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Editor's reflections by Doug Bean, Editor

## Works of mercy include the spiritual

Lent seems a good time to reflect on the Spiritual Works of Mercy.

Do you know all seven? If you don't, they are:

**Teach the ignorant**

**Pray for the living and the dead**

**Admonish sinners**

**Counsel those in doubt**

**Console the sorrowful**

**Bear wrongs patiently**

**Forgive offenses**

The seven Corporal Works of Mercy are probably better known because they involve physical actions – feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and imprisoned, burying the dead – that are visible in public. But the spiritual works are no less important, because they also are acts of love.

Let's briefly reflect on each of the seven Spiritual Works of Mercy.

**Teach the ignorant** simply means sharing our Catholic faith with others in deeds and in words. It might involve explaining a passage from the Bible or the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, or clearing up a misconception about church teaching.

**Pray for the living and the dead** is rather obvious. But it reminds us to pray for others here on earth as well as the faithful departed, especially remembering the souls in purgatory.

**Admonish sinners** sounds rather harsh, but it truly is an act of charity. There are many occasions when a child or an adult needs fraternal correction. If we see someone about to commit a serious sin, would we not try to stop him or her?

**Counsel those in doubt** involves helping anyone who might not believe in God for whatever reason, or someone who is struggling with a faith crisis. For example, a person might question why God would allow a terrible tragedy that inexplicably took the life of a loved one to happen.

**Counsel the sorrowful** is another one that's self-evident. Do we reach out with compassion and understanding when a family member or friend is struggling and sad? Do we remind them that Christ's love is infinite and heals all wounds?

**Bear wrongs patiently** can prove to be a real test of fortitude in difficult situations. When we've received poor customer service or someone cuts in front of us in line, do we lash out or do we pray for that person?

**Forgive offenses** is also not an easy one, particularly when you've been deeply hurt in a profound way. But in the Letter of St. Paul to the Colossians (3:12-13), we are reminded to "Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do."

As we pray and sacrifice during the Lenten season, we ask God to help us meditate on the Spiritual Works of Mercy and show us how to put them into practice in our everyday lives.



## Annual Catholic Relief Services Collection

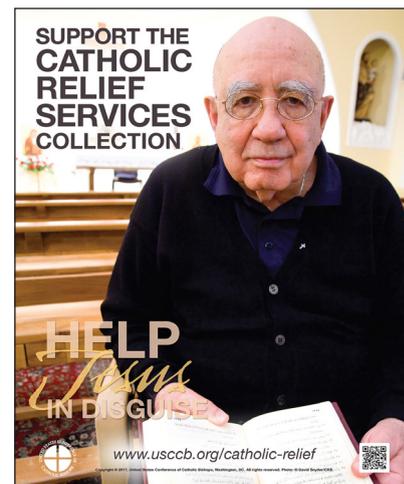
The annual Catholic Relief Services collection will take place



in many dioceses across the nation on Laetare Sunday, March 11.

The collection supports Catholic organizations that carry out international relief and solidarity efforts. Their programs include relief and resettlement for victims of persecution, war, and natural disasters; development projects to improve living conditions for the poor; legal and support services for poor immigrants; peace and reconciliation work for people suffering from violence; and advocacy on behalf of the powerless.

"Christ is standing at the door of our hearts, knocking, seeking relief from pain and suffering around the world. He comes to us bearing the disguise of vulnerable immigrants and refugees, the poor and marginalized, the sick and lonely. The Catholic Relief Services collection is an opportunity to respond and comfort Christ as we see him in our brothers and sisters," said Archbishop Thomas J. Rodi of Mobile, Alabama, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) committee on national collections. "This



collection represents our community of faith at work in the world, saving souls and improving lives."

Entities within the USCCB that receive support include the secretariat of cultural diversity in the church; the department of justice, peace, and human development; and the department of migration and refugee services. Other Catholic organizations that receive funds are Catholic Relief Services, the Catholic Legal Immigration Network, and the Holy Father's Relief Fund. The USCCB administrative committee is responsible for grant-making from this national collection.

More information about the Catholic Relief Services collection is available at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief). Resources for the collection may be found at: [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief/collection](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief/collection).

Correction — The Eucharistic Adoration list published in the Feb. 18 Catholic Times gave incorrect times for Newark Blessed Sacrament Church. Adoration there is from noon to 8 p.m. Mondays, 5 to 6 p.m. Tuesdays, and 10 a.m. to midnight Wednesdays in the church.



Front Page photo: Father William A. Metzger, assisted by Deacon Joe Knapke, baptizes Helen Korson at West Jefferson Sts. Simon & Jude Church.

