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JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN!

The Editor's Notebook*Easter Sunrise*

By David Garick, Editor



The dawn breaks. In the east, the black sky fades to gray and purple, a glow of pink and yellow warms the horizon, light shines forth over the earth, and a new day is here. It happens every day. But on Easter morning, it takes on special beauty. On this day, it is more than the start of another day. It is the fulfillment of the promise that, whatever happens in our lives, we have hope and salvation through Christ.

It all starts with light. The book of Genesis tell us, "In the beginning, when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was without form or shape, with darkness over the abyss and a mighty wind sweeping over the waters. Then God said: 'Let there be light,' and there was light. God saw that the light was good." Man was placed on earth to live in the light of God's creation. But sin was also in the world, and man succumbed to it. And with sin came darkness -- not the natural darkness of night, but the cruel, cold darkness of separation from God and spiritual death.

But in spite of our sinful natures, God always loved mankind and every one of us. He did the only thing he could to bring us back to his perfect love. St. John explains, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be. What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race; the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. ... And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth."

The Son of God chose to come among us

as one of us. Fully God, yet also fully human, he experienced the full range of humanity. He grew hungry and ate with us. He grew weary and rested among us. He felt joy, friendship, adulation, and love. He dealt with sorrow, loss, rejection, deceit, and pain. He shared in our humanity so that he could share with us his divinity. We did nothing to deserve any of this. Out of nothing but pure love, he showed us the way. In Matthew's Gospel, we hear His words: "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for your selves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

But the darkness of sin still pervaded the earth. Christ had to go to that ultimate step of facing and overcoming the final darkness of death to make a way for all of us to join him in everlasting love and glory. The day after his crucifixion was indeed a dark day, the ultimate darkness, as the very light of God was extinguished from the earth. What pain and desolation his disciples must have felt in that darkness.

But the next morning, the first Easter morning, that darkest of all nights was split by the most glorious of all dawns. Light overcame darkness, life overcame death, Christ was victorious over a sinful world, and the door to paradise was opened for all eternity to those who love and follow Him.

Every Easter morning, we rejoice anew to the arrival of the light of eternal joy that is promised to each of us in His presence in heaven. He is risen! Alleluia!

Ohio Bishops issue statement on immigration



The following statement was approved by the Catholic bishops of Ohio on Tuesday, April 4, at a meeting of the board of directors of the Catholic Conference of Ohio. It was sent as a letter to President Trump, Senators Rob Portman and Sherrod Brown, and all Ohio members of the U.S. House:

Welcoming refugees and immigrants is a significant aspect of our American heritage and a fundamental character of Ohio faith communities, including the Catholic Church. Ohio is blessed to have many refugees and immigrants in our parishes, schools and ministries. The Catholic Church in our state operates numerous programs that directly sponsor and support these newcomers.

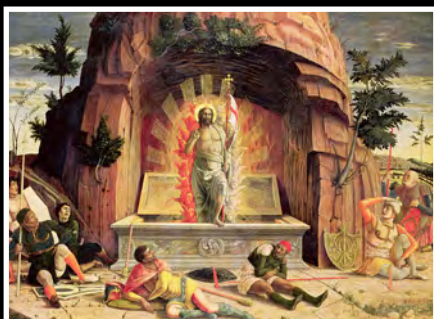
As we listen to our pastors, principals, program directors, and more importantly, to the refugees and immigrants served by our Church's ministries, we know of many good people who are deeply concerned for their personal safety and fearful about separation from their families. These are ongoing concerns, but recent changes in federal policy have heightened such fears.

At both the state and national levels, our Church has long

spoken out in favor of policies that ensure safety and compassionate treatment for immigrant and refugee persons and families in need. We continue to call upon Congress to address our broken immigration system through a comprehensive reform that improves security and creates more legal and transparent paths to immigration. As for enforcement, we do not advocate for the breaking of laws. Yet, we do urge for a more humane enforcement of these laws in a way that distinguishes between actual criminals and otherwise law-abiding, undocumented immigrant family members. We believe immigration officials should prioritize removal to those who are real threats to public safety. Likewise, most local law enforcement agencies we encounter are highly concerned about increasing trust between police and immigrant communities. Their work for public safety relies on trust between immigrants and local police and sheriff departments. We oppose efforts to pressure our state and local law enforcement to proactively enforce immigration regulations, unless public safety is truly at risk.

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Correction - A story in the April 2 Catholic Times listed an incorrect day of the week for a program to be sponsored by the Sisters of St. Francis of Penance and Christian Charity at Confluence Park in Columbus. The correct date is Saturday, June 3.



Front Page photo:

The risen Christ is depicted in the painting "Resurrection" by 15th-century Italian master Andrea Mantegna. Easter this year is Sunday, April 16.

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My dear brothers and sisters in the Risen Lord Jesus,

The Church has been celebrating the Feast of Easter for two thousand years, and even if, in the providence of God, we celebrate it for another two thousand years, each time we shall rejoice over the day of resurrection, new and fresh.

This greatest day in the Christian calendar is always a gift of new life and fresh beginnings. It is a celebration of victory over the power of sin and death, hatred and violence. It is the triumph of divine love. In the resurrection, we see that through His Cross Christ has revealed for us the heart of God, full of compassion and life everlasting.

Jesus Christ is risen and alive to every generation of believers. He continuously offers us an authentic encounter with God's saving truth, supreme goodness, and compelling beauty, suffusing all of nature.

The risen Lord fulfilled His promise to be with us for all the ages in His gift of the Holy Eucharist. Here we can hear His Word and experience His real presence. In His Body and Blood, the risen Lord offers us sustenance for the journey to the everlasting Kingdom. Here the power of the Lord's dying and rising continues to awaken human hearts and minds to the God who is a God of life and love.

It is my prayer that the risen Lord lift up your minds and hearts this Easter and bring to everlasting life.

Bishop Frederick F. Campbell
Bishop of Columbus



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Ohio does not benefit from separating good families and traumatizing children in our schools who each day live in fear of finding that their mothers or fathers are no longer at home to greet them. In these instances, justice should be sought, but the punishment should be commensurate with serving the good of the family unit, which is the fundamental cell of all society. In January 2017, the chairman of our United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Committee on Migration, Bishop Joe S. Vasquez, echoed our concerns over policy shifts created by recent presidential executive orders that increase the detention and family separation of many immigrants. He wrote:

“The announced increase in immigrant detention space and immigration enforcement activities is alarming. It will tear families apart and spark fear and panic in communities. While we respect the right of our federal government to control our borders and ensure security for all Americans, we do not believe that a large-scale escalation of immigrant detention and intensive

increased use of enforcement in immigrant communities is the way to achieve those goals. Instead, we remain firm in our commitment to comprehensive, compassionate, and common-sense reform.”

In Ohio, our Church's refugee resettlement network includes diocesan offices in Cleveland, Cincinnati, and Dayton. In 2016, we resettled over 1,000 refugees. Catholic parishes and diocesan offices also work in collaboration with other refugee resettlement programs in Ohio. These programs have safely and compassionately resettled refugees from all over the world, including a small number from Syria. Measuring by the immense outpouring of support from parishioners and others in our communities towards these refugees, we believe most Ohioans who know migrants and refugees welcome newcomers with open arms and wish to see Americans offer acts of mercy. The refugee program is one of the most vetted processes for entry into the United States. We do not oppose efforts to improve on the system,

should there be a need. However, the temporary shutdown of all refugee admissions, and the more than 60 percent reduction in the number of refugees who can be resettled, create a chilling effect on our ability to maintain programs and ongoing assistance. Refugees who have languished in camps for years will continue to find no relief, and a sudden temporary halt for our own agencies will likely result in significant downsizing of resources and staff.

We encourage your support for the following:

1. A comprehensive reform of our immigration laws, not just enforcement-only measures, but a reform that provides more paths for legal entry and a rational and clear cut separation of duties among federal and local law enforcement officials which does not compromise the community character of local law enforcement;

2. The BRIDGE Act: S.128/H.R. 496. (This Act will protect the dignity of DACA-eligible

youth by ensuring that these individuals, who were brought to the United States as children and are contributing so much to our nation, can continue to live their lives free of the anxiety that they could be deported at any time);

3. Efforts to persuade the administration to reestablish enforcement priorities, so that they focus more on true criminals and threats to public safety;

4. Maintaining the U.S. Refugee Resettlement Program with adequate funding while further improving the vetting process.

As Pope Francis said, “To migrate is the expression of that inherent desire for the happiness proper to every human being, a happiness that is to be sought and pursued. For us Christians, all human life is an itinerant journey towards our heavenly homeland” (February 2017 Address to Participants in the International Forum on Migration and Peace).

Thank you for this consideration.
The Catholic Bishops of Ohio

Ohio Dominican University Receives Gift from Dominican Sisters of Peace

Gift from founding congregation is largest in university's 106-year history

Ohio Dominican University has received the largest gift in the school's history: a \$1.5 million gift from its founding congregation, the Dominican Sisters of Peace. The gift will be used to renovate ODU's east campus building at 2600 Airport Drive so it can house the university's proposed doctor of physical therapy program. In recognition of the gift, the building will be named Peace Hall.

The program is seeking accreditation from the Higher Learning Council and will be applying for accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education.

