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Editor's reflections by Doug Bean

At that great Epiphany

On Sunday, Jan. 6, the Catholic Church celebrates the Epiphany of the Lord, which this year falls on the actual date the feast is recognized on the universal calendar.

In some countries, the Epiphany is a holy day of obligation. In the United States, the commemoration of the Epiphany was moved to the first Sunday after Jan. 1.

Pope Benedict XVI wrote that the origins of the Epiphany's observance can be traced to the third century in the East. At about the same time in the West, the date of Christmas emerged as Dec. 25.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* describes the Epiphany as the "manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Savior of the world. The great feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (magi) from the East, together with his baptism in the Jordan and the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee."

Most Christians equate the Epiphany with the three wise men arriving at the manger scene with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to honor the baby Jesus.

"The magi's coming to Jerusalem in order to pay homage to the king of the Jews shows that they seek in Israel, in the messianic light of the star of David, the one who will be king of the nations," the *Catechism*

further explains.

There's much more to say about the Epiphany that can't be explained in his space, but anyone can and should read more about this day to gain a greater understanding of its spiritual and theological significance.

During the Christmas season, you may have heard people (priests included) comparing the Holy Family's plight 2,000 years ago with the current political controversy over immigration. Again, there's much of say on this topic that can't be fully explained in a column. Just be careful about drawing parallels between two different situations.

Epiphany means manifestation, or when something is revealed or shown to someone. Take, for example, a story last week in *The Columbus Dispatch* in which recently retired Ohio State football coach Urban Meyer explained that he now associates with the nondenominational Rock City Church.

For years, the *Catholic Times* was repeatedly rebuffed by Ohio State in its attempts to interview Meyer about his faith life. Why would anyone care, you might ask? Many people were curious about Meyer, who is named after a pope, and his connection to Catholicism. Various news stories through the years described how Meyer grew up in a devoted Catholic household and graduated from a Catholic high

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Diocesan Respect Life events set for Jan. 22

The annual diocesan Respect Life Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Frederick Campbell in Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 22, the 46th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's *Roe v. Wade* decision legalizing abortion. The Catholic Church across the United States marks this day as a day of prayer for the legal protection of unborn children.

Following Mass, Greater Columbus Right to Life will conduct its annual *Roe* remembrance program at noon in the atrium of the Ohio Statehouse. Those attending this event are asked to allow extra time for Statehouse security measures. Stickers, signs and

weapons are not permitted inside the statehouse.

For more about the Mass, contact the diocesan Office for Social Concerns at (614) 241-2540 or socmailbox@columbuscatholic.org. Additional information about the *Roe* event is available at www.gcrtl.org/roe.html.

The annual national March for Life in Washington will take place Friday, Jan. 18, with at least five parishes in the Diocese of Columbus sponsoring bus trips. In addition, Catholics across the nation will join the bishops of the United States in a 9 Days for Life novena from Monday, Jan. 14 through Jan. 22.

Chillicothe parish honors veterans



The military ministry of Chillicothe St. Peter Church sponsored a prayer service at St. Margaret Cemetery in Chillicothe on Wreaths Across America Day in December. Wreaths are laid on the graves of deceased soldiers at Arlington Cemetery and across the nation on that day. Pictured are Navy veteran Forrest Gumm (left), a member of the military ministry, and Father William Hahn, the church's pastor. Photo courtesy St. Peter Church



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HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE
Pilgrims from Columbus St. Timothy Church visit the Temple Mount in Jerusalem in November 2018.

Photo courtesy Father Timothy Hayes

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Relic of St. John Vianney coming to Columbus

Columbus St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., will host the major relic of St. John Vianney's incorrupt heart from 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 8.

The visit is part of a national tour of the relic sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. The tour began on Nov. 10, 2018 and concludes in May.



A relic of St. John Vianney is displayed before Mass on Nov. 12 at the fall general assembly of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in Baltimore.

CNS photo/Bob Roller

During that period, the relic has been or will be in Maryland, Connecticut, Louisiana, Mississippi, Florida, Alabama, Georgia, Indiana, Pennsylvania and Washington, D.C. Its only other scheduled Ohio public stop to date is at Old St. Mary's Church in Cincinnati on Tuesday, Jan. 29.

Between public events, stops have taken place or will occur at seminars, communities of religious, and



Worshippers venerate a reliquary containing St. John Vianney's incorrupt heart on Dec. 10 in the Crypt Church at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington.

other locations for private veneration.

"Being able to have the relic come to Columbus is an unexpected blessing," said Father Stephen Alcott, OP, pastor at St. Patrick. "It will be at Indianapolis from Jan. 3 to 7 for a conference sponsored by FOCUS (the Fellowship of Catholic University Students) and its next scheduled stop is in Baltimore at the Basilica of the Assumption on Jan. 11.

"Father Jonathan Kalisch, a Dominican friar who works with the Knights of Columbus at their headquarters in Connecticut, suggested St. Patrick's as an additional stop because we're a Dominican parish on the way from Baltimore to Indianapolis. He talked to us and to Evan Holguin of the Knights, who is traveling with the relic, about having it come to Columbus, and we agreed to host it for a day."

A relic is an object associated with a saint that may be offered to the faithful for veneration. Such an object is meant to draw a person closer to God. Neither the relic nor the saint are to be worshipped.

Relics are classified in three categories, depending on whether they were a physical part of the saint (a first-class relic), were touched by him or her (second class), or were touched reverently to a first-class relic (third class).

Most first-class relics are pieces of bone or locks of hair. St. John Vianney's heart was taken from his body shortly after his death in 1859 in recognition of his burning love for God and humanity. It has remained intact, or incorrupt, for more than 150 years.

The relic was entrusted to the Knights of Columbus for the tour by the directors of the saint's shrine at Ars, France, where he served for 41 years as the curé (French for parish priest) from 1818 until his death at age 73. In that time, his reputation for holiness spread. People came to his small parish of 260 people from across Europe and beyond to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation from him, to the point where he spent as much as 18 hours a

day in the confessional.

He also built an orphanage for homeless children and received beggars with an open heart and hand.

Because of his success in bringing souls to Christ, he became a target of the devil, who confronted him on various occasions. Father Vianney did not fall for the devil's tricks, dismissing strange events by saying "It's just the devil."

He was proclaimed Venerable in 1873, beatified in 1905, and canonized on May 31, 1925 by Pope Pius XI, who proclaimed him patron of parish priests four years later. His feast day is Aug. 4.

The saint's relic will be displayed in a special case known as a reliquary. The case being used on this tour is a 17th-century French reliquary. Traveling with it is an icon commissioned by the Knights of Columbus and painted by Italian iconographer Fabrizio Diomedì.

The Knights' chief executive, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson, said St. John Vianney offers an example to help the Catholic Church heal and rebuild.

"We now welcome as providential this opportunity to invoke the intercession of the patron saint of parish priests, whose holiness and integrity is a singular model for clergy," he said.

On the day of its veneration at St. Patrick Church, the relic will be placed in front of the altar at 11:30 a.m. The parish's regularly scheduled midday Mass will be at 11:45 a.m., with confessions beginning after Mass and continuing until all are heard. Veneration of the relic will continue from the end of Mass until 6:30 p.m., with

ST. JOHN VIANNEY RELIC SCHEDULE

What: U.S. tour of a relic of St. John Vianney's incorrupt heart from November 2018 to May 2019

Where: Columbus St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave.

When: Tuesday, Jan. 8

- 11:30 a.m. Relic placed in front of the altar
- 11:45 a.m. Daily Mass
- 12:15 p.m. Confessions beginning after Mass and continuing until all are heard
- 5:15 p.m. Vespers led by the parish's Dominican friars
- 6:30 p.m. Veneration ends

vespers being led by the parish's Dominican friars at 5:15 p.m. in the presence of the relic. Donations to benefit the shrine at Ars will be taken.

Relics of saints rarely leave the places where they are enshrined. About 6,000 people from several states came to Columbus on Oct. 21, 2015 to view a glass casket-sized reliquary in which most of the skeletal



Worshippers kneel in prayer as a member of the Knights of Columbus adjusts items around the reliquary containing St. John Vianney's incorrupt heart on Dec. 10 in the Crypt Church at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington.

CNS photos/Tyler Orsburn

remains of St. Maria Goretti, who was canonized in 1950, were displayed at St. Joseph Cathedral as part of a tour of the United States.

Two days later, relics of a saint especially honored by the Maronite community, St. Sharbel, a 19th-century Maronite monk, were venerated at Columbus St. Andrew Church, also as part of a series of stops nationwide.

Have Faith in Education

By Adam Dufault

ADVENT: A TIME OF SERVICE IN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS



There is nothing quite like December in a Catholic school. This was a critical time of year for teaching our faith as we celebrated Advent, feast days with great cultural traditions for St. Nicholas, St. Joseph, Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. Lucy, and Christmas. At times, the month may have felt overwhelming, but these great moments speak to the heart of what makes Catholic education so powerful. In so many of our schools, the focus for the season was on the joy of giving to others.

The students and staff at Wellston Sts. Peter and Paul School created a huge Advent calendar in their hallway, encouraging students to celebrate Christmas with kindness. Each day had a kind task for everyone to complete. Day 5, for example, instructed students to "Tell your teacher how lucky you are to have him/her." Principal Kristyl Fulton explained, "With the season of Advent upon us, we encourage students to purposefully strive to be the best people they can possibly be, spreading goodness, kindness and hope. The idea of reinforcing the kindness

campaign through the Advent calendar just made sense."

Even days that are traditionally about receiving focused on giving in our schools. St. Nicholas visited



Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School students and faculty participate in the school's annual food drive.

pre-kindergarten through fifth-grade students at Worthington St. Michael School on his feast day, Dec. 6. To celebrate the day, he shared stories about his life and delivered candy canes and poinsettias to students and staff members. The students followed the example of St. Nicholas by collecting 675 items of warmth (hats, gloves and scarves) that were then donated to the St. Vincent de Paul Society's giving tree for the St. Francis Center in McArthur, West Portsmouth Our Lady of Sorrows Church, and Holy Family Ministries in Columbus.

Seventh-graders at Gahanna St.

