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GROWS OUTREACH TO COMMUNITY**

The Editor's Notebook*Lent in the company of Christ*

By David Garick, Editor



Lent provides us with many challenges and some seeming contradictions. The liturgical atmosphere is rather somber, yet is filled with expectation of overwhelming joy. We engage in fasting and abstinence, yet we receive great spiritual nourishment. We contemplate our own sins and weakness, yet we are comforted by forgiveness and reconciliation with Our Lord through the sacraments.

Most of the attention given to Lenten devotion seems inwardly focused. That is important. This is a time for each of us to refocus our personal relationship with Christ. It is a time to overcome those stumbling blocks that stand in the way of achieving the life we are called to live. So we spend time alone in prayer, as Jesus himself did when he was tempted in the wilderness for 40 days. We fast and abstain from meat on Fridays and feel the personal loss that reminds us of the much greater sacrifice Christ made for us. We bare our transgressions in private before a priest acting in the name of Christ, and receive absolution and direction in amending our lives.

But we should not allow all this introspection to isolate us. God never intended for us to have to make this spiritual journey alone. Christ told us that he would remain with us always. He does so through the Church, which is the living body of Christ. The Church, with all its diverse members, exists to support and encourage us as we make a lifelong spiritual journey.

So during Lent, it is especially appropriate that we seek out companionship from our community. The Letter to the Hebrews says, "Let us hold unwaver-

ingly to our confession that gives us hope, for he who made the promise is trustworthy. We must consider how to rouse one another to love and good works. We should not stay away from our assembly, as is the custom of some, but encourage one another."

We can do that through joining other Catholics in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament or in reliving Christ's Passion in the Stations of the Cross. We can do it through joining with members of our community in Lenten missions and in programs where we learn more about our faith and share in the building of a strong community of believers. We can even do it through simple fellowship with our neighbors at a weekly fish fry. Most importantly, we do it through participation in the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist in which we all share in the very Body and Blood of Christ.

This week, *Catholic Times* takes a look at a part of the diocese where this type of community runs very strong. St. Catharine of Siena Church always has been at the very center of life for Catholics who live in Bexley and many who live farther away. It is not just a place to go on Sunday mornings, but a living community of Catholics who share their faith in all aspects of their lives. The story that begins on Page 10 will give you some insight into a place where St. Paul would agree that the faithful are encouraging one another and rousing one another to love and good works. We could all emulate that during this Lenten season.

## Pope to visit Colombia as it emerges from half-century of war



on its website the trip logo: the pope smiling and walking, flanked by the white and yellow colors of the Vatican on one side and an early indigenous symbol on the other. The motto is *Demos el primer paso* (Let us take the

By Carol Glatz

*Catholic News Service*

Pope Francis will be visiting Colombia in mid-September as the Latin American nation works to implement a new peace deal and rebuild after 52 years of war.

The Vatican announced on March 10 that the pope had accepted the invitation of President Juan Manuel Santos and the Colombian bishops.

The trip will be from Sept. 6-11 and will include visits to the cities of Bogota, Villavicencio, Medellin, and Cartagena. Details will be published later.

Pope Francis will be the third pope to visit the nation after Blessed Paul VI and St. John Paul II. The previous papal visit there was 31 years ago in 1986.

The bishops' conference posted

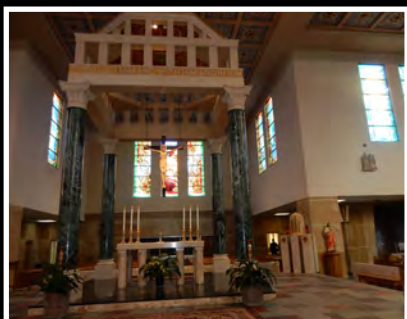
first step).

Archbishop Ettore Balestrero, apostolic nuncio to Colombia, said: "The pope wants to come to meet the Colombian people. He comes for those who live in the cities and for those who live in the countryside and have a different culture and needs; for the rich and for the poor; for the youth and for the elderly."

Archbishop Balestrero also noted, in a statement he gave at a news conference and published on the conference website, that the pope will visit only Colombia on this trip.

"It is rare that the pope visits only one country and that he stays there for four days. This shows the importance that (Pope) Francis attributes to this visit and, ultimately, to Colombia," he said.

Correction - The Adoration list published in the March 5 Catholic Times did not include Adoration times for Hilliard St. Brendan Church, which has Adoration from 7:30 to 8 a.m. Mondays through Saturdays, except on national holidays or solemnities, and a Holy Hour with confession and Benediction from 6 to 7 p.m. Wednesdays. It also did not say that Columbus Holy Cross Church has Adoration on Tuesdays from 5 to 6 p.m., followed by Mass. This is in addition to its Adoration on the first Friday of the month from the end of the 7:30 p.m. Mass until Benediction at 11 p.m. The Adoration times for Columbus St. Thomas Church were incorrect. Its correct Adoration schedule is Tuesdays from 9 to 10 a.m. and Wednesdays from 7 to 8 p.m.



*Front Page photo:*  
The main altar at Columbus St. Catharine Church is surrounded by seating on all four sides and has a canopy supported by four marble pillars. The church was built in 1961.

CT photo by Tim Puet

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## Almsgiving: Lenten practice gives chance to 'be generous with the poor'

**By Carol Zimmermann**  
Catholic News Service

Although the word “almsgiving” does not come up much in regular conversation, Catholics hear it plenty during Lent, since it is one of the three pillars of the church’s Lenten practices, along with prayer and fasting.

Although the three practices work together, almsgiving sometimes can get short shrift because people might be more apt to pray and fast – in private or at church – than they might be to reach out to those in need.

The church defines almsgiving as donating money or goods to the poor and performing other acts of charity. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* describes it as “a witness to fraternal charity” and “a work of justice pleasing to God.”

There is plenty of biblical support for this practice in the Old and New Testaments. In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus urged his disciples not to brag about helping others, saying, “When you give alms, do not blow a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in

the streets to win the praise of others.”

An Old Testament passage puts almsgiving at the top of the Lenten practices: “Prayer with fasting is good. Almsgiving with righteousness is better than wealth with wickedness. It is better to give alms than to store up gold, for almsgiving saves from death, and purges all sin. Those who give alms will enjoy a full life” (Tobit 12:8-9).

Father John Riccardo, pastor of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth, Michigan, takes the Bible passage at its word, saying, “I always think almsgiving atones for a multitude of sins.”

“It’s a simple way to respond. God’s been generous to me; clearly, I can do this with the poor,” he told Catholic News Service.

The priest, who hosts the radio program *Christ is the Answer* for Ave Maria Radio in Ann Arbor, Michigan, said a good way to tie almsgiving to fasting is by putting aside the money one might



spend on a purchase not bought during Lent and give it to the poor.

He said another idea is to make a conscious effort not to dodge those on the street looking for money, but to pray that they will

be put in your path and then be generous with them, not only with money, but by taking the time to look at them, ask them what their name is, and tell them you will pray for them.

“Simple things like that are astounding, because they don’t often hear their names,” he said, stressing that Catholics should use the time of Lent to “be on the lookout for opportunities to be generous with the poor.”

Paulist Father Larry Rice, director of the University Catholic Center at the University of Texas at Austin, says he encourages almsgiving through Catholic Relief Services’ annual Rice Bowl program for Lent. College students don’t use the Rice Bowl cardboard box, which still is a familiar sight in

parishes across the nation. Because “they never carry cash,” Father Rice said, they are more likely to use the program’s app, which takes online donations.

Rice Bowl, now in its 42nd year, has been a Lenten staple to raise awareness about hunger and funds to combat hunger and poverty. Last year, more than 13,000 faith communities participated in the annual collection.

In a Lenten message posted on the *Ascension Presents* website, Father Mike Schmitz, director of youth and young adult ministry for the Diocese of Duluth, Minnesota, stressed that donations to CRS Rice Bowl should be more than spare change. Donations shouldn’t be “leftovers,” but cash, he said.

He also said almsgiving could take on forms other than just monetary donations and could even involve writing a note to someone different on each day of Lent.

What’s important, he said, is that almsgiving is “not about us,” but about others.

## More prayer, outreach to youth could help priest shortage, pope says

**By Zita Fletcher**  
Catholic News Service

Shortages of priests and rumors about possible female deacons were among the highlights of Pope Francis’ exclusive interview with Germany’s *Die Zeit* magazine.

“The call for priests represents a problem, an enormous problem,” especially in Germany and Switzerland, Pope Francis said in the interview, published March 8 online and March 9 in print.

“The problem is the lack of vocations. And the church must solve this problem,” the pope said.

He expressed the view that an increase in prayer and youth services could change the situation.

“The Lord has told us: Pray! That is what’s lacking: prayer. And also lacking is the work with young people who are seeking direction. Service to others is missing,” the pope said. “Working with young people is difficult, but it is essential, because youth long for it.”

He added that youths are the ones who lose most in many modern societies because of a lack of attention.

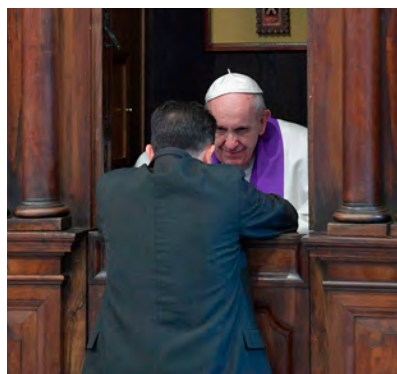
Asked whether appointing married men of proven virtue could be a solution

to the priest shortage, Pope Francis replied that the church needs further time to consider the topic in detail.

“Then we must determine what tasks they could undertake; for example, in far-off communities,” he said.

Pope Francis clarified a report concerning his possible approval of women deacons. The pope said he met last May with leaders of religious orders to have an open dialogue. They discussed the existence of deaconesses in early church history. Pope Francis agreed to establish a commission to research what roles these women played. The commission is an ongoing project.