The \$1.5 million gift includes a \$500,000 matching gift to challenge other donors to support ODU's first doctoral program.

Dr. Peter Cimboic, ODU president, and Sister Patricia Twohill, OP, prioress of the Dominican Sisters of Peace, announced the gift on Thursday, April 6.

"By virtue of making this momentum gift, we are demonstrating our confidence in the future of Ohio Dominican University and its commitment to be an



innovative leader in higher education," Sister Patricia said.

"In referring to it as a momentum gift, our goal is to inspire other donors to join us and make a commitment to ODU. There is a significant need in the Columbus area for well prepared and qualified physical therapists. ODU's proposed doctorate in physical therapy program will be a major step forward in

addressing that need."

Cimboic said the congregation's gift will help ODU in its efforts to address a pressing need in the health care field in Ohio.

"We are extremely grateful for the generosity of the Dominican Sisters of Peace and their leadership throughout Ohio Dominican's history. Their gift to the university will undoubtedly be felt

across the region for decades to come in the form of quality and accessible healthcare," Cimboic said.

"There is a tremendous need in our community for physical therapists, and that need will grow rapidly as the baby boomer generation continues to get older. We're confident that we will develop a top educational program that will help to fill that void in the Columbus region and across the country."

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the physical therapy profession is expected to experience a 34 percent increase in employment (71,800 openings) between 2014 and 2024. The average growth rate for all occupations is seven percent. The annual median pay for physical therapists in 2015 was approximately \$84,000.

ODU's east campus building was built in 1995 and includes 32,000 square feet of available rehabilitation training spaces, as well as office space.

Once renovated, it will offer students ample classroom, laboratory, and research facilities. The building is easily accessible from ODU's main campus by a bridge constructed as part of the Alum Creek Trail.

St. Andrew partners with OSU STEM

The Ohio State University STEM program returned to Columbus St. Andrew School to complete an "animal cam" with seventh-grade students. An animal cam demonstrates the workings of a cam, which is a rotating or sliding piece used in car engines and other mechanical devices to transform rotary motion into linear motion, and vice versa. The students made the cam by using mechanical engineering techniques they learned. Kaitlyn Kertz is shown working on her project. This is the second time this year the STEM program has visited the school to help with science and engineering projects. The first visit included students at all grade levels. Photo courtesy St. Andrew School



Fisher Catholic High School Partners with The Catholic Foundation

This year, Lancaster Fisher Catholic High School will celebrate 46 years of educating students in the Catholic tradition. Each year, the school asks for contributions to its "Grounded in Faith, Growing to Serve" fund to help sustain the Fisher Catholic mission of "exceptional preparation for life." Additionally, the school looks to planned gifts as a way to ensure longevity.

By definition, a planned gift comes from a donor's financial or estate planning. Gifts could come from appreciated securities such as stock, real estate, a retirement plan, or even cash, and generally are made from outside a donor's discretionary income. Some donors are in a position to make the gift during their lifetime, but many make it as a bequest by beneficiary designations or in their will. Planned gifts can offer many benefits to the donor, including tax savings and the potential for an income stream.

Donors often direct a planned gift to an

endowment fund, which allows the one-time gift to grow and provides a permanent source of funds for the intended beneficiary. Fisher Catholic and the other Catholic high schools in the Diocese of Columbus are blessed to receive financial support from several endowment funds created by generous donors.

The Catholic Foundation will act as a resource to Fisher Catholic, offering expertise in the areas of endowments, planned giving, bequests, and estate asset planning. This will allow the school's development team to continue focusing on capital campaigns and annual giving and will enable alumni and other donors to consider future gifts and long-term support for the school.

The partnership will provide assistance by The Catholic Foundation to all graduates of Catholic high schools from the Lancaster area, including alumni of Lancaster St. Mary and Bishop Fenwick high schools and Fisher Catholic.

BOYS SUMMER BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Columbus Bishop Ready High School is sponsoring its fourth annual Silver Knights Summer Basketball League for boys who will be entering grades five to eight in the fall.

The league will have two divisions. Boys entering grades seven and eight will play in the NBA Division on Thursday nights from June 1 to July 13. The College Division, for boys entering grades five and six, will play on Tuesday nights from May 30 to July 11. Games will be played from 5:30 to 9 p.m. in the school's gym at 707 Salisbury Road.

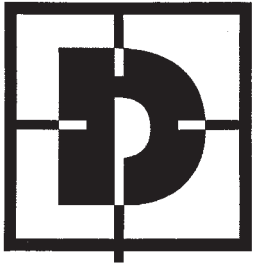
Ready staff and alumni will teach of-

fensive and defensive schemes, and participants will be given the opportunity to develop individual and team skills. The Silver Knights teams will compete against other teams from throughout the greater Columbus area in officiated games.

The cost is \$90 per player, or \$80 for Castle Crew members. More information, including a registration form, is available at the school's website, www.brhs.org, on the basketball team page under "Athletics," or by contacting Ready basketball coach Dan DeCrane at ddecrane@cducation.org or (614) 276-5263, extension 231.

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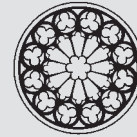


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By Loren Brown



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"Freedom consists not in doing what we like, but in having the right to do what we ought. Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and 'Hallelujah' is our song. The future starts today, not tomorrow." - Pope John Paul II, Croatia, 1994.

Pope St. John Paul II called for love, justice, and truth in a world of increasing violence, immorality, and injustice. However, knowing that this doesn't come without struggle or risk, his message was also one of hope for those who follow Jesus Christ. He assured us of God's love for us and His hope for our fulfillment and happiness. In our journey, as we strive for holiness amid the many difficulties and distractions of the world, we continue to remember His words and the promise of hope. This message is as relevant in today's world, if not more, as it was more than two decades ago.

We are the "Easter people" who believe that the power of faith transforms even death. The cross transformed all the suffering and pain, while the Resurrection secured the promise of eternal life. This is the Easter faith that we are called to live every day. On Good Friday, we remember and commemorate Jesus' crucifixion. On that day and on that cross, He gave us everything. He died for me and He died for you. Once we have known such a love, there is no turning back and there is no walking away.

Serving as the "Easter people" requires bold action and a servant's heart, just as Christ lived His life here on Earth. Pope John Paul II challenged us to act on our faith in the present tense, rather than as a future goal. But how will you bear witness to your faith and help spread the word of God? Most people want to do something, but don't know where to start. The Catholic Foundation encourages Catholic philanthropy and the stewardship of assets so that we can give back to God all that He has given us.

We provide funding centered around the four pillars of education, parish life, social services, and vocations. The Catholic Foundation helps Catholic causes and Catholic needs and helps build a legacy for future generations. No gift and no cause is too small. We partner with organizations and individuals who strengthen and improve the Catholic community. To learn more about starting a new fund or the types of funds we offer, as well as the areas of need where you can help most, call us at (614) 443-8893. Remember Pope John Paul II's words: "The future starts today ... not tomorrow."

The Catholic Foundation's mission is to inspire giving and assist donors to provide for the long-term needs of the 23-county Diocese of Columbus. The Foundation fulfills its mission by seeking donors to establish endowment funds designed to support current and future needs and by distributing earnings according to diocesan priorities and donor intent. It is one of the nation's oldest and largest Catholic foundations, distributing more than \$100 million in the diocese since 1985.

For additional information about The Catholic Foundation, visit www.catholic-foundation.org.

Brown is the president and CEO of The Catholic Foundation.

Prayer against tornadoes? Are the rich evil?



QUESTION & ANSWER

by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE
Catholic News Service

Q. Would you please print a prayer of protection against tornadoes? Tornado warnings get my full attention. Recently, six tornadoes touched down here in middle Tennessee on the same day.

The television news had warned that the last of the six was headed to the next road over from ours. That is too close for me. The next time, we might not be so lucky. (McMinnville, Tennessee)

A. I am not aware of any specific prayer against tornadoes, but I do know that St. Medard traditionally is regarded as the patron saint against bad weather. He was a bishop in France during the first half of the sixth century.

Legend has it that when he was a child, he once was sheltered from a violent rainstorm by an eagle that hovered over his head. That is how he commonly is depicted in art, and Christians have long invoked his aid in stormy weather.

The prayer that is said admits of different versions, but generally goes something like this:

“Lord Jesus, though the intercession of St. Medard, be with me during the storms of my life and the storms of nature. Protect the victims of hurricanes, tornadoes, earthquakes, and other natural disasters. Send in helpers and multiply the supplies that are needed for their aid. You calmed the storm on the Sea of Galilee; deliver us now from the storms that rage around us. Amen.”

Q. Recently, my seventh-grader came home from his CCD class and said that his teacher had taught that all rich people are “evil, going to hell and don’t work” and that all poor people are “good, going to heaven and work hard.”

In the teacher’s defense, English is her second language, so it’s possible that something was lost in translation, but that was still the lesson my son came away with.

Then, three days later, we received a request from the diocese asking us not only to match our donation from last year, but even to increase it a bit. There occurred to me the irony of what my son was being taught against what the church was asking from us, and it made me very angry.

So, are the rich really doomed to hell? And should I say something to the CCD supervisor? (This whole affair, in fact, has made me question whether to stay with the Catholic Church.) (Roanoke, Virginia)

A. First, to answer your theological question. No, riches don’t necessarily doom people to hell. It depends what they do with those riches, how they share them.