Matthew School also donated items to celebrate the Feast of St. Nicholas. A vanload of toys, clothes and personal care items was sent to the Ronald McDonald House in Columbus to support families who would not be home for the holidays. The donations that the school contributed will be part of the McDonald House Christmas Shop, where parents can select gifts for children receiving care.

Students at Columbus St. Catharine School created 500 paper snowflakes to help decorate the windows



St. Nicholas visits Worthington St. Michael School students on Dec. 6, his feast day. Photos courtesy diocesan Schools Office

and hallways of children's hospitals around the Midwest. This project was part of what is known as the Snowflake Movement, which began at Nationwide Children's Hospital to help spread joy during the winter. School principal Janet Weisner said, "Service is a part of who we are in a Catholic school. It is a call to serve those in our community and beyond. It is raising the awareness of the needs of others as Jesus calls us to do."

At Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School, students and faculty participated in an annual food drive which has been a school project since

the 1970s. This year's drive set a school record with 24,937 nonperishable food items, diapers, baby formula, and more than \$1,500 donated to support food pantries at St. Stephen's Community House and Columbus St. James the Less Church, exceeding the original goal by 43 percent. Principal Dan Garrick said, "This is an incredible undertaking that grows each year. I could not be more proud of our community for the compassion that they demonstrate through this drive. In order to pull this off successfully, the students work with their family lead-

ers, their faculty class moderators, our Office of Service and Social Concerns, and the National Honor Society, as it truly does take a village." The school also had many other service opportunities during Advent, including work at St. Stephen's Community House, a toy and book drive

for Nationwide Children's Hospital, and an Adopt-a-Family program run by the Student Council.

Amid all the preparations for Christmas shows, concerts and final exams, the joy and beauty of Advent and Christmas shined through all of our schools. Our students truly learned the real meaning of this season before celebrating the birth of our Lord Jesus, "the one who came not to be served, but to serve (Matthew 20:28)."

Adam J. Dufault is diocesan episcopal moderator for education and superintendent of Catholic schools.

Sister to speak at Ohio Dominican on justice

Ohio Dominican University's Center for Dominican Studies and Office of Academic Affairs will host its annual St. Thomas Aquinas convocation at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 24 at the Matesich Theater on ODU's campus, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus.

Sister Kathleen McManus, OP, a member of the Sisters of St. Dominic of Blauvelt, New York, will deliver the keynote address, "Light Out

of Darkness: Dominican Stories of Justice."

The lecture will be followed by a Mass at 12:15 p.m. in Christ the King Chapel of Sansbury Hall.

"We are thrilled to welcome Sister Kathleen as a voice for justice, a core theme that Ohio Dominican students are exploring during this academic year," said Sister Diane Traffas, OP, ODU vice president for mission and

Identity. "Her unique perspective focuses on the Dominican thirst for justice, and how joining forces with the community can help inspire and produce positive outcomes for all."

Sister Kathleen most recently served as an associate professor of theology and director of the master of arts in pastoral ministry program at the University of Portland (Oregon). She also held the Robert J. Randall

distinguished professorship in Christian culture at Providence (Rhode Island) College. She has served on the board of directors of the Catholic Theological Society of America. She is widely published in a variety of academic journals, having written extensively on the topics of Christology, theological anthropology, and feminist and ecofeminist intercultural theology.

Gene-edited babies and the runaway train of IVF

In November 2018, a Chinese scientist named He Jankui (known to his associates as “JK”) claimed that he had successfully produced the world’s first gene-edited human babies using “gene surgery.” He said the twin girls were born somewhere in China with a modified gene that makes them immune to infection from HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. A special DNA splicing technique called CRISPR/Cas 9 was used when they were embryos to make the edits. In a series of short videos posted on YouTube, JK offers an explanation of, and justification for, what he did.

He reminds his viewers that when scientists first began doing *in vitro* fertilization (IVF) in 1978, a number of ethical concerns were raised, but those mostly subsided over time “The media hyped panic about Louise Brown’s birth as the first IVF baby. But for 40 years, regulations and morals have developed together with IVF, ensuring only therapeutic applications to help more than eight million children come into this world. Gene surgery is another IVF advancement,” he said.

In another video, he puts it this way: “Look back to the 1970s with Louise Brown. The same fears and criticisms then are repeated now. Yet, IVF unquestionably has benefited families. There will be no question about the morality of gene surgery in 20 to 30 years.”

JK’s strong conclusion leads us to ask whether the general sense of revulsion that has arisen toward his gene-editing work is merely alarmist



MAKING SENSE OUT OF BIOETHICS Father Tad Pacholczyk

and shortsighted. Are people failing to grasp the importance and propriety of what he is doing? Is he a pioneer ushering in a new age of enlightenment where mankind will be able to make use of the powers of science to achieve good ends? Or should his gene editing work be condemned and JK be branded as a rogue scientist violating significant moral boundaries?

The answer to these questions will, in fact, be linked to whether we understand IVF to be ethical or not. JK is right to draw the parallel. If we conclude that IVF is something good and ethically acceptable, we end up granting the principle that it is OK to engage in very harmful and damaging actions as long as we have a good end or purpose in mind. Although IVF involves a litany of grave harms, like the engendering of human beings in laboratories and the freezing or destruction of embryos, if our intention is to help others fulfill their desire to have a baby, it must be OK. By this same logic, gene editing of our children will also be considered acceptable as long as our intentions are good and we’re trying to help others, even if we’re actually causing serious harms along the way.

Adding up the grave harms from IVF

gives us a long list: IVF turns procreation into “production.” It dehumanizes embryonic children, treating them as objects to be frozen, manipulated, abandoned or destroyed. Since the practice began in 1978, millions of embryos have become warehoused in liquid nitrogen, abandoned in frozen “orphanages.” Millions more have been outright discarded as biomedical waste. Instead of “loving our children into being” through the one-flesh union of husband and wife, IVF mass-produces children in clinics, assembly-line style, under the impetus of market capitalism. Children born by IVF, moreover, experience roughly double the rate of birth defects of regularly conceived children.

Over the years, these kinds of concerns have been mostly glossed over or ignored. We’ve grown accustomed to frozen orphanages, and to the high toll involved in the process of assuring that a few of our embryonic children survive and successfully implant. We downplay the risk of birth defects. Our insensitivity and desires have trumped a clear sense of ethics.

As we face the daunting question of editing human embryos, we run up against the same temptation. Editing our embryonic children to be free of a

particular disease requires numerous embryos to be simultaneously created (or thawed out), treated as “products” and subjected to genetic “treatments,” with many of them perishing during the experiment, in order that a few of them might survive and develop without the disease. Editing our embryonic children may also involve risks to them that we will only understand later when they grow up. Is it ever proper to experiment on our own offspring? Moreover, gene editing in embryos introduces changes that will be passed into the human gene pool, establishing permanent and irrevocable changes to our own humanity. How does one adequately evaluate the risks of such changes?

The fact remains that we’ve been willing to tolerate an abundance of human carnage up to this point with IVF, and one of the great tragedies of our age has been our tone deafness to the evils of IVF. JK argues that we are similarly poised to accept the production of gene-edited babies as yet another variation on the theme.

Will his brazen instrumentalization of human beings call forth gasps of disbelief, serious reflection and action, or only a few more passing yawns?

Father Tadeusz Pacholczyk, PhD, earned his doctorate in neuroscience from Yale and did postdoctoral work at Harvard. He is a priest of the Diocese of Fall River, Massachusetts, and serves as director of education at The National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia. See www.ncbcenter.org.

Hall honored by national organization



Mike Hall (center), director of the diocesan Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, received the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry’s diocesan leadership award at the organization’s national conference in Tampa, Florida, in December. He is pictured with Mark Graveline, president of the NFCYM board of directors, and Christina Lamas, the organization’s executive director. The federation gives the award every two years “to an adult who exhibits behaviors and practices that serve as a model to others involved in ministry with young people.” Hall has been employed by the Diocese of Columbus since 2009. He served in a similar position with the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, West Virginia, for more than 20 years.

Photo courtesy diocesan Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry

Become Catholic to marry?; Luminous mysteries on Tuesdays?



QUESTION & ANSWER Father Kenneth Doyle Catholic News Service

QI was browsing the internet today, ran across your column and have a question. I am in a long-term relationship with my partner, and we are planning on getting married next year. But we are having some conflict as to where (i.e., in what church) we are going to celebrate our wedding.

My family are all born-again Christians and actively participate in many church activities and ministries. My partner, though, is a devout Roman Catholic and wants me to become a Catholic. I am having a hard time deciding and it is causing communication problems in our relationship.

My parents would never accept the fact that I could change my religion. Please help me because I am confused. (City of origin withheld)

AYour question presents several distinct issues, so I'll take them one by one. On the location of the wedding ceremony, that's the easy part. You can have the ceremony either in your own family's church or in

the groom's Catholic parish.

More often, marriages are celebrated in the church of the bride; if you decide on that option (the born-again Christian setting), you and your partner would simply have to meet with a priest prior to the wedding and fill out some short paperwork to have the marriage recognized by the Catholic Church.

The issue of joining the Catholic Church is more difficult. You should not become Catholic just because your spouse-to-be wants you to – or simply to “make things nice” for the wedding. You should only become a Catholic if you believe in the fundamental truths taught by the Catholic Church.

I choose to be a Catholic because I feel that the Catholic Church has a continuous and unbroken relationship with the faith community that Jesus established, I see the logic of a central authority on doctrinal matters, and I prefer to be strengthened by the frequent celebration of the Eucharist and the availability of the sacrament of confession.

I have sometimes counseled couples

to separate the decision to marry from a decision to change denominations or religions – to make sure that these are independent choices.

Finally, though, your question makes me a little bit nervous. I don't like that your husband-to-be seems to be pressuring you to become Catholic. I would recommend that, prior to any wedding, you should sort out the “communication problems” with a marriage counselor – preferably one who can appreciate the importance of religious values.

QI love meditating on the luminous mysteries when I pray the rosary, and I am thankful that Pope John Paul II established them. The joyful mysteries highlight Jesus' early life, while the sorrowful mysteries focus on his suffering and death. The luminous mysteries highlight the “in-between time” – Christ's public ministry as an adult – which I have always felt was missing in the rosary.