“It was about exploring the subject, and not to open a door,” Pope Francis said of the commission. “This is the task of theology. It must research to get to the foundation of things, always. That also goes for the study of the sacred



**Pope Francis hears the confession of a priest during a meeting with priests of the Diocese of Rome at the Basilica of St. John Lateran in Rome on March 2.**  
CNS photo/L'Osservatore Romano, handout

Scriptures. ... What does that mean today? Truth is to have no fear. That is what historical truth and scientific truth tell us: Don’t be afraid! That makes us free.”

The pope also discussed his personal faith experiences and beliefs about God’s mercy, saying an individual’s faith grows throughout a lifetime.

“Faith is a gift. It will give itself,” the pope

said, adding that faith is to be prayed for and not bought.

He said he does not like to be idealized by others because idealizing a person leads to aggression.

“I am a sinner and I am fallible,” he said. “When I am idealized, I feel attacked.”

He said he views himself as a normal person trying to do his best, adding that he does not become angry at people who disagree with his opinions, and he believes that diverse opinions are good for

the world.

“Since I was elected pope, I have never lost my peace. I can understand if some people do not like my own way of going about things, and that is completely normal,” Pope Francis said. “Everyone may have their own opinion. That is legitimate and humane and enriching.”

In response to a question, Pope Francis said he is not able to visit Germany this year for the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, despite an invitation from German Chancellor Angela Merkel.

“The appointment calendar is very full this year,” the pope told *Die Zeit*.

Asked whether he would visit Russia, China, India, or other nations, perhaps this year, Pope Francis replied, “To Russia I cannot travel, because then I would also have to travel to Ukraine. Even more important would be a trip to South Sudan, but I don’t believe that is possible. Also, a trip to the Congo was planned, but that will also not work with (President Joseph) Kabila. So, remaining on the program are India, Bangladesh, and Colombia, one day for Fatima in Portugal, and as far as I know, there is still an educational trip to Egypt. Sounds like a full calendar, right?”



Twenty-three students from Westerville St. Paul Schools have received merit-based scholarships totaling \$187,000. They are (from left): first row, Leah Vanasdale, Evelyn Sarle, Nick Bedzyk, Haley Weis, Lauren Coleman, Kevin Heil, Lily Carlos, Mia Slanoc, and Nick Schetter; second row, Deke Hocker, dean of students; Cara Jewett, Elena Marchese, Nick Lusky, Isaiah Rush, Chris Caito, Isaac Rush, Allison Weiner, Ella Reither, Alex Hatcher, and Father Rod Damico, parochial vicar, St. Paul Church. Not pictured are Anna Godoy, Kendall Gonya, Tara Mnich, Maya Steiger, and Nick Trostel. Photo courtesy St. Paul School

### Flaget distinguished alumni award



Chillicothe Bishop Flaget Elementary School presented its 2017 Distinguished Alumni Award to Larry and Lisa (Stanton) White. Larry graduated in 1976 and Lisa in 1977 from the former Bishop Flaget High School, and the Whites often are referred to as the bingo king and queen. Larry also serves on the finance committee of Chillicothe St. Mary Church. The Whites (third and fifth from left) are pictured with family members (from left) Tom Stanton, Megan Lyons, Cohen Segraves, Mark White, Michaela White, Marisa Segraves, Julie Poole, and Matthew Segraves. Photo courtesy Bishop Flaget School

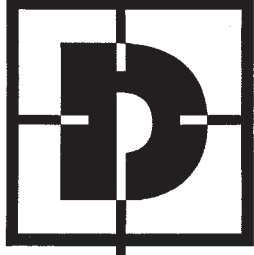
### Message on St. Patrick's Day dispensation

Because St. Patrick's Day, March 17, is on a Friday this year, parish organizations or Catholics in organizations dedicated to Irish heritage who are interested in obtaining a dispensation from the obligation to abstain from eating meat on that day should contact the diocesan Chancery regarding this matter.

This request will be granted readily, but it must be understood that Catholics who take advantage of this dispensation are to abstain from meat on another day in that week to fulfill their Lenten obligation.

Parish members should contact their parish office or consult their parish bulletin for further information.

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## Walsh University to host Hunger Summit

Walsh University is teaming up with two nonprofit powerhouses in the fight against hunger and food waste. The two are hosting their annual summits at Walsh's North Canton campus.

More than 300 students and university leaders from around the world will convene for "Summit Squared: One Movement. Exponential Impact" on Friday and Sunday, March 24 and 25 at Walsh's Barrette Business and Community Center. The conference is a combination of Campus Kitchens Project's fourth annual Food Waste & Hunger Summit and the 12th annual Universities Fighting World

Hunger (UFWH) Summit.

"We are honored to be able to bring these combined events to our campus," said Rachel Hosler, assistant dean of experiential learning at Walsh. "We will have national and world leaders sharing their knowledge, teaching our students advocacy, and ultimately mobilizing our community in the fight against hunger and food waste. Approximately 60,000 Stark County residents are food-insecure. We believe Walsh students, staff, and faculty can lead the efforts in combating hunger in our community and beyond."

In addition to student presentations and workshops, the two-day summit will feature internationally recognized keynote speakers including Amir Abdullah, deputy executive director of the World Food Programme; Joel Berg, chief executive officer of Hunger Free America; Tony Hall, executive director of the Alliance to End Hunger; Danielle Nierenberg, president of Food Tank; Lisa Marsh Ryerson, president of the AARP Foundation; and Roger Thurow, an author and senior fellow on global food and agriculture for the Chicago Council on Global Affairs.

By co-locating the two summits, attendees will have access to broader networks of leaders, receive more diverse training, and learn how to replicate programs for their communities and engage in inclusive dialogues about hunger, food waste, sustainability, and social justice. Participants also will have several networking and volunteer opportunities throughout the conference.

*For a schedule of activities, speaker biographies, and registration information, visit <https://www.walsh.edu/summit2> or contact Rachel Hosler at [rhosler@walsh.edu](mailto:rhosler@walsh.edu).*

## Healing Mass at St. Joseph Cathedral

A Mass of healing and healing service will take place at 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 20 at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St.

The healing service will follow the Mass and include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, veneration of a relic of the True Cross of Christ, and an opportunity for everyone present to speak individually with a priest and have him say prayers of healing for what they seek. The sacrament of Anointing of the Sick also will be available. The service will close with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

All persons who seek Christ's healing are invited, especially those who suffer

with physical illness and infirmities, in addition to those in seek emotional and spiritual healing. All caregivers, family members, and members of the medical community also are invited.

Parking is available at the rear of the cathedral and is accessible off East Gay Street. There is a handicap accessible elevator in the courtyard (west side of the cathedral) on East Broad Street. Bi-monthly healing Masses take place at the cathedral on the third Monday of each month. Remaining Mass dates for 2017 are May 15, July 17, Sept. 18, and Nov. 20.

For more information, call the cathedral at (614) 224-1295.

## MAINTENANCE MANAGER POSITION

St. Peter Parish is looking to hire a full-time Maintenance Manager. Hours are Monday through Friday, 9:00AM through 4:00PM.

The Maintenance Manager is also on-call 24-7 for occasional after-hours emergencies.

The Maintenance Manager's duties include planning projects; securing bids; communicating with vendors and service providers; observing and holding accountable any contracted third-parties working on-site, even if such are working here after-hours; maintaining an inventory and maintenance record of equipment; preparing a schedule for preventive and routine maintenance of property, plant, and equipment; helping plan for future needs and projects; supervising maintenance staff, including assisting them prioritize; and doing actual maintenance work. The Maintenance Manager, as do all other staff members, answers to the Office Manager and to the Pastor.

The hourly rate is negotiable. Benefits are available. Send resumes to:

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 Or e-mail resumes to: [mluis@stpetercolumbus.com](mailto:mluis@stpetercolumbus.com)



**St. Pius Scouts at statehouse celebration**

Members of Cadette Girl Scout Troup 1187 from Reynoldsburg St. Pius X Church attended the 2017 State of the Girl celebration at the Statehouse, which featured Sylvia Acevedo, interim chief executive officer of Girl Scouts of the USA, who shared her Girl Scout story, her current role, and how girls in Ohio are doing, compared to girls across the nation. Acevedo also is an engineer and a rocket scientist and credits her Girl Scout experience with propelling her to success in the corporate and philanthropic sectors. After her speech, she met with the St. Pius Scouts to answer questions. Pictured are (from left): Agnes Bryan, Melanie Magin, Acevedo, Maria Kelley, Pailyn Groene, and Joelea Kelley.

Photo courtesy Cadette Troop 1187

## FACILITIES MANAGER POSITION

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## Substituting penitential practice? Creating fake identity



### QUESTION & ANSWER

by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE

Catholic News Service

**Q.** I have always observed the fast and abstinence rules during Lent, but this year I find myself in a weird situation. Last summer, I decided no longer to eat any animal products – a decision I made for my health.

So abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent is no longer a sacrifice for me. Is there something else that I should do instead? (Virginia Beach, Virginia)

**A.** I am edified by your question. It shows that you have captured the spirit of Lent as a season of special penitence, with a particular focus on the Fridays, in order to unite ourselves with the suffering of Jesus on the cross.

In 1966, when the church was moving away from the age-old rule of Friday abstinence (except on the Fridays of Lent), the U.S. bishops noted that “the spirit of penance primarily suggests that we discipline ourselves in that which we enjoy most.”

Since, for you, abstinence from meat no longer represents a burden, you would do well to go beyond the specific regulations prescribed by law and adopt a discipline of your own choosing, perhaps by staying away from alcoholic beverages on Lenten Fridays or cutting back generally on food consumption during those days.

Or how about, if your work situation allows it, simply taking five minutes at 3 p.m. on Lenten Fridays to speak with Jesus quietly and thank him for his sacrifice?

