



**FESTIVAL GUIDE**

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The following are 2019 festival dates and times submitted by parishes throughout the Diocese of Columbus. Attending a festival is a great way to show support for churches, schools and groups in their efforts to raise funds for their endeavors. Keep this guide handy as a reference throughout the spring, summer and fall. It's always a good idea to check with the parish for any changes in schedules or postponements because of inclement weather. Have fun and hope to see you at a festival.

## MAY

**MAY 10 • Christ the King & St. Stephen the Martyr @ Our Lady of Victory**  
Parish Life Center  
1559 Roxbury Rd., Columbus  
Fiesta de Mayo: 6-10 p.m.

## JUNE

**JUNE 6-8 • St. Catharine of Siena**  
500 S. Gould Rd., Columbus  
5-11 p.m., 4 p.m. Mass

**JUNE 6-8 • St. Thomas Aquinas**  
144 N. 5th St., Zanesville  
Thursday 5-10 p.m., Friday 5 p.m.-midnight,  
Saturday 5 p.m.-midnight

**JUNE 9 • Ss. Augustine & Gabriel**  
1550 E. Hudson St., Zanesville  
Father Joseph Bay's 25th anniversary celebration,  
Sunday Noon Mass followed by reception

**JUNE 14-15 • St. Mary**  
66 E. William St., Delaware  
5 p.m. -midnight both days

**JUNE 14-15 • St. Rose School Festival**  
St. Rose School  
119 W. Water St., New Lexington  
6 p.m.-midnight both days

**JUNE 21-22 • St. John Neumann**  
9633 E. State Route 37, Sunbury  
Friday 6 p.m.-11 p.m., Saturday 5 p.m.-11 p.m.

**JUNE 28-29 • St. Christopher**  
1420 Grandview Ave., Columbus  
6 p.m.-midnight

**JUNE 28-29 • Holy Trinity Garden Party**  
225 S. Columbus St., Somerset  
Friday 6 p.m.-midnight, Saturday 4 p.m.-midnight

## JULY

**JULY 12-13 • St. Timothy**  
1088 Thomas Ln., Columbus  
6 p.m.-midnight

**JULY 13 • St. Luke**  
Corner of Rambo and Market streets (U.S. 62),  
Danville  
5-9 p.m.

**JULY 18-20 • St. Matthew the Apostle**  
807 Havens Corners Rd., Gahanna  
Thursday 6-11 p.m., Friday 6 p.m.-midnight,  
Saturday 5 p.m.-midnight

**JULY 19-20 • Our Lady of Peace**  
20 E. Dominion Blvd., Columbus  
Friday 6-11 p.m., Saturday 5-11 p.m.

**JULY 19-21 • St. Joseph**  
613 N. Tuscarawas Ave., Dover  
Friday & Saturday 5-11 p.m., Sunday 5-9 p.m.

**JULY 20 • St. Ladislav Hungarian Festival**  
277 Reeb Ave., Columbus, Huber Hall  
Noon - 6 p.m.

**JULY 21 • Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Picnic**  
Sts. Peter/Paul Retreat Center, Newark  
2-6 p.m.

**JULY 26-27 • Immaculate Conception**  
Immaculate Conception School  
100 Sherman St., Dennison  
6-11 p.m.

**JULY 26-27 • Immaculate Conception**  
414 E. North Broadway, Columbus  
Friday 6 p.m.-midnight, Saturday 5 p.m.-midnight

**JULY 26-28 • St. Margaret of Cortona**  
1600 N. Hague Ave., Columbus  
Friday 6 p.m.-midnight, Saturday 5 p.m.-midnight  
Procession on Sunday after the 10:30 a.m. Mass

**JULY 31-AUGUST 3 • St. Nicholas**  
Behind Bishop Fenwick School  
1030 E. Main St., Zanesville  
Wednesday & Thursday 6-11 p.m., Friday &  
Saturday 6 p.m.-midnight

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## JUBILEE OF ANNIVERSARIES: HONORING PRIESTS WHO HAVE SERVED THE DIOCESE FOR A TOTAL OF 455 YEARS

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# Bishop Robert Brennan's funeral homily for Father F. Richard Snoke

*"I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away and the sea was no more" (Revelation 21:1). He also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down from heaven, from God. He saw a new heaven and a new earth.*

"What an honor and a privilege it is to be able to offer this, my first priest's funeral, here for Father Snoke, to be here with all of you, to pray with him and for him, and Bishop Campbell, Bishop Griffin and I offer to you, Father Snoke's family, our deepest sympathies, along with our comfort and embrace.

"We share with you your loss. We share the sorrow you feel today, but we also share with you that Christian hope that was so much a part of Father Snoke's person and his ministry.

"Father Snoke taught us much, and he was teaching us right to the very end. He proclaims to us, even today, this octave of Easter, the good news of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Even from beyond, he's preaching to us today – isn't he? – probably a very powerful, powerful homily.

"Probably in his walk with Jesus, he heard that call of Jesus in the Gospel today – 'Follow me!' He preached to us by his walking that journey with Jesus to Calvary, and he preaches to us today the amazing good news of the resurrection.

"We hear this vision of John from the book of Revelation. It is written in Revelation, given to John to help the early Christian community. Here we have this first generation of people who encountered the risen Lord, have

agreed to give their lives over to Jesus, and in the midst of it, something's still going on. Persecutions are coming their way.

"John offers this beautiful vision, acknowledging all of the struggles, and the new heaven and the new earth – the new heaven and the new earth, a new vision that John lets us know he sees with his own eyes.

"I have to confess when I was given the readings (for the funeral Mass), I was a little confused to see the story of creation for a funeral liturgy, and then when I read a little bit more about Father Snoke, I understood, I understood – a man deeply rooted in the land, right? Deeply, deeply rooted in the land, in your home, Mary (Father Snoke's sister), in Lancaster, right? Growing up a part of that agricultural community.

"In his service to the church, in so many wonderful ways, in parish ministry, in education, and back here in Danville, where you can see his heart really was rooted. He had that way with people, right? He knew you, he loved you. He knew you well, and you knew him.

"I only came to know him, being a newcomer – I only came to know him in his last days, when he was not able to speak, but still he was eloquent in his faith, in his acceptance of the cross. And in the people who loved him, surrounded by people who loved him, he taught me a lot about that journey to Calvary, about the new heaven and the new earth.

"You see, John prophesies the new heaven and the new earth not because

of a distaste for this earth. Father Snoke taught us all, teaches us all, the love and beauty of God's creation and a love for the commands of the Lord, to cultivate that earth, to bring forth life, to bring forth beauty.

"And so we look at the world around us with a new set of eyes, and we realize that the earth that God gives us here in this world, in this life – it's really like a window that helps us to see somewhat, that opens us up to something even greater.

"And that's what Father Snoke would do for us, open the window and help us to see the beauty that's right here in front of us – the great things that God has given to us, the great opportunities before us, the gift of being able to cultivate life, and that opens a window to the new heaven and the new earth that God has ready for us.

"Indeed, cultivating the earth is more than planting seed and harvesting crops. For him, that cultivation took a deeper meaning, right here in parish work, in getting to know you, stopping by your homes, talking about whatever's going on and helping us to see the person of Christ living among us.

"The quote from Revelation talks about God saying 'I will dwell with my people.' Behold, God is dwelling with the human race. Indeed, God is living among us. We proclaim Jesus risen from the dead, and he is living among us.

"And what he's asking us to do is to look around in our lives, to look around at the people who surround us and to allow ourselves to be drawn in more and more deeply to the mystery of God living among us.

"Wasn't it great to hear that beautiful resurrection story (in the Gospel reading)? When Father Snoke prepared the readings for today, he had no idea we'd be celebrating the octave of Easter. And yet it brings us to that beautiful morning.

"How does this appearance take place? Peter says to the others, 'I'm going fishing.' Now for better or for worse, what he's saying is 'I'm going back to what I used to do. I'm going out into the sea.' Remember, Peter

was a fisherman. 'I'm going back to the normal.' And where does he meet Christ but out fishing? Where does he meet Christ but doing what he did well? He went back, he went out into the water and Christ appeared to Peter. He encountered Jesus Christ.

"Father Snoke is teaching us, teaching all of us to look carefully and to see that we encounter Jesus Christ not in the powerful places of the world, but in the daily living of our lives.

"And Jesus comes to us here in the church, he feeds us with his own body and blood, he speaks to us through his own Word, to nourish us, to strengthen us, to remind us that he is indeed living among us, so that we can have that new set of eyes to see him dwelling among us.

"Thank you, Father Snoke, for opening our eyes to the risen Christ among us. And now, thank you, Father Snoke, for raising our sights. As beautiful as what God has given to us is, thank you for raising our sights to see the promise of the new heaven and the new earth, where God will wipe away every tear from our eyes and there will be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain. For you, the old order has passed away, and we look ahead to that.

"Jesus, in that encounter of resurrection, says to Peter, 'Do you love me? Do you love me? Do you love me? Feed my lambs and my sheep. Feed my lambs.' And then how many times did he say that to Father Snoke – 'Do you love me?' – and Father said, 'Yes, of course I love you.' 'Feed my sheep, feed my lambs.' Then the Lord says to Peter, 'Follow me. Enter the wonderful life of friendship with Jesus Christ.'

"After enduring the cross of illness, as we entered into the holiest week of the year, Jesus came and said to Father Snoke again, 'Follow me. Follow me.' And I'm sure that Father Snoke followed him with love.

"Eternal rest grant to him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. Amen. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen."



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## JUBILEE YEARS

From left, Father Justin Reis, Father Jerome Stluka, Father Francis Stanton and Msgr. David Soroan are among nine priests celebrating significant ordination anniversaries. (CT photo by Ken Snow)

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### CORRECTION

The dates listed in an April 28 *Catholic Times* story about Columbus Bishop Ready High School's spring musical *The Addams Family* are incorrect. The correct dates are Friday, May 3 to Sunday, May 5.

# Father James Walter's funeral homily for Father Joseph Ehwald

“God’s providence is amazing. He brings us together yet another time in this holy season. God is encouraging our brotherhood as priests of His new covenant. We were together for our new bishop’s installation; again at the Mass of Chrism at our cathedral; again to honor Father Dick Snoke at one or other of the prayer times; surely together in the Holy Spirit and in the risen Jesus as we led our respective parishes in the sacred events of the Triduum. And here we are, a good representation, again together, all in the name of Jesus, our risen Savior.

“Soon our most reverend bishop, our wonderful and devout new bishop, will celebrate the Sacrament of Ordination, first for the transitional deacons on Friday evening, May 3, and then on Saturday morning, May 25, for the priests-to-be. These ordinations are diocesan events which celebrate our vitality in the risen Christ; likewise, this memorial Mass for Father Ehwald, our brother Joseph in the priesthood, and the funeral Mass for Father Richard Snoke are diocesan events which celebrate our unity and our vitality in the risen Christ. Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

“Father Joseph was a very definitive person. He claimed strongly his definitive German identity. He knew his theology, he stated his personal preferences, he lived his commitment to his priesthood with deep faith. He revered the honor of his great-uncle and priest, Msgr. Joseph Weigand, the first rector of St. Charles College Seminary. From early childhood, he was destined to be a priest. He spoke openly about it in high school. Most future priests did not have the courage or faith to do that. He was always a priest at heart.