Photo courtesy Sts. Simon & Jude Church

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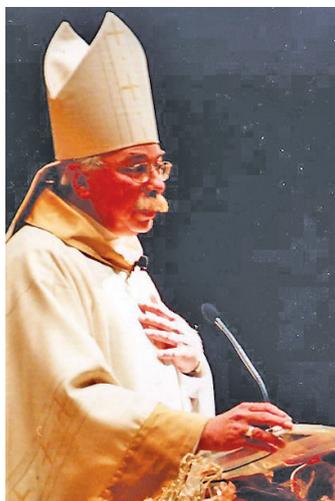
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## Pastoral Letter to the Faithful of the Diocese of Columbus

*My brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ,*



The pattern itself of the Gospel readings appointed by the Church for the Sundays of Lent instructs us as to the meaning of Lent. Following a venerable tradition, the gospel for the First Sunday of Lent is always the account of Jesus in the desert and His victory over temptations to sin. As Jesus emerges from the desert to

begin His public ministry, the first word He speaks is “repent.” The original Greek term is *metanoie-te*, perhaps more expressively translated as “turn around.” In the Gospel reading for the Second Sunday of Lent, the account of the Transfiguration of the Lord, the Church turns our attention to the destiny of all who heed the call of Christ. As Jesus reveals His glory as the Son of God before the three chosen disciples on Mount Tabor, He also reveals the glory that will be ours if we follow Him faithfully with love and conviction. To attain to this glory is the purpose of our Lenten observances. On the succeeding Sundays of Lent, the Gospels meditate on the meaning of the mystery of the person of Jesus Christ.

Jesus entered our human reality not only to reveal God to us, but to reveal us to ourselves, to reveal our dignity as persons made in the image and likeness of God. This dignity, often marred by sin and obscured by forgetfulness, is restored through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is the promise of abundant and everlasting life, the source of true happiness and peace.

Such a proclamation of hope is the proper context for my message concerning a scourge that is afflicting our society and culture – that of drug addiction.

This addiction has already taken thousands of lives throughout Ohio and in our nation. It is important that we face this plague with concern, understanding, involvement, and commitment. Several offices of the Diocese of Columbus, including Social Concerns, Catholic Schools, Religious Education, Youth and Young Adults, Marriage and Family Life, and Communications have cooperated with community leaders in establishing a task force to gather information, to provide resources for help in overcoming addiction, and to develop strategies for eliminating the causes of addiction. These resources will be made available to all the parishes and all the faithful of the Diocese of Columbus. They will be helpful in understanding this crisis, as well as directing people to the agencies offering assistance in overcoming addiction, and providing every parishioner with resources by which we can all help to face this challenge.

The challenge is a large one. To be candid, we live in a narcotic culture which seems to teach that the purpose of human life is pleasure and entertainment. It is a culture that often defines the worth of human persons in terms of their productive value and their usefulness, rather than their inherent dignity.

The Church has a unique role to play in this effort. We proclaim the power of God through Jesus Christ to overcome threats to human dignity. We announce the true destiny of all human life. Through the grace of God, we can turn from sin to a new life. We need not be kept in bondage to failure and addiction. Following the example of Christ, we teach a way of life that brings a true happiness, a way in which we are able to face difficulties with hope and to work for the common good with conviction.

We must be ready to accompany with concern all those in need. Our overriding message should be one of compassion, a readiness to assist, a commitment to strengthening the bonds of family life and community support, and a promise of new hope and a future worthy of human dignity. Our church can assure those affected by the drug crisis that they need not ever feel alone.

Please avail yourselves of the resources that have



been assembled by the diocesan task force, to be found through your parish or directly from the diocesan offices.

I earlier spoke of the first announcement of Jesus’ public ministry. It was a call to repentance or *metanoia*, “turning around.” The 40 days of Lent are a gift to us by which we can more completely follow this command of Christ and prepare ourselves to enter into the glory of Easter. With the help of God, we can diminish this drug crisis and turn lives around by offering to our culture a new way of living, filled with promise and true happiness. We can become companions with those who need assistance along this path of hope.

**Most Rev. Frederick F. Campbell,  
Bishop of Columbus**

### *Responding to the Drug Addiction Epidemic*

You are not alone. There is hope. Addiction is a chronic brain disorder from which people can and do recover. We must be ready to accompany all those in need. Our overriding message should be one of compassion, a readiness to assist, a commitment to strengthening the bonds of family life and community support, and a promise of new hope and a future worthy of human dignity. Our church can assure those affected by the drug crisis that they need not ever feel alone.