**Q.** I apologize for the length of this question, but I want you to understand the complete context. I am a 21-year-old male from Africa. About a year ago I joined an online freelancing site and created my profile, in an attempt to develop business.

It was not successful at all, and I began to suspect

the reason was that I am from a Third-World country. So I created a fake profile that said that I was from Canada, and I used someone else’s picture. No sooner had I done this than the work started flowing in. I deliver good-quality work and my clients have been nothing but satisfied.

(In fact, I now have three long-term clients that I work with every week.) I know that I’m not scamming them, but the issue is that they don’t know my real identity. So my question is this: Am I committing a mortal sin?

Would it help if I were to tithes these earnings, or would that be an insult to God? I am conflicted. I am getting the job done, and it’s not as though I were lying on a dating site and playing with someone’s feelings. Please advise. (Africa)

**A.** Believe me, I sympathize with your plight, especially since a cultural bias seems to have created it. I would almost like to be able to condone your fabrication, but I just can’t do that. Truth is sacred, and the whole human enterprise hangs on our ability to trust in the word of another.

I do think that, in very rare cases, untruthfulness can be justified; for example, when a landlord shielding a Jewish family during the Nazi era tells a Gestapo interrogator at the door, “There are no Jews here.”

But your action in creating a false identity would not seem to match that situation. I don’t believe that what you have done constitutes a mortal sin, given the circumstances, but I would feel much more comfortable – and you probably would, too – if you could return to the path of truth.

Here is my suggestion: Why not create a new profile, revealing your true identity and noting your recent successes with the three long-term clients? Then, why not level with those three clients? Tell them who you are, why you shielded your identity at first, and the discomfort you feel in having been untruthful. If, as you say, they are well-satisfied with your work, they may retain you.

*Questions may be sent to Father Kenneth Doyle at [askfatherdoyle@gmail.com](mailto:askfatherdoyle@gmail.com) and 30 Columbia Circle Drive, Albany NY 12203.*

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## Teens, tweens want news, but get it from different sources

By Mark Pattison  
Catholic News Service

Children may not read the newspaper or watch news on television like their parents or grandparents, but they still want news. They just get it from different sources, according to a report issued on March 8.

In a survey of 853 “tweens” aged 10 to 12 and teenagers aged 13 to 18, five out of eight of those questioned said they had gotten news the day before from family, teachers, or friends.

Nearly half said they had gotten news online. What’s considered “traditional” media -- newspapers, TV, and radio -- were a few percentage points behind online sources.

The report, *News and America’s Kids*, released by Common Sense Media, also revealed that less than half of those surveyed said they could tell the difference between real news and fake news, and 31 percent of those who had shared a news story in the past six months had learned later that the story was inaccurate. The genesis for the report was that “the media landscape has changed considerably in the last two decades,” its author, Michael Robb, said in a March 7 telephone interview from New York City with Catholic News Service. The notion of “a family gathering around a single TV to watch the news is antiquated,” he said, adding that it was the



first study of its kind in about 20 years.

Seventy percent of the children surveyed said consuming the news made them feel “smart and knowledgeable,” while half said following the news said it helped prepare them to make a difference in their communities.

Healthy majorities of young people also feel the news media underrepresents and misrepresents them, as 74 percent said media should show more kids rather than show grown-ups talking about kids, and 69 percent said the

news media “has no idea” about the experiences of people their age -- tweens feeling even more so than teens.

Youths’ most trusted news sources are family (66 percent) and teachers (48 percent), although online news sources edge family for their preferred news source by 39 percent to 36 percent. More than three-fourths of those surveyed said they scan the news headlines of the social media sites they frequent.

Teens prefer Facebook over YouTube

by a 3-to-1 margin as an online news source, although tweens favored YouTube slightly. Facebook users are supposed to be at least 13 years of age.

“Kids see racial and gender bias in the news,” the report said. “Of particular note is the fact that half of U.S. kids say when they see nonwhite kids in the news, it’s negative and/or related to crime and violence.”

Children can be like adults in one troubling respect: They can be scared by what they see in the news. “Content can be disturbing, causing children to feel afraid, angry and or depressed,” the report said, adding that 63 percent of those surveyed feel that way. Girls are twice as likely as boys to feel this way, and tweens are 50 percent more likely than teens to feel like this.

Robb attributed this to children “basically not having as robust an understanding of what can actually affect them. ... Younger children tend to be more scared by natural disasters and big scary events. I think part of their fear is age-based.”

“For a lot of people, we talk about the news around kids, and we don’t engage kids about the news, so we don’t interpret what it means for their lives -- anything from the election to a natural disaster, car crashes in the neighborhood. It can be very visceral, very scary for a kid,” he said.



### Footsteps Foundation Breakfast

Members of the board of the Carol Flanagan Footsteps Foundation hosted a breakfast for representatives from several diocesan parochial schools to present checks to be used toward tuition assistance for families who need help keeping their children in school. To date, the foundation has donated nearly \$100,000 to schools in the Diocese of Columbus since 2002, when it was founded in memory of Flanagan, who was a teacher at Hilliard St. Brendan School and principal at Columbus St. Mary Magdalene School. This year, money was given to 14 schools. Pictured are representatives from the foundation and from St. Brendan and Columbus St. Mary, All Saints, Trinity, Our Lady of Peace, St. Mary Magdalene, and St. Timothy schools.

Photo courtesy diocesan Schools Office

## Marion Boy Scout Troop 50 again named Bishop's Troop



Boy Scout Troop 50, chartered by Marion St Mary Church, was selected by the diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting as Bishop's Troop for the Diocese of Columbus for 2016 and was honored at Scout Day with the Bishop. This is the sixth year in a row and ninth year in the past 10 that Troop 50 has received this honor. Photo courtesy St. Mary Church

## St. Vincent dePaul Is Heart Safe School

Mount Vernon St. Vincent de Paul School has been re-accredited as a Heart Safe School by the SADS (Sudden Arrhythmia Death Syndromes) Foundation. The accreditation is through Dec. 17, 2019. The school is one of 38 schools in five states, and the first parochial school in the nation, to attain this status.

The school is committed to making sure its faculty and staff are as prepared as possible to respond to not only a possible cardiac event, but also other medical emergencies by receiving Heart Saver CPR and First Aid training certification through the American Heart Association. Students and faculty actively participate in medical emergency response drills several times during the school year.

Seventh-grade students take part in Heart Saver First Aid training and the eighth grade participates in Heart Saver CPR training. Students in kindergarten through sixth



grade participate in Heart Safe Day, in which they learn about heart health and the steps they should follow if they find a family member or friend who may be unresponsive. They also learn and practice hands-only compression and learn about defibrillator use.

School principal Martha Downs said she and other

school staff members would be happy to help other schools in the Diocese of Columbus through the accreditation process. They thank Lt. Leo Swank and the Mount Vernon Fire Department for their continued support of and response to the program.

Photo courtesy St. Vincent de Paul School



## St. Michael students pray

More than 30 Worthington St. Michael School eighth-grade students in Gary Norris' and Eric Pfeifer's classes began their observance of Lent on Ash Wednesday by praying the rosary in front of the Founders abortion clinic on East Broad Street near downtown Columbus as part of the 40 Days for Life campaign. Coincidentally, their religion lessons for the work dealt with the subject of chastity.

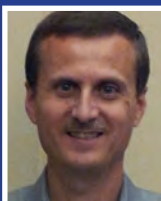
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# LIVING Faith

## BEING A FATHER IN CHRIST

There was a simple man to whom very little was given. It was not his intention to live out a grand life, but a life of humility and sacrifice. He wanted neither notoriety nor acclaim, but most often sought a dwelling among the most common of us all. He is one of the most obscure people in the Bible, and perhaps that is how God wanted it to be. His ministry was not to be one of mass qualities, but of his contributions as a loving, caring parent. This would allow his son to see all that life had to offer in the quiet and serenity of being a child. Innocence needed to be comfortably controlled until his son was ready for what the world was to throw at him. St. Joseph's job was to be all things to his son, but most importantly, to be a protector, teacher, caregiver, and consoler.



### LIGHTING THE WAY

J. P. Leo Thomas

What a model he was for the quintessential prayerful and faithful man! In a time when most of the world was marred by self-consumption and war, here was a man willing to take on the most important task in history. On his feast day, March 19, we celebrate not only St. Joseph, but the humility he practiced in supporting his family, even while knowing of the persecution they were about to endure.

Isn't this much like us today? We as fathers and sons carry on this tradition of sacrifice. We feel responsible for the charges which we have been given, and do so with the knowledge that St. Joseph is by our side. He had many of the same anxieties and fears, but showed us that it is possible to endure hardship and promote the cause of bringing up our children.

What is moral charac-

ter but the ability to stand up against life's challenges and triumphs, acting not as a master of all, but as a small part in the fabric of holding together a family? With love, kindness, and richness of life, we can begin to understand what Joseph was trying to show us – that it is the quiet man who moves the mountain and who accomplishes great things in small ways.

Take what you have learned from St. Joseph and pass this on to your children. This Lenten season is full of people who have committed, as their penance for the season, to stop doing something they love. Why not change that attitude with a pledge to give more of something you love? Give of your time, your faith, and your strength to others who need it more. God does not see whether you have given a little or a lot. He truly only sees your love and how you pass it on. This does not mean we have to give up all that we hold dear. Rather, look upon this as an opportunity to widen our gaze and maybe, just for a little while, to see the world through another's eyes.

Remember what Pope St. John Paul II once said, that this "sublime novelty and richness (of parenthood) can only be approached on one's knees." Pray for families, pray for a tolerant world, and pray, please pray, for this awesome adventure we call life.