“Each of us has a strong self-identity. You are a unique and unrepeatable human being, and formed by many factors such as place of birth, ethnicity of your parents, culture of your country, the molding influence of schooling and the imprint of many teachers, friends, neighbors and your parish priest. Yes, each of us is contoured by the hands of God’s divine providence. As baptized persons, each of us has been shaped by God’s graces.

“And you might say ‘Be patient with me, because God isn’t finished with me yet!’ You and I are a work in progress.

“Joseph Anthony Ehwald and I met

in ninth grade, with the fortunate opportunity to be students at St. Charles Preparatory School. You may know that he was destined to go to school there because he was the grand-nephew of Msgr. Joseph Weigand – as Joe would say, Josef Veigand – the first rector of this wonderful preparatory school and college seminary, who was chosen by his bishop, the Most Rev. James Joseph Hartley, in around 1925.

“Father Ehwald’s parents were both German immigrants, and they did not meet until they were both settled in Columbus. His father, George, was a skillful barrel-maker – a cooper, as they were called. Swift’s meat packing company was happy to have him.

“His mother, also from the Baden area of Catholic Germany, was gifted with the name of St. Hedwig, whose feast day is shared with St. Margaret Mary of France. So we have young Josef, with parents George and Hedwig Ehwald.

“It was not unexpected that seminarian Joe identified easily with St. Charles Seminary professor Msgr. George Wolz – *Ja, sehr gut. Mein Gott in himmel.*

“My parents were born and raised in German Cincinnati, so Father Joe’s parents and mine related well to each other. The Ehwalds owned no automobile. Walking was not out of style back in the 40s and 50s; on seminary visiting Sundays at St. Charles, my parents would stop by Linwood Avenue in the Corpus Christi neighborhood of the southeast side (of Columbus) and afford George and Hedwig a ride to visitation Sunday. It was all part of God’s kindly providence.

“In 1965 – just three years into his priestly work – Father Ehwald lost his father from cancer. Father Joe offered Mass for his dad at home during the illness. His mother then became the housekeeper at their local parish, St. Philip the Apostle.

“Father Ehwald was blessed to have a true father figure in his first priestly assignment at St. Christopher Parish. Msgr. Bill Kappes took him under his wings. Father joined Father Kappes again at St. Francis de Sales in Newark. It worked well. He gave him more balance and poise, and a wise perspective on parish matters. How blessed is God’s holy providence. How helpful our brother priests can be.

“In the past year, we have at sever-

al funerals celebrated the life of foreign-born priests: Father Saulius Laurinaitis of Lithuania; Fathers Mario Serraglio and Romano Ciotola, both from Italy. Years ago, I concelebrated the funeral Mass of Father Arvids Bernans, a fellow parishioner from St. Mary Magdalene who was, with his parents and brothers and sister, part of a displaced family from Latvia after World War II.

“Catholicism is universal. The Gospel is for everyone. Don’t we know it with our Argentine pope – and you scratch the surface and you know he’s Italian. And now, another Irish bishop! We are indeed the Catholic community which embraces all.

“Yet there are great challenges, as our culture in the United States has turned secular. Twenty-five percent of respondents to a recent poll have stated that they have no religious affiliation. We are challenged. We need to fortify ourselves with prayer, new methods, greater courage and the persistence of the strong faith, like that of Father Joseph Ehwald.

“Father Ehwald became greatly afflicted in his retirement years with the advancing of a disease of neuropathy. It is a disease of inherited disorders that cause nerve damage. The damage to him was mostly in his feet and legs. It is called Charcot-Marie-Tooth Disease. It caused difficulty in walking and finally the inability to walk. It can put great stress on one’s heart.

“I was duly impressed with Father Joe’s patience in coping with his limitations. A year ago, I had a phone call from our parish’s RCIA candidate, who is a Columbus fireman. He said his unit had an emergency call on the southeast side of Columbus. An elderly senior had fallen at home and could not get up from the floor. When the fireman noticed the atmosphere of the house with religious symbols, he asked the man if he was a priest. Father Ehwald said ‘Yes.’ Fireman Dan Coffman asked me over the phone if I knew him. Wow, what an unusual way to be informed.

“In visiting Father at Angeline McCrory Manor, it was a consolation to me that he was so much at peace. He could still watch German Catholic television on his laptop. He benefited from the super care there and he rejoiced in receiving Holy Communion

daily. What a grace. May we never take it for granted.

“In the prayers of the Mass at Communion time, we all say ‘Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.’ As the priest receives Communion, he prays, ‘May the body of Christ bring me to everlasting life.’ May each of us appreciate more and more the graces of the Resurrection. Christ lives. *Christus vivit!*

“Each of us is a unique creature, as St. John Paul II reminded us. Father Ehwald shows his uniqueness by the select Bible readings we have just heard. He was very specific about his preferences. So his choice of Scripture should not be taken lightly. He wants them to speak to us.

“For all of us who have made promises to God, whether in ordination or in marriage, we ponder again the words of Ecclesiastes 5: ‘When you make a vow to God, delay not its fulfillment. For God has no pleasure in fools; fulfill what you have vowed.’ We can certainly admire Father Ehwald’s fidelity and perseverance, despite life’s difficulties at times, and old age and its infirmities.

“In the selection from Philippians 3:12-14, Father Joe humbles himself. St. Paul says, ‘It is not that I have already taken hold of it or have attained perfect maturity, but I continue my pursuit in hope that I may possess it, since I have indeed been taken possession of by Christ Jesus. ... I continue my pursuit towards the goal, the prize of God’s upward calling, in Christ Jesus.’ Don’t we all have to keep striving? Keep faith, keep hope, keep praying, lest we displease the Lord who called us in the first place.

“And then in the selection from John’s Gospel, chapter 20, where the risen Jesus says, ‘I am going to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’ Wow! The risen Jesus will lead us to our heavenly Father. Jesus shares the Father with us. He shares His relationship to the Father with us. We all, then, are an intimate part of God’s family.

“What a joy it will be to live this loving and peace-giving relationship in eternity. May our brother be enjoying this love embrace now. He surely deserves it. For all this and for the heavenly promise which is ours, we should cry out ‘Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!’”

# Church's stance on Medjugorje; Can we receive Communion?

**Q** What is the Catholic Church's position on Medjugorje? (There is a parishioner who says that the Blessed Mother has a daily message for us.) (Coshocton, Ohio)

**A** As of this date, there has been no official determination by the church as to the authenticity of the Marian apparitions to which you refer. In 1981, six young people claimed that Mary was appearing to them at Medjugorje in the former Yugoslavia. Since then, a number of church commissions have studied the veracity of those claims, but no formal and definitive conclusion has yet been issued by the Vatican.

A report published in 2017 by the website Vatican Insider said that the commission established some years ago by now-retired Pope Benedict XVI had voted to accept the first seven appearances of Mary in 1981 as authentic, but had expressed doubt about the more than 40,000 apparitions that have allegedly happened since then.

(Three of the six original visionar-



## QUESTION & ANSWER

Father Kenneth Doyle  
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ies say that Mary still appears to them with messages each day, while the other three say that they see her now only once a year.)

In 2017, on a plane returning to Rome from Fatima, Portugal, Pope Francis, while seeming to be open to the legitimacy of the original Medjugorje visions, cast some doubt on their continuance. "I prefer Our Lady to be a mother, our mother," the pope told the journalists, "and not a telegraph operator who sends out a message every day at a certain time."

Meanwhile, though, more than two million pilgrims come to Medjugorje each year to visit the site of the purported visions, and clearly their faith is deepened. In May 2018, Pope Francis appointed the retired archbishop of Warsaw-Praga, Poland, as his personal

envoy to Medjugorje to see that the pastoral needs of these pilgrims are served, including the hundreds each day who seek the sacrament of penance.

On that 2017 flight from Fatima, Pope Francis had noted that countless pilgrims to Medjugorje are converted. "For this there is no magic wand," said the pope. "This spiritual-pastoral fact cannot be denied."

**Q** My husband and I are both Catholic. We had separated for four years (he had borne a child outside of our marriage), but we reconciled earlier this year and have forgiven each other.

My question is this: What is required for us to begin again receiving the Eucharist? (We had both stopped receiving.) I have gone to confession myself,

but I still don't feel free to receive the body and blood of Christ. Please advise. (City of origin withheld)

**A** I thank God for the reconciliation of your marriage and for your willingness to forgive. As for Holy Communion, you yourself are able to receive right now -- especially since you have been to the sacrament of penance recently. Perhaps, though, you would feel more comfortable if you spoke to a priest personally; he could assure you that you are in God's good graces and ready to take the Eucharist.

(And know that the Eucharist, as sublime a gift as it is, is not meant as a reward for perfect people. Instead, it is food for the journey, nourishment for those struggling every day to do what God wants.) Your husband -- if he has not done so already -- should of course go to confession before receiving Communion.

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## Local news and events

### John Albright receives Bishop Flaget School alumni honor

Chillicothe Bishop Flaget School presented its 2019 distinguished alumni award to John Albright of Chillicothe (pictured fifth from left, with family members).



(Photo courtesy Bishop Flaget School)

Albright graduated from Bishop Flaget High School in 1972. While in school, he would help wax floors and complete maintenance projects. He would park cars at basketball games. He went straight to work at the Pike-ton atomic plant as a welder and eventually worked his way up to project operations manager.

When his son John Robert Albright died of sudden infant death syndrome in 1982, he and his wife Lynn asked for donations to be made to Chillicothe St. Peter School in his son's name. That money was used for the first Catholic kindergarten in Chillicothe, which was started in the 1982-83 school year.

In the late 1980s, he served on the school board and taught algebra and middle school math -- the same subjects his daughter Terrina now teaches at the school. He has been a science fair judge for the last five years and helped the school build relationships to earn its STEM designation.

He now does everything around the school from fixing light switches, heaters, water fountains and electrical outlets to building a new STEM classroom and overseeing an HVAC project which will make the building more energy efficient and bring air conditioning to the classrooms.

He and Lynn have two daughters, Terrina (Greg) Fahnestock and Katy (Brad) Edwards, and three grandchildren.

### Mommies Matter sponsors 'Princess' day

The Mommies Matter organization is sponsoring a "Princess for a Day" mother-daughter tea party and fashion show on Saturday, May 11, at the Good News Church, 478 W. Olen-tangy St., Powell. There will be two seatings, from 10 a.m. to noon and 2 to 4 p.m.

The event is for adult women (mothers, godmothers or granddaughters) and the "princesses" (girls age 4 to 11) in their lives. The program will include appetizers, tea and a raffle draw. For the "princesses," it will include a manicure or makeup session and a tiara. All the participants also will be able to walk the "catwalk" in a fashion show.

Mommies Matter is an organization which provides single mothers with support through pregnancy and the first 18 months of a child's life, with the help of group programs and one-on-one assistance,

Admission is \$25 each for women and a "princess" and \$20 for each additional "princess." Tickets are on sale now at [www.mommiesmatter.org](http://www.mommiesmatter.org).