My question is this: Would it not be more logical to pray the luminous mysteries on Tuesdays (in between the joyful and the sorrowful) instead of pushing them to Thursdays after the glorious mysteries? (Indiana)

AThe mysteries of light – or the “luminous mysteries” – were proposed by Pope St. John Paul II

in 2002 in his apostolic letter *Rosarium Virginis Mariae*. The reason these mysteries were added was exactly as you indicate: The rosary as it traditionally evolved – with the joyful, sorrowful and glorious mysteries – was silent about the public ministry of Jesus.

The luminous mysteries are enumerated as follows: Christ's baptism in the Jordan, the miracle at Cana, the proclamation of the kingdom of God, the transfiguration, the institution of the Eucharist. True, the pope did suggest that the faithful might use these new mysteries when praying the rosary on Thursdays. But if it seems more helpful to you, and more logical, to pray these mysteries instead on Tuesdays, by all means do that – and I believe that you would have John Paul's backing.

In proposing the new schedule, he said: “This indication is not intended to limit a rightful freedom in personal and community prayer, where account needs to be taken of spiritual and pastoral needs. ... What is really important is that the rosary should always be seen and experienced as a path of contemplation” (No. 38).

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

ODU launches new dual-licensure programs

Ohio Dominican University has developed the state's first undergraduate dual-licensure programs, which will allow high school mathematics and art teacher candidates to also earn their intervention specialist license within four years. The combination of these licenses will enable the candidates to better support all students, including those with special needs.

The licensure programs, which will begin in the fall of 2019, were developed with the help of a two-year grant for almost \$225,000, funded by the Ohio Deans Compact on Exceptional Children.

ODU's new dual-licensure programs are for art education and mild/moderate intervention specialists, and adolescent to young adult (AYA) integrated mathematics and mild/moderate intervention specialists. Through these programs, teacher candidates

at Ohio Dominican will learn how to provide content instruction in those academic areas to all students and how to support students with special learning needs in the general education classroom as a way to increase inclusion. The new programs join existing dual licensure programs at ODU for middle childhood education and mild/moderate intervention specialists and early childhood education and mild/moderate intervention specialists.

On completion of the integrated mathematics education program, students will receive a bachelor of science degree in integrated mathematics with AYA (grades 7-12) and mild/moderate intervention specialist (grades kindergarten-12) teaching licenses. Students who complete the art education program will receive a bachelor of arts degree with art education (grades prekindergarten-12) and

mild/moderate intervention specialist (grades kindergarten-12) teaching licenses.

“Teachers with dual licensure give school district leaders increased flexibility that allows them to respond to all of their students' needs while operating as efficiently as possible,” said Dr. Ted Zigler, ODU assistant professor of educational leadership. “Teachers who can support inclusive classrooms with instructional techniques and educational tools developed for those with academic challenges have been shown to be beneficial to all students, regardless of academic ability.”

Students who complete one of ODU's dual-licensure programs will be equipped with the knowledge, tools, credentials and experience they need to secure a position as a content teacher and/or a special education teacher. The special education field

is experiencing a significant shortage across the United States.

According to the National Coalition on Personnel Shortages in Special Education and Related Services: 49 states report a shortage of special education teachers and support personnel; 12.3 percent of special education teachers leave the profession; nearly double the rate of their general education colleagues; 82 percent of special education teachers and support personnel report that there are not enough professionals to meet the needs of students with disabilities; and 51 percent of all school districts and 90 percent of high-poverty school districts report difficulty attracting highly qualified special education teachers.

For more information on ODU's new dual-licensure programs, visit ohiodominican.edu/DualLicense.

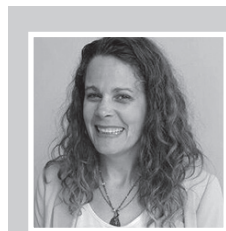


Mary, Mother of God: A Mother for all of us

By the time I decided to set foot in a Catholic church, part of me recognized it might just be worth submitting myself to something as silly (I thought then) as marriage. So many people divorced, so many families torn apart: wasn't your family comprised of more than just the many step-families you might have accumulated? After I met Bob and the thought of *marrying* him occurred to me, I was alarmed. Was I not a contemporary thinker, freed of such antiquated ideas as *marriage*?

I had been attending Mass with him for a few months when Father Pat gave his homily on Mother's Day about Mary, our Mother. He talked about how we all have a mother who is unconditional, who is waiting for us, who understands our trials and tribulations. His words spoke to my soul, and for the first time, my hard heart melted. Unprepared for this, I began crying, then sobbing. I had to leave the sanctuary. I perched on the steps to the choir loft in the vestibule, and after the recessional, Father asked me if I was OK. I could only nod. What *was* this church?

What I felt that day, and continue to feel, is the way Mary's motherhood extends unconditionally to all of us, the Christian faithful. In today's world, motherhood is simultaneously ridiculed and revered. While women are told they



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can do what they want with their bodies, that the choice to be a mother (or not) is theirs alone, some women feel forced to extremes in search of motherhood, from traveling the world to adoption to surgical procedures. Mary, in her role as Mother of God, reminds us of the humility intrinsic to motherhood, of the sacrifices necessary. She also embraces us in our pain, whether we currently are mothers, longing to be mothers, or searching for our vocation.

Motherhood might just be the greatest blessing for women. Who else do I know who can multitask like a mother? Who else can be so patient with a four-year-old and yet so aggressive with that doctor who just does not recognize that cough's seriousness? Who else gladly would give her life – in whatever figurative or actual fashion, from her education to her

conveniences to her time – to see the betterment of her children fulfilled?

And then there are the spiritual mothers, those who embrace us with their prayers and loving care. I've been mothered by many who are not my actual mothers, and by many who are not physical mothers. They are, however, just as much a mother as anyone who has borne a child physically.



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The Feast of Mary, Mother of God falls on the eighth day of the Christmas season – the day which, before 1974, was dedicated to celebrating the circumcision of Jesus. But celebrating Mary's maternity at the close of the octave of Christmas is appropriate, as Pope St. Paul VI told us the feast was "to honor the role of Mary in the mystery of salvation and at the same time to sing the praises of

the unique dignity thus coming to 'the Holy Mother ... through whom we have been given the gift of the Author of life'" (in his apostolic exhortation *Marialis Cultus*).

Though it's a feast seeming to focus on Mary alone, by its emphasis on her role as Mother of God, it also celebrates Jesus. We join the third-century Christians in our devotion and we reflect on the family Mary started by saying "Yes" to God's request.

On the Feast of Mary, Mother of God, I went into labor and gave birth to my oldest daughter. Holding her, experiencing the miracle of new life in my arms, I had a new appreciation for the young girl who, two thousand years ago, said "Yes." I remembered that Mother's Day Mass where my heart melted, and I saw the closed eyes and perfect hands of my newborn, and my heart melted further.

Our honor to Mary leads us naturally to her Son. When we honor her, we honor Jesus. Let us reflect this week on the beauty of Mary's motherhood and on the way it inspires us to reach out to those around us who need our loving touch.

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The towering minaret reflect calls the Moslem faithful to prayer in Old Akko

By Aaron Leventhal

Mention a trip to Israel and the Catholic faithful will envision the sacred sites of the Holy Land. Bethlehem's Church of the Nativity, the Sea of Galilee, the Mount of Beatitudes, and, of course, Jerusalem with the Mount of Olives, Garden of Gethsemane and the Via Dolorosa with its 12 stations of the cross leading to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher all provide unforgettable opportunities for contemplation and spiritual renewal.

I strongly suggest adding a few days to the pilgrimage tour to explore contemporary Israel. For more than half a century I have traveled across the length and breadth of this fascinating land. My favorite region is Israel's northern Mediterranean coastline, stretching about 100 miles north from Tel Aviv

through archeological sites, small towns and villages to Akko near the Lebanese border. This trip provides an extraordinary glimpse of both ancient and modern Israel.

Tel Aviv, Israel's first modern Jewish city along the shores of the Medi-



Columbus-based travel writer Aaron Leventhal and his German Village neighbor Bruce Ley visit the Western Wall in Jerusalem's Old City

terranean recently celebrated its 100th anniversary. Exuding a Middle Eastern appearance and European ambiance, unlike Jerusalem it is secular, boister-

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A journey off the traditional pilgrimage trail

ous, cosmopolitan and recognized as the nation's commercial and cultural capital. Unfortunately, for most pilgrims it is little more than a jumping off point for their tour. This is a mistake for any traveler interested in discovering the dynamic realities of present-day Israel.

Attractions of note include: **Tel Aviv Museum of Art**, with an impressive collection of Israeli, Russian and European Impressionist works; tree-lined, historic **Rothschild Boulevard**, lined by elegant Bauhaus-style homes; the bustling **Carmel Market**; and a dozen major avenues—including Dizengoff, Ben Yehuda and Shenkin—buzzing with hundreds of outdoor cafes, elegant restaurants, trendy boutiques and art galleries.

Jaffa, recently incorporated into the municipality of Tel Aviv, is an ancient port city dating back 4,000 years to the seafaring Phoenicians. Legend has it that here Jonah was swallowed by the whale, and Mark Anthony gave Cleopatra the city as a token of his love. It has retained its historic character while developing a contemporary lifestyle where Jews, Christians and Moslems live in genuine peace and prosperity. Old Jaffa is safe to stroll through any hour of the day or night.

A visit to Old Jaffa should include a short hike to the hilltop for stunning views of Tel Aviv's coastal skyline. Nearby is the **Franciscan Monastery of St. Peter**, which commemorates his visit to the port. Wander through a labyrinth of cobblestone streets and alleyways and rummage through the **Jaffa Flea Market** where vendors at hundreds of small stalls and shops hawk everything from antique jewelry and Oriental rugs to second-hand books and

Bedouin desert garb.

Jaffa's diversity is reflected in the richness of its dining options. My favorites include: Abulafia Bakery, founded in 1880, where long lines regularly form to purchase oven-baked Arabic breads



Ein Hod Artist Village overlooking the Mediterranean Sea is home to visual and performing artists and their families

Photos by Bruce Ley

and boreks stuffed with sheep's cheese, potatoes and vegetables; Teomim, a Bulgarian family restaurant serving homemade soups, eggplant and kebabs; Abu Hassan, for Arabic hummus and pita; and the incomparable Bino Gubso's Dr. Shakshuka Libyan restaurant, where guests dine at long tables on his renowned, spicy tomato and egg shakshuka, couscous and schwarma.