May the wind be forever at your backs. May we serve by Joseph's wisdom and example, 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.*

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Father Dury greets students; St. Catharine sanctuary; staff members (from left): Lynne Stelmach, Deacon Chris Reis, Father Dan Dury, pastor; Kristina Keiffer, Beth Sisson, Brendan O'Rourke, Chris Schleicher. Photos Courtesy St. Catharine School; CT photo by Tim Puet (staff)

# St. Catharine has game plan for evangelization

## Alpha course, Connect groups, faith formation, ministries, worship all have role

**BY TIM PUET**  
Reporter, Catholic Times

Columbus St. Catharine Church has committed itself to a game plan – one designed not for athletic victories, but to form disciples who joyfully live out the mission of Jesus Christ.

Father Dan Dury, who has been the parish's pastor since mid-2013, and his staff have given the "game plan" description to a conceptual framework designed to help the parish be more intentional about what it has been doing for many years.

"In the words of the Amazing Parish movement, we are trying to move from maintenance to mission," said Deacon Christopher Reis, a longtime parishioner who was ordained to the diaconate in 2012. "This means we're trying to be more of an invitational church, to increase our involvement with the community so people go beyond thinking of the church as only a place to come for Mass."

In the words of the game plan document, the idea of being an invitational church "is not a ministry or program, but a mindset or 'heart set.' ... This simply means that we invite. In fact, we want to invite so much that it becomes normal."

"Because we are in Bexley, some people may have the image of us as a 'country club' sort of church," but we're anything but that," Father Dury said. "Deacon Chris and I and a group of parish members and staff attended the Amazing Parish conference in 2015 and came back fired up by what we learned there about the importance of reaching out to people and the impact it makes. We've been trying to put that knowledge into practice ever since."

The parish has multiple 'on ramps' giving people an opportunity for greater engagement with its work. These include the Alpha course, Connect groups, and various faith formation programs and ministries, in addition to its Masses.

The nine-week Alpha course, described by Father Dury as "a look at the basics of Christianity, the things we often take for granted without really understanding them," has been presented at a number of parishes throughout the diocese and thousands worldwide.

When it was offered at St. Catharine for the first time in January 2016, it attracted about 300 people, ranging from high school students to senior citizens. "The impact was great," Father Dury said. "Not only did peo-

ple learn more about the faith, which is the intention of the course, but it also led to some conversion of minds and hearts. That was an unexpected bonus."

He said one man who had been away from the church for years and attended the Alpha course at the invitation of his grandson had his faith renewed by what he learned, and decided to become an active Catholic again. Another woman was reconciled with her daughter after a long estrangement. "It's not because of anything we said, but because the Holy Spirit was at work there," Father Dury said.

A second Alpha course offering later in the year drew about 160 people. The parish will present the course again in the fall.

Five Connect groups were formed as a result of the parish's first Alpha course and three more are in the formation process. These are regular home-based gatherings of eight to 10 people who meet for a potluck meal, a time of prayer, a program, reflection, and discussion.

The programs are based on materials found at Formed.org, a website of the Augustine Institute in suburban Denver, which offers hundreds of Catholic videos, movies, audios, and ebooks. "The Alpha course made many people hungry to learn more. The Connect groups give them an opportunity to delve deeper into Catholic teaching," Father Dury said.

Another faith formation opportunity is provided by the Symbolon program, a 10-session program which began meeting on Tuesday nights in late January and will conclude on March 28. Deacon Reis said about 125 people are attending the sessions, which also are serving as RCIA classes for adults who plan to join the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil.

"We thought 'Why isolate the RCIA people?'" he said. "Involving them in Symbolon gave us a great opportunity to incorporate them with the rest of the parish and make them feel more a part of the parish community from the start of their inquiry into Catholic teaching." He described Symbolon as "Catholicism 101. It's based on the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* and shares the meal-video-discussion format of the Alpha course and the Connect groups."

Men of the parish have an opportunity to take part in the That Man Is You! program on Saturdays at 7 a.m. Focused on the development of authentic male leadership, it looks at men in their relationship to God, their wife,

and their children. A counterpart for women is Walking With Purpose, which meets on Thursday mornings and evenings. It is a Bible study that links women's daily challenges with the solutions given through the teachings of Christ and the Catholic Church.

The parish marriage and family life ministry is offering a program called Beloved, which meets in people's homes for meals and discussion. It gives people a chance to explore the true meaning of marriage through Scripture, Tradition, and church teaching.

The current session of Beloved will conclude on Sunday, May 7, with a talk at the church by Dr. Allen Hunt, a speaker and author who converted to Catholicism after being pastor of a large Methodist church in suburban Atlanta and is heard frequently on Catholic radio and television. The talk is open to all.

Parish youth groups are led by youth minister Brendan O'Rourke. High-school students meet on Sunday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. and middle-school students gather at 7 p.m. on the first and third Wednesdays of each month.

O'Rourke also conducts a Bible study for eighth-graders, which meets on Wednesdays and Thursdays during the parish school's recess period. "A surprising number of students are willing to gather at lunchtime to learn more about the faith," he said. "I try to get together with the kids when the time is best for them because it's all about relationships. I just want to enable them to grow in Jesus."

The youth groups also take part in service projects locally and outside the area, including a mission trip to Jenkins, Kentucky; participation in the March for Life in Washington; and a leadership week at Franciscan University of Steubenville in July.

Religious education classes for young people not attending the parish school are offered on Sunday mornings. Chris Schleicher, religious education and RCIA director, said the classes serve about 250 students from kindergarten through eighth grade.

The parish offers many ministries of mercy focusing on outreach to the poor and suffering. Its St. Vincent de Paul Society maintains a pantry for delivery of emergency food, makes sandwiches for St. Lawrence Haven in downtown Columbus, coordinates an annual Christmas giving tree, and provides rent, utility, and furniture assistance to families referred to the organization.

For Lent, it is conducting a Fill the Plate

program asking parishioners to purchase specific items which will provide enough food to feed a family of four for three or four days. The items are being delivered to the pantry at Columbus Holy Rosary-St. John Church each Sunday after Masses.

Several parishioners assist with operations at the Bishop Griffin Center, which is located at nearby Columbus Christ the King Church and has a choice food pantry, makes household goods and clothing available, and offers a community garden.

In addition, St. Catharine has a bereavement ministry for preparing funeral luncheons; offers weekly visits bringing the Eucharist to the homebound and to people in nursing homes or assisted-living facilities; has a Respect Life Committee to promote appreciation for the dignity of each person from conception to natural death; and has hosted programs of the Non Solum Columbus ministry to separated and divorced Catholics, led by parishioner Keith Luscher.

Its Knights of Columbus council is sponsoring Friday Lenten fish fries on March 17 and 31 and April 7 from 5 to 8 p.m. The council also sponsors a family fun evening titled "Hot Summer Knights," prays in front of the Founders abortion clinic on East Broad Street on the first Saturday of the month, and takes part in the Knights' traditional programs providing assistance to the developmentally disabled and those discerning a possible vocation to the religious life.

St. Catharine Church was founded in 1931, with the current school and church at 500 S. Gould Road built in 1950 and 1961 respectively. The church was built in a style reminiscent of the Art Deco of the 1930s and '40s. Its main altar is surrounded by seating on all four sides and is under a canopy supported by four marble pillars. The building has been well-maintained over the years and has undergone several renovations, the most recent taking place one-and-a-half years ago when new sanctuary lamps symbolizing the five wounds of Jesus were added, the pews were resanded, and new flooring was installed.

Weekend Masses are at 5 p.m. Saturday (Sunday Vigil) and 8:30 and 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday. Daily Masses are at 8 a.m. weekdays and 8:30 a.m. Saturday.

Deacon Reis said the parish is placing a greater emphasis on hymns, homilies, and



Scenes from Columbus St. Catharine School (top to bottom): at recess; Teri Heisey's sixth-grade class; in the computer lab. Photos Courtesy St. Catharine School

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hospitality. More contemporary music is being featured at the 5 p.m. Sunday Mass, and a children's choir has been formed to provide music once a month at the 11 a.m. Mass, usually on the first Sunday of the month. Father Dury is planning to start a series of homilies on the fundamentals of the Mass and the symbolism found there. The parish also has started a welcoming ministry which has about 40 members, eight of whom greet people at each Mass.

The church has expanded its schedule for weekly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, which now takes place from 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, concluding at 6:30 with its traditional Holy Hour, ending with Benediction at 7:30. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available from 6:30 to 7:30. Adoration also takes place from the end of the 8 a.m. Mass to 9:30 a.m. on the first Friday of each month, and there is a candlelit program of Adoration, prayer, Scripture reading in the *Lectio Divina* method, and praise music from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on the first Sunday of the month. The Stations of the Cross are being offered at 7 p.m. on Lenten Fridays and will be preceded by a soup supper at 5 p.m. March 24.

The church serves about 1,200 parishioners, mostly from Bexley and the Eastmoor neighborhood of Columbus. "It's very much a landlocked church," Father Dury said. "A lot of parishioners walk to Mass. It's also common to see whole pews or sections of the church being filled by generations of one family."

The sense of community among parishioners and the surrounding neighborhood is promoted by the annual parish Fun Fest, which is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year and traditionally has been the first of the many parish festivals taking place in Columbus and Franklin County on most summer weekends. This year's event will be from Thursday to Saturday, June 8 to 10.

"Events like the fish fries and the Fun Fest draw all kinds of folks," Deacon Reis said. "They offer a great, non-threatening

way to reach people, and may lead some to renew their faith and others to consider a closer look into learning more about what the church teaches."

St. Catharine School has 250 students in kindergarten through eighth grade. Janet Weisner, its principal, has served in that position for 17 years and has been an educator in diocesan schools for 35 years. "As I tell teachers all the time, we're so fortunate to have the strong mixture of academics and faith that has always been our strength, plus the pioneer SPiCE program for special-needs children," she said. "It's a privilege every year to see another group of well-rounded eighth-graders graduate and to know they're ready for high school."