Joseph of Arimathea, described in Matthew’s Gospel as a rich man and a disciple of Jesus (he could afford a rock-hewn tomb for Christ’s burial), is venerated by the church as a saint.

Pope Francis, writing in 2014 to the world’s economic elite assembled in Swit-

zerland, said, “It is intolerable that thousands of people continue to die every day from hunger, even though substantial quantities of food are available, and often simply wasted.” The responsibility to share hangs heavily on individuals, as well as on nations.

In a homily at his morning Mass in May 2016, the pope commented on the biblical warning that “you cannot serve both God and mammon.” He explained that the problem comes when one begins to idolize money. Riches, said the pope, can become “chains” that take away “the freedom to follow Jesus.”

Riches, then, are a blessing that must be managed: They come with a moral duty to help the needy. And the church in its fundraising relies on the generosity – the sacrifice, even – of its members to help the vulnerable, whom society tends to forget.

As for your own next move, you surely should speak with the religious education director or to your pastor. If that is actually what the teacher said, she is wrong and needs to be corrected. If – and this is more likely – she simply was misunderstood, she needs to correct that, too.

And as for your staying with the Catholic Church, I trust that your allegiance does not depend on the words of one CCD teacher. It really has more to do – doesn’t it? – with the teachings of Jesus, the availability of the sacraments, and the long history of the church as the protector of the poor.

Questions may be sent to Father Kenneth Doyle at ask-fatherdoyle@gmail.com and 30 Columbia Circle Drive, Albany NY 12203.

TEACHERS CONTEST

Two teachers in diocesan schools are among 15 finalists in the 2017 *Columbus Parent/ThisWeek Community News* teachers of the year contest.

They are Jennifer Bucher, second-grade teacher at Columbus St. Andrew School, and Christine Bogue, middle-school intervention specialist at Gahanna St. Matthew School.

Balloting for the contest is taking place on the websites for *Columbus Parent* and the *ThisWeek* newspapers. Three honorees – one each at the elementary, middle, and high school levels – will be chosen. They will be recognized with award ceremonies at their schools before the end of the academic year and stories in *Columbus Parent* and *ThisWeek*.

To read profiles of the finalists and vote for them, go to www.columbusparent.com/teachers or www.thisweeknews.com/teachers. The voting deadline is Monday, May 1.

SPIRITUAL WARFARE TALK

Locally based author, speaker, and broadcaster Elizabeth Ficocelli will speak on “Spiritual Warfare in the Age of Mary” from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 13, the 100th anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima’s first apparition, at Sts. Peter and Paul Retreat Center, 2734 Seminary Road S.E., Newark.

The talk will recount key visits of Our Lady during the past two centuries and how she is preparing us to fight the evil surrounding us today.

The cost of \$20 includes a continental breakfast. To register, email to info@stspeterandpaulretreatcenter.org, go to www.stspeterandpaulretreatcenter.com, or call (740) 928-4246.

LATE EASTER MASSES

If work, travel, or other circumstances make it necessary for you or someone you know to look for an Easter Sunday Mass celebrated later in the day, two churches in the downtown Columbus area make provisions for that.

St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., will celebrate a late Easter Sunday Mass at 5:15 p.m. Visit the cathedral website at www.saintjosephcathedral.org.

There will be an 8 p.m. Easter Sunday Mass at Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St. The Holy Family website is www.holyfamilycolumbus.org.

Both the Cathedral and Holy Family regularly offer these Masses at these later times each Sunday.

EVENTS AT MARTIN DE PORRES CENTER

The Martin de Porres Center, a ministry of the Dominican Sisters of Peace, will host two events on the first weekend of May.

A pressed flower art workshop will take place at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 6. Participants will be able to create a natural greeting card, using pressed flowers ideal for gift-giving. The \$30 registration fee includes all supplies and refreshments.

The multicultural choir of Columbus St. Anthony Church will present a concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 7. The music will highlight the theme of celebrating the wonder of spring.

For more information, call (614) 416-1910 or go to www.martindeporrescenter.net. The center is at 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus.

In the marriage case styled HARPER - RAMSEY, 2016/0256, the Tribunal of the Diocese of Columbus, Ohio, is currently unaware of the present address of MR. TONY EDWARD RAMSEY JR. The Tribunal herewith informs him of the case and invites him to contact REVEREND MONSIGNOR JOHN CODY JCL, Presiding and sole Judge, no later than 30 APRIL 2017. Phone: 614-241-2500 Extension 3. Anyone who knows of the whereabouts of MR. TONY EDWARD RAMSEY JR is herewith asked to make this Citation known to him or to inform the Tribunal of his current address. Given this 7th day of APRIL 2017. REVEREND MONSIGNOR JOHN CODY JCL, Presiding Judge.

In the marriage case styled RENNER - HELWIG, 2016/0307, the Tribunal of the Diocese of Columbus, Ohio, is currently unaware of the present address of MR. CHRISTOPHER JOHN HELWIG. The Tribunal herewith informs him of the case and invites him to contact REVEREND MONSIGNOR JOHN CODY JCL, Presiding and sole Judge, no later than 1 MAY 2017. Phone: 614-241-2500 Extension 3. Anyone who knows of the whereabouts of MR. CHRISTOPHER JOHN HELWIG is herewith asked to make this Citation known to him or to inform the Tribunal of his current address. Given this 5th day of APRIL 2017. REVEREND MONSIGNOR JOHN CODY JCL, Presiding Judge.

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Healing the loss of a loved one

By Sister Constance Veit, LSP

I lost my mother unexpectedly last November, after having lost my father after a long illness eight years earlier. My siblings and I suddenly found ourselves “orphans” as we marked our first Thanksgiving and Christmas without either of our parents. Now we are anticipating our first Mother’s Day without Mom.

We’ve spent the past few months dismantling and selling my parents’ home of 50 years. It’s the only house we knew while growing up, and it has continued to be our emotional hub as our adult lives have taken us across the nation. As we bring closure to this phase of our grieving just in time for Mother’s Day, I feel drawn to share a few reflections on how my faith has supported me during this time of mourning.

The loss of a loved one can engender intense and contradictory feelings. This is especially true with our parents, since our bond with them is so profound. We may experience an overwhelming sense of loss at the passing of our parents, especially if they were involved in our daily lives, or we in theirs. In all likelihood, we also mourn a combination of unexpressed sentiments, unresolved issues, unfulfilled hopes and plans, and family milestones that never will be celebrated together. In the case of my mother, I also have been deeply grieved by the suffering she experienced in her final days.

So what do we do with all these intense emotions? I have found that the Church’s 50-day celebration of Easter has offered me unexpected graces and consolations as my siblings and I mourn the loss of our mother.

Two Easter symbols have helped me to believe that in Christ crucified and risen, all our grief and pain – all our woundedness – can be healed. The first is the paschal candle and the second is the Divine Mercy image. Despite participating in the Easter Vigil every year, I never really paid attention to the five grains of incense with which the paschal candle is inscribed before being lit. These symbolize the wounds of Christ. As he presses the grains into the candle, the priest says, “By his holy and glorious wounds, may Christ the Lord guard and protect us.”

In her book on the healing of memories, *Remembering God’s Mercy*, author Dawn Eden observes “that it is only after these wounds are called to memory that the light of the risen Christ, symbolized by the ignited candle, shines forth and spreads its glow. ... The light of faith – the *lumen fidei* that



shines upon us and gives us our identity as Christians – is the light of Christ precisely as wounded.”

I found Eden’s words especially helpful in accepting my mother’s death. “When I unite my own wounded heart with the wounded and glorified heart of Jesus,” she writes, “his wounds heal mine.”

In the Divine Mercy image revealed to St. Faustina, Jesus, though risen, reveals the wounds of his crucifixion and his pierced heart. In her diary, St. Faustina relates many occasions when Christ invites her to take refuge in his sacred wounds, as in a safe hiding place. Christ also refers to his wounds as a fountain of life and mercy, and Faustina sees in them a sign of God’s great love. The image of the risen Christ still bearing the wounds of his passion is thus not morbid. It is consoling for me to realize that in his unfathomable mercy, Christ embraces both my mother and myself, with all our human imperfections, hiding us in his merciful wounds.

The Divine Mercy image and the paschal candle remind me that it is in the liturgy, especially at Mass, that we are bathed in the waters of new life, fed with his living bread, and healed of our wounds. It is also in the Eucharist that we are united with the communion of believers, including those who have passed on ahead of us. It is there that I can still experience communion with my parents – though in a manner quite different from our regular visits and phone calls. As our Catholic faith teaches in the *Catechism*, the union of those who sleep in the Lord with those who are left behind “is in no way interrupted ... (but) reinforced by an exchange of spiritual goods.”

The *Catechism* informs us that those who have gone before us to their heavenly reward do not cease to intercede for us. “Being more closely united to Christ, those who dwell in heaven fix the whole Church more firmly in holiness,” it says. By their concern, “our weakness is greatly helped.” In faith, I know that my bond with my parents is not broken by their passage from this life.

I’m sure that my mother, who never gave up trying to direct her children – even after they had reached adulthood – rejoiced to find out that she could continue doing so from heaven. We, her children, are consoled to know that she now has the perfect vantage point! We are not really orphans after all. Happy Mother’s Day, Mom!