Caesarea National Park, about an hour's drive north of Tel Aviv, is recognized as Israel's foremost archeological site. Built by Herod the Great (22-10 BCE) to honor Roman emperor Augustus Caesar, Caesarea reached a population of 250,000 and rivaled Alexandria as the greatest metropolis in the eastern Mediterranean. By the 3rd century, Caesarea was the center of Christianity and then a Crusader stronghold in the 12th century until it was captured by Salah ad-Din and left in ruins for the next six centuries. Excavations stretch for 3.5 kilometers along the beachfront and include the Roman amphitheater that



A view of the Tel Aviv coastal skyline from a hilltop in Old Jaffa

held 10,000 spectators, promenades and aqueducts, 8th century synagogue and Crusader fortress. There are several snack bars on the grounds and a lovely sandy beach for bathing.

In the nearby modern city of **Caesarea** is the beautifully designed **Rolli Museum**, with an impressive Spanish and Latin American collection; the Caesarea Golf Club, the country's only 18-hole course; and excellent restaurants.

Zikron Yaakov is perched on a ridge in the Carmel Mountains ridge overlooking the Mediterranean Sea. It was established as an agricultural settlement in 1882 through the generosity of Baron Edmond de Rothschild of the prominent French-Jewish banking family. His foresight and pioneering spirit has led to a thriving world-class wine industry in the region.

Today, Zikron Yaakov is a prosperous bedroom community of Tel Aviv and Haifa, as well as a very popular tourism

destination for both Israelis and international travelers. Stroll down the 19th century **HaMeyasdim Street**, lined with the original stone houses, many converted into art galleries, chic boutiques, gift shops, cafes and restaurants. There are a number of renowned wineries in "wine country." **Carmel and Tishbi wineries** offer guided tours and wine tastings for a small fee. The best time to visit the wineries is from August until October when the vineyards are heavy with grapes, and "the crush" brings visitors to Zikron in droves.

Ein Hod Artist Village was founded in 1950 by Dadaist painter Marcel Jaco. Previously a small Arab village on a hillside overlooking the sea, it was abandoned when residents fled during the 1948 conflict. Jaco and his friends rebuilt the village and turned it into a unique "co-op" for visual and performing artists and their families. Today, about 200 persons reside in charming stone homes surrounded by beautiful

wooded areas, gardens and outdoor sculptures. Many of the houses have studios, galleries and lovely boutiques. Most studios are closed weekdays and open to a flood of visitors on Saturdays.

The Jaco Dadaist Museum displays his colorful drawings and paintings, and Ein Hod Gallery shows resident artists' works. I particularly enjoy visiting with Batia and Claude Jancourt in their Village Antiques shop and studio. They also are the innkeepers of two lovely furnished apartments.



Tel Aviv's popular Carmel Market is packed with vendors hawking everything from fresh fruits and vegetables to jewelry and clothing

Several cafes and excellent restaurants are in the village square. Village resident **Shali Yarkony, PhD offers guided walking tours** through the village with stops at artists' studios that rarely are open. (shaliyarkony@gmail.com.

Akko, near the Lebanese border, has a

rich, 4,000-year history from its origins as home to the Biblical tribe of Asher and later an important Phoenician seaport and part of David's kingdom. It came under the rule of Romans, Crusaders, Ottomans and English and is now a vibrant, peaceful community of Jews, Christians and Arabs. It has retained its Middle Eastern character with high stone walls, narrow alleyways, colorful bazaars and towering minarets that call the faithful to prayer.

Put aside the better part of a day to explore a host of intriguing attractions in Old Akko, including: **Ahmed al Jazzar Pasha's Mosque**, built in 1781 on a former Crusader cathedral; the **Subterranean Crusader City**, built on a labyrinth of Crusader buildings excavated under Ottoman structures and Roman ruins; and the **Arab Bazaar**, with dozens of vendors. For lunch, Hummus Said is reputed to have the best hummus in all of Israel; and the Arab restaurant Galileo, along the city walls on Pisan Harbor, serves fresh-caught fish and seafood daily.

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PILGRIMS FROM FIVE DIOCESAN PARISHES VISIT UGANDA

By Deacon Reed Hauser

Pilgrimage is a very ancient spiritual practice – a journey taken to a special place, a place for spiritual enrichment. It's a practice which is shared among Jews, Christians, Muslims,



Shrine of the Ugandan Martyrs.
Photos courtesy Deacon Reed Hauser

Buddhists, Hindus and others. People go on pilgrimage for many reasons – for spiritual enrichment, for physical or spiritual healing or to do penance for sin. Others go on pilgrimage to leave their normal lives behind, to be-

come closer to God, or to experience closeness with saints by treading the same ground as the saints did.

Depending on the circumstances, a pilgrimage could involve a single special destination or several locations. One could say that the pilgrimage I



Our Lady of the Snows Cathedral, which serves the Diocese of Fort Portal, Uganda.

am about to describe was of the latter type, because the trip featured visits to several sites which are of particular importance to many of our Ugandan brothers and sisters in Christ.

Parishioners from Chillicothe St.

Peter, Washington Court House St. Colman of Cloyne and Zaleski St. Sylvester churches traveled to the African nation of Uganda in late July 2018. The primary purpose of the trip was to visit the staff and children of the Miryante orphanage in western

Sales churches.

We sometimes speak of the “P’s” of pilgrimage – place, purpose, people and prayer. However, as we arrived in Uganda, Father Wilson reminded us that there is another “P” – penance. For us, this penance was the Immigra-



Exterior of the chapel at the Miryante orphanage.

Uganda, which the parishioners have supported for several years. We were accompanied during the first several days of the trip by Father Jonathan Wilson and parishioners of Newark Blessed Sacrament and St. Francis de

tion process at the Entebbe airport!

Nevertheless, on the first day after arriving in Uganda, our group visited the Ugandan Martyrs Catholic Shrine

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OHIO PILGRIMS SEE UNITY IN MIDST OF DIVISIONS IN THE HOLY LAND

By Father Timothy Hayes
Pastor, Columbus St. Timothy Church

Pilgrims are travelers with a distinct purpose. Do you know the difference between a pilgrim and a tourist? A pilgrim always says “*Deo gratias*,” that is, “Thanks be to God,” regardless of what happens. A pilgrim never can complain. There is always something a pilgrim can be thankful for. ...

Pilgrims who travel to the Holy Land these days are meeting fellow pilgrims and travelers (some of whom are loudly complaining!) in great numbers. We have been told that each month, there are record-breaking numbers of visitors to all the holy sites. In November 2018, four priests of the Diocese of Columbus (Father Jerry Stluka, Father Dean

Mathewson, Father Ron Aubry and Father Tim Hayes) went with a group of more than 60 pilgrims to the Holy Land. That was two full buses! A number of pilgrims were of a mature age, using canes and walking sticks; one pilgrim, traveling with his wife, was blind. As a result, we met many challenging experiences as we negotiated the journey through each site along the way. Just staying together was not easy. Walking through various terrains, from deserts to hills to stone pavements, meant that slow and steady was the race. As pilgrims, we found ways to work together among ourselves and with other groups.

It was discovered on the journey to Israel (two sets of flights on two different airlines) that we would be traveling with a group of similar size from the Diocese of Cleveland. So



First-century synagogue at Magdala, Israel. Photos courtesy Father Timothy Hayes
there were more than 120 Ohio pilgrims meeting one another all through

the Holy Land. We opened our pilgrimage with a lovely shared Mass at Maris Stella Monastery on Mount Carmel.

Many journeys to the Holy Land begin in Jerusalem, then move on to Galilee. Our pilgrimage was the reverse. Our first home was Nazareth, with a lovely view of the Basilica of the Annunciation and the hill on which Jesus and His family lived. From there, we headed first toward the northern sites, including Mount Tabor, the Mount of the Precipice, Caesarea Philippi and the various sites around the Sea of Galilee. Bright sunshine and beautiful flowers were everywhere. Several of the priests and pilgrims had visited the Holy Land before, so this trip was an invitation to deepen appreciation

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in Namugongo, a district close to the major city of Kampala. The shrine is visited year-round by pilgrims from Uganda, from across Africa and from around the world.

Every June 3, as many as one million pilgrims – many of whom walk for hundreds of miles – travel to the

Agency, the local police estimated the size of this year's crowd at four million pilgrims.

The Feast of the Ugandan Martyrs commemorates 24 Catholic martyrs, 22 of whom were killed between 1885 and 1887 under King Mwanga of Buganda (now a part of Uganda), and

time period.

The first martyr was Joseph Mukasa Balikuddembe, who was beheaded and burned on Nov. 15, 1885; many of the other martyrs were killed in May 1886. On May 25, led on a death march to Namugongo for refusing to renounce their faith, several were

lumba, but his executioners stemmed the blood flow so that he would not die a quick death from blood loss. He died three days later from dehydration.

Those who arrived in Namugongo were kept alive for about a week, then many were burned alive, with



The interior of the chapel at the Miryante orphanage in Uganda.

shrine for an open-air Mass to celebrate the memory of the Ugandan martyrs and pray for their intercession. According to the Catholic News

two others who were killed in 1918 in northern Uganda. In addition, 23 Anglican Ugandans also were killed for their Christian faith within the same



Parishioners from five Ohio churches who visited Uganda this summer.

killed en route by spearing. After two days of marching, the hands, legs and some of the flesh was cut off one of the martyrs, Mathias Kalemba Mu-

firewood and reeds gathered by the martyrs themselves. On June 3, 1886, Charles Lwanga became the first to

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A depiction of the Star of Bethlehem at the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, the site of the birth of Jesus.

for the experience and to see something new.