Weisner said standardized test scores for St. Catharine students are significantly above the national norms. She said an average of \$25,000 in annual academic scholarships is awarded to the school's eighth-graders, about one-third of whom receive scholarship money.

There is ample opportunity for faith formation, with school Masses every Wednesday morning, Stations of the Cross on Lenten Fridays, Advent and Lenten penance services, an eighth-grade retreat; prayer and Scripture reading at the start of each day; prayer and faith sharing throughout the day; and faith-related service projects.

There are interactive SMART boards in every classroom. Students in grades four to eight have one-to-one Chromebooks, and the school has a fully equipped computer lab with laptops and iPads. Specialized services include a full-time intervention specialist, tutoring, and speech and language, occupational therapy, and counseling support.

There are weekly music and art classes for all students. Music classes include vocal, trumpet, and handbell choirs, and a cantor program. The art classes are in a room dedicated to the subject.

Extracurricular activities include Math-Counts, Battle of the Books, a spelling bee, athletics, Boy and Girl Scouts, and



**Drummers at a Columbus St. Catharine School music class.** Photo courtesy St. Catharine School

the Creative Activities Program, which offers a variety of after-school clubs on different dates. Clubs were offered during the winter in everyday etiquette, science, Irish step dancing, and producing a school newspaper.

Enrichment courses for various grade levels include a COSI overnight, DARE drug education, Junior Achievement, outdoor education, and a ropes course for team building. High-school algebra is offered to selective eighth-graders, and there are Spanish classes for all graders. Funding for much of the enrichment programs comes from the school's Partners in Education program, which was organized in 1992.

The SPiCE program was founded in 1999 by parishioners Bob and Mary Ginn Ryan, who have a Down syndrome child and were encouraged by Margaret Crabtree, St. Catharine School principal at the time, to enroll her there.

It supports the education of special-needs children by providing additional funding for classroom aides, specialized therapists, teacher and staff continuing education, classroom support materials,

and software,

It was one of the first programs of its type. In the 17 years since its founding, it has expanded to several other parishes in the Diocese of Columbus and in nearby states. Its principal fundraiser is a St. Patrick's Day dinner which took place this past weekend. It also accepts individual contributions to the school.

The St. Catharine Church website explains that SPiCE may not be able to answer all of a student's special needs, but is committed to doing what it can.

"Why didn't God make us all the same?" the site asks. "Does everyone have the same needs and learning styles, and should those with special needs be ignored? Our parish is an extension of the family, the basic unit of the Catholic Church. Just as parents try to do all they can for all their children, so does St. Catharine for all of its members."

For more information on St. Catharine Church and School and the SPiCE program, go to the following websites: [www.stcatharine.com](http://www.stcatharine.com), [www.stcatharine-school.com](http://www.stcatharine-school.com), and [www.spiceatstcatharine.com](http://www.spiceatstcatharine.com).



# Turban Project has helped more than 8,000 cancer patients

The Turban Project, which gathers once a month at Sts. Peter and Paul Retreat Center in Newark, is an outstanding example of how one person with an idea can make a difference. Since its founding in June 2012, it has turned out more than 8,000 turbans and caps for people who have lost their hair because of cancer treatment.

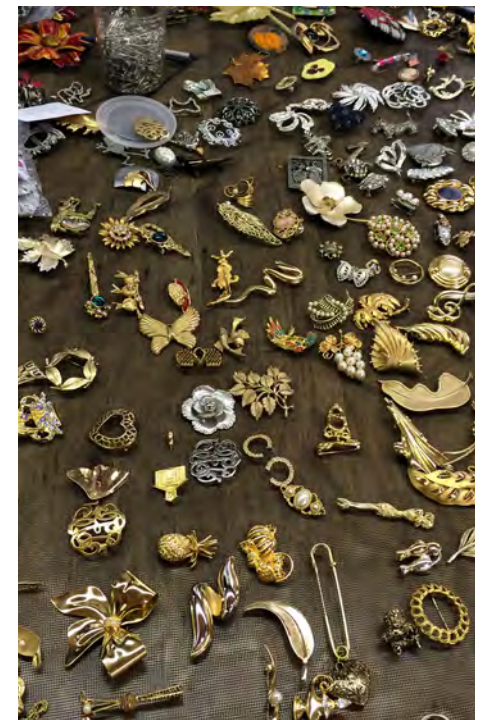
Project founder Kathy Braidich got it started because one of her co-workers at the U.S. Postal Service needed a cap. She talked about it with other women whose husbands were involved with fourth-degree Knights of Columbus Assembly 0830, and it took off, gaining nonprofit status in January 2016.

About 65 women regularly volunteer to make turbans, which are distributed free of charge to 21 oncology and radiation centers in central and southern Ohio and parts of Kentucky and West Virginia and are sent elsewhere on request.

The project is run 100 percent by volunteers using donated funds. They cut and sew the turbans and embellish the bands with a little “bling” or perhaps a scarf. The turbans are blessed by a priest or minister before distribution to the centers. Each turban includes a card signed by the women involved in making it.

The group is always in need of leftover soft and stretchy knit material; embellishments such as buttons or pins; cotton; or fleece fabric one-fourth yard or longer; gift cards to Wal-Mart, JoAnn Fabrics, or Hobby Lobby; and packages for mailing.

Donations may be made to its website, [www.turbanproject.com](http://www.turbanproject.com), by PayPal or credit card. Its address is 7871 Ridge Road, Frazeytsburg OH 43822. More information is available from Braidich at (704) 504-6133 or Sally Oldham at (614) 403-9706. It also is on Facebook @theturbanproject.



Project founder Kathy Braidich and some of the “bling” that goes on turbans.



Left: A Turban Project work day; Above: Project volunteers (from left) Joyce Smeigh, Kristi Gallagher, Susan Welch, and Linda Lemkuhle.

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**the Lord's Prayer**

## Third Sunday of Lent (Cycle A)

# Misunderstandings lead to a great revelation



Father  
Lawrence L. Hummer

**Exodus 17:3-7;  
Romans 5:1-2,5-8;  
John 4:5-42**

The next three Sundays feature long Gospel readings from John. To choose the “shortened” versions is to miss much of the enlightenment the dialogues bring to those encounters between Jesus and the various characters.

The Samaritan woman meets Jesus at a well for a reason. Water becomes the backdrop for the entire dialogue, beginning with Jesus saying to the woman, “Give me a drink.” I always put that line on the sign in front of my church to baffle those driving by and make them wonder what “those Catholics” are up to now. Yet isn’t that what John did when he wrote this? He’s drawing us in, as Jesus did with this woman, her own story notwithstanding. After all, she had five husbands for a reason, but Jesus sees in her what we so often fail to see in others, and his openness to her draws her in. This itself is a lesson to those in the RCIA preparing for Baptism. It is Christ who draws them to himself, never mind their story and never mind their sins.

It’s the dialogue that carries this narrative. She asks how he can ask her, a Samaritan woman, for a drink. Each answer Jesus gives reveals something about him. He speaks of living water he can give.

The question often is raised about how we are to understand the idea of Jesus as “living water.” It has been suggested that it could mean his teaching or his own revelation of the Father. It also could refer to the Spirit, as he spoke of “water and Spirit” to Nicodemus in John 3:5.

The woman asks, “Sir, ... Are you greater than our

father Jacob, who gave us this cistern?” The word *Kyrios* is used three times in this passage. It can mean “Lord” or “Sir,” as it used here. John probably intended it as a progression to faith, so that when the woman says that she can see he is a prophet, it actually should be translated “Lord” this third time, as she begins to realize who he is. Jesus responds that whoever drinks the water he will give will never thirst again.

Her request for Jesus to give her the water he offers serves two purposes: to slake her thirst and so that she doesn’t have to keep coming to the well. John probably has in mind the waters of baptism and is not talking about the well at all. Jesus tells her to bring her husband with her and come back. Her response: “I have no husband.” The plot thickens as Jesus tells her that he already knows about her five previous husbands, without really passing judgement. It is more like a simple observation, as though to say, “Yes, I already know about the others.” It is unclear why he tells her to call her husband, other than to stress his prior knowledge of her situation. John does not dwell on it. He simply has Jesus add that the one she’s with now is not her husband.

Jesus (or John) clearly enjoyed the dialogue with this woman. Her misunderstanding (about who was asking her for a drink, about the water and why she might want “living water,” about his identity as a prophet, and about the Messiah) adds greatly to the interest in this story. Yet in the end, by means of a question, she testifies to her townsfolk, “Could this be the Christ?” Her townsfolk eventually tell her, “We no longer believe because of your word. ... We know that this truly is the savior of the world.”

The disciples remain clueless throughout the story. They fail to understand his encounter with the Samaritan woman. They cannot understand why he is not hungry, supposing someone fed him something. Yet the Samaritans come to believe that he is the savior of the world. We need to do likewise.

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## Nick Gialdini is John McConnell Scholarship recipient

Newark Catholic High School senior Nick Gialdini received the National Football Foundation Hall of Fame scholar-athlete award and was awarded the foundation’s John McConnell Scholarship for athletics, academics, and community leadership at the annual banquet of the foundation’s Columbus chapter. He is pictured with his coach, Bill Franks, who was honored for surpassing 150 career wins. Franks was presented with a plaque from the Ohio High School Football Coaches Association by the Buckeyes’ most recent head coaches, Urban Meyer and Luke Fickell, who now is head coach at the University of Cincinnati.