### ODU, diocese partner to create Promise Program

Ohio Dominican University has partnered with the Diocese of Columbus to create the Columbus Catholic Promise Program. Starting this fall, the program will provide eligible students who graduate from one of the diocese's 11 Catholic high schools with financial resources and support to help make an ODU education attainable.

A major component of the program is a scholarship that is available to students eligible for the federal Pell grant. When taking into consideration the Columbus Catholic Promise scholarship and additional financial resources, students may be able to

## Nobody gets hurt?

A few years back, I gave a talk entitled “Thinking through the Transgender Question” at a local parish. In the audience were several individuals supporting the transgender movement. During the question-and-answer session, one of them, a young woman, raised this difficulty: “If someone wants to transition, how does that hurt anybody else? If my friend wants to be transgender, how would that harm any of us?”

Behind this line of argument, first, is the widely held notion that each of us is an isolated unit and our private choices don’t affect others. Yet the old adage that no man is an island rings perennially true. Grave harms to others, in fact, follow in the wake of the radical personal decision to “switch genders.”

I recently spent some time with a husband and wife who had a son struggling with depression and schizophrenia and who was convinced he was a woman. They shared with me how their son no longer spoke to any of his siblings or relatives, shutting everyone out of his life. He moved away to link up with the transgender community at his college for support, and his parents summed up his new way of thinking as the detonation of a bomb that had ravaged the whole family.

That kind of devastation has been thoroughly catalogued by those who have gone all the way through the process of transitioning, and years or decades later come to regret it.

Walt Heyer is one such individual who turned to hormones and surgeries to try to take on the appearance of a woman. Many years later, he “de-



### MAKING SENSE OUT OF BIOETHICS Father Tad Pacholczyk

transitioned,” and started writing and speaking about his experiences. He has summarized the painful effects of his choices on those around him in several of his essays.

“Being transgender required destroying the identity of Walt so my female persona, Laura, would feel unshackled from Walt’s past, with all of its hurt, shame, and abuse,” he wrote. “It’s a marvelous distraction for a while, but it isn’t a permanent solution when the underlying issues remain unaddressed. Gender change is at its heart a self-destructive act. Transgenders not only annihilate their birth identity, they destroy everyone and everything in their wake: family, wife, children, brothers or sisters, and career.”

Walt had been married for many years, but after transitioning, he and his wife divorced. Communication with his children ceased. He was fired from his well-paying job as an engineer and became practically destitute. Virtually all the significant relationships in his life were damaged, some irretrievably.

In his essay, Walt follows the trail of breadcrumbs in his own life to its logical conclusion.

“It occurred to me after much self-reflection that asking a surgeon to modify my appearance through a

series of cosmetic procedures was simply a socially acceptable means of self-mutilation and self-destruction,” he stated. “Taken to the extreme, self-destruction leads to suicide.”

Follow-up studies of those who undergo sex-change operations have shown that they experienced highly elevated suicide rates, even many years post-surgery, revealing yet another of the grave harms associated with transitioning that brings untold heartache to family and friends, relatives and acquaintances.

Beyond wreaking havoc in the life of patients and those around them, other damaging societal consequences arise in the wake of transitioning.

In a recent article in *Public Discourse*, Dr. Monique Robles, a pediatric critical care specialist, stresses how schools and institutions of higher learning are now “enforcing the use of preferred gender pronouns and opening bathrooms and sports teams to students of the opposite biological sex. Educators who refuse to comply are losing their jobs. Parents who do not agree with the trans-affirmative approach for their gender dysphoric children are faced with legal consequences. In the sports arena, biological males identifying as transgender

are competing in women’s events with an unfair biological advantage. Biological females who claim to be male are allowed the unfair advantage of competing while taking testosterone, which is considered ‘doping’ in any other circumstance.”

Coming to the conclusion that “no one gets hurt” whenever someone transitions is simply naïve, contradicted by the facts on the ground and by the tortuous lives of those pursuing this misguided “solution” to their gender confusion. They, along with their families and broader society, clearly deserve better.

Instead of propping up a fictitious and harmful understanding of human masculinity and femininity, we owe it to those struggling with gender dysphoria to address compassionately their underlying mental health concerns. Through evidence-based therapies, including appropriate psychiatric and interpersonal outreach and counseling, we hope to bring healing, preserve family unity, and help sustain important, lifelong friendships.

That’s what those struggling with their gender dysphoria deserve and all those who love them desire.

Rev. Tadeusz Pacholczyk, Ph.D. earned his doctorate in neuroscience from Yale and did post-doctoral work at Harvard. He is a priest of the diocese of Fall River, MA, and serves as the Director of Education at The National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia. See [www.ncbcenter.org](http://www.ncbcenter.org)

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attend Ohio Dominican at little to no tuition cost to them.

“We are proud to partner with the Catholic Diocese of Columbus to offer this exciting opportunity to students who graduate from our outstanding local Catholic high schools,” said Dr. Robert Gervasi, ODU president. “In addition to providing important financial resources to these students who otherwise may not consider pursuing a college education, the program will help ensure these students receive the support they need inside and outside of the classroom to complete their degree at Ohio Dominican.”

“What makes this program particularly exciting are the opportunities

it will create for our students who, until now, may not have considered including college in their future plans because of the perceived financial burden,” said diocesan school Superintendent Adam Dufault. “This program will remove that financial barrier and give our outstanding graduates access to an education that will allow them to continue their faith journey as they prepare for a fulfilling and rewarding career.”

Students participating in the program will have opportunities to connect with the Ohio Dominican community by attending many campus events and activities, including ODU’s new student orientation, Wel-

come Week celebration, core speaker series, faculty meet-and-greet events and other social gatherings.

Diocesan students interested in learning more about this program can visit [ohiodominican.edu/CatholicPromise](http://ohiodominican.edu/CatholicPromise), or contact ODU’s undergraduate admissions office at [admissions@ohiodominican.edu](mailto:admissions@ohiodominican.edu) or (614) 251-4500.

### Newark St. Francis group plans Florida trip

The Franciscans, a social group for people age 50 and older sponsored by Newark St. Francis de Sales Church, will be visiting The Holy Land Expe-

rience in Orlando as part of a six-day trip to Florida from Sept. 15 to 21.

The Holy Land Experience takes visitors back in time so they can be part of re-enactments of Jesus’ life and death. Tour participants will be able to visit a Jerusalem street market and a six-story recreation of Herod’s Temple; see Moses and the children of Israel in the Wilderness Tabernacle; and see the World’s largest model of Jerusalem and a priceless collection of ancient manuscripts and scrolls.

The tour also will include musical shows and stops at Exploration Tower,

## Mary, Help of Christians



### FINDING FAITH IN EVERYDAY LIFE Sarah Reinhard

Sometimes it seems pathetic that I have to use laundry as an excuse to stand still and look around. It's often my peaceful time, whether I'm at the line in the backyard or standing in front of my kitchen table. It never ends, though I may pause in it every now and then. But I love the rhythm of it, the reminder of life continuing and the opportunity to do something with my hands that doesn't involve glue or tissue paper.

I picture Mary, sometimes, standing there with me at the line or at the table, helping me. Laundry was very different back in her day, and so, with my mental meanderings, I often picture her in the here and now, with a little boy in her care, taking care of her family's laundry.

Did He "help" her by unfolding everything in the basket on the floor? Did He laugh merrily as he used the baskets for boats? Did He hold the clothespins and insist on standing beside her, touching every article of clothing with His grimy hands?

I'm sure she wouldn't have denied Him any more than I deny my little helpers. They have to learn, after all, and though Jesus was a boy, and wouldn't have been expected to know how to do laundry, I'll bet she gave Him an appreciation for how much work was involved in such chores.

When the chores seem like they're piling up faster than I can knock them down, or when my to-do list has grown so long that it's taller than my four-year-old, or when my mental state demands that I get away from it all — it's in those times, in those struggles, that I can most confidently turn to Mary. It's when the wind is knocked out of me, when the sailing is roughest, when the outlook is hopeless that I can turn to Mary as Help of Christians.

Christians have been imploring Mary's help since the wedding at Cana. In the first centuries of Chris-

tianity, the Fathers of the Church referred to Mary with a Greek word meaning "the Helper." In the 16th century, following the Battle of Lepanto on October 7, 1571, when the triumphant warriors returned from a miraculous victory, a victory credited to the pope's call for everyone to pray the rosary, it's said that they visited the sanctuary at Loreto, Italy, and used the title "Help of Christians" for the first time.

Fast forward several centuries. Pope Pius VII was arrested by Napoleon I's military forces on June 5, 1808, and held as a prisoner for three years in France. He was set free on March 17, 1814, the feast of Our Lady of Mercy. As he marched back to Rome, he visited many Marian shrines, crowning her image and attributing the Church victory to Mary. On May 24, he entered Rome to the cheers of crowds, and it was that date he chose to use as the feast of Mary, Help of Christians. The feast of Mary, Help of Christians, set for May 24, was not declared until 1815, after he had fled in the face of another attack and capture.

Though I may find peace doing my laundry, I'm often stressed by the five million *other* things on my plate. It is then that Mary, Help of Christians, comes to my aid. When the preschooler awakes two hours early, ready for her day, when the grade schooler just will *not* settle down for bed, when the day feels like it should be over and yet we still have a late practice — during those times, and so many others, Mary stands beside me, reminding me that her Son

will help me in every little thing.

She isn't limited by time or space, by activity or place. Jesus' mother is my mother ... all the time, no matter where I am. She smiles at me from around the world, even from the far "down under" of Australia.

In Australia, Mary is held in special honor under the title Help of Christians. In the mid-1800s, when the Catholic Church in Australia was mostly priestless, the rosary was the tie bonding the faithful together. When the first assembly of bishops held in the British dominions since the Reformation chose Mary, Help of Christians, in 1844, as their principal patroness, they were the first country to make such a proclamation. Though it had not officially been approved by Rome, due to a bishop's misplaced suitcase, the feast was being celebrated as early as 1844 in Sydney.

Fr. J. J. Therry was the first Catholic chaplain in Sydney and dedicated his church to St. Mary in November 1821. The universal feast of Mary, Help of Christians, was brand new at that time and inspired a lot of interest from Catholics. Twenty-three years later, when the bishops adopted her as the patron of the country, British settlement in Australia was 50 years old and the transport of convicts was ending. The first elections had been held only the year before, in 1843, and the Church was involved in the social problems of land, immigration, and education.

In a land so big, and so far away from everything else considered civilized at

the time, Mary's help must have been invoked in a far different way than I invoke it in my daily life now. Was the life of an Australian wife and mother comparable to Mary's life in its hardships? Was there fear pervading daily life, even as there was excitement and beauty? What part did Mary play in a culture where priests were a rarity and faith a necessity?

Imagine how she must have tucked her rosary in her apron pocket, that woman of the 1840s Australia. She had a pile of work and perhaps a child or two. Was she a first generation settler? Were there convicts nearby? Did she embrace her vocation and enjoy the tasks at hand?

Maybe her voice was raised on those particularly tough days, as mine is, pleading for help from someone, anyone, in heaven or on earth. Perhaps she gripped her rosary and plodded through the prayers, asking for the grace to make it through the day alive, intact, sane. Possibly she just sat, carving silence for herself, and let Mary hold her in her struggles.

