building a solid foundation of catechetical and formational ministry and outreach. This program’s goals are to empower the young people of the parish to live as disciples, draw members into greater participation in the life, mission, and work of the parish and greater Church, and foster the spiritual growth of the members of the youth ministry program. For more details call Msgr. Paul Enke 740-587-3254



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Virtual Sessions 7:00 - 8:30pm

- Wednesday, July 14
- Monday, July 19
- Wednesday, July 21
- Wednesday, July 28
- Wednesday, August 4
- Wednesday, August 11

In-Person Sessions

- Saturday, July 24
Holy Redeemer Parish, Portsmouth
10:30 a.m. - noon
- Monday, August 2
St. Rose PCC Building, New Lexington
6:30-8:00pm



Diocesan parish festival list updated for remainder of summer, fall

The following is an updated list of dates and times for parish festivals during the summer and fall in the diocese:

JULY

July 9-10
St. Timothy
 1088 Thomas Lane, Columbus
 6 p.m.-midnight Friday and Saturday

July 15-17
St. Matthew the Apostle
 807 Havens Corners Rd., Gahanna
 6-11 p.m. Thursday, 6 p.m.-midnight Friday and Saturday

July 16-17
St. Joseph
 613 N. Tuscarawas Ave., Dover
 5-11 p.m. Friday and Saturday

July 30-31
Immaculate Conception
 414 E. North Broadway, Columbus
 6-11 p.m. Friday, 5-11 p.m. Saturday

AUGUST

Aug. 6-7
St. Stephen the Martyr
 4131 Clime Rd., Columbus
 6 p.m.-midnight Friday, 5 p.m.-midnight Saturday

St. Pius X
 1051 S. Waggoner Rd., Reynoldsburg
 6-11 p.m. Friday, 5:30-11 p.m. Saturday

Our Lady of Victory
 1559 Roxbury Road, Columbus
 6-11 p.m. Friday and Saturday

Aug. 8
Immaculate Conception
 215 E. North St., Kenton
 Noon-7 p.m.

Aug. 12-14
St. Catharine of Siena
 500 S. Gould Rd., Columbus
 5-11 p.m. Thursday-Saturday

St. Brendan
 4475 Dublin Rd., Hilliard
 6 p.m.-midnight Friday, 3-6 p.m. (family hours), 6-11:30 p.m. Saturday

Aug. 13-14
St. Mary, Mother of God
 684 S. Third St., Columbus
 4 p.m.-midnight Friday and Saturday

St. Cecilia
 434 Norton Rd., Columbus
 5 p.m.-midnight Friday, 4 p.m.-midnight Saturday

Aug. 20-21
Our Lady of Perpetual Help
 3730 Broadway, Grove City
 6 p.m.-midnight Friday and Saturday

Aug. 26-28
St. Joan of Arc (Tentative)
 10700 Liberty Rd., Powell
 6 p.m.-10 p.m. Thursday, 6 p.m.-11 p.m. Friday and Saturday

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 3-5
St. Michael
 5750 N. High St., Worthington
 7-11 p.m. Friday, 5-11 p.m. Saturday

and Sunday

Sept. 17-19
St. Mary
 524 6th St., Portsmouth
 5:30-8 p.m. Friday, 8 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday, 11:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday

OCTOBER

Oct. 8-10
St. John the Baptist
 Hamlet and Lincoln Sts., Columbus
 Italian Festival
 5-11 p.m. Friday, noon-11 p.m. Saturday, noon-7 p.m. Sunday