The figure of Simon Peter came to

the fore at several stops. At Caesarea Philippi (Baniyas), we saw the remains of the great temple of Pan and the

spring that is at the start of the Jordan River. It was here that Jesus asked "Who do you say that I am?" and received Peter's response, "You are the Christ." (Mark 8:29)

A boat ride on the Sea of Galilee and a visit to Capernaum, where Peter's family hosted Jesus, were highlights, treating us to a time of peace on the water and to a lovely sunset over the sea just outside the house of Peter. In Jerusalem, our last full day included a tour of the Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu and a visit to the remains of the house of Caiaphas, where Peter stood in the courtyard and gave his threefold denial, but also showed repentance through tears.

The crowds were a real challenge. At Bethlehem, in the Church of the Nativity, we had a wise guide who showed us how to make the most of the wait in spite of the crowd. He in-

vited us to quietly sing a few verses of our favorite Christmas hymns. Along the way, he lifted up wooden doors in the floor to show us ancient mosaics yet to be restored. The members of our group who had most difficulty with stairs were led by the guide on a personal experience of the crypt, entering from the back way, so they could comfortably wait for the rest of us to enter, following the crowd. The guide invited us to wait to enter until the group ahead of us had cleared out so we could kneel and pray calmly at the grotto and at the manger. This was the most peaceful visit to the Church of the Nativity I have ever experienced.

The most traumatic – or at least dramatic – experience for our group was our time in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem. As a pilgrim

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be burned to death, followed by 12 other Catholic martyrs, 13 Anglicans, and several other prisoners. Charles Lwanga and his companions were canonized as saints by Pope St. Paul



Our Lady of Maternity Church, the home church of Wekomiire Catholic Parish.

VI on Oct. 18, 1964.

When we arrived at the shrine, we were greeted by Father Erineo Mushuhukye, who twice has visited our parishes. Our group was led on a tour of the shrine and surrounding area, which included a visit to the cone-shaped basilica on the site – a very popular place for weddings (on the day of our visit, several weddings occurred there within hours of one an-

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and a guide in the past, this visit was always among the most meaningful for me. That was so again this time, but in a different way than I had expected. Many descriptions of the church comment on the divisions among the different Christian communities who take care of the site. Most places



Pilgrims from many nations visit the Western Wall of the Temple Mount.

other). The basilica is supported by 22 stainless steel posts, each representing one of the Ugandan martyrs.

The tour also included visits to several outdoor displays depicting the



Deacon Reed Hauser of Chillicothe St. Peter Church preaches in Uganda, with an interpreter providing accompaniment in the Rutooro language.

martyrs and how they died. Then our group was led to the outdoor part of the shrine for a Mass celebrated by Father Wilson and Father Mushuhukye. The Mass was at the same outdoor location where popes (Paul VI, St. Pope John Paul II and Pope Francis) and many others have celebrated Mass, with huge crowds in attendance, during the annual June 3 celebration.

During the trip to the Namugongo

have only one (most often Franciscan) community responsible for the upkeep and the pilgrims. At the Holy Sepulchre, commentators explain the *status quo* set centuries ago that divides the place and the times among Christians of various denominations – Armenian Apostolic, Greek, Coptic,

shrine, we were profoundly touched by the memory of so many brave young men who stood their ground and suffered so much for their faith. These young men, barely adults, de-

fied an earthly king to remain loyal to their heavenly king. Let us honor these martyrs and ask for their help in our own earthly struggles with sin as we strive to serve the same heavenly king.

Our journey was just beginning at the shrine. We then traveled approximately five hours to the west to the Miryante orphanage. There, we continued to build on our unique friend-

Ethiopian and Syriac Orthodox, as well as Roman Catholic in the Latin Patriarchate (Franciscans).

When we arrived at the end of the *Via Crucis*, the Way of the Cross, we were told by our guide that there probably would be “only” an hour of waiting in line before we could visit Our Lord’s tomb. We were just around the corner as we took our place. After a little more than an hour, which included a fair amount of international pushing and shoving among groups, everything suddenly stopped. It was time for a procession with rhythmic hymns in an unfamiliar language. Our wait continued. We decided to stick it out and quietly prayed a Rosary (the Sorrowful Mysteries) and the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

As one procession ended, giving us hope that the line would begin to move again, a much larger procession suddenly began, this one with a Greek Orthodox hierarch and lots of

ship with the orphans and the staff and with some of the local citizens who attend Mass in the orphanage chapel, which is a little more than a year old.



Presenting chapel gifts at Miryante.

The following day was Sunday, so our group went to Mass with the orphans, staff and citizens. The bilingual Mass was celebrated in English and Rutooro, the local language, by Father Mushuhukye and another local priest, assisted by your humble correspondent. When Mass was completed, Father Mushuhukye introduced our group to the congregation.

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clergy in colorful dress. It went on for a seemingly long time. And then all chaos broke loose. Apparently, a time limit (which didn’t change even in the presence of the hierarch) had been reached. It sounded like pots and pans were being clanged together to fill the air and drown out the sound of the ceremony that still was going on.

At that moment, what personally had been a bit uncomfortable, due to the amount of time standing, changed completely. I was struck with a wonderful sense of joy. Others had departed from the line and given up on the whole visit. I became very happy that many of us had stayed where we were to wait it out. I laughed out loud. I even danced a bit to the rhythm of the cacophony surrounding us and said to myself, “It’s all true!”

What I meant was that all the reports of the divisions I had heard

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We presented gifts to the chapel from our parishes. These included a large crucifix from the Holy Land, pictures bearing images of the Holy Family, the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and Our



Bishop Robert Muhiirwa of the Diocese of Fort Portal, Uganda (center) with pilgrims from Ohio.

Lady of Fatima, and a figure of the Infant of Prague. Within a few days, all of these had found their places within the chapel.

We also brought hundreds of holy cards commemorating the Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, which will be celebrated each year on the Monday following Pentecost. In addition, we presented gifts to Father Mushuhukye from the Columbus diocesan missions office – a small tabernacle with lockable doors in front and back, a ciborium, and a small portable chalice. The entire Mass, including introductions and gifts, was filled with joy, energy and the Holy Spirit.

The following day, our group visited Our Lady of Maternity, the home church of Wekomiire Catholic Parish, where Father Mushuhukye is pastor (his entire parish encompasses 82 churches in western Uganda). We attended Mass with Father Mushuhukye and Father Adolf Businge concelebrating, and were joined by students of the nearby St. Francis Technical Institute (a high school-level school) and children from the St. Francis Nursery School. That afternoon, we visited a refugee camp which receives aid from the Miryante orphanage in

the form of school supplies, uniforms, and food.

Later in the week, our group celebrated Mass with Father Mushuhukye at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Snows, the cathedral of the Diocese of Fort Portal. Following Mass, we met and enjoyed tea and coffee with Bishop Robert Muhiirwa. Throughout the week, we joined with the orphans in prayer each morning at dawn.

By Saturday, we had delivered to the orphans many gifts donated by their sponsors and our parishioners. In addition, the girls at the orphanage each received a handmade dress donated by a central Ohio ministry which makes dresses for orphans all over the world. Most of the girls proudly wore their dresses to Mass on Sunday.

Our last Sunday in Uganda was highlighted by Mass with the orphans and local residents, thanks to Father Mushuhukye's gracious effort to be there with us. Most of the children wore rosaries we taught them to make the day before. This time, the Mass was almost totally in Rutooro. However, the Gospel was proclaimed in

English and a homily was preached in English by your humble correspondent (with the help of an interpreter). Certainly, the music was different, and most of us had not seen the liturgical dance which the children performed during the Kyrie and the Creed.

The musical instruments (drums and percussion) were different to us. However, it is at moments such as these, when the Mass is celebrated in an unfamiliar language, when we became most aware of the universal character of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

When Father Mushuhukye spoke in Rutooro, we didn't know the words he was using, yet we understood what he was praying, for it was the same Mass. We would remain at Miryante for one more night and then leave Uganda the following evening.

It was a wonderful journey of friendship, joy and worship, but it was also a time to remember and reflect on the sacrifices of those who gave so much of themselves to bring the Gospel to Uganda. Charles Lwanga and companions, pray for us!

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A view of the Sea of Galilee from the Mount of the Beatitudes.

about were true. And the fact that this is where the Resurrection of the Lord took place is true. The Christian message of the power of life over death is true. It struck me that this is the holiest place on earth. It is where salvation and redemption were accomplished in the suffering, death and resurrection of the Lord. It is the last place on earth that the devil will let go of. In the meantime, there will be divisions and separations among nations and re-

ligions and signs of the brokenness of humanity. Pilgrims from everywhere were together in spite of it all, with one thing in mind – to give thanks to the Lord for His gift of salvation.

Not long after this, the line began to move. In a relatively short time, we were heading to the entrance of the tomb. As I arrived at the front of the line, I asked the Orthodox cleric for a blessing. He responded, "No blessing, pray!" It was his job to let pil-

grims enter four at a time and to give a knock when the time for prayer was over. To enter the tomb, it is necessary to bow twice in order to enter two small rooms then to kneel below an altar. As I knelt and prayed, I asked for unity among the nations and thanked the Lord for bringing me there to remember what He has done for us.

The visit to Calvary after the tomb, with a climb up a narrow stairway, included a shorter delay for a procession, as well as an even more vigorously pressing crowd as we waited to kneel before an altar to touch the stone beneath it. At this location, I invited my fellow pilgrims (who were tempted to complain) to look ahead and to choose someone who was waiting in front of us, offering up our discomfort and praying for the concerns that person had brought to this sacred place. When my visit to Calvary was over, I left the Church of the Holy Sepulchre with a feeling of accomplishing one small step in the journey to unity among the nations.

Telling the story of my experience of the tomb and Calvary and listening to the responses of those who have



Christ's tomb at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem.

heard it have been a sign that there is hope for all of us. The decision is before each of us to see our own lives as a pilgrimage – not to complain, but to say "Deo Gratias!" and to begin to see with new eyes all that is happening, even the signs of division among us. God has a plan for all humanity, and we are pilgrims inviting everyone we meet to respond to His plan.

*The Epiphany of the Lord (Cycle C)***We three kings****By Kevin Perrotta***Catholic News Service***Isaiah 60:1-6****Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13****Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6****Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12**

The morning after the Magis' visit to Bethlehem.

Balthasar: So it seems that all three of us have dreamed the same dream.

Gaspar: With the same angel and the same warning.