Sister Constance Veit is communications director for the Little Sisters of the Poor.

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Bookmarks for Mary's Meals a Huge Success



Third-grade students and teachers at Gahanna St. Matthew School raised more than \$550 in March for the Mary's Meals program. That's enough to give 29 children one meal in a place of education for a full year. Mary's Meals is a worldwide organization which provides the most effective help to people suffering the effects of extreme poverty in the world's poorest communities. After parents of some of the students heard from Mary's Meals founder Magnus MacFarlane at the Columbus Catholic Women's Conference in February, they decided to help the project by having the students make and sell bookmarks. On learning of this, MacFarlane sent the students a signed copy of his book and a video of some of the children who have benefited from Mary's Meals. After watching the video, the students made a pledge to raise at least \$19.50 each. That amount provides one meal a year for a child in a place of education served by Mary's Meals. "My fellow third-grade teacher Molly Riesbeck and I witnessed the joy on the faces and the tenderness in the hearts of our third-graders by their creating and carrying out this service project," said St. Matthew teacher Carol Spellacy. "The children learned a great deal about themselves and how it little it takes to help others."

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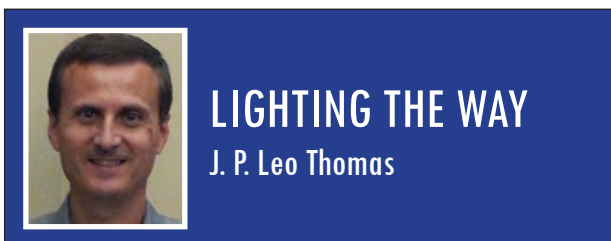
A Ghost of a Chance

I wonder what our parents were thinking about when they first heard the words “Holy Ghost.” Did they think they would be visited by evil spirits or by something they could neither comprehend nor understand? When you are a child, you think about things in a softer tone. You perceive the world to be innocent and full of affectionate mercy. You set aside preconceived notions of bigotry and hate and instead concentrate on the goodness of those around you and on the circumstances that make them special.

We all wish we could think of the Holy Ghost as a friend who guides us and our children through much of what life tends to throw at us. It is in our very nature to distrust the unknown. We were brought up to look away from strangers and to turn away those who are not like ourselves. Jesus did not teach this to us or for us to emulate. He promised that if we could just love one another, the world would unfold with a most remarkable simplicity.

It is very much a diagnosis of what we as Christians have made of society and of the counterculture that seems to permeate our daily lives. The possibility of being moved by the divine spirit, or, even more, having it influence our actions, is so scary to some of us that we shun it and tend to push it away for what seems to be a more esoteric and rather idyllic, noble cause.

God sent his only son, in the form of a spirit, to all of us, not to be alienated upon delivery but to be celebrated, taken in, and venerated with unlimited grace. Just think of all the good things that could



happen to a society raised with and on the premise of a divine guidance.

For our world to be changed, it must begin with this single act or promise: to love someone without regard to belief or stature and to love the Spirit with unquestionable, unwavering humility. St. Therese of Lisieux once said, “Joy isn’t found in the material

objects surrounding us, but in the inner recesses of the soul. One can possess joy in a prison cell, as well as in a palace.” This is so true, for it isn’t really the size of the gift that counts. but the spirit to which it was and always will be intended.

I ask you to remember this when you pray and lift up your heart and yourself to others and to Christ. Don’t fall into the trap that you are irredeemable, for everyone has a Ghost of a chance. May God bless you and keep you this Easter season, and may His peace be with you always.

Joseph Thomas, a member of Gahanna St. Matthew Church, is a freelance writer and is active in many diocesan and church activities.

A Special Mother’s Day Gift

Mother’s Day again will be the focus of the annual layette fund drive sponsored by the Christ Child Society of Columbus.

Society members assemble a gift package of baby care items to be distributed to needy mothers and their babies throughout central Ohio. Each layette contains a sleep sac, receiving blanket and/or hand-made quilt, sleepers, onesies, diapers, wipes, bib, book, towel, socks, and educational material on infant care for new mothers. A total of 1,784 layettes were distributed during 2016.

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Easter Sunday is the greatest feast on the Church's calendar because it commemorates the day Jesus rose from the dead, defeating the power of sin and affirming his divine nature.

But unlike most of the Church's other great feasts, its date varies from year to year. It can be on any of 35 days from March 22 to April 25. This year, it's on April 16; last year, it was on March 27; next year, it's April 1.

Each of those dates is the first Sunday after the first full moon after the spring equinox. That date was set for Easter in 325 by the Council of Nicaea, the first ecumenical council. It decided on that date because the events of what we know as Holy Week occurred at the time of the Jewish Passover, which was celebrated on the night of the first full moon following the spring equinox.

A fixed date had to be set at Nicaea for Easter because the two major Church groupings which had developed by the time of the council used different calendars and celebrated Easter on different days.

The Eastern Church, based mainly in Antioch and Syria, followed the traditional lunar calendar of 12 lunar cycles of 29.53 days, or 354.36 days a year. The Western Church, headquartered in Rome and Alexandria, used the calendar which the Roman Empire adopted in 45 BC and is called the Julian calendar, for Julius Caesar. That's the calendar we know, with three years of 365 days and one of 366 days.

Today, at least in most years, Easter again is celebrated on different days by different groups of Christians. The Orthodox churches, which split from the Catholic Church in 1054 in Christianity's first major division, continue to use the Julian calendar to determine feast

BY TIM PUET
Reporter, Catholic Times

EASTER 2017



days, while Catholics and other Christians use a revised version known as the Gregorian calendar, named for Pope Gregory XIII.

Pope Gregory changed the Julian calendar in 1582 because Catholic astronomer-priests, starting with English Franciscan Roger Bacon three centuries earlier, found the Julian calendar did not match the actual length of the solar year. The pope got the two in sync by eliminating 10 days from the calendar, meaning people went to bed on Oct. 4, 1582, woke up the next day, and it was Oct. 15.

This year, according to both the Julian and Gregorian calendars, April 16 is the date for Easter. There was a similar convergence in 2014. But next year, Orthodox churches will celebrate Easter on April 8, the date for Easter according to the Julian calendar, one week later than their brothers and sisters in other Christian churches, who follow the Gregorian calendar.

Whenever Easter is celebrated, it proclaims to all the world that "Jesus Christ, the incarnation of God's mercy, out of love for us, died on the cross, and out of love he rose again from the dead. That is why we proclaim today: Jesus is Lord!" Pope Francis said in his 2016 Easter *Urbi et Orbi* (to the City and to the World) message from the central loggia of St. Peter's Basilica.

"If Christ were not raised, Christianity would lose its very meaning; the whole mission of the Church would lose its impulse, for this is the point from which it first set out and continues to set out ever anew," the pope continued. "The message which Christians bring to the world is this: Jesus, Love incarnate, died on the cross for our sins, but God the Father raised him and made him the Lord of life and

death. In Jesus, love has triumphed over hatred, mercy over sinfulness, goodness over evil, truth over falsehood, life over death."

"The glorious Easter message, that Jesus, who was crucified, is not here but risen, offers us the comforting assurance that the abyss of death has been bridged, and with it, all mourning, lamentation, and pain," the pope continued. "The Lord, who suffered abandonment by his disciples, the burden of an unjust condemnation and shame of an ignominious death, now makes us sharers of his immortal life and enables us to see with his eyes of love and compassion those who hunger and thirst, strangers and prisoners, the marginalized and the outcast, the victims of oppression and violence."

Such a message demands the worthy setting provided in the Easter Vigil service, which is filled with more drama, symbolism, and beauty than any other celebration in the liturgy.

Today, the Easter Vigil service takes place on the evening of Holy Saturday, a time which is convenient for most Catholics and helps ensure that a large crowd is in attendance. However, that wasn't the case for the first half of the 20th century and for many years before that.

Until Pope Pius XII made several changes in the liturgical norms for Easter, the Vigil service took place on the early morning of Holy Saturday. For many years at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral, it began at 6:30 a.m., with relatively few people attending.

Pius XII in 1951 permitted the service to take place in the evening. Four years later, he made what were described as the biggest changes in the Holy Week liturgy since the 16th century, creating the current Holy Week calendar. One of those changes shifted the

time of the Vigil service to any time between sunset and midnight.

The service opens in back or outside of the church building, where all lights have been extinguished. The priest enkindles a new fire, symbolizing Christ overcoming the darkness of sin and death. The Paschal candle is then blessed, given markings which include the four digits of the current year, and lit.

The candle is brought to the front of the church by a procession during which the priest stops three times to chant "Light of Christ," with the congregation responding "Thanks be to God."

Everyone in attendance has been given a small candle upon entering the church building. Those candles are lit individually from the original light of the Paschal candle, filling the church with the smaller candles' soft glow. Once the Paschal candle is placed in the sanctuary, the church lights are turned on and the individual candles extinguished.

Next comes the chanting of the *Exsultet*, a hymn of exultation telling of man's sin and God's mercy and love. It begins "Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels! Exult, all creation around God's throne! Jesus Christ, our King, is risen! Sound the trumpet of salvation!" and continues in the same vein.

The service of light is followed by a Liturgy of the Word, which consists when fully done of seven Old Testament readings, including the creation account from Genesis and the story from Exodus of the first Passover, plus a reading from the Epistle to the Romans and Matthew's Gospel account of the Resurrection.