I think Mary had a lot to do with the compassion Jesus so often showed to women throughout the gospels. He would have seen His mother at work, with joy and exertion, with pleasure and fatigue, with diligence and knowledge of the process repeating again and again and *again*.

Sometimes there's comfort in the repetition of daily activities. And sometimes there's not. Through it all, though, in the midst of every single trial, Mary stands looking at me, arms outstretched, Help of Christians and a beacon to my weary struggle through the mundane in life.

*Sarah Reinhard is a Catholic wife, mother, and writer in central Ohio. Get her Catholic take every weekday at <http://bit.ly/TripleTakeOSV>.*

## Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners

By Leandro (Lany) M. Tapay

May is the month of Mary. In the Philippines, there is a beautiful tradition called "Flores De Mayo" which means "May flowers." Or "Flowers of May." Throughout May, in the late afternoon, children bring baskets of flowers to church. They pray and sing hymns to Mary and listen to reflections on the Blessed Mother of God. The ceremony concludes with benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

St. John Bosco is among the many saints who had special devotion to the Blessed Mother. For Don Bosco, Mary was more than an object of veneration. Mary was for him, a living person. He felt her presence in every moment of his life. He emulated her virtue of sensitivity, her obedience to the will of God, and her commitment and fidelity at the hour of the cross.

From the very beginning of his life, Mary showed him the way, inspired his actions, sustained his strength, and

helped him achieve his goals, even in extra ordinary ways.

On the occasion of John Bosco's investiture, his mother told him, "When you were born, I consecrated you to the Blessed Mother. If you become a priest, always promote the devotion to Mary." John, after listening to his mother, in tears thanked his mother and said, "These words will not be said for nothing. I will treasure them all my life."

Don Bosco's first encounter with Mary happened in a dream at age nine.

It was Jesus who told him that Mary is to be his guide. "I will give you a teacher. Under her guidance, you will become wise. Without her, all wisdom is foolishness."

At that juncture, he said, "I saw a Lady standing near Jesus ... she took me kindly by the hand and she said, 'This is the field of your work. Make yourself humble, strong and robust ... What you see happening to these animals is what



# Wrestling champion takes on new opponent in battle with ALS

By Doug Bean  
Catholic Times Editor

Mark Zimmer manhandled some of the greatest competitors in high school and collegiate wrestling during an accomplished career on the mat, but he has never faced an opponent as tough as the one he's grappling with today.

Last September, the 1979 Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School graduate and Ohio's first four-time state wrestling champion was diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS). Better known as Lou Gehrig's disease, it's an adversary from which there's no escape or reversal. ALS pins all of its opponents.

For someone who was as healthy as the chisled 57-year-old, the news came as a shock. Just a year ago, Zimmer was showing up in the wrestling room at his alma mater to practice with – and still beat – members of a team who are 40 years younger.

"He was still wrestling like he was competing," said Collin Palmer, the head wrestling coach at DeSales.

Then one day last May, Zimmer fell. He couldn't lift the lower part of one of his legs. That puzzled him. It's one of the movements the body makes that healthy people don't give any thought to doing.

After that happened, he and his wife, Brenda, started researching what might be wrong. They suspected a condition called "foot drop," the first clue to indicate what might be down the road medically for him. That led to a number of appointments with various doctors last summer. Finally, on Sept. 6, Dr. Adam Quick at the Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center delivered the news that Mark Zimmer had ALS.

There is no cure for the disease, which attacks the central nervous system. Some people lose their ability to swallow. Others are eventually unable to eat, walk or use their hands and fingers. Some lose the ability to breathe on their own.

So far, Zimmer has felt the impact in his once-muscular arms and legs. He slowly has lost the strength and stamina he once used to win an astounding 143 consecutive wrestling matches in high school.

But by no means is he giving up. He's still going to work at Continental Office or working at home. That's the wrestler's mentality in him.

Zimmer recalled a quote from legendary Olympic wrestling champion and coach Dan Gable: "Once you've wrestled, everything else in life is easy."

Battling a life-threatening disease certainly doesn't qualify as easy, but that wrestling mindset to take down opponents even when there's adversity remains a driving force.

Since the ALS diagnosis, Zimmer has moved full-speed ahead with treatment regimens based on new protocols that include muscle activation therapy, medications and a new machine that looks like a stationary bicycle but is designed to stimulate the muscles through targeted electrical currents.

"It's supposed to help," he said. "The idea is to slow the muscle atrophy and to actually build muscle and build strength back in. You feel a little like Frankenstein when the lightning bolt is hitting. They said it's going to shock you at first, but as you keep going it's going to get easier."

The demand for the device is so great at OSU that he's able to use it only about twice a week. So he's trying to acquire one for his home.

"(The medical professionals) said you could get on it three to five days a week, and I said, 'What about seven days,'" he said, again displaying the mentality of a driven wrestler.

As for medications, he's taking the only two that are FDA-approved for ALS. He receives two IV bags a day (two weeks on, two weeks off) through a port surgically implanted in his chest. He's able to work during the 1-1½ hours it takes to complete.

He's hoping that the new regimens to combat ALS will help him and potentially lead to medical breakthroughs, or at least give doctors the ability to prolong lives.

"It is something that God wants me to do," he said, his voice quivering with emotion. "I have no ... I'm not afraid to die. But I don't necessarily want to go right now. If I can be the one that can help a lot of other people and help doctors figure this out, I'll do whatever they want me to do to see if we can fix it. Hopefully, it helps to build a therapy that maybe can, at the very least, stop the disease. Maybe you won't get stronger or come back, but you won't continue to decline."

During a recent interview, Zimmer apologized for not coming to the door of his family home in southern Delaware County. Moving on his own has

become more of a struggle for him.

"It's just hard to do," he said. "I can still walk some, but, hopefully, I'll be able to walk more, a little better, and just do everything I can do. It's all going to take a bit of time. I just keep doing what I can do, and we'll see how it works out."

He's not asking for a lot. He has traveled abroad and throughout the United States, and so he doesn't have a bucket list. An avid gardener, he'd simply like to dig in the dirt again.

The positive attitude and determination to make the best of the cruel hand

"It is a real affirmation of what we hope our faith communities are made of," said DeSales principal Dan Garrick, who also was Zimmer's classmate. "It also speaks to how much Mark is beloved as an incredible human being. Everyone talks about the incredible accolades from a wrestling standpoint. The things he did are historic. To be the first at whatever level of accomplishment is noteworthy, but that is only a small fraction of who Mark is.

"He was the consummate school guy. Mark was a supporter of everyone and an advocate for the quiet.



**Mark Zimmer (center), Ohio's first four-time state wrestling champion and a two-time college All-American, is pictured at a gathering in his honor in April.**

(Photo courtesy Sandy Corwin)

he has been dealt doesn't come as a surprise. Faith, family, the DeSales community and a strong will to live are carrying him through these difficult times.

"It's all about love," he said. "There's a lot of people praying for me. When you're sick like me, there's a lot of people, and I feel it. I'm just going to do what I do, the best that I can.

"If (God) wants me to be an example of strength, that's great. If we wants me to be an example of humility, that's great. If he wants me to be an example of sincerity, that's great. If we wants me to be an example of courage, that's great.

"Faith, hope and love. That's what I have. Nobody can take that away. Without him, you're nothing. These bodies are going to fail us all."

That love was on display last month at a surprise gathering of Zimmer's friends and DeSales alumni in his honor. Since the diagnosis, Zimmer has received an outpouring of support.

Mark was the person who would take the student who was pretty reserved or unassuming and talk to them and make them feel welcome. I saw it countless times."

Zimmer's passion to give back to the school, from where his daughter, Lauren, also graduated in 2006, remains strong. He wants the wrestling program to return to its former glory.

"He's always calling me and checking in to check how kids are doing, making sure they're getting their work in," Palmer said.

DeSales will honor Zimmer with a Wall of Fame in his name in the school's wrestling practice room and an annual scholarship to a deserving student who "loves the school and lives in accordance to what the school is all about and demonstrates a work ethic that is exemplary – the personification of all the attributes that Mark

## Nine diocesan priests celebrate



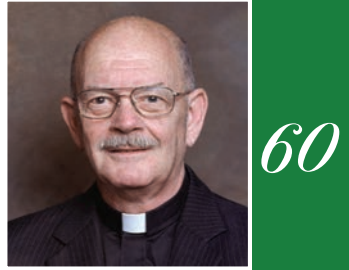
**MSGR. JOHN J. DREESE**

Msgr. John J. Dreese, 86, a native of New Lexington, was ordained on May 30, 1959 by Bishop Clarence Issemann at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral.

He has served as pastor of the Crooksville Church of the Atonement and its Moxahala St. Pius mission, New Straitsville St. Augustine Church, New Lexington St. Rose Church and the Perry County Consortium of Parishes, co-pastor of Columbus Holy Spirit Church, administrator of the cathedral, and associate pastor at Zanesville St. Nicholas Church, Columbus Holy Name Church and the cathedral.

He also was a teacher at Zanesville Bishop Rosecrans High School, Columbus St. Charles Seminary, the Pontifical College Josephinum and Mount St. Mary's Seminary of the West in Norwood and taught in Kenya for five months. In addition, he was Catholic chaplain for the Muskingum Valley Boy Scout Council, assistant vocations director for the Central Deanery, vicar for the Perry County Vicariate and president of the diocesan Priests' Senate. He was one of the founding officers of the Open Shelter in Columbus and chairman of the diocesan Catholic-Jewish Dialogue Committee.

He received the rank of monsignor, with the title prelate of honor, from Pope John Paul II on Sept. 24, 1992. He retired in July 2002 and lives in Perry County.



**MSGR. EDWARD J. FAIRCHILD**

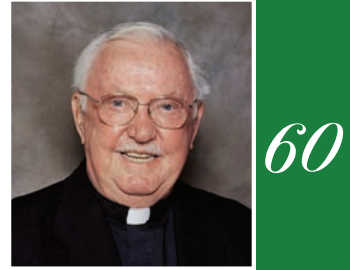
Msgr. Edward J. Fairchild, 86, grew up in Columbus. He was ordained by Bishop Clarence Issemann on May 30, 1959 at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral.

He was the founding pastor of Pickerington St. Elizabeth Seton Parish and also was pastor of Columbus St. Peter Church and Westerville St. Paul Church and co-pastor of Columbus Our Lady of Peace Church and Reynoldsburg St. Pius X Church. He was associate pastor at Portsmouth Holy Redeemer Church, Chillicothe St. Mary Church and Columbus Christ the King Church.

He was an instructor at Chillicothe Catholic Central High School and Columbus Bishop Hartley High School, Catholic chaplain for the Chief Logan Boy Scout Council and a member of the diocesan board of education.

Pope John Paul II appointed him as a monsignor, with the title prelate of honor, on Sept. 24, 1992. He retired in July 2003, lives in Columbus and serves as a weekend assistant at Seton Parish.

He will celebrate his anniversary Mass at 5 p.m. June 8 at Seton Parish, followed by a reception.



**MSGR. DAVID V. SOROCHAN**

Msgr. David V. Soroohan, 84, grew up in New Lexington. He was ordained on Dec. 20, 1959 in Rome by Bishop Martin J. O'Connor.