Melchior: Personally, I'm fine with not going back to talk with Herod. A vile and despicable person. He gave me the creeps.

Balthasar: OK. We'll have to make a long detour to get around Jerusalem.

Gaspar: The sooner we get on our way, the better.

Melchior: You know, this has been a strange journey.

Balthasar: Tell me about it!

Melchior: The star at the beginning and the angel now – very strange. But that's not what I mean.

Gaspar: You mean the strangeness at the heart of it?

Melchior: Yes.

Gaspar: That little boy.

Melchior: There he is, with his peasant parents, in a modest little house. Just down the road, Herod sits in that splendid palace fortress of his. It seems obvious to everyone which of them is king, and yet ...

Gaspar: What seems obvious turns

out to be totally mistaken.

Balthasar: When I put my forehead to the floor in front of that little boy, there was absolutely no doubt in my heart that he is, in fact, greater than all the kings of the earth put together.

Melchior: That was my conviction, too. And I don't know which is more astonishing – that this child is king or that I knew it.

Gaspar: If Herod weren't still king, we wouldn't be making a detour around Jerusalem.

Balthasar: Yes, but there's a greater kingship at work. It led us here. It showed us the boy. It gave us faith in him. It's directing us on our way.

Melchior: This has changed what I consider strange. What seems strange now is not that the little boy in Bethlehem is king but that everyone in the world isn't shouting his praises and putting their heads down to the floor in front of him. Suddenly, that seems like the most normal thing to do.

Gaspar: Although, if his kingship is not strange, it is deeply mysterious.

Balthasar: After being in his presence, it's a mystery I hope to live in always.

Perrotta is the editor and an author of the "Six Weeks with the Bible" series, teaches part time at Siena Heights University and leads Holy Land pilgrimages. He lives in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

World Marriage Day dance set for Feb. 9

Central Ohio Worldwide Marriage Encounter will host its annual World Marriage Day dance from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9 at American Legion Post 171, 393 E. College Ave., Westerville.

This event has taken place for more than 30 years to celebrate World Marriage Day, the second Sunday in February. All couples are invited to attend. The dance will include dinner, prepared by students from the Co-

lumbus Culinary Institute. Water, coffee, tea and iced tea will be provided. Those attending also may bring their own beverage. A DJ will provide music and dancing after dinner.

Those interested in attending are asked to contact Fred and Joy Kerner at (614) 761-9048 or email them at joc93@yahoo.com. The cost is \$74 per couple. The registration deadline is Wednesday, Jan. 23.

THE WEEKDAY BIBLE READINGS**MONDAY**

1 John 3:22-4:6
Psalm 2:7b-8,10-12a
Matthew 4:12-17,23-25

TUESDAY

1 John 4:7-10
Psalm 72:1-4,7-8
Mark 6:34-44

WEDNESDAY

1 John 4:11-18
Psalm 72:1-2,10,12-13
Mark 6:45-52

THURSDAY

1 John 4:19-5:4
Psalm 72:1-2,14,15bc,17
Luke 4:14-22a

FRIDAY

1 John 5:5-13
Psalm 147:12-15,19-20
Luke 5:12-16

SATURDAY

1 John 5:14-21
Psalm 149:1-6a,9b
John 3:22-30

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE: JAN. 6, 2019**SUNDAY MASS**

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

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

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

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

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

DAILY MASS

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

8 p.m., St. Gabriel Radio (AM 820), Columbus, and at www.stgabrielradio.com.

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

Living 'I Do' – Weekly Marriage Tips

One way to grow in friendship with your spouse is to pursue a common goal. Maybe this means taking on a hobby to spend intentional time together, but it also could mean discerning a call to serve together. Is there something God is asking you to do or give as a couple? Pay attention to the needs of your community and pray for God's guidance. He will show you.

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A tough year ahead

2018 was a bad year for Catholics. 2019 is almost certainly going to be worse. Good reason, then, to reflect on two recent texts from the Church's *Office of Readings*.

The first is from paragraph 48 of Vatican II's *Dogmatic Constitution on the Church*:

"The end of the ages is already with us. The renewal of the world has been established and cannot be revoked. In our era, it is in a true sense anticipated: the Church on earth is already sealed by genuine, if imperfect, holiness. Yet, until a new heaven and a new earth are built as the dwelling place of justice, the pilgrim Church, in its sacraments and institutions belonging to this world of time, bears the likeness of this passing world. It lives in the midst of a creation still groaning and in travail as it waits for the sons of God to be revealed in glory."

And the second is from the *Spiritual Canticle* of the reforming Spanish Doctor of the Church, St. John of the Cross:

"Would that men might come at last to see that it is quite impossible to reach the thicket of the riches and wisdom of God except by first entering the thicket of much suffering, in such a way that the soul finds there its consolation and desire. The soul that longs for divine wisdom chooses first, and in truth, to enter the thicket of the cross."

With those sobering but consoling thoughts in mind, I offer a few speculations about 2019, by way of cau-



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tions about the rough waters ahead.

- There will be further revelations of clerical sexual abuse from decades ago, and the false narrative that there is a rape culture in the Catholic Church today will be reinforced.
- More awful details about the behavior of Theodore McCarrick, former archbishop of Washington, will come to light.
- At least U.S. one bishop, and possibly several, will resign after revelations of malfeasance and worse in handling reports of sexually abusive clergy under their authority.
- Rome and certain sectors of the American Church will continue to ignore or misinterpret empirical evidence about the exceptionally high percentage of adolescent boys and young men who have been victims of clerical sexual abuse.
- The February meeting in Rome to discuss the abuse crisis in a global context will disappoint many U.S. Catholics, who mistakenly imagined that it would produce a global plan for reform.
- Too many senior officials of the Roman Curia will continue to insist that the U.S. reaction to clerical sexual abuse and episcopal malfeasance is exaggerated, media-driven, and somehow "Protestant."
- The determination of the U.S. bishops' conference leadership to involve expert Catholic laity in the reform of the priesthood and the episcopate will encounter more resistance in Rome.
- No state attorney general or federal prosecutor will launch an investigation of sexual abuse in public schools.
- October's Special Synod on Amazonia will (obliquely?) appeal for the ordination of mature married men to the ministerial priesthood in that region, but without input from other local Churches that would be seriously impacted by any such concession – including the Church in the United States.
- Ultramontanism – an excessively Petrocentric idea of the Church that misconstrues the teaching of Vatican I and Vatican II by treating the pope as

an oracle – will intensify on an increasingly cranky and authoritarian Catholic Left.

- The Holy See will run a huge deficit, even as Peter's Pence contributions continue to fall throughout the world Church.
- The persecution of Cardinal George Pell will continue, but his conviction on "historic sexual abuse" charges will increasingly be seen by rational people as a grotesque miscarriage of justice motivated by scapegoating, anti-Catholicism, and sordid politics in Australia (and elsewhere).
- As the Xi Jinping regime's persecution of Christians intensifies, the Vatican's "deal" with the People's Republic of China will look even worse and its defense will seem ever more implausible.
- Russian Orthodox spokesmen will continue to blame the Catholic Church for the Moscow Patriarchate's troubles in Ukraine, further compromising the Russian-centered ecumenical grand strategy of the Holy See toward the complex worlds of Orthodoxy.

A tough year lies ahead. Yet Christ, risen and triumphant, remains present and available in the Eucharist, to which serious missionary disciples will have ever more frequent recourse for strength and courage. May His Kingdom come.

St. Brendan plans men's retreat

A men's retreat sponsored by Hilliard St. Brendan Church will take place from Friday, Jan. 25 to Sunday, Jan. 27 at the Maria Stein Spiritual Center in Maria Stein, about 85 miles northwest of Columbus.

The theme for the retreat is "St. Alphonsus, His Life and Spirituality." It will be directed by Father Michael Houston, CSsR, associate pastor of St. Gerard Church in Lima.

Father Houston grew up near Lancaster, Pennsylvania and was ordained to the priesthood in 1998. He was immediately sent to the Ca-

ribbean islands, where he served as a Redemptorist missionary on St. Croix in the U.S. Virgin Islands and Dominica and St. Lucia in the West Indies before being transferred to Ohio.

He has experience working on many Redemptorist missions in the Caribbean and the United States.

All men are invited to the retreat. The cost is \$170, which includes all meals and a private room with bath.

For registration information, contact Gerry at (614) 946-8117 or email Gerryliz90@gmail.com.

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PRAY FOR OUR DEAD

ADAMS, Ralph C., 85, Dec. 29
St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, Pickerington

AMISTADI, Adam, 90, Dec. 20
St. Joseph Church, Dover

BELL, Larry W., 70, Dec. 27
Our Mother of Sorrows Chapel, Columbus

BIENKO, Irene (Majdanik), 95, Dec. 20
St. Joseph Church, Dover

BRAUNER, John E. "Gene," 85, Dec. 20
St. Paul Church, Westerville

BURDOCK, Jennie M., 86, Dec. 19
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

BURIGANA, Geraldine (Christmas), 91, Dec. 21
St. Peter Church, Columbus

COFFMAN, Regina (Hatem), 87, Dec. 21
St. Rose Church, New Lexington

CONNELLY, Pauline E. (Kraizbuk), 89, Dec. 19
St. Peter Church, Columbus

CRABTREE, Paula (Hennosy), 52, Dec. 17
St. John XXIII Church, Canal Winchester

DAVIS, Icle G., 87, Dec. 24
St. Patrick Church, London

DeANGELIS, Clara E. (Fulvimari), 89, Dec. 20
St. Brigid of Kildare Church, Dublin

FARES, Gloria T. "Theresa" (LaHoud), Dec. 29
St. Timothy Church, Columbus

FLACK, Eleanor A., 85, Dec. 18
Church of the Resurrection, New Albany

GINNETTI, Dominic, 90, Dec. 24
St. Joseph Church, Dover

GOELLER, Linda (Brohard), 72, Dec. 17
St. Joseph Church, Circleville

HAUSER, JoAnne (Carroll), 90, Dec. 25
Christ the King Church, Columbus

HOOVER, Harold M., 78, formerly of Columbus, Dec. 20
St. Mark Church, Summerfield, Fla.