After the final reading, the *Gloria* is sung, marking the first time organ music has been played since the *Gloria* of Holy Thursday, and all the bells in the church are rung.

When the Liturgy of the Word concludes, the water of the baptismal font is blessed and new members are received into the Church.

Catechumens, who have not been baptized, are baptized and confirmed. Those who already have been baptized as Catholics or in other Christian traditions come into full communion with the church by receiving Confirmation. Catechumens and candidates alike receive the Eucharist for the first time later in the service, during the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

All present renew their baptismal vows at the end of the rites of initiation, and the rest of the service proceeds as usual.

The Vigil service marks the beginning of a festive season of 50 days, which concludes with Pentecost.

By David Gibson
Catholic News Service

Easter begins in the darkness and at night, when the great vigil Mass for this central Christian feast is celebrated. Yet Easter is all about daylight -- a "new day" in time.

The resurrected Jesus is "the Morning Star," according to the *Exsultet*, the rather ancient and remarkable hymn still heard during the Easter Vigil. Like the morning star shining at dawn, Jesus signals a new day's arrival, with all the hopes attached to it.

The *Exsultet* proclaims Jesus as "the one Morning Star who never sets." With his return "from death's domain," it reminds worshipers that he sheds "his peaceful light on humanity."

It would be a shame to reduce Easter to a series of nice-sounding words and phrases to describe the risen Lord and to escape from the challenge of telling who he really is. So I need to be clear that calling Jesus the Morning Star was anything but that for our forebears.

Christ is the light; he illumines the world. His followers, like him, are called to carry his light and to assure that it shines brightly in the universe of all their activities.

The resurrection is like the break of dawn. To state this is to reach into the very heart of Christianity and to begin a conversation about the essentials of Christian living.

Christ is light, just as he is life -- new life.

Yes, Easter begins in the night darkness. But, in the *Exsultet's* words, "this is the night of which it is written: The night shall be as bright as day" and "full of gladness."

"Gladness," admittedly, is not a word uttered often nowadays. But we know what it implies: joy, happiness, and, no doubt, a life in which hope plays a significant role and opportunities arise to experience fulfilling satisfactions.

Gladness may assume many forms, but I believe that in some form, it represents what most people desire. That's just the point.

Easter zeros in on the desires of the human heart.

Truth be told, darkness casts a shadow over the lives of too many people. Pope Francis is well aware of this. "Christ wants to come and take us by the hand to bring us out of our anguish," the pope said on Easter 2016.

He said the "first stone" to move aside on Easter is "the lack of hope that imprisons us within ourselves." Living without hope is a "trap" that, in his eyes, means living "as if the Lord were not risen."

But, the pope indicated, Jesus' followers

The Liberation Easter Brings



Parishioners gather around the Easter Vigil fire at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart in Washington. Easter sets the tone for all Christian living. It is a matter of accompanying others as they attempt to discover what new life means for them.
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ought to follow his lead. So the risen Lord sends each person who encounters him "to announce the Easter message, to awaken and resurrect hope in hearts burdened by sadness, in those who struggle to find meaning in life," the pope said.

Pope Francis believes a lack of hope becomes an imprisoning trap. No wonder the risen Lord so often is called a liberator.

What freedom do people need that reflects Easter's new life? Freedom, possibly, from the fear of putting the finest of their God-given gifts to fuller use and thus beginning to grow again.

It would be a mistake, after all, to imagine weak hope as a sign that someone is hopeless. In a famous 2013 interview with Jesuit Father Antonio Spadaro, an Italian communications expert, Pope Francis insisted that although a person's life "is a land full of thorns and weeds, there is always a space in which the good seed can grow."

The pope said then that he has a "dogmatic certainty" that "God is in every person's life."

Easter sets the tone for all Christian living. It is a matter of coming out of the darkness and into the light. It is a matter, too, of accompanying others as they attempt, perhaps haltingly, to discover what new life means for them.

"Goodness always tends to spread," and "any

person who has experienced a profound liberation becomes more sensitive to the needs of others," Pope Francis wrote in *The Joy of the Gospel*, one of his most-read documents.

What the Jesus of Easter does is what Christians are meant to do. Remember, it was the resurrected Jesus who accompanied the two disciples making their way to Emmaus, spending time with them in ways that comforted and enriched them (Luke 24:13-35).

Cardinal Blase J. Cupich spoke in 2014, just before becoming Chicago's archbishop, about the Christian mission to stand alongside those who experience a "dryness" in life that "eats away" at their hopes.

"Our aim should be to make sure that everyone has a place at the table of life," he said.

He mentioned "the mother needing prenatal and postnatal care and protection for herself and her child, the former inmate seeking a fresh start, the drug addict who needs someone to help her take one day at a time, the father and mother who want their children to have the educational opportunities other families have."

These people, the cardinal stressed, represent "the vast army God is inviting us to raise up with him."

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PASSION PLAY AT ST. ANDREW



The eighth grade at Columbus St. Andrew School performed a Passion play, leading the school in song and prayer through the events of Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. Pictured in a scene depicting Jesus' crucifixion are (from left) Nick Whitsett as Jesus, Clare Mackin as Mary, Sydney Johnson as Mary Magdalene, and Matt Blank and Josh Jaminet as Roman soldiers.

Photo courtesy St. Andrew School



'BREAD' ART AND ESSAY CONTEST

Pictured are some of the 36 Columbus Immaculate Conception School students from kindergarten through eighth grade who received awards at the school's third annual BREAD art and essay contest, which had the theme "A Welcoming Spirit." The contest is designed to nurture imagination and creativity and foster social justice. Its sponsor, BREAD – Building Responsibility, Equality, and Dignity – is a Columbus interfaith organization of 41 congregations which works to change public policy to improve the lives of the uneducated, the unwelcome, the unemployed, the uninsured, and the undocumented. BREAD's annual citywide Nehemiah Action assembly which focuses on specific policies will take place Monday, May 1, at 7 p.m. in the Celeste Center at the state fairgrounds.

Photo courtesy Immaculate Conception School

BEAUTIFUL INSIDE AND OUT

Columbus Bishop Hartley High School recently offered a program titled "Beautiful Inside and Out" for freshman and sophomore girls. The three-session program is designed to help adolescent girls grow in their understanding and appreciation of their true beauty, and is based on the fundamental Catholic belief that all people have dignity and value as they are created in the image and likeness of God. When girls are confident and appreciate their own value and beauty, they are more likely to value and appreciate others. Participants included (from left): first row, Caroline Wolfinger, Faith Stein, Moriah Casson, Sylvia Brobbey, and Tenecia Davis; second row, Kayleigh Donovan, Judy Zang, Gabrielle Buzenski, Alana Wills, Dion Pollard, and Teryn Scott; third row, Dominique Mickle, program director Regina Hinterschied, Eunice Anomakoh, and Sammara Pointer.

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St. Bernadette School STEM “Happy Campers” book fair



Lancaster St. Bernadette School for the last several years has created STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) challenges for students that relate to its book fairs. “Happy Camper” was the theme for the most recent book fair. So the challenge for students was to build a tent using only newspaper and tape. This activity was completed in school, and involved all students from preschool through fifth grade. Groups including students from all grades were formed to design and build the tents. In some cases, it took several tries to make a tent large enough for at least one person and sturdy enough to support itself. Tent poles were constructed from rolled-up newspaper. Tent covers were made only from paper. Students were encouraged to wear camping attire, and the tents were used during the school’s literacy block. Students took turns reading in their tents. Empty plastic jars were collected, and the students were surprised with battery-operated camping “lanterns” for reading. Pictured at right are “campers” (from left) Halyee Etterling, Amelia Robertson, Kate Huber, Flora Woo, and Zylie Hopkins. Also pictured are students singing in a darkened classroom, using only flashlights. Music teacher Jill Ailes planned music lessons that involved camping and campfire songs.

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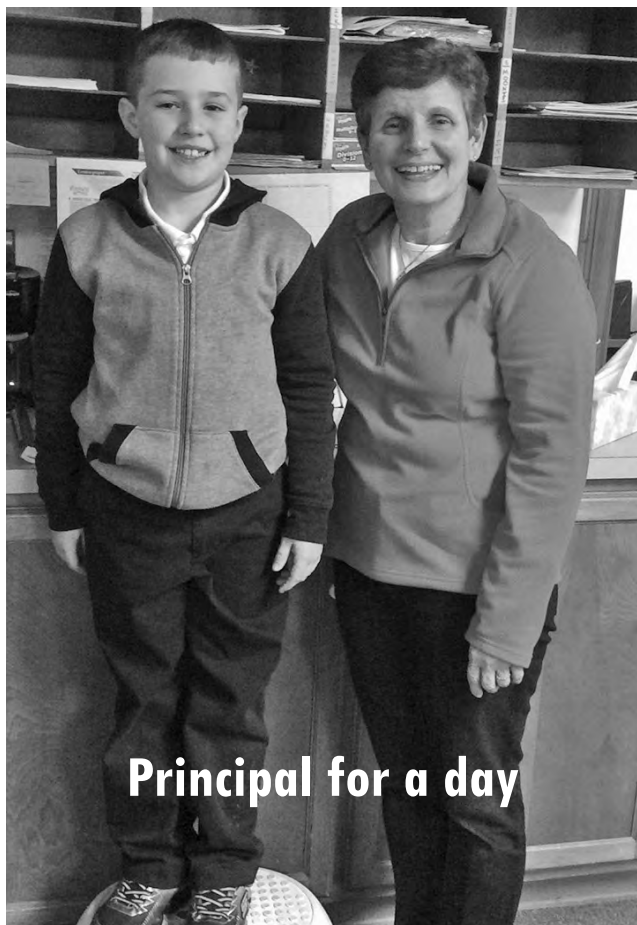
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Father
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**Acts 10:34a,37-43;
Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8;
John 20:1-9 or Matthew 28:1-10**

The reading from Acts for Easter contains part of a speech delivered by Peter. He spoke to the Gentile Cornelius and his household. Cornelius was a Roman centurion who had summoned Peter after having a vision in which he had been told to call for Peter to come to him. On the next day, Peter, too, had a vision, in which a voice said to him, "What God has made, you are not to call common." When Peter got to Cornelius' house and realized, as a Jew, that he should not enter a Gentile home, he entered anyway, explaining that God had shown him that no one should consider a fellow human as being common or unclean.