#### *How do I keep my family safe?*

- Start talking. Keep family members informed.

Find resources at Start Talking! Ohio, [www.start-talking.ohio.gov](http://www.start-talking.ohio.gov).

- Engage in family life affirming activities.
- Talk to your doctor about safe pain management.
- Lock up medications at home.
- Properly dispose of unused prescription drugs, [www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/Pubs/DrugDisposalResources.aspx](http://www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/Pubs/DrugDisposalResources.aspx).

#### *What are the signs and symptoms?*

- Constricted or enlarged pupils

- Drowsiness/excessive sleeping or overly alert/not sleeping
- Needle marks on arms or legs (possible infections)
- Change in moods (anxious, irritable)
- Isolation from family, friends and church
- Deceitful or secretive behavior
- Black smudges on light switches and vents
- Weight loss

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*Faith in Action*

By Erin Cordle

## One of God's gifts: Lifelong learning!



I learned many years ago that my journey of faith would be a lifelong trek. I grew up in a teaching home with teaching parents. Mom taught several subjects in the Centerburg school district and was the guidance counselor. Pappy, a good old farm boy, taught many life lessons. Our parents taught us that learning is a privilege not to be taken for granted, and that the lessons would never end. Pappy liked to say, "Everything happens for a reason and these is a lesson to be learned. Once you learn that lesson, another one will come along. So you might as well learn the lesson as soon as possible, because it will come back harder the next time." I also firmly believe that we are never too young or too old to learn something! In my case, I was only two months from my 60th birthday when I completed my master's degree in pastoral studies through the diocesan LIMEX program.

I graduated from Ashland College with a degree in education; however, I have never taught full-time in a school. Luckily, every position I have held has included a teaching element. In the Office for Social Concerns, I hit the jackpot, as we are the diocesan central resource for social justice education and advocacy.

Many parishes in our diocese support a variety of small-community faith-building programs. I remember my first experience with Renew at Columbus St. Christopher Church. It was a wonderful experience. At the end of two-plus years, my small group was asking "What's next?" We didn't have an answer then, but I have one now.

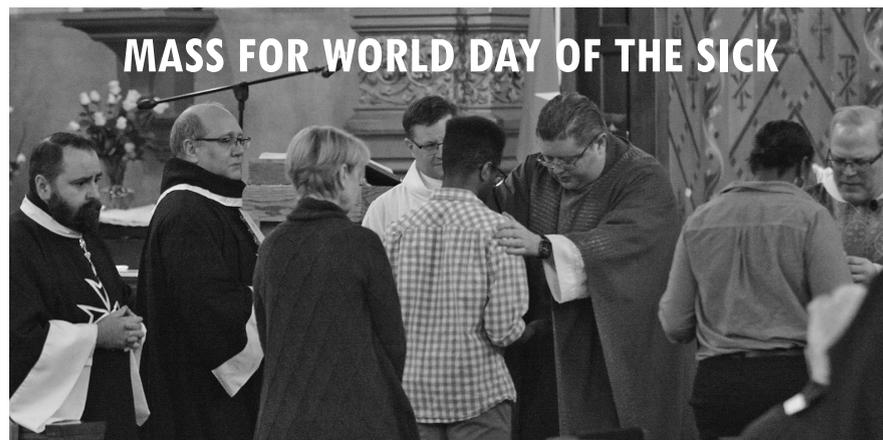
For a few years, I have been working with interns provided to our office through the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (please remember to give generously to the campaign on the Sunday before Thanksgiving or anytime during the year) to develop a "Just Life" series. Just Life consists of information sheets about various topics. Each topic sheet includes a Scripture reference, a catechism teaching reference, a prayer, a "Did you know..." section, suggestions about what you can do through prayer, education, service, and advocacy, several website references for more information, and a separate study guide. The guides include opening prayers, Scripture readings, reflection questions, resolve-and-commit actions, useful references, and closing prayers. The information sheets and study guides are in English and Spanish.

Just Life: Series 1 includes 14 topics with information sheets and the study guides in English and Spanish. (Series 1 will be up our office's diocesan website soon!) The topics include Call to Family, Community, and Participation; Care for God's Creation; Death Penalty; Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers; Documents of Catholic Social Teaching; Health Care; Life and Dignity of the Human Person; Option for the Poor and Vulnerable; Pornography; Principles of Catholic Social Teaching; Rights and Responsibilities; Social Sin; Solidarity; and The Two Feet of Social Action. I am working on Series 2, which will include 25 topics and study guides. If you have suggestions for topics, please let me know at (614) 241-2540 or socmailbox@columbuscatholic.org.