KENNEDY, Leo J., 94, Dec. 26
St. Philip Church, Columbus

KITSMILLER, Nancy E., 81, Dec. 17
St. Matthew Church, Gahanna

KOPP, Larry, 82, Dec. 21
St. Joseph Church, Dover

LACZMAR, Marie "Marlene" (Zambrzycki), 68, Dec. 22
St. Mary Church, Lancaster

MAJERNIC, George J., 93, Dec. 15
Holy Spirit Church, Columbus

MANCINI, Marilyn (Knierim), 88, Dec. 19
Immaculate Conception Church, Columbus

MARCHESE, Joseph A., 89, Dec. 25
St. Timothy Church, Columbus

MARTIN, Karen (Buffington), 77, Dec. 27
St. Anthony Church, Columbus

MEVES, Philip J., 70, Dec. 23
St. Joseph Church, Circleville

OMAN, Michael J., 65, Dec. 27
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Grove City

PIPAN, Bernard M. Jr., 60, Dec. 23
St. Brendan Church, Hilliard

RISTUCCI, Danny, 89, Dec. 28
St. John the Baptist Church, Columbus

RUSSELL, Margaret E. (Garrity), 80, Dec. 19
St. Joan of Arc Church, Powell

SAMBORSKY, Eleanor (Hebden), 82, Dec. 24
St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, Pickerington

SCHNEIDER, Donna J. (Manley), 76, Dec. 21
St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, Pickerington

SCHUMANN, Douglas R., 53, Dec. 23
St. Brendan Church, Hilliard

SCHUMM, Etna L., 82, Dec. 25
Our Mother of Sorrows Chapel, Columbus

TARTAMELLA, Pietro, 73, Dec. 8
Church of the Atonement, Crooksville

UNDERWOOD, Allen K., 79, Dec. 18
St. Bernadette Church, Lancaster

VAHCIC, Herman F., 88, Dec. 19
St. Brendan Church, Hilliard

VESCO, Carl "Vic," 75, Dec. 20
Holy Spirit Church, Columbus

WOLF, Genevieve "Jenny," 78, Dec. 24
Our Mother of Sorrows Chapel, Columbus

ZIMMER, James R., 79, Dec. 28
St. John Neumann Church, Sunbury

ZINN, Sammy J., 80, Dec. 4
Church of the Atonement, Crooksville

ZION, Irene, 94, Dec. 9
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

Sister Joanne Baltz, OP

Funeral Mass for Sister Joanne Baltz, OP, 89, who died on Tuesday, Dec. 18 at the Regina Care Center in Akron, was celebrated on Thursday, Dec. 20 at the Motherhouse of the Dominican Sisters of Peace in Columbus. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus.

She was born on Aug. 25, 1929 in Lancaster to Albert and Margaret (Thimmes) Baltz, graduated from Lancaster St. Mary High School in 1953 and received a bachelor of science degree in elementary education from St. Mary of the Springs College (now Ohio Dominican University) in 1958 and a master of arts degree in education from the University of Notre Dame in 1966. She took additional courses in administration, supervision and child psychology at Xavier University and the University of Dayton.

She joined the Dominican Sisters

of St. Mary of the Springs (now the Dominican Sisters of Peace) on Sept. 8, 1948 and professed her first vows on July 9, 1950, taking the name Sister Conrad, and her final vows on the same date three years later.

In the Diocese of Columbus, she was principal at Lancaster St. Mary School (1972-81 and 1984-95) and Newark St. Francis de Sales School (1981-84). She also taught at Zanesville St. Thomas Aquinas (1950-51), Columbus St. Francis of Assisi (1951-59), Columbus St. Philip (1967-69, 1970-72) and Columbus Holy Spirit (1969-70) schools and at schools in Chicago and the Diocese of Steubenville.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Albert and John; and sister, Mary. Survivors include a sister, Dorothy, and several nieces and nephews.

Sister Lois Laronde, OP

Sister Lois Laronde, OP, 83, died on Wednesday, Dec. 19 at the Mohun Health Care Center in Columbus. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at the Sansbury Care Center of the Dominican Sisters of Peace in St. Catharine, Kentucky.

She was born on Aug. 4, 1935 in Arlington, Massachusetts, to Albert and Lillian (McAdoo) Laronde and received a bachelor of arts degree in English and education from Siena College in Memphis, Tennessee in 1969 and a master of arts degree in education and pastoral counseling from Emmanuel

College in Boston in 1984.

She joined the Dominican Sisters of St. Catharine (now the Dominican Sisters of Peace) on Aug. 14, 1954, professing her first vows on Aug. 15, 1955, taking the name Sister Therese Albert, and her final vows on the same date in 1957.

She taught at schools in West Virginia, Illinois and New York and was a teacher, chaplain, activities assistant and instructional aide in Massachusetts.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Albert.



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JANUARY

4, FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

4-6, FRIDAY-SUNDAY

Christmas Display at Jubilee Museum
10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 1 to 4 p.m.
Sunday, Jubilee Museum, 57 S. Grubb St.,
Columbus. Christmas display featuring hundreds
of Nativity sets from around the world, plus
Christmas-themed oil paintings by Lancaster
artist Chris Ryckman. \$10 adults, \$5 seniors and
students. 614-600-0054

5, SATURDAY

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

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

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

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

First Saturday Mass at Holy Family
9 a.m., Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St.,
Columbus. First Saturday Mass for world peace

and in reparation for blasphemies against the
Virgin Mary. 614-221-4323, extension 329
Lay Missionaries of Charity Day of Prayer
9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sacred Heart Church, 893
Hamlet St., Columbus. Monthly day of prayer for
Columbus chapter of Lay Missionaries of Charity.
614-294-7702

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

Frassati Society Game Night
7 p.m., Chatham Village Party House, 978
Chatham Lane, Columbus. Game night sponsored
by Columbus St. Patrick Church Frassati Society
for young adults. Bring a game, snack or drink to
share. 937-212-1614

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

6, SUNDAY

St. Christopher Adult Religious Education
10 to 11:20 a.m., Cafeteria, Trinity Catholic
School, 1440 Grandview Ave., Columbus. Family
Epiphany Day and Kings Party, with children's
crafts, an Epiphany play, Christmas carol singing,
prayers for house blessings, and sweets.

Open House at St. Timothy School
1:15 p.m., St. Timothy School, 1070 Thomas
Lane, Columbus. Open house for prospective
students and their parents. 614-451-0739

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

Pete McClernon Concert at Trinity
4:30 p.m., Cafeteria, Trinity Catholic School, 1440
Grandview Ave., Columbus. Concert with Pete
McClernon, retired music director for several area
parishes, recalling his career of more than 40
years of music ministry.

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

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

Compline at Cathedral
9 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St.,
Columbus. Chanting of Compline, the Catholic
Church's official night prayer. 614-241-2526

7, MONDAY

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

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

8, TUESDAY

Our Lady of Good Success Study Group
11 a.m., Sacred Heart Church, 893 Hamlet St.,
Columbus (date change for this month). Monthly
meeting of Our Lady of Good Success study
group. Eucharistic Holy Hour in church, followed
by catechesis study and discussion. 614-294-

7702

Calix Society Meeting
6 p.m., Panera restaurant, 4519 N. High St.,
Columbus. Monthly meeting of the Calix Society,
an association of Catholic alcoholics. Preceded
by 5:30 p.m. Mass at Our Lady of Peace Church,
across street from meeting site.

Holy Hour at Columbus St. Francis of Assisi
St. Francis of Assisi Church, 386 Buttles Ave.,
Columbus. Monthly Holy Hour following 6 p.m.
Mass. 614-299-5781

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.

EnCourage Ministry Monthly Meeting
6:30 p.m., EnCourage, an approved diocesan
ministry for families and friends of persons who
experience same-sex attraction. EnCourage
respects the dignity of every person, promotes
the truth of God's plan for each of us, and focuses
on sharing our love. Confidentiality is maintained.
Call for site. 614-296-7404

Abortion Recovery Network Group
7 p.m., Pregnancy Decision Health Center, 665
E. Dublin-Granville Road, Columbus. 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

Informational Meeting on Pilgrimage
7 p.m., St. Joseph Church, 134 W. Mound St.,
Circleville. Informational meeting with Father Ted
Machnik, St. Joseph pastor, on pilgrimage he
plans to lead in August to shrines in New York
state and the Canadian province of Quebec.
614-474-1921

9, WEDNESDAY

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

'Surviving Divorce' Program at St. Joan of Arc
7 p.m., St. Joan of Arc Church, 10700 Liberty
Road, Powell. First session of 12-week "Surviving
Divorce" program sponsored by Non Solum
Columbus ministry for separated and divorced
Catholics. Includes video presentation and small-
group discussion. \$10 workbook charge. Advance
registration requested. 614-778-0736

10, THURSDAY

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

Eucharistic Holy Hour at Sacred Heart
7 p.m., Sacred Heart Church, 893 Hamlet St.,
Columbus. Eucharistic Holy Hour with the
intention of deepened holiness and an increase
in the virtue of fortitude for the Holy Father,
bishops, and priests, concluding with Benediction,
social period and refreshments. 614-294-7702

Informational Meeting on Pilgrimage
7 p.m., Kulp Hall, St. Margaret of Cortona Church,
1600 N. Hague Ave., Columbus. Informational
meeting with Father Jeff Rimelspach, St. Margaret
of Cortona pastor, on pilgrimage he plans to lead
in September to southern Italy and Sicily. 614-
279-1690

Sacred Architecture Talk at Lancaster St. Mary
7 p.m., Spirit Center, St. Mary Church, 309 E.
Chestnut St., Lancaster. First of three talks
by church architect William Heyer on sacred
architecture. Topic: "From Ancient Classical

Churches through the Renaissance." 740-653-
0997

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

12, 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.
Frassati Society Visits Nursing Home
2 p.m., Worthington Christian Village, 165
Highbluffs Blvd., Columbus. St. Patrick Church
Frassati Society for young adults visits nursing
home. 614-224-9522

13, SUNDAY

St. Christopher Adult Religious Education
10 to 11:20 a.m., Library, Trinity Catholic School,
1440 Grandview Ave., Columbus. Old Testament
study with Scripture scholar Angela Burdge.