Principal for a day

Columbus St. Anthony School second-grade student Jacob Boyd entered and won a schoolwide contest to be his school's principal for a day. He is pictured with principal Chris Iaconis. He spent the day making announcements over the loudspeaker, working the principal's lunchroom shift, and learning about the things she does to help students be at their best. Proceeds from the contest benefited the eighth-grade class trip to Washington.

Photo courtesy St. Anthony School

Thus began Peter's outreach to the Gentiles, anticipating Paul's later and predominant ministry to Gentiles. Peter set forth preliminary information about Jesus, including the baptism of John and the special role played by Jesus of Nazareth. After doing good and healing those under "the devil's power," Jesus was "hung on a tree," but was raised by God "on the third day" and appeared "to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance," who "ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead." We also have been commissioned to preach this message to the people. "To him all the prophets testify," that all who believe in him will be forgiven of their sins in his name. That is the core of the early preaching about Jesus.

Paul is more concerned about the glorified Christ in all his writings than he is about the Jesus who came from Nazareth in Galilee. His experience came from an encounter with the risen Christ, about whom he speaks in both second readings. Paul urges the Colossians to keep thinking of "what is above, not of what is on earth, because Christ is seated at the right hand of God." The Christian *dies* in a real sense when baptized, enabling Paul to say that our lives are then "hidden with Christ in God."

To the Corinthians, Paul encourages emptying out the "old yeast," which puffs us up "with malice and wickedness." He reminds them (and us) that they are *unleavened bread* "of sincerity and truth." They are ever and always in the Passover time, since Christ, the paschal lamb, has been sacrificed.

The two Gospels offer interesting contrasts. John notes that only Mary Magdalene went to the tomb, while Matthew adds "the other Mary." John wrote that it was still dark. Matthew says it was dawning.

Matthew alone adds the earthquake and that women and the Roman guard witnessed the angel moving the stone away. The angel spoke to the women and told them that Jesus had been raised and invited them to see the empty tomb. They were to tell the disciples that he had been raised and to return to Galilee, where they would see him. Jesus met them on the way and greeted them. They embraced his feet, doing him homage, after which he repeated what the angel had said.

John records only Mary Magdalene seeing that the stone was removed, then finding Peter and "the other disciple whom Jesus loved" and saying "they have taken the Lord" and "we" do not know where they put him. Curious here is that we do not know the referent for either "they" or "we."

Peter and the other disciple raced to the tomb, only to find the burial cloths, but nothing and no one else. Comparing the two accounts offers us no **proof** of anything. All we can say is how different the accounts are. Both agree that an empty tomb was discovered, and, by their silence, that no one saw the resurrection of Jesus. We call it the Mystery of Faith for a reason. May the Risen One ever renew us in the Spirit of the Father's love!

Father Hummer, pastor of Chillicothe St. Mary, may be reached at hummerl@stmarychillicothe.com.

The Weekday Bible Readings

MONDAY

Acts 2:14,22-33
Psalm 16:1-2a,5,7-11
Matthew 28:8-15

TUESDAY

Acts 2:36-41
Psalm 33:4-5,18-20,22
John 20:11-18

WEDNESDAY

Acts 3:1-10
Psalm 105:1-4,6-9
Luke 24:13-35

THURSDAY

Acts 3:11-26
Psalm 8:2ab,5-9
Luke 24:35-48

FRIDAY

Acts 4:1-12
Psalm 118:1-2,4,22-27a
John 21:1-14

SATURDAY

Acts 4:13-21
Psalm 118:1,14-15,16-21
Mark 16:9-15

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE WEEK OF APRIL 16, 2017

SUNDAY MASS

10:30 a.m. Mass from Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral on St. Gabriel Radio (AM 820), Columbus, and at 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 (Time Warner 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).

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.

We pray the Seasonal Propers for the Days of the Octave of Easter

The power of the cross

Blessed John Henry Newman (1801-1890) – a theologian who came to prominence in the Victorian Age – can help us check the Church’s spiritual pulse in the postmodern 21st century, thanks to his prescient sense of the deep cultural currents shaping (and warping) Western civilization. On Aug. 26, 1832, Newman preached a sermon on *The Religion of the Day* that bears reflection during Holy Week 2017:

“What is Satan’s device in this day? ... What is the world’s religion now? It has taken the brighter side of the Gospel – its tidings of comfort, its precepts of love; all darker, deeper views of man’s condition and prospects being comparatively forgotten. This is the religion natural to a civilized age, and well has Satan dressed and completed it into an idol of the Truth. ... (Those) fearful images of divine wrath with which the Scriptures abound ... are explained away. Everything is bright and cheerful. Religion is pleasant and easy.”

Judging from St. Paul’s first letter to the Corinthians, the temptation to reduce Christianity to a comfortable lifestyle option has been around for a long time. Paul insists that he did not come to Corinth to preach “with eloquent wisdom” – human cleverness. No, he came with a message inconceivable to sophisticated (or even not-so-sophisticated) ancients: “Christ crucified,” in whose cross is found “the power of God” (1 Corinthians 1:18). Eighteen hundred years later, Newman found the perennial temptation to empty the cross of its power in the cozy cultural religiosity of his time. H. Richard Niebuhr, closer to our day, saw the same corrosive thing when he pilloried the liberal Protestantism that offered “a God without wrath (who) brought men without sin into a Kingdom with-



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out judgment through the ministrations of a Christ without a cross.”

Against these “idols of the Truth,” this Christian happy talk, the cross stands in stark relief.

Attractive crucifixes in our churches and homes should not blind us to the fact that death by Roman crucifixion was unspeakably awful: a naked, flagellated, bleeding body, nailed to rough wood so that the victim was forced to intensify his agony by pushing himself up on nailed feet in order to breathe. Death could take many hours, even days; finally, the crucified one’s continually weakened and pain-wracked body turned on the victim and asphyxiated him. This was the death meted out to the wretched of the earth. It was not a pretty business, nor was it meant to be. It was a hideous death meant for slaves, a warning of the dangers of challenging Roman power.

Anglican preacher Fleming Rutledge concludes her reflections on the awfulness of the crucifixion with these challenging thoughts, which ask us to understand the cross in light of the horrors that human beings, under the power of Satan, have perpetrated in history:

“Forgiveness is not enough. Belief in redemption is not enough. Wishful thinking about the intrinsic goodness of every human being is not enough. Inclusion is not a sufficiently inclusive message, nor does it deliver real justice. Only a Power independent of this world can overcome the grip of the Enemy of God’s purposes for his creation. (Thus) Jesus Christ ... offered himself to be the condemned and rejected Righteous One. ... At the historical time and place of his inhuman and godless crucifixion, all the demonic Powers loosed in the world convened in Jerusalem and unleashed their forces upon the incarnate Son of God.”

And the Son, through the power of God, won the victory. For the righteousness of God the Father vindicated the Son’s cruciform obedience in the Resurrection, restoring creation to its right order and inaugurating the Kingdom of God, proclaimed by the Church called into being by the experience of the Risen One and empowered by the Holy Spirit. So the friends of the risen Lord Jesus can say, with St. Paul, “I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me” (Galatians 2:20).

On Good Friday, many of us will sing of the cross, in the words of the old spiritual, “Sometimes, it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.”

It should.

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

K of C honors Fairfield County first responders

Lancaster Council 1016 of the Knights of Columbus honored outstanding first responders in Fairfield County at its 38th annual Blue Coat Awards dinner.

This year’s honorees were Brandon Grimmet, Amanda Township Fire Department; Ryan Heavner, Basil Joint Fire Department; David Breneman and Jason Hammond, Berne Township Fire Department; Frank Reis, Bloom Township Fire Department; Jessica Barnhart, Bremen-Rushcreek Fire Department; Jeremy Knowlton, Clearcreek Fire Department; Jason Belleau and Brandon Assman, Greenfield Township Fire Department; Michael Ash,



Fairfield County Sheriff’s Department; Kyle Parlier and Nick Phillopoulos, Hocking Township Fire Department; Shawn Klaaymeyer, Lancaster Fire Department; Charles Sims, Lancaster Police Department; Brandon Long, Millersport Fire Department; Corey Richards, Pleasant Township Fire Department; Dalton Vandermark, Richland Fire Department; Walter Vogel, Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction; Tim Bullock, State Highway Patrol; Mike King, Thurston-Walnut Fire Department; and Jason Smith, Violet Township Fire Department.