He was pastor of Columbus St. Peter Church and Columbus St. Catharine Church, associate pastor at New Philadelphia Sacred Heart Church and Columbus St. Peter Church and in residence at Columbus Holy Name Church.

He served for a combined 17 years as diocesan superintendent of schools or vicar for education. He also was assistant diocesan school superintendent, principal at Marion Catholic High School, acting principal at Marion St. Mary High School, a teacher, assistant principal and vocations coordinator at Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School and a member of the diocesan personnel board, board of consultors, and finance committee.

His appointment as a monsignor, with the title prelate of honor, was announced by Pope John Paul II on Sept. 24, 1992. He retired in July 2004 and resides in the assisted living section of the Villas of St. Therese in Columbus.



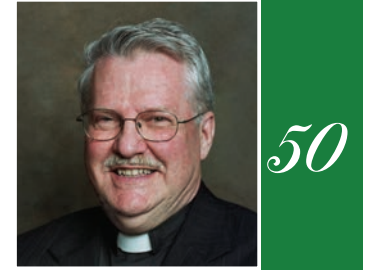
**FATHER FRANCIS M. STANTON**

Father Francis M. Stanton, 84, a Columbus native, was ordained at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral by Bishop Clarence Issemann on May 30, 1959.

He spent much of his priestly career in the Navy, where he was a chaplain for 20 years during two separate periods. In the Diocese of Columbus, he was pastor of the Crooksville Church of the Atonement, administrator of Wheelersburg St. Peter Church and associate pastor of Columbus St. Agatha Church, Dennison Immaculate Conception Church, New Lexington St. Rose Church, Columbus St. Stephen Church, New Philadelphia Sacred Heart Church, Columbus St. Peter Church and Columbus Our Lady of Peace Church.

He taught at Dennison St. Mary High School and was emergency relief chaplain at Riverside Methodist Hospital in Columbus and a member of the diocesan vocations committee.

He retired at the end of 2004 and is a resident of the independent living section of the Villas at St. Therese in Columbus.



**FATHER HOMER D. BLUBAUGH**

Father Homer D. Blubaugh, 76, was born in Danville. He was ordained at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral on May 24, 1969 by Bishop Clarence Elwell.

He has been pastor of Kenton Immaculate Conception Church, Plain City St. Joseph Church and its Milford Center Sacred Heart mission, and Coshocton Sacred Heart Church, administrator of Columbus St. Agnes Church and priest moderator of Columbus St. Agnes and St. Aloysius churches, associate pastor of Columbus St. Cecilia Church, Marion St. Mary Church, New Lexington St. Rose Church, Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Westerville St. Paul Church, Columbus St. Peter Church, Lancaster St. Mary Church and the cathedral and in residence at Columbus Our Lady of Victory Church.

He was a teacher at Columbus Bishop Ready High School and Marion Catholic High School, chaplain at Ohio State University Hospital, vicar of the Columbus West Vicariate and Catholic chaplain for the Muskingum Valley Boy Scout Council, and was active in prison ministry.

He retired in July 2012 and lives in his hometown of Danville, where he is a weekend associate at his home parish, St. Luke Church.

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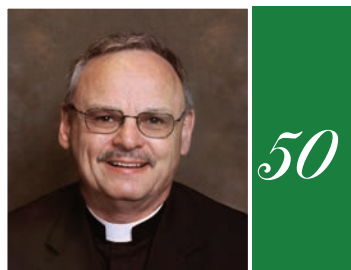


**FATHER JUSTIN J. REIS**

Father Justin J. Reis, 76, was born in Akron. Bishop Clarence Elwell ordained him at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral on May 24, 1969.

He served as pastor at Marysville Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Lancaster St. Bernadette Church and Columbus St. Peter Church and associate pastor at Columbus Immaculate Conception Church, Columbus Christ the King Church, Gahanna St. Matthew Church and Columbus St. Philip Church and was in residence at Columbus Holy Rosary Church. He also was a teacher at Columbus Bishop Watterson High School and Columbus Bishop Hartley High School.

He retired in July 2013 and is a resident of Mother Angeline McCrory Manor in Columbus.



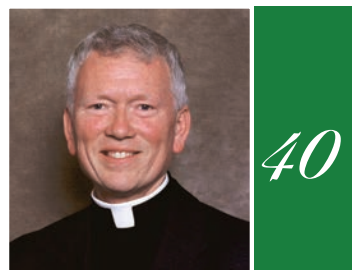
**FATHER JEROME D. STLUKA**

Father Jerome D. Stluka, 74, from Columbus, was ordained at St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican by Bishop James Hickey on Dec. 19, 1969.

He was pastor of Columbus Holy Spirit Church and Columbus Holy Cross Church, associate pastor of Columbus St. Augustine Church, Columbus St. Aloysius Church and Lancaster St. Mary Church, a weekend associate at Marysville Our Lady of Lourdes Church and in residence at Columbus St. Christopher Church.

He served as assistant director and director of the diocesan family life office and chaplain at Ohio State University Medical Center and Grant Hospital in Columbus, and was a member of the diocesan personnel board.

He retired in July 2014 and is a resident of the Villas of St. Therese assisted living section.



**FATHER DONALD E. FRANKS**

Father Donald E. Franks, 65, is pastor of Dresden St. Ann and Mattingly Settlement St. Mary churches. He grew up in Newark and was ordained by Bishop Edward Herrmann at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral on May 19, 1979.

He also has been pastor at Chillicothe St. Mary Church, Lancaster St. Mary Church, Columbus Corpus Christi Church and Columbus St. Ladislav Church, associate pastor at Columbus Holy Spirit Church, Pickerington St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, Columbus St. Matthias Church and Delaware St. Mary Church, part-time associate pastor at the cathedral and in residence at Columbus Our Lady of Peace Church.

He was a teacher at Columbus Bishop Hartley High School and Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School, associate episcopal vicar and episcopal vicar for diocesan Catholic charities and social concerns, and chaplain for the Ohio National Guard and at Riverside Methodist Hospital and Ohio Wesleyan University.

He will celebrate the 40th anniversary of his ordination at a Mass at 6 p.m. Friday, May 17 at Mattingly St. Mary Church, followed by a potluck meal and bonfire.



**FATHER JOSEPH N. BAY**

Father Joseph N. Bay, 59, is pastor of Columbus Ss. Augustine & Gabriel Church. He came to the United States from Vietnam in 1990 to complete his studies for the priesthood at the Pontifical College Josephinum, and has served the central Ohio Vietnamese community since then.

He was ordained by Bishop James Griffin on June 11, 1994 at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral. He served there as associate pastor, but has spent most of his time at Columbus at Ss. Augustine & Gabriel. He has served in various positions on the diocesan Tribunal, where he is a judge.

The 25th anniversary of his ordination will be celebrated at his parish on Sunday, June 9 with a Mass at noon, followed by a reception.

Lend an ear!

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Father Donald Franks (center) celebrates a Mass with Deacons Dave Lozowski (left) and Bob Ghiloni. (Photo courtesy Father Donald Franks)



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## St. Martha Giving Circle grants total \$45,000

The St. Martha Giving Circle (The Marthas) awarded 10 organizations in April a total of \$45,000 in grants for their work in the community.

Star House in Columbus received \$10,000; Mommies Matter, \$7,000; Women's Care Center in Columbus, Cristo Rey High School, Christ Child Society of Columbus and St. Francis Evangelization Center in McArthur, \$5,000 each; St. Vincent Family Center in Columbus and the Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs (J.O.I.N.), \$3,000 each; and the Dominican Learning Center in Columbus and the Kairos Prison Ministry of Ohio, \$1,000 each.

Members of The Marthas nominated 29 organizations for consideration and voted last month to award money to the top 10. The Marthas have a history of identifying, learning about,

and supporting groups doing incredible work in our community.

The Marthas granted \$24,216 in 2015, \$26,670 in 2016, \$25,000 in 2017 and \$42,000 in 2018. This year was the biggest year yet.

The Marthas gather quarterly throughout the year to learn about organizations and their needs and decide together which projects to financially support. There are also opportunities to share ideas, serve with one another, grow deeper in Catholic faith, socialize and learn about the ongoing needs in the Diocese of Columbus.

Interested in joining The Marthas or just want to learn more? Contact us at 614-443-8893, [kshuey@catholic-foundation.org](mailto:kshuey@catholic-foundation.org), or visit [www.catholic-foundation.org/themarthas](http://www.catholic-foundation.org/themarthas) for more information.

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you must do to my children' (the animals then turned into lambs).

"At that point, I began to cry. I begged the Lady to speak so I could understand. She placed her hand on my head and said, 'In good time, you will understand everything.'"

I learned from Saint John Bosco to entrust my whole life to the loving protection of our Blessed Mother. When I was a Salesian novice in the Philippines in 1958, my mother gave me a golden ring, which had been passed on to her from several generations before her.

At the novitiate, I discovered that I was not allowed to possess the ring as prescribed in the vow of poverty. I had either to send it back to my mother or give the ring to the Salesian Society. I asked the Blessed Mother what to do with it.

One afternoon while praying the rosary at the novitiate grotto, I looked up at the statue of Mary and I saw a small cavity at the foot of the statue. Bingo! I knew what to do. I went to my room,

wrote a letter to Mary, wrapped the ring with the letter, placed the letter with the ring in the cavity and sealed the cavity with cement.

In the letter, I asked the Blessed Mother to take care of the ring and of me. Before my earthly mother died, I forgot to tell her what I did with her ring. But I know that in heaven she is pleased with what I did with it.

That was more than six decades ago. I do not know what happened to the letter and to the ring. Though I did not make it in the religious life and the priesthood, I have always felt the Blessed Mother's love and protection through the years.

Whenever things go south, or whenever I find myself in the dark valleys of life, I allow the Blessed Mother to hug and embrace me. I always feel her presence, now, and hopefully, at the hour of my death.

*Leandro (Lany) M. Tapay is the director of the diocesan Missions Office.*



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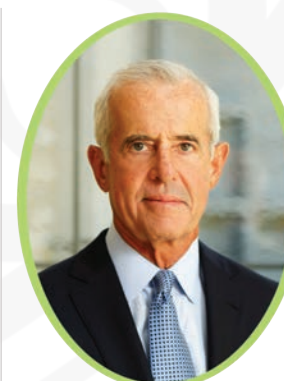
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exhibited through the years,” Garrick said. He’s also in the school’s athletic Hall of Fame and a recent recipient of a DeSales Alumni Award of Distinction.

“What’s really critical, we all know that the good Lord is going to take each of us,” Garrick said. “It only seems fitting to me that because of what he’s done for the tradition and legacy of our school that his name

lives on forever.”

Zimmer is one of the most revered athletes in DeSales history – and that’s saying something considering the long line of standouts who have gone on to excel in college and professional sports through the years.

One of the school’s most accomplished alums is University of Cincinnati head football coach Luke Fic-

kell, a 1991 graduate who started 50 consecutive games for Ohio State as a defensive lineman and then became an assistant and filled in for one year as the head coach for the Buckeyes before leaving for Cincinnati.

Fickell visited the Columbus area last week and spent several hours with Zimmer, whom he considered an inspiration long before the diagnosis. At DeSales, Fickell was not only an all-state football player but also a three-time state wrestling champion considered by many to be the best heavyweight in Ohio prep history.