Photo courtesy Newark Catholic High School



## The Weekday Bible Readings

### MONDAY

2 Samuel 7:4-5a,12-14a,16  
Psalm 89:2-5,27,29  
Romans 4:13,16-18,22  
Luke 2:41-51a

### TUESDAY

Daniel 3:25,34-43  
Psalm 25:4-9  
Matthew 18:21-35

### WEDNESDAY

Deuteronomy 4:1,5-9  
Psalm 147:12-13,15-16,19-20  
Matthew 5:17-19

### THURSDAY

Jeremiah 7:23-28  
Psalm 95:1-2,6-9  
Luke 11:14-23

### FRIDAY

Hosea 14:2-10  
Mark 8:1-9  
Mark 12:28-34

### SATURDAY

Isaiah 7:10-14;8:10  
Psalm 40:7-11  
Hebrews 10:4-10  
Luke 1:26-38

## DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE WEEK OF MARCH 19, 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](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 (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](http://www.stgabrielradio.com).

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

## Persuasive disciples, not anarchic disrupters

We are living through a dangerous moment in our national life, of an intensity and potential for destruction unseen since 1968. Then, as a teenager, I watched Army tanks patrol the streets of Baltimore around the African-American parish where I worked. Now, a Medicare card carrier, I'm just as concerned about the fragility of the Republic and the rule of law.

A uniquely vile presidential campaign has been followed by a post-election rejectionism that conjures up images of 1860. Electoral refuseniks who cannot abide the verdict rendered on Nov. 8 put on a vile display in Washington the day after the inauguration – and this despite President Obama's plea for civility and a dignified transfer of power. The new administration has not helped matters with its own tendency toward raw-meat rhetoric, seemingly aimed at keeping its electoral base in a state of permanent outrage.

In today's deeply divided America, the public debate is too often being framed by those who substitute invective for argument while demonstrating a visceral contempt for normal democratic political and legal process. Unless reason reasserts itself over passion, the potential for short-term chaos is great and the risk of long-term damage even greater: an ongoing cycle of resentment, bitterness, and revenge that will lead to more of the gratuitous violence that was seen on the streets of Washington this past Jan. 21.

Americans once knew a different way. In the 1950s and early 1960s, the civil rights movement promoted not rage and disruption, but nonviolent civil disobedience, accepting the penalties imposed under what protesters deemed unjust laws in order to awaken consciences to the injustice of those laws. The ca-



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DIFFERENCE**  
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nonical text here is Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s brilliant *Letter from Birmingham Jail*. In it, King married a Gandhian theory of nonviolent direct action to Thomas Aquinas' understanding of the relationship of moral law to civil law, calmly but forcefully explaining his cause and his actions to skeptical fellow clergymen who were critical of his methods. The letter is thoughtful, measured, and well worth rereading – not least because some religious leaders today are taking an opposite tack.

These leaders may imagine that their calls for “disruption,” of the sort Saul Alinsky described in *Rules for Radicals*, stand in continuity with King's *Letter from Birmingham Jail*. They do not. They appeal to outrage, not to the people's instinct for justice. They risk little or nothing, whereas King risked everything. Their program, such as it is, calls for resistance and defiance rather than correction and civic renewal. There is little in their message about “dialogue,” a key theme of Pope Francis, but there is a lot of hot rhetoric about impeding the enforcement of the laws, in terms weirdly reminiscent of the states-rights or “nullification” theory of John C. Calhoun, recently disowned by Yale University for his defense of slavery.

I do not raise these concerns as an apologist for the present administration. I publicly opposed the nomination of Mr. Trump and did not vote for him (or his opponent) last November. A clever email correspondent spoke for me and perhaps many others when he asked, on Nov. 9, “Do the Germans have a word for ‘euphoric dread?’” (They don't, alas.) The administration has made decisions and appointments I applaud and decisions and appointments I deplore. I often find the rhetoric from the White House a degradation of what we used to call “the public discourse.” But that fevered talk has been quite matched by the administration's opponents in a public scream-in.

In a volatile situation like this, the task of religious leaders is not to imitate Saul Alinsky or to mimic Lenin's strategy of heightening the contradictions. The task of religious leaders is to call their people to live citizenship as discipleship, which in this instance means using the arts of persuasion rather than the anarchic tactics of disruption to do the work of justice. Discipleship always will involve speaking truth to power. But Christian discipleship is a matter of speaking that truth and attempting to persuade others of it, not barking epithets.

Order is fragile. Order is gravely threatened by incivility, from any source. Whatever their politics – left, right, alt-left, or alt-right – those contributing to that incivility and that assault on order are playing with fire, which means they're behaving irresponsibly. Their counsel should be ignored.

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## Evangelization workshop at Chillicothe St. Peter Church



More than 100 people came to Chillicothe St. Peter Church earlier this month for a workshop on the basics of evangelization, presented by the St. Paul's Street Evangelization organization. Those in attendance took part in discussion about how to engage in conversations about their faith and who they probably would try to reach first. They also took part in live role-playing. Members of St. Peter, Waverly St. Mary, and Washington Court House St. Colman of Cloyne churches were joined by Catholics from Indiana, Gallipolis, and elsewhere to learn the importance of sharing the Good News of our faith. Chris Hiles, youth and evangelization coordinator at St. Peter, said, “I have heard several positive comments about the workshop, but more importantly, I have heard how people are already putting what they learned into practice. I am excited about taking the next step to form evangelization teams and use the momentum we have to impact our parish and the community.”

Photo courtesy St. Peter Church

## Pray for our dead

**ANDREATTA, Miriam (Jones), 88, March 4**  
Immaculate Conception Church, Dennison

**ARNOLD, Arthur J., 93, Feb. 27**  
St. Vincent de Paul Church, Mount Vernon

**BANNING, Rosemary (Kempton), 93, Feb. 5**  
St. Vincent de Paul Church, Mount Vernon

**BARRY, Patricia (Russell), 75, March 7**  
St. Brigid of Kildare Church, Dublin

**BRANDT, Carol L. (O'Brien), 74, March 4**  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Grove City

**CHANG-SOTERO, Yolanda, 88, March 6**  
St. Matthew Church, Gahanna

**CONONE, Dr. Ruth M. (Kunz), 75, March 10**  
St. Timothy Church, Columbus

**CROWLEY, Charles E., 79, March 5**  
St. Peter Church, Columbus

**D'ELIA, Nicholas A., 29, March 4**  
St. Matthew Church, Gahanna

**DiDONATO, Arthur, 95, March 2**  
Immaculate Conception Church, Dennison

**DONNELLY, Regina E. (Neff), 84, March 4**  
St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Zanesville

**GARRISON, Marianne (Weisent), 88, March 7**  
St. Aloysius Church, Columbus

**GHESQUIERE, Brian J., 33, of Columbus, March 3**  
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Temperance, Mich.

**HACKWORTH, Kathleen (Smith), 63, March 8**  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Grove City

**HAIRSTON, William, 84, March 8**  
Holy Rosary-St. John Church, Columbus

**HAUBER, Mary A. (Valsko), 79, Feb. 16**  
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

**HELMICK, Gene, 84, March 6**  
St. John Neumann Church, Sunbury

**JURKOWITZ, Paul M., 75, Feb. 23**  
St. Vincent de Paul Church, Mount Vernon

**KIENER, Rita M. (Snyder), 84, March 9**  
St. Timothy Church, Columbus

**LANGER, Heimo J., 80, March 9**  
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

**McLEAN, James, 78, March 6**  
St. Philip Church, Columbus

**PAUL, Madison N., 19, Feb. 27**  
St. Nicholas Church, Zanesville

**ROBERTS, Patricia A., 57, Feb. 20**  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Grove City

**ROESSLER, Mary L. (Pfeifer), 88, March 3**  
St. Nicholas Church, Zanesville

**TRACEY, Teresa M. (Matis), 90, March 7**  
St. Nicholas Church, Zanesville

**VAN BEUSECUM, Elly P. (Gijsbers), 88, Feb. 25**  
St. Peter Church, Columbus

**VOLPE, Alice C. (Leonhardt), 99, March 9**  
St. Pius X Church, Reynoldsburg

**WHITACRE, Donna J., 93, March 4**  
St. Mary Church, Columbus

**ZELLER, James, 94, March 2**  
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

## Dennis J. Shonebarger

Funeral Mass for Dennis J. Shonebarger, 76, a former state deputy of the Knights of Columbus, who died Thursday, March 9, was held Wednesday, March 15 at Columbus St. Mary Magdalene Church. Burial was at Concord Cemetery, Grove City.

He was born April 11, 1940 to Francis and Louise (Hickey) Shonebarger.

He graduated from Newark St. Francis DeSales High School in 1958 and received a bachelor of science degree in 1973 and a master of science degree in 1975, both in business administration, from The Ohio State University. Most of his career was in information technology. After retirement, he worked for the Browning & Meyer law firm.

He was a member of the Knights of Columbus for 50 years, serving as state deputy from 1993-95 after serving in various state positions for

the previous 10 years. He was grand knight of Santa Maria Council 2898 in 1977 and 1978 and currently was financial secretary for Father Raymond Bauschard Council 13581. He also was responsible for the scholarship program of the state Knights of Columbus council, coached baseball at St. Mary Magdalene, was a high school basketball, baseball, and softball official, and was a member of the American Philatelic Society.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and brothers, Phillip and Joseph. Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Patsy (Hannum); son, Dennis (Kimberly); daughters, Pamela (David) Gardner, Kimberly (Michael) Mulholand, and Ann; siblings, Thomas (Cheryl), Marian, David (Teresa), Beth Trost, Holly Mason, and Maureen; six grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

## Sister Johanna Eberly, OP

Funeral Mass for Sister Johanna Eberly, OP, 87, who died Thursday, March 9, was held Tuesday, March 14 at the Motherhouse of the Dominican Sisters of Peace. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus.

She was born April 27, 1929 to Francis and Katherine (Gaughan) Eberly. She was a graduate of Columbus St. Mary of the Springs elementary and high schools and received a bachelor of arts degree in music in 1958 from St. Mary of the Springs College (now Ohio Dominican University) and a master of arts degree in music in 1971 from The Ohio State University.

She entered the congregation of the Dominican Sisters of St. Mary of the Springs (now the Dominican Sisters of Peace) in 1949 and professed her vows on July 9, 1951, taking the name Sister John Berchmans.