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Pray for our dead

ANGLIM, Helen E. (Noll), 94, April 3
St. Michael Church, Worthington

BAUGHMAN, Jeanette L. (Hankins), 94, April 7
St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Zanesville

BAUMER, Virginia (Hand), 91, April 2
St. Agatha Church, Columbus

BRADY, Joan L., 89, April 1
St. Patrick Church, London

BRANDT, Karyl H. (Daley), 91, March 31
Holy Trinity Church, Jackson

CERVI, Cesidio "Joe," 66, April 1
Holy Spirit Church, Columbus

CHEMA, Kathleen S. (Wilson), 85, April 8
St. Nicholas Church, Zanesville

COUTS, Wayne A., 83, April 8
St. Paul Church, Westerville

DeCOLA, Ramon E., 86, April 3
St. Peter Church, Columbus

FAEHNLE, David M., 94, April 7
St. Agatha Church, Columbus

FOCHTMAN, Kathleen (Flaherty), April 6
St. Agatha Church, Columbus

GIORDANO, Stephanie H. (Plocinik), 92, April 1
St. Brendan Church, Hilliard

JONES, Mary J. (Sanfillipo), 95, April 6
St. Mary Church, Groveport

LITTLE, Jeffrey P. "Duffy," 65, April 3
Christ the King Church, Columbus

McCARTY, Loretta J. (Breitfeller), 94, April 6
Christ the King Church, Columbus

MITCHELL, Mattie (Harper), 56, March 29
Holy Rosary-St. John Church, Columbus

NEMETH, Jerry, 72, April 1
St. Mary Church, Marion

NOURSE, Mary L. (Knox), 86, April 3
St. Cecilia Church, Columbus

PAOLETTI, Aldo F., April 7
Our Lady of Victory Church, Columbus

PISCITELLI, Marie A., 91, Dec. 26
St. John the Baptist Church, Columbus

POTH, Ruth E. (Conroy), 91, April 6
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

SCHWARTZWALDER, Dennis C., 65, March 30
St. Paul Church, Westerville

SHEERAN, Joseph W. Jr., 83, formerly of
Columbus, March 31
Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Cincinnati

WILL, Mary K. (Poschen), formerly of Westerville, 73, April 6
St. Daniel Church, Clarkston, Mich.

WOLTMAN, Joseph J., 89, April 2
St. Joan of Arc Church, Powell

Mary L. Butts-Horn

Funeral Mass for Mary L. Butts-Horn, 94, who died Sunday, April 9, was held Wednesday, April 12, at Columbus Our Lady of Peace Church. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus.

She was born Jan. 25, 1923 in Columbus, was a graduate of Worthington High School, and attended The Ohio State University.

She was employed as a bookkeeper for several priests, including Father John Byrne, founding pastor of Worthington St. Michael Church, where she and her family were charter

members. She also worked for Long's Book Store in Columbus.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husbands, Edwin Butts and Raymond Horn; brothers, Richard (Marion), Robert (Natalie) and John (Lucy) Fenstermaker; and sisters, Violette (Hayes) Herschler and Virginia (Clyde) Simmons. Survivors include sons, Thomas (Cathy) and William (Beth Ann) Butts; daughters, Jane (Steven) Mess and Diane (Steven) Krakoff; sister, Nancy; two grandsons; three granddaughters; one great-grandson; and one great-granddaughter.



Living Stations of the Cross

The eighth-grade class at Lancaster St. Mary School presented their annual Living Stations of the Cross for the school in the morning and for the entire parish at night on Friday, April 7. Pictured is the sixth station, with Veronica (Page Gavin) holding a cloth to wipe the face of Jesus (Aiden Jackson). Photo courtesy St. Mary School



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13, THURSDAY

Living Stations at St. Francis of Assisi
Following 6 p.m. Mass, St. Francis of Assisi Church, 386 Buttles Ave., Columbus. Living Stations of the Cross. 614-299-5781

All fund-raising events (festivals, bazaars, spaghetti dinners, fish fries, bake sales, pizza/sub sales, candy sales, etc.) will be placed in the "Fund-Raising Guide."

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For more information, call David Garick at 614-224-5195.

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Bishop Campbell Celebrates Mass of the Lord's Supper
7:30 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Bishop Frederick Campbell celebrates the Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper. 614-224-1295

Sermo Dominicus at Columbus St. Patrick
11:30 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Sermo Dominicus, a reading of Jesus' last discourse (John chapters 14 to 17). 614-224-9522

14, FRIDAY

Walking Stations of the Cross in Downtown Columbus
8 to 11 a.m., starting at St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Annual Walking Stations of the Cross, a four-mile walk stopping at 14 sites around downtown Columbus to commemorate Jesus' crucifixion and reflect on various social issues. 614-241-2540

Community Cross Walk at St. Edward
10:45 a.m., St. Edward Church, 785 Newark Road, Granville. Community Cross Walk, a 1.3-mile silent procession from church to Denison University's Swasey Chapel, with students carrying a wooden cross, led by a drummer, and Scripture passages read at five stops. 740-587-3254

Walking Stations at Delaware St. Mary
11 a.m., St. Mary Church, 82 E. William St., Delaware. Walking Stations of the Cross through downtown.

Bishop Presides at Cathedral Good Friday Liturgy
Noon, St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Bishop Frederick Campbell presides at Good Friday liturgy. 614-224-1295

Seven Last Words at Columbus St. Patrick
Noon to 2:45 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. The Seven Last Words of Christ, preached by Father Joseph Alobaidi, OP. 614-224-9522

Living Stations at Newman Center
3 p.m., St. Thomas More Newman Center, 64 W. Lane Ave., Columbus. Living Stations of the Cross presented by middle school students, Catholic Young Professionals, and Paulist Associates. 614-291-4674

Stations Through the Eyes of Mary at Marysville
3 p.m., Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 1033 W. 5th St., Marysville. Stations of the Cross as seen through the eyes of Mary. 937-644-6020

Tenebrae Service at St. Christopher
7 p.m., St. Christopher Church, 1420 Grandview Ave., Columbus. Tenebrae service, designed to recreate the sense of betrayal, abandonment, and agony related to Good Friday, preceded by reflection at 6:15 and followed by silence. 614-486-0457

Tenebrae Service at Columbus St. Patrick
7:30 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Tenebrae service, with sung responses by Thomas Luis De Vittoria. 614-224-9522

Holy Family Vigil with the Virgin Mary
7:30 p.m. Friday to 10 a.m. Saturday, Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St., Columbus. Vigil with statue of the Virgin Mary, with confessions from 7 p.m. to midnight and hourly praying of the sorrowful mysteries of the rosary. 614-221-4323

Tenebrae Service at Marysville Our Lady of Lourdes
8 p.m., Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 1033 W. 5th St., Marysville. Tenebrae service. 937-644-6020

Tenebrae Service at Cathedral
8 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Tenebrae service featuring the Cathedral Schola and including Thomas Tallis' "Lamentations of Jeremiah."

Living Stations at St. Luke
8:30 p.m., St. Luke Church, 307 S. Market St., Danville. Living Stations of the Cross with parish youth.

14-23, FRIDAY-SUNDAY

Divine Mercy Novena at Blessed Sacrament
2 p.m. April 14, 3 p.m. April 15, 9:30 a.m. April 16, 3 p.m. April 17-22, Blessed Sacrament Church, 394 E. Main St., Newark. Novena of Divine Mercy, concluding on April 23 with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from end of 10:30 a.m. Mass until 3 p.m., when chaplet will be recited, followed by Benediction. Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. 740-345-4290

Divine Mercy Chaplet Recital at Chillicothe St. Peter
7 p.m. April 14 (sung), 3 p.m. subsequent days, St. Peter Church, 118 Church St., Chillicothe. Daily recital of Chaplet of Divine Mercy, concluding on April 23 with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from end of 11:30 a.m. Mass until singing of Chaplet and Benediction at 3 p.m. Confessions heard from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. April 22. 740-774-1407

15, SATURDAY

Wilderness Outreach 'Carry the Cross' Hike
7:30 a.m., Parking lot and shelter house, Barneby Hamilton area, western end of Clear Creek Metro Park, off U.S. 33 near the Fairfield-Hocking county border. Wilderness Outreach sponsors 12-mile "Carry the Cross" hike for men, carrying a 3- by 6-foot timber cross through park. Participants may take part in all or a portion of the hike and should bring a day pack with two or three liters of water, snacks, and rain gear if appropriate. 614-679-6761

St. Pius X 'Carry the Cross' Hike
7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Gazebo, John F. Kennedy Park, 7232 E. Main St., Reynoldsburg. St. Pius X Church Men's Ministry sponsors walk with wooden cross over an eight-mile round-trip course along bike trails and sidewalks of Reynoldsburg. 614-866-2859

Easter Food Basket Blessing at Delaware St. Mary
8:30 a.m., St. Mary Church, 82 E. William St., Delaware. Blessing of Easter food baskets. 740-363-4641

Easter Food Basket Blessing at St. Pius X
1 p.m., St. Pius X Church, 1051 S. Waggoner Road, Reynoldsburg. Blessing of Easter food baskets. 614-866-2859

Bishop Campbell Presides at Cathedral Vigil Service
8:30 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Bishop Frederick Campbell is celebrant for Easter Vigil service. 614-224-1295

16, SUNDAY

Bishop Campbell Celebrates Easter Morning Mass
10:30 a.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Bishop Frederick Campbell celebrates Easter Mass.