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

Workshop on Addressing the Opioid Epidemic
2 to 4 p.m., Mount Carmel East Hospital, 6001
E. Broad St., Columbus. Workshop for church
leaders on addressing the opioid epidemic,
sponsored by the Mount Carmel church
partnership board. Space is limited. 614-546-4062

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

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

14, MONDAY

Bethesda Post-Abortion Healing Ministry
6:30 p.m., support group meeting, 2744 Dover
Road, Columbus (Christ the King convent, first
building west of church). 614-718-0227, 614-309-
2651, 614-309-0157

Our Lady of Peace Men's Bible Study
7 p.m., Our Lady of Peace Church, 20 E.
Dominion Blvd., Columbus. Bible study of
Sunday's readings.

15, TUESDAY

PA Program Information Session at ODU
4 to 6 p.m., St. Albert Hall, Ohio Dominican
University, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus.
Information session on university's master of
science in physician assistant studies program.
614-251-4615

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.

16, WEDNESDAY

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

St. Matthew School invites families

Gahanna St. Matthew School, 795 Havens Corners Road, will host an open house for prospective students and their families from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 27. Those attending will receive information about the school's offerings, schedules and curriculum, as well as a tour and the opportunity to meet administrators and teachers.

"We invite you to see what we have to offer your child and we welcome the opportunity to partner with you to help your children become lifelong learners and to develop a personal relationship with our loving God," said school principal Susan Maloy.

"We offer a pre-kindergarten through eighth grade curriculum serving more than 600 students and take pride in maintaining high academic expectations and achievements.

"Learning at St. Matthew School occurs in a nurturing, Christ-centered environment where daily prayer and character formation is our highest priority. We also offer full day pre-kindergarten, and a latchkey program from 2:25 to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Interested families also may call the school at (614) 471-4930 for more information or to set up a private tour.

St. Anthony students honor St. Lucy



Gina Greer's second-grade class at Columbus St. Anthony School celebrated the Feast of St. Lucy, with students dressing in star hats and wreath crowns. They said a prayer to St. Lucy and baked and shared a cake together in celebration. St. Lucy was martyred in Sicily at age 21. Her feast day of Dec. 13 was the date of the winter solstice before the calendar was reformed in 1582. For that reason, she is associated with light, especially in the Scandinavian nations, where girls wearing white dresses, with red sashes symbolizing martyrdom, carry candles in procession on that day.

Photo courtesy St. Anthony School

ST. PATRICK RED-EYE to the MARCH FOR LIFE, WASHINGTON, DC
January 17-19, 2019

St. Patrick's "LIFE BUS" to the MARCH FOR LIFE in Washington, D.C. to mark the anniversary of Roe v. Wade will leave on January 17th at 9:30 p.m. and return January 19th (2:00 a.m.) \$75. Call Bob Tatz at 614-570-9368 to register. Please note that all children and teens must be accompanied on the bus and march by their own parent.

Marion St. Mary essay contest winners



Winners of an essay contest for students at Marion St. Mary Church are pictured with Father Thomas Buffer, pastor of the church. They are (from left): Joshuany De La Cruz, Jaylen Fuentes, Mary Aurigemma, Sebastian Lisiecki, Donna Espino and Morgan Elliott. The contest was in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Espino finished first and De La Cruz second among students in kindergarten through second grade, who were asked to color a picture. Third- through fifth-graders wrote and illustrated a prayer. Aurigemma was first and Lisiecki second in that age group. Fuentes and Elliott finished in the top two places among sixth- to 12th-graders, who wrote poems of at least three stanzas.

Photo courtesy Marion St. Mary Church

Trinity students help Salvation Army



Columbus Trinity Elementary School students volunteered as bell ringers in the Salvation Army Red Kettle program.

Photo courtesy Trinity Elementary School

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school, but the details were sketchy.

It's important that the *Times* set the record straight on our reporting when Meyer announced in December that he was stepping away from coaching. The *Times* confirmed with Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare Church at the time that Meyer was listed as a member of the parish. Rob Oller of the *Dispatch* told the *Times* last week that Meyer mentioned the parish only in passing

during their interview.

It's between a person and God how the practice of faith is carried out. No judgments are being cast here, but clarification seems appropriate in this instance.

Let us go forth into 2019 with great hope that the fire of love will be enkindled in the hearts of God's people and that they will be enlightened by true faith.

Ten diocesan men studying to be deacons are installed into lector ministry



Ten men who are studying to become deacons were installed into the ministry of lector by Bishop Frederick Campbell on Sunday, Dec. 16 at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral. This calls them to be servants of the living Word of God as they proclaim the Gospel and other readings from Scripture. They now will begin a two-year parish internship while continuing their diaconal studies. Receiving the ministry of lector, with their home parish listed, followed by their internship parish, were (from left): first row, Nick Klear (Ada Our Lady of Lourdes/Kenton Immaculate Conception), Doug Yglesias (Sunbury St. John Neumann/Hilliard St. Brendan), Mark O'Loughlin (Columbus St. Cecilia/Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help), Jim Elchert (Marysville Our Lady of Lourdes/Powell St. Joan of Arc), Eric Wright (Newark St. Francis de Sales/New Albany Church of the Resurrection), and Jeffrey Hurdley (Lancaster St. Mark/Lancaster St. Mary); second row, Deacon Tom Berg Jr., diocesan chancellor, Victor Nduaguba (Columbus St. Andrew/ Columbus St. Timothy), Christopher Walsh (Columbus St. Margaret of Cortona/Columbus St. Andrew), Bishop Campbell, David Dowler (Columbus St. Andrew/Columbus St. Agatha), Jesus Figueroa (West Jefferson Ss. Simon and Jude/Columbus St. Mary Magdalene), and Deacon Frank Iannarino, director of the diocesan Office of the Diaconate. CT photo by Ken Snow

Medal collection presented to museum



The Downtown Columbus Serra Club presented the commemorative medal collection of deceased club member Robert Cull to the Jubilee Museum of Columbus at the club's December meeting. Pictured are (from left): Terry O'Loughlin, club historian; Shawn Kenney, museum executive director; Cull's daughter, Midge; and club member Virginia Hardy. The medals were given to the club by Cull, who died in 2009 at age 90. The collection represents medals from various Catholic Church special events. Cull attended some of the events, and some of the medals were given to or purchased by him.

Photo courtesy Downtown Columbus Serra Club



Fr. Ted Machnik's

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Alexandria Bay, NY, Québec City & Montréal, Canada
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Day of reflection for catechetical leaders planned

Catechetical leaders from throughout the diocese are invited to a day of reflection with Kathy Hendricks (pictured), national catechetical consultant for the William H. Sadlier publishing company, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 31 at Columbus Our Lady of Victory Church, 1559 Roxbury Road. The event is sponsored by the Diocese of Columbus Association of Faith Formation Leaders.

Hendricks' theme will be "Come Away and Be Refreshed." She will look at how the landscapes of the desert, the mountaintop, the sea and a garden played roles in the life of Jesus and how they call us to transformation in our ministerial roles and our personal lives.

Hendricks is a contributing writer



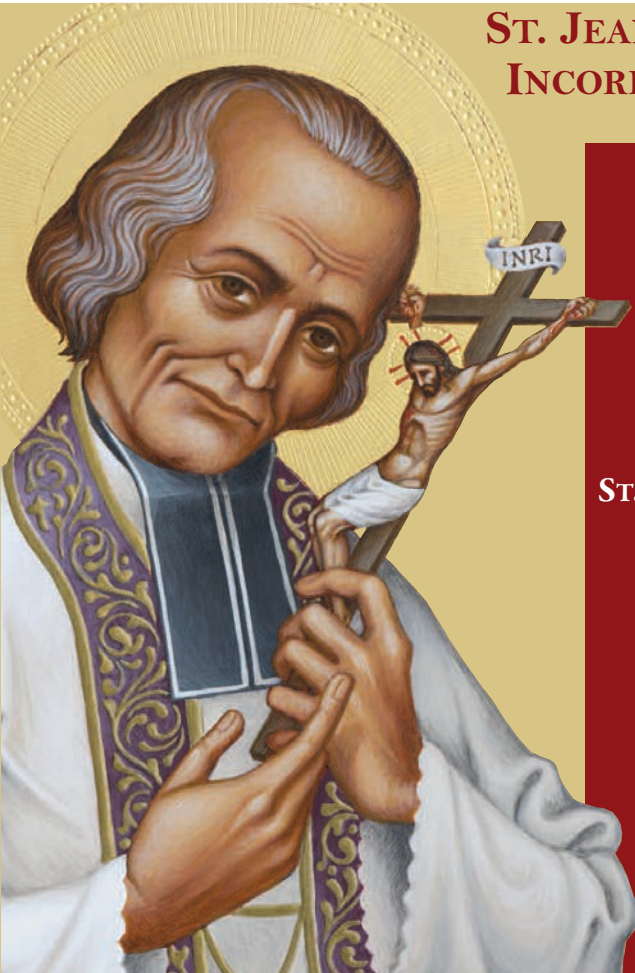
Kathy Hendricks will speak to catechists on Jan. 31.


for the Sadlier catechetical programs, including the *Christ in Us* series. She offers talks and retreats across the nation on catechesis, spirituality and family and is the author of several books, including *Seeking Spiritual Balance in Off-Kilter Times* and *Forming Families in Faith: Catechesis in the Home*.

The day of reflection will begin with Mass and will include two presentations by Hendricks, lunch at noon, and a meeting of the association at 9:15 a.m. It is free to members of the association, with a cost of \$30 to nonmembers. Checks

may be made out to DCAFFL. For reservations or more information, contact Diana Toth of Delaware St. Mary Church at dtoth@delawarestmary.org.

ST. JEAN VIANNEY'S INCORRUPT HEART






ST. PATRICK CHURCH
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Tuesday, Jan. 8
Veneration
11:30 AM – 6:30 PM

Mass:
11:45

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St. Timothy School

"To the King of ages, the immortal, the invisible, the only God."
"Be honor and glory forever and ever! Amen!" 1 Timothy 1:17

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faith



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Please come visit St. Timothy School during our Open House on Sunday, January 6th at 1:15 p.m.