In the Diocese of Columbus, she was a teacher at Coshocton Sacred

Heart (1951-54), Newark St. Francis de Sales (1954-55), and Columbus St. James the Less (1978-81) schools, principal at Columbus St. Gabriel (1969-70) and Columbus St. Philip (1970-78) schools, and administrator at Columbus Sacred Heart School (1987-97). She also taught at schools in Pennsylvania and New York and the Diocese of Steubenville.

She was resident life director at the Mohun Health Care Center from 1997-2000 and was a mail room volunteer at the Motherhouse from 2000-13, then entered a ministry of prayer and service at the Motherhouse from 2013-15 and the Mohun center from 2015 until her death.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and brothers, Francis (Kay), John (Mary Ann), and Michael Mary-ann). She is survived by several nieces and nephews.

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**\$9 Adults, \$5 Kids -Carryouts available**

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277 Reeb Avenue  
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**Sunday, March 26 - 12-5PM**  
Pasta, home-made meatballs & sauce,  
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Adults \$8, Child/Seniors \$5  
Carryouts available. Raffle.

**LENTEN FISH FRY**  
**FRIDAYS 5 - 8 pm, MAR 3 - APR 7**  
**St. Michael Church**  
5750 N. High St., Worthington  
Fish Dinner: Reg/\$9; Small/\$7  
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**LENTEN PASTA DINNER**  
1420 Grandview Avenue / Trinity School Cafeteria  
**Fridays~March 3 - April 7~5-7PM**  
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# H A P P E N I N G S

## MARCH

THROUGH APRIL 9, SUNDAY

### 40 Days for Life

7 a.m. to 7 p.m., sidewalk in front of Founder's Women's Health Care Center, 1243 E. Broad St., Columbus. 40 Days for Life campaign of daily vigils at clinic. Individuals, groups may sign up for hourly shifts. **614-445-8508**

16, THURSDAY

### 'Adults Seeking Knowledge' at St. John Neumann

7 to 9 p.m., St. John Neumann Church, 9633 E. State Route 37, Sunbury. Adults Seeking Knowledge question-and-answer session with papal missionary of mercy Father Thomas Blau, OP. **740-965-1358**

### 'Lent by Candlelight' Program at Delaware St. Mary

6 to 9 p.m., Beitel Commons, St. Mary Church, 82 E. William St., Delaware. "Lent by Candlelight" program for women, featuring Emily Jaminet and Michele Faehnle, authors of "Divine Mercy for Moms." **740-363-4641**

### 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.

### Soup Supper at St. Francis of Assisi

St. Francis of Assisi Church, 386 Buttles Ave., Columbus. Soup supper following 6 p.m. Mass. **614-299-5781**

### Bishop Campbell Reflects on "Laudato Si"

7 to 9 p.m., Bishop Ready High School, 707 Salisbury Road, Columbus. Presentation by Bishop Frederick Campbell on "God's Creation, Our Common Home," reflecting on Pope Francis' encyclical "Laudato Si."

### 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**

### 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**

### Frassati Society Meeting at Columbus St. Patrick

7 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Meeting of parish's Frassati Society for young adults. "Christ in the City" program with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, confessions, Taize chant, and night prayer, followed by refreshments at Claddagh Irish Pub. **Sung Vespers at St. Margaret of Cortona** 7:30 p.m., St. Margaret of Cortona Church, 1600 N. Hague Ave., Columbus. Sung Vespers, following Stations of the Cross during weekly Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

17, FRIDAY

### Stations, Simple Supper at Portsmouth St. Mary

6 p.m., St. Mary Church, 524 6th St., Portsmouth. Stations of the Cross, followed by simple supper. **740-354-4551**

### Simple Supper, Stations at Groveport St. Mary

6 p.m., St. Mary Church, 5684 Groveport Road, Groveport. Simple supper, followed by Stations of the Cross.

### Liturgy of the Hours, Stations, Holy Hour at Sunbury

6:15 to 8:15 p.m., St. John Neumann Church, 9633 E. State Route 37, Sunbury. Liturgy of the Hours, followed by Stations of the Cross and Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour.

### Lenten Vespers Service at St. John Chrysostom

7 p.m., St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church, 5858 Cleveland Ave., Columbus. Weekly Lenten Vespers service with Holy Eucharist. **614-882-7578**

### Exposition, Stations, Reconciliation at Del. St. Mary

7 to 9 p.m., St. Mary Church, 82 E. William St., Delaware. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, with Stations of the Cross at 7:30, Reconciliation at 8, and Benediction at 9.

19-21, SUNDAY-TUESDAY

### Columbus Catholic Renewal Retreat at St. Therese's

St. Therese's Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus. Retreat sponsored by Columbus Catholic Renewal, directed by Father John R. Hadnagy, OFM Conv, of the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey. Theme: "Empowered for Ministry." **614-582-1721**

### DeSales Presents 'The Sound of Music'

7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday, St. Francis DeSales High School, 4212 Karl Road, Columbus School theater department presents the musical "The Sound of Music."

18, 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.

### Dominican Learning Center Tutor Training Workshop

9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Dominican Learning Center, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus. Training workshop for volunteer tutors needed to teach adults seeking basic education skills, GED readiness, or English as a Second Language.

### Morning of Reflection at Sts. Peter and Paul

9 a.m. to noon, Sts. Peter and Paul Retreat Center, 2734 Seminary Road S.E., Newark. Lenten morning of reflection with Sister Louis Mary Passeri, OP. Theme: "I Thirst." **Bishop Campbell Reflects on "Laudato Si"**

9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Notre Dame High School, 2220 Sunrise Ave., Portsmouth. Presentation by Bishop Frederick Campbell on "God's Creation, Our Common Home."

### Retreat at Grove City With Bishop Barron DVD Series

9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 3730 Broadway, Grove City. Retreat featuring Bishop Robert Barron's "Seven Deadly Sins -- Seven Lively Virtues" DVD series. **614-875-3322**

### America Needs Fatima Marriage Rally

Noon to 1 p.m., West North Broadway and High streets, Columbus. Pro-marriage rally in honor of St. Joseph, sponsored by local America Needs Fatima chapter as one of several similar events nationwide.

19, SUNDAY

### Exposition at Our Lady of Mount Carmel

9:15 to 10:15 a.m., Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 5133 Walnut St. S.E., Buckeye Lake. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, continuing every Sunday during Lent.

### St. Christopher Adult Religious Education

10 to 11:20 a.m., Library, Trinity Catholic School, 1440 Grandview Ave., Columbus. Second session of three-week training program with James White, president of Performance Consulting Services, focusing on "The Racial Divide in the United States," a pastoral letter by Bishop Edward Braxton of Belleville, Illinois.

### 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**

### Angelic Warfare Confraternity at Columbus St. Patrick

Following noon Mass, St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Monthly meeting of Angelic Warfare Confraternity, with talk on chastity-related issues followed by Holy Hour. **614-224-9522**

### St. Padre Pio Secular Franciscans

1:30 to 5 p.m., St. John the Baptist Church, 720 Hamlet St., Columbus. Fellowship and ongoing formation followed by adoration and prayer, Liturgy of the Hours, and initial formation with visitors. **614-282-4676**

### Polish Mass at Holy Family

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

### Taize Evening Prayer at Corpus Christi

4 to 5 p.m., Corpus Christi Center of Peace, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus. Evening Prayer in the style and spirit of the Taize monastic community, with song, silence, and reflection. **614-512-3731**

### Exposition, Benediction at Coshocton Sacred Heart

4 to 5 p.m., Sacred Heart Church, Walnut Street and Park Avenue, Coshocton. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, continuing with Benediction, each Sunday during Lent.

### Adoration, Vespers, Benediction at Lancaster St. Mary

4 p.m., St. Mary Church, 132 S. High St., Columbus. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, sung Vespers, and Benediction each Sunday during Lent. **740-653-0997**

### 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**

### Adoration at Portsmouth St. Mary

6:30 to 7:30 p.m., St. Mary Church, 524 6th St., Portsmouth. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament as part of parish's Adore Night program. **740-354-4551**

### Spanish Mass at Columbus St. Peter

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

19-21, SUNDAY-TUESDAY

### Parish Mission at St. Pius X

7 p.m., St. Pius X Church, 1051 S. Waggoner Road, Reyn-

oldsburg. Parish mission with author and radio personality Elizabeth Ficocelli, a St. Pius parishioner. Theme: "Discovering, Living, and Sharing Our Mission."

20, MONDAY

### Christ Child Society Day of Reflection at St. Andrew

8:30 a.m., St. Andrew Church, 1899 McCoy Road, Columbus. Day of reflection sponsored by Columbus chapter of the Christ Child Society, beginning with Mass followed by remarks from Emily Jaminet and Michele Faehnle, and lunch. Cost \$35. See www.ChristChild Society.org.

### Adoration at New Philadelphia Sacred Heart

5 p.m., Sacred Heart Church, 139 3rd St N.E., New Philadelphia. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and confessions, followed by Evening Prayer. **330-343-6976**

### Cenacle of Prayer at Delaware St. Mary

6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Teachers lounge, St. Mary School, 82 E. William St., Delaware. Weekly Lenten Cenacle of prayer, led by Deacon Felix Azzola. **740-363-4641**

### Mass of Healing and Healing Service at Cathedral

6:30 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Mass of Healing, followed by healing service including Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and veneration of relic of the True Cross. Priests will be on hand for discussion and prayer and the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be available.