Blessing of St. Gerard Majella at Holy Family
After 11 a.m. Mass, Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St., Columbus. Blessing of St. Gerard Majella, patron of expectant mothers, for all women who are pregnant or wish to become pregnant. 614-221-1890

Polish Mass at Holy Family
2 p.m., Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St., Columbus. Monthly Mass in Polish. 614-221-4323

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. 614-861-1242

Spanish Mass at Columbus St. Peter
7 p.m., St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road, Columbus. Mass in Spanish. 706-761-4054

18, TUESDAY

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.

19, WEDNESDAY

Abortion Recovery Network Group
9:30 to 10:30 a.m., Westerville Area Resource Ministry, 150 Heatherdown Drive, Westerville. Abortion recovery network group meeting for anyone interested in recovering from abortion or who has been through a recovery program and wants to stay connected. 614-721-2100

ODU Adult and Continuing Education Info Session
6 to 7 p.m., Ohio Dominican University, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Information session on ODU's adult and continuing education programs. 614-251-7400

Diocesan Catholic Schools Honor Choir Concert
6:30 p.m., St. Andrew Church, 1899 McCoy Road, Columbus. Tenth annual Diocesan Catholic Schools Honor Choir concert, featuring more than 250 singers from 16 schools, including diocesan grade schools, Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School, and Ohio Dominican University. Free will offering for Holy Family Soup Kitchen. **'Cleaning Greener' at Shepherd's Corner**
7 to 9:30 p.m., Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center, 978 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. "Cleaning Greener" workshop on how to make household cleaners with ingredients already in the house, led by Sister Marguerite Chandler, OP. Donation \$5. 614-866-4302

20, 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. **Frassati Society Meeting at Columbus St. Patrick**
7 p.m., Aquinas Hall, St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Meeting of parish's Frassati Society for young adults. "Let's Get Personal," a talk on how to have a personal relationship with the Holy Spirit, with Father Jerome Zeiler, OP. 614-224-9522

Abortion Recovery Network Group
7 to 8 p.m., Gateway Center, 2670 N. Columbus St., Lancaster. Abortion recovery network group meeting for anyone interested in recovering from abortion or who has been through a recovery program and wants to stay connected. 614-721-2100

Holy Hour of Reparation at Columbus Sacred Heart
7 to 8 p.m., Sacred Heart Church, 893 Hamlet St., Columbus. Eucharistic Holy Hour following Holy Hour of Reparation prayer format, concluding with Benediction and social period. 614-372-5249

20-22, THURSDAY-SATURDAY

Bishop Hartley Presents 'David and Lisa'
7:30 p.m., Van Fleet Theater, Columbus Performing Arts Center, 549 Franklin Ave., Columbus. Columbus Bishop Hartley High School theater department presents "David and Lisa." Tickets \$8. 614-237-5421

21-23, FRIDAY-SUNDAY

Bishop Watterson Presents 'Joseph and the Dreamcoat'
7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, Bishop Watterson High School, 99 E. Cooke Road, Columbus. School's production of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." Tickets \$10 adults, \$5 students/children. 614-268-8671



Diocesan honor choir concert

The 10th annual Diocese of Columbus Catholic Schools Honor Choir concert, with the theme “Worthy is the Lamb,” will take place at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 19 at Columbus St. Andrew Church, 1899 McCoy Road.

Each year, students from all diocesan schools are invited to participate in this one-day choral event, directed by Sheila Cafmeyer. More than 250 singers from 16 schools, including grade schools, Columbus



St. Francis DeSales High School, and Ohio Dominican University will perform.

Cafmeyer has been involved in many forms of music: leading the choirs at Columbus Bishop Hartley High School from 2002-2010; directing and perform-

ing in musicals for high school, college, and community theaters; teaching private voice lessons; and free-lancing as a wedding vocalist. She has been a member of the Lancaster Chorale since 2000. She earned a master’s degree in music education from Capital University, and in 2012, she became choir director at Ohio Dominican.

With the support of diocesan music teachers, she has been artistic director and clinician for the Catholic Schools Honor Choir since its inception in 2008. “This event lives inside my head all year long, until we can finally convene and bring it to life,” she said. “Our music teachers do the hard work of teaching the music to their select singers while juggling musicals, Masses, lesson plans, and classes. Under the clear guidance of the Holy Spirit, each performance promises to bless all participants and our audience.”

In addition to the honor choir performance, individual selections will be performed on this concert by featured ensembles including the youth choirs of Lancaster St. Mary and Reynoldsburg St. Pius X churches, DeSales High School’s choral ensemble, and the Ohio Dominican University chorus. To order a copy of this year’s performance, go to <http://soundwaves.org/> and search “Diocese of Columbus.”

Diocesan music teachers developed this event to give their singers an opportunity to perform challenging music in a large ensemble setting. Singers prepare the music under the guidance of their music teachers and assemble for one afternoon rehearsal and evening performance.

Sacred music of all styles, from Renaissance to contemporary, will be performed during this celebration of song. A free will offering will be collected for the Holy Family Soup Kitchen in Columbus.



David and Lisa

The Columbus Bishop Hartley High School drama department will present *David and Lisa* at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday April 20, 21, and 22 in the Van Fleet Theater of the Columbus Performing Arts Center, 549 Franklin Ave. Tickets are \$8 at the door, beginning one hour before performance time.

Photo: Maggie Hearn and Joseph Sheridan, who play the title characters, rehearse a scene for Columbus Bishop Hartley High School’s presentation of “David and Lisa” on April 20, 21, and 22.

Photo courtesy Bishop Hartley High School

PALM SUNDAY: SCENES OF JOY, SCENES OF TERROR



Pope Francis begins the celebration of Palm Sunday Mass at the obelisk in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican on April 9. CNS photo/Paul Haring



Christians carry palm branches on April 9 while walking the traditional path that Jesus took on his last entry into Jerusalem during the Palm Sunday procession on the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem.

CNS photo/Debbie Hill



Security personnel investigate the scene of a bomb explosion on April 9 inside the Orthodox Church of St. George in Tanta, Egypt. That same day, an explosion went off outside the Cathedral of St. Mark in Alexandria, Egypt, where Coptic Orthodox Pope Tawadros II was presiding over the Palm Sunday service.

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Divine Mercy Sunday

April 23, 2017

Our Lord's words to Saint Faustina regarding Divine Mercy Sunday:
"The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sin and punishment".
(Diary #699)

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893 Hamlet Street, Columbus, OH
(corner of Summit and First Avenue)
1:30 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
1:30 p.m. Confessions
2:00 p.m. Rosary
2:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross & Benediction
3:00 p.m. Chaplet of Divine Mercy
3:30 p.m. Mass

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140 West Avenue, Plain City, OH 43064
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2:00 - 2:45 p.m. Confession
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500 South Gould Road, Columbus, OH
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2:05 - 3:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
2:05 p.m. Praying the Rosary
3:00 p.m. Chaplet of Divine Mercy (let by soloist)
3:20 p.m. Benediction

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

584 West Broad Street, Columbus, OH
12:00 p.m. (following Mass)
Exposition of Blessed Sacrament
1 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Confessions
3:00 p.m. Singing of Chaplet of Divine Mercy
3:30 p.m. Veneration of Divine Mercy Image
5:00 p.m. Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Our Lord's words to Saint Faustina about His Image
"I want the Image to be solemnly blessed on the First
Sunday after Easter, and I want it to be venerated publicly
so that every soul may know about it". (Diary 341)

THE COMMUNITY OF HOLY ROSARY AND ST. JOHN ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

648 South Ohio Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43205
9:30 a.m. Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration Begins
Precession with Divine Mercy Image
Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
Blessing of Image and Enthronement
Chaplet of Divine Mercy (use of Rosary)
Veneration of the Lord's Image

SAINT TIMOTHY CHURCH

1088 Thomas Lane, Columbus, OH 43220
(614) 451-2671 (rectory office)
Masses at 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.
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Noon Mass
Confessions available after 1:30 p.m.
2:30 p.m. Blessing of the Image & Divine Mercy
Chaplet
3:00 p.m. Benediction

SAINT JOAN OF ARC CHURCH

10700 Liberty Road, Powell, OH
3:00 p.m. Blessing of the Image of Divine Mercy
followed by Exposition of the Most Blessed
Sacrament.
Liturgy of the Word followed by the Chaplet of
Divine Mercy
3:45-5:00 p.m. Confessions will be heard
4:45 -5:00 p.m. Closing prayer and Benediction
5:30pm Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

CHURCH OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

378 East Main Street, Newark, Ohio
10:30 a.m. Mass
11:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Adoration of the Most
Blessed Sacrament
1:30 p.m. Reconciliation
3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction

SAINT MARK CHURCH

324 Gay Street, Lancaster OH
(740) 653-0273
3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet
3:20 p.m. Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
(Holy Sacrifice of the Mass constitutes
your Sunday obligation)
Reception following Mass