If I have learned anything on my life journey so far, it's that we learn best in our families and our communities. My prayer is that this series will create safe environments in which to "learn the next lesson" when dealing with tough social justice issues. May this resource help expand your minds and your hearts on this year's Lenten journey.

Erin Cordle is associate director of the diocesan Office for Social Concerns.

## MASS FOR WORLD DAY OF THE SICK



The Columbus Region of the Order of Malta sponsored its annual Mass for the World Day of the Sick on Sunday, Feb. 11 at Columbus Holy Rosary-St. John Church. More than 150 people came forward to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick from the parish's pastor, Father Joshua Wagner (left) and the order's regional chaplain, Father Thomas Blau. After Mass, nearly 100 bottles of Lourdes water and 150 yellow roses were distributed to honor Our Lady of Lourdes, and an open house took place next door at the Order of Malta Center of Care.

Photo courtesy Order of Malta

## MEDITATION MEMORIAL ROOM DEDICATED



Knights of Columbus Lancaster Council 1016 dedicated a room at its hall as the Albert "Eddie" Baltz Jr. Meditation Memorial Room in honor of Baltz, a past grand knight of the council, who died on Dec. 11, 2017. Pictured are (from left): first row, Jake Baltz, Vince Johnson, and John Rackham; second row, Father Peter Gideon, Mark Baltz, and Jerry Azbell.

Photo courtesy K of C Council 1016

## TRINITY STUDENTS ATTEND SKATING PARTY



Columbus Trinity Elementary School students attended a "pajama jam" roller skating party at Skate Zone 71 in Columbus.

Photo courtesy Trinity Elementary School

**Knights of Columbus** All Fridays in Lent 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
**St. Michael Church**  
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**CCL schools join for service day**



More than 150 students from the five Columbus Catholic high schools which are part of the Central Catholic League came together on Monday Feb. 19 for a day of service at the LifeCare Alliance building in Columbus. They toured the facility, then were assigned to tasks such as deliveries for Meals on Wheels, organizing pet foods for the alliance's Senior PetCare program, kitchen and food pantry preparation, clerical work, and preparing crafts to be included with special holiday packages. Pictured are (above) Columbus Bishop Ready High School students learning about the alliance's work, and (left) students from northern Columbus rivals St. Francis DeSales and Bishop Watterson high schools sharing a meal.  
 Photos courtesy Christine Miller

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**Do I suspect drug abuse?**

**Step-by-Step Guides**

- Visit [www.takechargeohio.org/Get-Help/Help-Someone](http://www.takechargeohio.org/Get-Help/Help-Someone).
- Call 1-877-275-6364 for information and referral.
- Contact your local ADAMH Board for resources in your area.

**In a crisis?**

- Call 911. When you arrive at the hospital, you can ask for a social worker and assistance seeking addiction treatment.
- Text 4HOPE to 741741, a free, confidential, crisis text line.

**How do I identify treatment options?**

- Visit [www.takechargeohio.org/Get-Help/Help-Someone](http://www.takechargeohio.org/Get-Help/Help-Someone).
- Contact your local ADAMH Board for resources in your area.

**Questions you can ask when looking for a treatment program**

- Does the program specialize in your specific drug(s) addiction?
- What kind of treatment is offered?
- What types of insurance are accepted?
- Is the treatment program either licensed by the state of Ohio, or certified by an accrediting body?

- How soon can treatment begin?

**I'm in rehab. What's next?**

The Body of Christ needs everyone. We need you to be whole and healthy. Long-term recovery is a journey. It may take place in a treatment center and a recovery house. Relapse is possible, but it doesn't mean treatment has failed. Try again and remain hopeful.

**How do I support recovery?**

Take good care of yourself first. Accompany with compassion. As believers we are called to accompany individuals and family members on the journey to wholeness. Encourage ongoing participation in recovery programs. Attend or transport to counseling appointments or recovery meetings. Communicate and look for signs of relapse. Keep them in prayer.

**What gifts and talents do I have to support the parish in addressing this issue?**

Everyone is called to help within his or her role and comfort level. Stay in your lane. Are you a counselor? Can you offer a support group for families? Are you an educator who can spread the appropriate message to parish groups? Can you help with material needs? Are you a first responder? Contact the parish office to offer your assistance.

For online resources, please visit [www.columbuscatholic.org/drug-awareness](http://www.columbuscatholic.org/drug-awareness).