Fickell wasn’t even in kindergarten when Zimmer started his amazing run of success in high school, but it didn’t take long before he knew all about the legend. A few years later, Fickell was working out with Zimmer.

“He was one of my heroes growing up,” Fickell said. “He won his last state title in 1979, and I vividly remember in 1980 making my first real goal, and that was to win four state titles just like Mark Zimmer.”

Zimmer went on to become a two-time NCAA All-American at the universities of Wisconsin and Oklahoma.

Injuries kept him from achieving more greatness in college, but he finished eighth in the 1980 NCAA championships as a freshman competing for Wisconsin, transferred to Oklahoma and took seventh in the 1984 national tournament as a senior.

During the summers, he returned to Columbus. He moved back to the area after college and continued to work out.

Fickell remembers the two working together in Zimmer’s basement before entering high school.

“He lived by me, and so I’d go over there a lot of Sundays and train with him,” Fickell recalled. “He was in great shape and just a great mentor, a guy who had done it and been there.”

Fickell didn’t quite match Zimmer’s accomplishments on the mat. His goal was to win four state titles just like Zimmer, but Fickell fell short as a freshman. Also an all-state football player, Fickell eventually chose that sport over wrestling in college.

“We talked this past week. He never had the goal to win four state titles, even though he did,” Fickell said. “I



A Mark Zimmer Wall of Champions is in the works for the DeSales practice room to honor teams and wrestlers who placed in the state meet.

(Photo courtesy St. Francis DeSales High School)

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ASCENSION THURSDAY SOLEMN HIGH MASS  
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## Third Sunday of Easter (Year C)

## Called to be transformed by risen Lord



**Father  
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**Acts 5:27–32, 40b–41**  
**Psalm 30:2, 4, 5–6, 11–12, 13**  
**Revelation 5:11–14**  
**John 21:1–19**

God loves each of us uniquely and gives us opportunity for graces that the world cannot know and understand unless we live them. We are called to love. We are called to forgive and be forgiven. We are called to be different, transformed by our faith in the risen Savior and by the power of the Holy Spirit given to those who love him.

One of the practices that makes Catholics different is the manner in which we approach the Scriptures. They become for us an encounter with the Lord Himself. The scriptures of the Easter season call us to deepen our understanding of the relationship being offered to us by the Risen Lord.

When the Lord speaks to Peter, we hear a direct invitation to participate in his resurrection power:

“Put out your net for a catch.”

“Bring some of the fish you just caught.”

“Do you love me?”

“Feed my lambs.”

“Follow me.”

The sacramental life of the Church is another aspect of our faith that makes us different. It is our communal response to the living presence of Jesus through his Church.

Is our Baptism flowing freely, or are we entangled in a web of sin or of indifference? Have we cooperated with the Spirit who came to dwell in us through our Confirmation? Do we perceive the body of the Lord in the Eucharist and in our gathered assembly at Mass? Do we take humble pride in our Catholic faith or do we hide it, for fear of the world’s rejection?

Are we paying attention to how the Lord offers us grace through the ministers of the Church —deacons, priests, bishops, the Holy Father?

Do we have a living experience of the sacrament of Holy Matrimony –

our own or that of others who witness God’s Love to us through the love they share in Christ?

How do we reach out for healing from sin through confession, or from illness through Anointing of the Sick?

We are called to follow Jesus, not by looking merely at who he was when he walked the face of the earth before his suffering and death on the cross, but as he is now in his resurrection state, with his – and our – glorified humanity.

To follow Jesus as he is now means to set our sights on eternity. We join with the angels and saints in glory in the song: “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!”

To follow the risen Lord means to obey his commandments, to put him first in our lives, to seek to share him with others.

In a world that demands instant gratification, we have to admit that God is unwilling to comply with our demands. He is with us for the long haul. He invites us to stand with one another, shoulder to shoulder, trudging along the way, and doing the best we can in whatever circumstances in which we find ourselves.

The psalm we pray today says, “I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.”

As we pray this psalm response, we admit we are in need of being rescued and that the Lord is the one to do it. Can we also come to realize that we are entrusted to one another? We are responsible to and for one another.

God chooses to meet us most directly through family life. Families need to be healed. Can we find the ways God has in mind for us to experience this healing? Can we reach out somehow to share God’s love and mercy with those who are not with us? Will we seek to open our hearts to the call of scripture and to the celebration of the sacraments, so that the life God offers to all is evident in our lives?

May we respond to the risen Lord as he speaks to us in word and sacrament. And may we be truly one as the family of God.

*Father Timothy M. Hayes is pastor of Columbus St. Timothy Church.*

THE WEEKDAY  
BIBLE READINGS

## MONDAY

Acts 6:8-15

Psalm 119:23-24,26-27,29-30

John 6:22-29

## TUESDAY

Acts 7:51-8:1a

Psalm 31:3cd-4,

6ab,7b,8a,17,21ab

John 6:30-35

## WEDNESDAY

Acts 8:1b-8

Psalm 66:1-3a,4-7a

John 6:35-40

## THURSDAY

Acts 8:26-40

Psalm 66:8-9,16-17,20

John 6:44-53

## FRIDAY

Acts 9:1-20

Psalm 117:1b-2

John 6:52-59

## SATURDAY

Acts 9:31-42

Psalm 116:12-17

John 6:60-69

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO  
AND TELEVISION MASS  
SCHEDULE: MAY 5, 2019

## SUNDAY MASS

10:30 a.m. Mass from Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral on St. Gabriel Radio (AM 820), Columbus, and at [www.stgabrielradio.com](http://www.stgabrielradio.com).

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. 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 in Ada, Logan, Millersburg, Murray City and Washington C.H.; Channel 125 in Marion, Newark, Newcomerstown and New Philadelphia; and Channel 207 in Zanesville);

8 p.m., St. Gabriel Radio (AM 820), Columbus, and at [www.stgabrielradio.com](http://www.stgabrielradio.com).

We pray Week III, Seasonal Proper, Liturgy of the Hours.

## Living ‘I Do’ – Weekly Marriage Tips

Do you discuss your spouse with God? The little joys, irritations, struggles and dreams that make up your marriage are gifts from the hands of the Lord to make you holy and mold your heart to be as merciful as His. Since He gives you grace through the sacrament of marriage, be sure to cast your cares upon Him. He loves your marriage more than anyone else.

*Diocese of Columbus Marriage and Family Life Office*

PRAYER TO THE VIRGIN  
(Never known to fail)

Oh, most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of heaven, blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in necessity. Oh, star of the sea, help me and show me herein, you are my Heaven and Earth. I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to secure me in this necessity. There are none who can withstand your powers. Oh, show me herein you are my Mother. Oh, Mary conceived without sin, pray for us, who have recourse to thee. (Repeat three times) Oh, Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hand. (Repeat three times) Holy Spirit, you who solve all problems, light all roads that I can obtain my goals. You gave me the divine gift to forgive and forget all evil against me, and in all instances in my life, you are with me. I want in this short prayer to thank you for all things as you confirm once again that I never want to be separated from you in eternal glory. Thank you for your mercy toward me and mine. The person must say this prayer three consecutive days, after three days, the request will be granted. This prayer must be published after the favor has been granted. MC

# Truth-telling and Big Abortion

For over a half-century, what styles itself the “pro-choice” movement has thrived because of its extraordinary ability to mask what it’s really about — the willful taking of innocent human lives in abortion — through various rhetorical deceptions.

Planned Parenthood clinicians ask frightened and often ignorant young women, “Would you like us to restore your period?” Legislators in thrall to Big Abortion dollars vie to keep sidewalk counselors away from abortuaries in order to maintain the pretense that what goes on inside those chop shops involves no more than unwanted “tissue.” The governor of New York celebrates the passage of a bill that would legally permit abortions up to the moment of birth because this is all a matter of “women’s reproductive health.” The governor of Virginia babbles about letting children who survive abortions die, thinking himself humane because he insists that the victims will be kept comfortable. Last month, a Georgia state senator decried legal protection for unborn children who display “what some call a heartbeat.”

George Orwell, call your office.



## THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE George Weigel

Forty years of pro-life argumentation have dented the armor of euphemism surrounding this slaughter of the innocents, which, while still appallingly high, is now at its lowest rate in decades. Thoughtful pro-life veterans will acknowledge, however, that what made a considerable difference to our cause was the invention of the sonogram: the technological marvel which proves that a picture is more powerful than a thousand lies about blobs of tissue. Now comes a hit motion picture, *Unplanned*, which takes the war against euphemism in the abortion debate to another level.

*Unplanned* tells the story of Abby Johnson, a former Planned Parenthood clinic director and onetime Planned Parenthood employee-of-the-year who became a pro-life activist after being called from her safe, euphemism-ridden director’s office to assist in a “procedure.” Watching what was indisputably a human creature trying desperately to avoid the instruments of impending intrauterine murder, Abby Johnson saw the truth of what abortion does, as what she described as a “perfect baby” was sucked out of the womb. She then had

the honesty, and courage, to acknowledge what she had learned, leave her remunerative Planned Parenthood job, and try to teach others the truth that had seized her imagination.

That effort to witness to the truth continues in *Unplanned*, which reminds me of Pope St. Paul VI’s comment that modern men and women learn better from witnesses than from teachers; and if self-conscious moderns listen to teachers, it’s because they’re first witnesses. Abby Johnson, just such a witnessing teacher, is beautifully portrayed in the film by Ashley Bratcher — who also deserves credit for putting her own career at risk, given the assault that has been mounted on *Unplanned* by the “pro-choice” Hollywood commentariat in the mainstream media, and by attempts to censor positive comments about *Unplanned* on social media.

Thus far, the campaign against *Unplanned* hasn’t worked. The film has been an expected box office success, despite efforts to black out advertising for, or coverage of, its first weeks on the silver screen. And we may hope that the campaign against *Unplanned* will eventually boomerang, as it becomes ever more clear that what Big Abortion, its ideological allies, and its

political facilitators fear most of all is the truth — the truth that strips away the rhetorical façade behind which the campaign for “liberalized” abortion laws has been conducted since the late 1960s.

In his informal memoir, *At Ease*, Dwight D. Eisenhower lamented the loss in World War II of millions of “lives that might have been creatively lived,” and noted that the memory of that slaughter “scars the mind of the modern world.” It cannot be doubted that the tens of millions of lives lost to the abortion license in America since *Roe v. Wade* — lives that might have been creatively lived — scars the national conscience, whatever the euphemisms that put band-aids over the scars. There are also the scars born by women who have chosen abortion; their healing, and effective service to women in crisis pregnancies, must always be the complement to argument and witness in pro-life activism.

And then there are the irresponsible men. Hollywood’s rating system labeled *Unplanned* “R,” presumably because of its devastating first scene, where Abby Johnson meets the truth about abortion. That scene, and indeed the whole film, should be watched most carefully by men, who have benefited for far too long from Big Abortion and its wicked language games.

*George Weigel is Distinguished Senior Fellow of the Ethics and Public Policy Center in Washington, D.C.*

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# PRAY FOR OUR DEAD

ARNS, Robert G., 85, formerly of Columbus, April 6  
St. John Vianney Church, South Burlington, Vt.