21, TUESDAY

### Soup Supper, Stations at St. Brigid of Kildare

6 p.m., Hendricks Hall, St. Brigid of Kildare Church, 7179 Avery Road, Dublin. Soup supper, followed by Stations of the Cross at church. **614-761-3734**

### Soup Supper at St. Edward

6 to 7 p.m., St. Edward Church, 785 Newark-Granville Road, Granville. Soup supper with talk by Msgr. John Cody, judicial vicar, diocesan Tribunal. **740-587-3254**

### 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.

### Soup Supper at St. Elizabeth

6:30 p.m., St. Elizabeth Church, 6077 Sharon Woods Blvd., Columbus. Soup supper, accepting donations to support St. Vincent de Paul Society. **614-891-0150**

### 'Wrestling With the Faith' at Ohio Dominican

7 p.m., Colonial Room, Sansbury Hall, Ohio Dominican University, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Talk by Richard Gaillardetz, chair of Boston College theology department, on "Wrestling With the Faith: Why Religious Belonging Still Matters."

22, WEDNESDAY

### Habitat for Humanity Soup Dinner at Delaware St. Mary

4:30 to 7:30 p.m., Beitel Commons, St. Mary Church, 82 E. William St., Delaware. Habitat for Humanity Soups for Shelter dinner. **740-363-4641**

### Chaplet at St. Pius X

6 p.m., St. Pius X Church, 1051 S. Waggoner Road, Reynoldsburg. Praying of Chaplet of Divine Mercy before tabernacle. **614-866-2859**

### 'The Bible and the Virgin Mary' at Delaware St. Mary

6 to 7:30 p.m., Beitel Commons, St. Mary School, 82 E. William St., Delaware. Third of five talks on "The Bible and the Virgin Mary" with Deacon Todd Tucky.

### Adoration at Holy Redeemer

6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Holy Redeemer Church, 1325 Gallia St., Portsmouth. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

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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## Cardinal Dolan op-ed urges passage of nationwide school choice bill

### By Catholic News Service

Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan of New York urged President Donald Trump to follow through on a recent call for legislation that funds school choice for disadvantaged young people nationwide.

Writing in a column for *The Wall Street Journal* on March 9, Cardinal Dolan said he hoped that the president would “push Congress to make scholarship tax credits available to working-class families.”

The cardinal called for rapid action in Congress so that families can benefit as soon as possible from having a choice on where to send their children to school.

Seventeen states already have scholarship tax credit programs. Cardinal Dolan said children in the remaining states “deserve the same opportunities.”

The cardinal wrote that under a nationwide tax credit program, parents could opt to send their children to private schools. He noted that 97 percent of Catholic high school students in the Archdiocese of New York graduate in four years and 95 percent attend college.

The column cited the benefits of one such program, the Florida tax credit scholarship program, for 300 students who attend St. Andrew Catholic School in Orlando, Florida. Trump visited the school on March 3 to announce his support for school choice. The program helps nearly 98,000 Florida children from low-income families to attend parochial or private schools.

Cardinal Dolan wrote that scholarship tax credits “help advance educational and economic justice. They strengthen society by creating opportunity for those who might not otherwise have it.”

He also cited a 2016 report in the *Peabody Journal of Education* which reviewed 21 studies on the effect of school choice on test scores of students not participating in such a program. The authors found that in 20 of the studies, competition from private schools led to improved test results for students in public schools.

The column concluded that taxpayers save money under school choice programs because school overcrowding and costs are reduced.

Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan of New York and Pope Francis pray with students in 2015 at Our Lady Queen of Angels School in the Harlem section of New York City. Cardinal Dolan on March 9 urged President Donald Trump to follow through on a recent call for legislation that funds school choice for disadvantaged young people nationwide.

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“Public school classrooms would not be able to handle the considerable influx of children if Catholic and other religious schools closed. We save the public money, and we educate children just as well, if not better, for half the cost when you compare Catholic school tuition with public school spending per pupil,” Cardinal Dolan wrote.

The column said an effort to pass a school choice bill in New York failed in 2012, despite bipartisan and labor union support, and again in 2015 be-

cause of teacher union opposition, and therefore a national solution “is needed to bring relief to families who need it.”

Any effort to adopt school choice must protect religious liberty, Cardinal Dolan stressed.

“The Catholic Church has always stood in solidarity with the poor and vulnerable and our most effective charitable ministry is our schools,” he wrote. “A high-quality, values-based education is simply the surest path out of poverty.”



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## Eritrean Catholics in Columbus welcome visiting bishop

BY TIM PUET, *Catholic Times Reporter*

Members of the Eritrean Catholic community in Columbus were visited recently by their spiritual leader.

Bishop Akune Fkiremariam Hagos of the Eparchy of Segheneity (the equivalent of a diocese) in the Eritrean Catholic Church stayed at Columbus St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church, where the area's Eritreans worship, from Thursday, March 2 to Wednesday, March 8 as part of a tour of the United States that began on Jan. 10 in Los Angeles. His visit will conclude on April 10, when he flies home from Charlotte, North Carolina.

He came from Chicago and was headed to Atlanta from Columbus. His other stops include Seattle, Las Vegas, Phoenix, Denver, Dallas, Washington, Arlington in northern Virginia, and Boston. Those cities are among 22 in 18 states and the District of Columbia which have Eritrean Catholic communities, all of which meet for worship in Eastern- or Latin-rite Catholic churches. He also visited the United States in 2014, but this was the first time he has come to Columbus.

"I am so grateful to the people of St. John Chrysostom for making this beautiful church available to us," he said. "It's especially significant because this is one of only two Eastern-rite churches in the United States where we meet to celebrate our liturgies in the Ge'ez language. The other is in Las Vegas. It's been an honor to introduce myself to the Eritrean community I serve as their spiritual shepherd."

Eritrean Catholics in the United States are canonically subject to the jurisdiction of the bishop in the Latin-rite diocese where they live. They identify themselves as being under the spiritual *omophor* (Slavonic for a bishop's vestment, signifying his authority) of the Eparchy of Segheneity, one of four eparchies (the equivalent of dioceses) of the Eritrean Catholic Church, which is in full communion with the Holy See.

Both the eparchy and the Eritrean Catholic Church itself have not been in existence for very long. The eparchy was created in 2012 as part of the Ethiopian Catholic Church, from which the Eritrean Catholic Church was formed by Pope Francis in 2015.

Eritrea was part of Ethiopia until gaining its independence in 1991 following a 30-year civil war. About 58 percent of its five million people are Orthodox Christians and 4.6 percent are Catholic, with Muslims making up most of the rest of the population, according to the Pew Research Center.

"The main reason for Pope Francis separating the two churches was so we in Eritrea could have our own episcopal (bishops') conference," which is based in Asmara, the nation's capital and seat of its only archdiocese, Bishop Hagos said. "It was hard for the bishops from Ethiopia and Eritrea to get together because access there is not easy. The separation benefited both nations. It allows the bishops of each to get together more often and to serve the people of God better, and it encourages evangelization efforts and church growth."

Eritrean Catholics in Columbus have met at St. John Chrysostom Church since 2014, attending the Byzan-



**Bishop Akune Fkiremariam Hagos of the Eparchy of Segheneity in Eritrea chants the Gospel at Columbus St. John Chrysostom Church on March 5.** Photos courtesy St. John Chrysostom Church

tine-rite Divine Liturgy there at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday, then gathering afterward for songs and prayers, including the rosary and a Marian litany, and frequently a meal.

For the previous two decades, they had been attending Mass at Columbus St. Anthony Church. Father Robert Stash, pastor of St. John Chrysostom, invited the Eritreans shortly after he became pastor there in 2014. The decision to change worship sites was made mainly because the Coptic, or Alexandrian, form of liturgy used by the Eritrean Catholic Church has more in common with the Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom, which the Byzantine Catholic Church uses, than with the Roman Catholic Mass.

A representative of the Ethiopian community, Dr. Michael Hailu, said that about three or four times a year, Father Musie Tesfayohanes, OCist, a Cistercian monk stationed at St. John Neumann Church in Mount Laurel, New Jersey, comes to Columbus to celebrate a Coptic Mass for Ethiopian Catholics in the Ge'ez language.

This language has fallen out of use for the most part. Like Latin and the Byzantine language known as Church Slavonic, it is used mainly in church services. It is considered one of the four Semitic languages, along with Arabic, Hebrew, and Aramaic, the language Jesus spoke.

Hailu, chairman of the science department at Columbus State Community College, said there are about 4,000 Eritreans in central Ohio, including about 180 Catholics. Other Eritrean Catholics live in the Cincinnati and Dayton areas and come to Columbus occasionally to worship. He said the local Eritrean Catholic community has a leadership group which meets every two weeks and a youth group which combines Bible study and social interaction.

Hailu said the number of Ethiopians in the Columbus area has grown by about 20 percent in the last three years as people leave that nation to find greater opportunity in the United States. Bishop Hagos said another



reason for an influx of Eritreans, especially young ones, is their desire to escape their homeland's mandatory military service, which does not have a fixed time limit. The Pew center estimates that about 37,000 people born in Eritrea have emigrated to this country.

"The Eritrean community, here in Columbus and all over the United States, is very strong in its faith. Having groups of Eritrean Catholics throughout the nation gathering regularly is the best way for us to transfer our heritage to our offspring," Bishop Hagos said.

"Most of the Eritreans in America are first-generation immigrants, and they are struggling. It's not easy for them to adapt to a new culture, a new language, and a new way of living, but they are doing their best, and they are most appreciative of the American way of life and the freedom that is part of it.

"Most have little education, and the biggest problem is language," he said. "Many speak only the language of Eritrea known as Tigrigna. Their children are adapting to English, so language isn't such a concern for them. Their parents hope that adapting doesn't mean they let go of their Eritrean heritage."

"The thing I've found most remarkable about America in my two visits here is how hard the people work," Bishop Hagos said. "In particular, for many of the people of my country, they have two jobs and work 12 to 16 hours a day. It's not easy to work those kind of hours, but they're happy and thank God for the chance to have jobs and sustain themselves.

"They work hard because they know that if they do this, they gain. I thank and appreciate the people of America for giving them this opportunity, which allows them to support themselves and to support their families, both here and in Eritrea."

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