CROWLEY, Air Force Lt. Col. (Ret.) Lawrence W., 86, April 23  
Church of the Atonement, Crooksville

FARCHIONE, Toni M., 65, April 24  
St. Pius X Church, Reynoldsburg

FIEBIG, Patricia L. (Wise), 90, April 20  
St. Brigid of Kildare Church, Dublin

GILLIGAN, Sharon K. (Ardetto), 73, April 23  
St. Patrick Church, Junction City

MILLER, William J., 81, April 23  
Our Lady of Victory Church, Columbus

PECK, Loren C. "Pat," 95, April 22  
St. Margaret of Cortona Church, Columbus

PONKO, Vincent M., 54, April 22  
St. Edward Church, Granville

RUSSELL, John, 95, April 26  
St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark

SALOSKY, John, 87, April 21  
Church of the Resurrection, New Albany

SCHWARTZ, Jim, 76, April 22  
St. Joseph Church, Dover

STROHACKER, Alex, 24, April 21  
St. Cecilia Church, Columbus

TERRY, Martha I. (Gallagher), 90, March 26  
St. Pius X Church, Reynoldsburg

WENTZEL, Ursula D. "Doll" (Smyth), 88, April 21  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Grove City

## Ethel M. Ollangg

Funeral Mass for Ethel M. Ollangg, 91, who died on Monday, April 23, was celebrated on Friday, April 27 at Columbus St. Ladislav Church. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus.

She formerly was employed at the St. Ladislav rectory and retired from Crane Plastics. She also was a member of the parish choir.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Steve and Mary Grabovich; three brothers, two sisters and a grandson. Survivors include sons, Richard (Suzanna) and John; daughters, Salome, Maria, Madonna, Teresa (Derek), Monica and Melinda; 13 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

## Carma Jean Rausch

Funeral Mass for Carma Jean Rausch, 76, who died on Sunday, April 21, was celebrated on Friday, April 26 at New Lexington St. Rose Church. Burial was at New Lexington Cemetery.

She was born on Sept. 22, 1942 to George and Louise (Price) Rausch.

She graduated from Columbus Holy Rosary High School in 1960, then entered the congregation of the Sisters of St. Francis of Penance and Christian Charity at Stella Niagara, New York, remaining with the order for 14 years. While in the convent, she graduated from Rosary Hill College (now Daemen College) in Amherst, New York.

She later received a master's degree in French from Ohio State University.

She was a teacher for 46 years at New Lexington St. Aloysius Academy and New Lexington High School and in the Morgan Local School District, was a member of her parish's choir and of Fraternal Order of Eagles Auxiliary 2070, and was organizer of New Lexington's annual MacGahan Festival.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Frederick. Survivors include a brother, Edward (Diann); sisters, Barbara (Jerry) Ferris and Marla Kay Wolfe (Jeff Williams); and several nieces and nephews.

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don't know that I ever really talked to him about my goals. I don't remember moves and things he taught me but just the mindset of what he was like and why he was successful."

After their meeting last week, Fickell marveled at Zimmer's outlook.

"He still has the same passion and the same mind," Fickell said. "We didn't spend a lot of time talking about the disease or what's happening. ... Obviously, it's really, really tough, but I'm glad I got to spend a couple of hours with him."

Zimmer's plight has given him time to reflect on his life and the blessings he has received.

He recounted his first year at DeSales and riding a COTA bus from his family home in German Village to reach the school on the north side of Columbus. Zimmer worked out three times a day, attended classes and then got back on the city bus in the evening and did his homework on the way home to maximize his time.

Winning four state titles never was his goal. As a freshman, he said he just hoped to make the team. But he did much more than that. When he started having success, he thought about winning tournaments, then the sectionals and districts. That season culminated in a state championship at 98 pounds in 1976. The next three years, he claimed titles at 112 pounds as a sophomore and junior and 119 pounds as a senior.

Central Catholic League teams

dominated the high school wrestling scene back then in central Ohio, and Zimmer became a phenomenon. During his meets, gyms quickly filled with fans eager to get a glimpse of history in the making.

"These people were just behind me, and I didn't want to let anybody down," Zimmer said. "I didn't feel any pressure. I offered it up to God and said, 'Just let me do my best.' This is where I'm at. I've got all these people coming and watching me. I didn't ask for this. I was just trying to do my best."

"When I went out to wrestle, it wasn't necessarily winning and losing, it was wrestling my best, and winning was a bonus. But because I never lost, it just continued to become something else. But that's where I can say there's such a huge difference. I couldn't lose just because of the love and support that I got at St. Francis DeSales."

Garrick marveled at Zimmer's impact.

"People became wrestling fans because of Mark," he said. "It put our school on the map."

Zimmer was on the ground floor of wrestling's growth in central Ohio from youth levels to Ohio State and beyond. He still loves and watches the sport, but wrestling also is a highly physical endeavor that at times can be brutal.

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the Cocoa Beach Pier, Gatorland, Florida's Natural Grove House, and the Davidson of Dundee citrus candy factory.

The cost is \$636 per person based on double occupancy, and includes six breakfasts, four dinners, admission fees, tips, lodging and transportation. Single occupancy is an additional \$254. A \$75 per person deposit accompanies reservations. The tour bus is not handicap accessible. All payments are due in full by Monday, July 8. Reservations close when seats are sold. Mail checks to St. Francis de Sales Church, in care of The Franciscans, 40 Granville St., Newark OH 43055.

For complete details and the tour itinerary, contact Linda Woolard at (740) 323-3105 or lwoolard@stfranciscanparish.net.

## DeSales announces alumni award recipients

Nine Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School graduates will receive the school's annual alumni Awards of distinction at a dinner on Friday, May 17.

These individuals embody the school's mission through their commitment to a lifetime of learning and service. They are DeSales graduates Mark Zimmer (Class of 1979), Michael O'Connell (1970), Jason Meyer (2003), Michael Durbin (1987), Cindy Hickey (1983), Larry Damato (1979) and Josh Dowling-Fitzpatrick (2008), and parents Dean Schockling and Ronald Reeb Sr. Reeb's award will be given posthumously.

To purchase tickets for the dinner, visit the school's website at [www.sfd-stallions.org](http://www.sfd-stallions.org).

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### 3, FRIDAY

St. Cecilia Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament St. Cecilia Church, 434 Norton Road, Columbus. Begins after 8:15 a.m. Mass; continues to 5 p.m. Saturday.

Eucharistic Adoration at Columbus St. Peter 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road, Columbus. First Friday Eucharistic adoration in day chapel.

First Friday Masses at Holy Family 9 a.m., 12:15 and 7 p.m., Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St., Columbus. First Friday Masses in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. 614-221-4323

Monthly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refugee Road, Columbus. Begins after 9 a.m. Mass; continues through 6 p.m. Holy Hour.

Catholic Men's Luncheon Club 12:15 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Catholic Men's Luncheon Club meeting, with Joseph Zaino, president of the Columbus chapter of Young Catholic Professionals. \$10 donation requested.

Deacon Ordination at Cathedral 7 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Bishop Robert Brennan ordains diocesan seminarians Frank Brown, Michael Fulton, Seth Keller and Gordon Mott, and Augustine Ampofo from the Diocese of Kumasi, Ghana to the permanent diaconate. 614-224-2251

Organ Concert at Marysville 7 p.m., Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 1033 W. 5th St., Marysville. Concert with organist Gregory Crowell, faculty member at Grand Valley State University in Allendale, Michigan. 937-644-6020

Eucharistic Vigil at Holy Cross Holy Cross Church, 205 S. 5th St., Columbus. 7:30 p.m. Mass, including May crowning, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with various prayers, ending with Benediction around 11. Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available.

All-Night Exposition at Our Lady of Victory Our Lady of Victory Church, 1559 Roxbury Road, Columbus. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 8 p.m. until Mass at 8 a.m. Saturday.

### 3-5, FRIDAY-SUNDAY

Bishop Ready Presents 'The Addams Family' 7 p.m. Friday, 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Bishop Ready High School, 707 Salisbury Road, Columbus. School's theater department presents the musical *The Addams Family*. Tickets \$10 adults, \$9 seniors, \$8 children. 614-276-5263

St. Charles Presents 'Spelling Bee' 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, St. Charles Preparatory School, 2010 E. Broad St., Columbus. School's drama department presents *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*. Tickets \$10 adults, \$5 students. 614-252-6714

### 4, SATURDAY

Fatima Devotions at Columbus St. Patrick 7 a.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Mass, followed by devotions to Our Lady of Fatima, preceded by confessions at 6:30. 614-240-5910

First Saturday Devotion at St. Joan of Arc 8:30 a.m., St. Joan of Arc Church, 10700 Liberty Road, Powell. Mass, followed by rosary in reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, concluding with Fatima prayers.

Mary's Little Children Prayer Group Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refugee Road, Columbus. 8:30 a.m., confessions, 9 a.m., Mass, followed by Fatima prayers and Rosary (Shepherds of Christ format); 10 a.m., meeting. 614-861-4888

Life and Mercy Mass in Plain City 9 a.m. Mass, St. Joseph Church, 140 West Ave., Plain City. Saturday Life and Mercy Mass, followed by rosary and confession.

First Saturday Mass at Holy Family 9 a.m., Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St., Columbus. First Saturday Mass for world peace and in reparation for blasphemies against the Virgin Mary. 614-221-4323, extension 329

Lay Missionaries of Charity Day of Prayer 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., St. John the Baptist Church, 720 Hamlet St., Columbus. Monthly day of prayer for Columbus chapter of Lay Missionaries of Charity. 614-294-7702

Centering Prayer Group Meeting 10:30 a.m. to noon, Corpus Christi Center of Peace, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus. Centering prayer group meeting, beginning with silent prayer, followed by Contemplative Outreach DVD and discussion. 614-512-3731

Filipino Mass at St. Elizabeth 7:30 p.m., St. Elizabeth Church, 6077 Sharon Woods Blvd., Columbus. Mass in the Tagalog language for members of the Filipino Catholic community.

### 5, SUNDAY

Seasons of Hope Bereavement Ministry 2 to 4 p.m., Our Lady of Peace Church, 20 E. Dominion Blvd., Columbus. Final meeting of six-week support group sponsored by Seasons of Hope bereavement ministry for those who have lost a loved one, sponsored by North High Deanery. Contact rose.daiga@gmail.com.

Larry MacDonald Piano Concert 2 p.m., Wagnalls Memorial Library, 150 E. Columbus St., Lithopolis. "From Ragtime to Rhapsody" piano concert with Larry MacDonald, 1959 Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School graduate and father of three priests. Free-will offering to benefit library. 614-817-4765

Prayer for the Nation at St. Matthew 3 p.m., St. Matthew Church, 807 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna. Monthly Holy Hour of prayer for the nation, including the Divine Mercy Chaplet and the rosary. 614-471-0212

St. Dominic Gospel Choir Concert 5 p.m., St. Dominic Church, 453 N. 20th St., Columbus. Parish Gospel choir's annual concert, directed by Vernon Hairston. 614-252-5926

Prayer Group Meeting at Christ the King 5 to 7 p.m., Christ the King Church, 2777 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus (enter at daily Mass entrance). Weekly parish prayer group meets for praise, worship, ministry, and teaching. 614-886-8266

Spanish Mass at Columbus St. Peter 7 p.m., St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road, Columbus. Mass in Spanish, with confessions from 6 to 7. 706-761-4054 or 614-294-7702

Compline at Cathedral 9 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Chanting of Compline, the Catholic

Church's official night prayer. 614-241-2526

### 6, MONDAY

Eucharistic Adoration at Our Lady of Victory 7 to 8 a.m., Our Lady of Victory Church, 1559 Roxbury Road, Columbus. First Monday Eucharistic Adoration, beginning with Morning Prayer, concluding with Mass.

Aquinas Alumni Luncheon 11 a.m., Walter Student Commons, St. Charles Preparatory School, 2010 E. Broad St., Columbus. Monthly Columbus Aquinas High School alumni luncheon.

Rosary at St. Pius X 6:30 p.m., St. Pius X Church, 1051 S. Waggoner Road, Reynoldsburg. Recital of Rosary for the sick of the parish and all who are ill. 614-866-2859

Marian Prayer Group at Holy Spirit 7 p.m., Day chapel, Holy Spirit Church, 4383 E. Broad St., Columbus. Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle prayer group for Catholic family life. 614-235-7435

7, TUESDAY

North Columbus Serra Club Day of Reflection 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Jessing Center, Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 N. High St., Columbus. Serra Club of North Columbus annual day of reflection, beginning with Mass, with two talks by Msgr. Frank Lane, Reconciliation and meditation time. Cost \$25, including continental breakfast and lunch. 614-846-6133

Our Lady of Good Success Study Group Noon to 2 p.m., Sacred Heart Church, 893 Hamlet St., Columbus. Monthly meeting of Our Lady of Good Success study group. Social period, followed by remedial catechesis study and discussion. 614-294-7702

Rosary for Life at St. Joan of Arc Following 6:15 p.m. Mass, St. Joan of Arc Church, 10700 Liberty Road, Powell. Recital of Rosary for Life, sponsored by church's respect life committee.

Wedding Music Seminar at St. Christopher 7 p.m., St. Christopher Church, 1420 Grandview Ave., Columbus. Seminar with parish music director Pandora Porcase and a string quartet, vocalist, trumpeter and guitarist, for those interested in being married at St. Christopher and learning about music permitted at the ceremony. 614-306-0342

8, WEDNESDAY

'God's Designs' Program at Shepherd's Corner 10 a.m. to noon, Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. "God's Designs" program with artist Donna Nesbitt. Participants will walk in the woods and used found materials to make a design. Suggested donation \$5. Registration deadline May 5. 614-866-4302

Turning Leaves and Tea Leaves 2 to 3:30 p.m., Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus. Turning Leaves and Tea Leaves book club with Dominican Sisters Marialein Anzenberger and Colleen Gallagher. 614-416-1910

Divine Mercy Chaplet at St. Pius X 6:30 p.m., St. Pius X Church, 1051 S. Waggoner Road, Reynoldsburg. Recital of Chaplet of Divine Mercy. 614-866-2859

9, THURSDAY

Cenacle at Holy Name 6 p.m., Holy Name Church, 154 E. Patterson Ave., Columbus. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, with prayers in the Cenacle format of the Marian Movement of Priests.

Eucharistic Holy Hour at St. John the Baptist 7 p.m., St. John the Baptist Church, 720 Hamlet St., Columbus. Eucharistic Holy Hour with the intention of deepened holiness and an increase

in the virtue of fortitude for the Holy Father, bishops, and priests, concluding with Benediction, social period and refreshments. 614-294-7702

Theology on Tap Meeting 7 p.m., St. Therese's Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus. Theology on Tap discussion and social group for young Catholics. Wyandotte Winery will sell and serve wine; snacks and drinks provided; \$5 door charge. RSVP to cbustheologyontap@gmail.com or Columbus Theology on Tap Facebook page.

### 9-12, THURSDAY-SUNDAY

Hartley Presents 'James and the Giant Peach' 7 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, Columbus Performing Arts Center, 549 Franklin Ave., Columbus. Bishop Hartley High School presents the musical *James and the Giant Peach*. Tickets \$12 adults, \$10 seniors and students. 614-237-5421

### 11, SATURDAY

Life and Mercy Mass in Plain City 9 a.m. Mass, St. Joseph Church, 140 West Ave., Plain City. Saturday Life and Mercy Mass, followed by rosary and confession.

Citywide Adoration and Prayer Meeting 9 a.m., Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refugee Road, Columbus. Citywide adoration and prayer meeting sponsored by Columbus Catholic Renewal. Begins with Mass celebrated by Father Dean Mathewson, followed by potluck breakfast, testimony by Bryan O'Donnell of Encounter Ministries, and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Healing and prayer teams and the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. Worship music by the Living Stones. Child care available on request. 614-980-3021

Microloan Program Financial Mentor Training 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 3730 Broadway, Grove City. Training for anyone interested in becoming a financial mentor for the diocesan St. Vincent de Paul society's microloan program. Lunch, materials provided. Registration deadline May 7. 614-507-5345

Ohio Dominican University Commencement 11 a.m., Alumni Hall, Ohio Dominican University, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. University's 111th commencement ceremony, with Sister Margaret Ormond, OP, former prioress of the Dominican Sisters of Peace, as keynote speaker. Preceded by baccalaureate Mass at 9 a.m. at Christ the King Chapel in Sansbury Hall. 614-251-4453

'Princess for a Day' Tea Party, Fashion Show 10 a.m. to noon or 2 to 4 p.m., Good News Church, 478 W. Olentangy St., Powell. "Princess for a Day" party for adult women and the "princesses" (girls age 4 to 11) in their lives. Sponsored by Mommies Matter support organization for single mothers. Admission \$25 for women and a "princess" and \$20 for each additional "princess." Tickets on sale at www.mommiesmatter.org.

12, SUNDAY

Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic Meeting 1:30 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Meeting of St. Catherine of Siena chapter, Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic.

Altar Server Awards at Cathedral 3 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Bishop Robert Brennan presents annual Serra Club awards to diocesan altar servers.

Prayer Group Meeting at Christ the King 5 to 7 p.m., Christ the King Church, 2777 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus (enter at daily Mass entrance). Weekly parish prayer group meets for praise, worship, ministry, and teaching. 614-886-8266

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Zimmer can't help but wonder whether wrestling might have played a part in the ALS. His injuries included concussions and a shattered collarbone that caused nerve damage. Dieting to make weight and water restrictions also impact the body of a wrestler.

ALS affects everyone afflicted with it in varying degrees. The progression can be quick for some, and faster for others.

"I don't know why I have ALS," Zimmer said. "As we went through all of the tests, everything I have is very healthy. Everything is really good except my nervous system."

But whatever happens, Zimmer is bolstered by faith to accept the cross. A longtime member of Columbus St. John the Baptist Church in Italian Village, Zimmer is no longer able to attend Mass but has Holy Communion brought to him at home.

"I talk with God all the time," he said. "I'll repeat, 'My God is with me, and I'm with my God.' I'll repeat that a thousand times while I'm lying there in bed. I try to talk with Him. If he's with me, then I'm with Him."

"We want to stay in our bodies. We love each other selfishly. I don't want to leave anybody, but I'm going to a

better place. If you're a person and you don't have love, do you really think that you're going to go anywhere?"

No human person can determine God's plan, but no one is above asking for the Lord's direction. Not even a gutty wrestler who lost only one match in four years of high school.

"When I don't know something, and when I don't know what to do, I'll go to sleep, and when I wake up I'll have an answer. I've always said that's just God letting me know," Zimmer said. "I've always felt like that."

"That's where it's like, 'Why have you put me on this path?' I mean, this is a hard road. I said I'll do whatever you intend for me to do with this. I'm here for a reason, and so be it. ... Selfishly, you don't want to leave the people you love even though you're going to a better place someday. It's like a baby that's going to be born. They're completely content where they're at in the womb. They wouldn't necessarily want to leave, but they have to leave to experience the rest of their life."

"We're kind of in that same situation, where I don't necessarily want to leave, but I'm actually lucky in a way."



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## AUGUST

### AUGUST 2-3 • St. Stephen the Martyr

4131 Clime Rd., Columbus  
Friday 6 p.m.-midnight, Saturday 5 p.m.-midnight

### AUGUST 2-3 • St. Pius X

1051 S. Waggoner Rd., Reynoldsburg  
Friday 6-11 p.m., Saturday 5-11 p.m. (Monte Carlo until 1 a.m. both nights)

### AUGUST 3 • St. Joseph

5757 State Route 383 N.E., Somerset  
4 p.m.-midnight; Mass at 4 p.m.

### AUGUST 8-10 • Holy Spirit

4383 E. Broad St., Columbus Thursday 6-11 p.m.,  
Friday and Saturday 6 p.m.- Midnight

### AUGUST 9-10 • Our Lady of Victory

1559 Roxbury Road, Columbus  
6-11 p.m.

### AUGUST 9-10 • St. Mary

361 E. Whittier & Bruck Sts., Columbus  
Friday and Saturday 5-11 p.m.

### AUGUST 9-10 • St. Cecilia

434 Norton Road, Columbus  
Friday 5 p.m.-midnight, Saturday 4 p.m.-midnight

### AUGUST 9-10 • St. Brendan

4475 Dublin Road, Hilliard  
Friday 6 p.m.-midnight (Family Fun hours 3-6 p.m.);  
Saturday 6 p.m. -midnight

### TBD • St. Dominic

453 N. 20th St., Columbus  
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

### AUGUST 11 • Immaculate Conception

215 E. North St., Kenton  
10:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m.

### AUGUST 9-10 • St. Elizabeth

6077 Sharon Woods Blvd., Columbus  
Friday 6-10 p.m. (Car show 5-7 p.m.), Saturday  
5-10 p.m.

### AUGUST 16-17 • Our Lady of Perpetual Help

3730 Broadway, Grove City  
6 p.m.-midnight

### AUGUST 16-17 • St. Andrew

1899 McCoy Rd., Columbus  
5 p.m.-midnight

### AUGUST 16-18 • Seton Parish

600 Hill Road N., Pickerington  
Friday 5-11 p.m., Saturday 2-11 p.m., Sunday  
Noon-5 p.m.

### AUGUST 17 • St. Francis de Sales

38 Granville St., Newark  
Noon-11:30 p.m., Youth Color Run 9 a.m.

### AUGUST 22-24 • St. Joan of Arc

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**SEPTEMBER 8 • St. Mark**

Parish's 60th anniversary outdoor Mass & Family Picnic  
324 Gay St., Lancaster  
10:30 a.m.

**SEPTEMBER 13-15 • St. Mary**

Parish's 150th anniversary  
524 Sixth St., Portsmouth  
Friday 5:30-10 p.m., Saturday All Day, Sunday  
12-4 p.m.

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555 S. Main St., Johnstown  
BBQ 4-7 p.m., Square Dance 7-10 p.m.

**OCTOBER**

**OCTOBER 11-13 • St. John the Baptist**

Hamlet and Lincoln streets, Columbus Friday 5-11 p.m.,  
Saturday noon-11 p.m., Sunday noon-7 p.m.



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