## Ashes for a Protestant? ~ Early life of Jesus



### QUESTION & ANSWER

by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE  
*Catholic News Service*

**Q.** My wife is Catholic and I am Methodist. We were married 35 years ago in a Catholic church, and we raised our children as Catholic, including Catholic schools. We attend our Catholic parish regularly. I respect the rules of the Catholic Church regarding my not being allowed to receive Communion as a non-Catholic.

But we recently attended Ash Wednesday services at the parish, and I was wondering whether you had to be a Catholic to receive the ashes, or is the rule the same as for the sacraments? (Roanoke, Virginia)

**A.** You are certainly welcome to receive ashes at a Catholic ceremony. The *Roman Missal*, in fact, instructs Catholic priests simply to place “ashes on the head of all those present who come to him.” Ashes serve as a sign of repentance for wrongdoing, a praiseworthy attitude common to all Christians, and Protestant churches of many denominations increasingly are offering ashes at their own services to begin the Lenten season.

You are correct, though, in making the distinction between ashes and the sacrament of holy Communion. Often in missalettes, there are found guidelines from the U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops that explain that “because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to holy Communion.”

Unlike the ashes, which are simply a sign of penance, the Eucharist signifies that the recipient is a member of the wider Catholic community, united with the bishop of the local church and with the pope.

(In certain situations in which the non-Catholic shares the Catholic understanding of the meaning of the Eucharist and lacks access to a minister of his or her own faith tradition, a non-Catholic may, with a bishop’s permission, be admitted to holy Communion, but in most circumstances only Catholics receive the Eucharist.)

**Q.** This may be more of a history question, but could you address the life of Jesus from birth until he was 30? Did he have a normal childhood? Did he always live at home until his public ministry began? How many people knew who he was throughout those earlier years?

(We hear of the Magi being aware of Christ’s

existence, and we read about his teaching in the Temple once as a young boy, but then nothing more until he was 30.) (Missouri)

**A.** The period of Christ’s life that you ask about -- from infancy until he began his public ministry -- is sometimes referred to as the “hidden years” of Jesus. Matthew in his Gospel describes the birth of Jesus, the adoration of the Magi, the flight into Egypt, the slaughter of the innocents, and the return to Nazareth. Luke adds the visit of the shepherds, the circumcision, and the purification of Mary.

Beyond that, the Scriptures are largely silent -- apart from the time Christ was found at the age of 12, to his parents’ consternation, speaking with the elders in the Temple at Jerusalem.

Apocryphal writings have tried mightily to fill in the gaps: the Infancy Gospel of Thomas (second century), Pseudo-Matthew (sixth to seventh century), the Arabic Infancy Gospel (probably sixth century). They are fanciful and largely incredible accounts of childhood exploits of Christ. One story tells of Jesus, at age 7, fashioning clay animals with his friends, then blowing on them to make them fly. The other boys tell this to their parents, who warn them not to play with Jesus.

In answer to your question, I would say that Jesus did have a “normal childhood.” Luke says simply that “Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man” (2:52). Jesus would have spoken Aramaic (the common language of Palestine at the time) and probably some Greek (learned largely from regular pilgrimages with his family to the then-Hellenized city of Jerusalem).

He would have been educated in the Scriptures by Mary and Joseph, as well as at the synagogue in Nazareth -- although he evidently had no formal training in the higher rabbinic schools of his day. Remember how the Jews had voiced their surprise that the “carpenter’s son” could have spoken so knowledgeably at the Feast of Tabernacles? “How does he know Scripture without having studied?” (John 7:15).

The traditional Catholic teaching is that Mary was given to know the true identity of her Son at the annunciation (Luke 1), and Joseph (Matthew 1:21) was told this by an angel in a dream. Beyond that, I would think that a belief in Christ’s divinity was very gradual in the minds of his contemporaries and did not fully blossom until after the resurrection.

The “normal-ness” of the early life of Christ argues all the more strongly for the credibility of the Gospel; it is far from what one would expect in a biography of the Savior of the world.

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

## Healing Mass

A Mass of healing and healing service will take place at 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 19 at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St. This day is the Solemnity of St. Joseph, the cathedral’s patron saint.

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

All persons who seek Christ’s healing are invited, especially those who suffer with physical illness and infirmities, in addition to those seeking emotional and spiritual healing. All caregivers, family members, and members of the medical community also are invited.

Parking is available at the rear of the cathedral and is accessible off East Gay Street. There is a handicapped-accessible elevator in the courtyard (west side of the cathedral) on East Broad Street. Healing Masses take place at the cathedral on the third Monday of every other month. Dates for other Healing Masses at the cathedral this year are May 21, July 16, Sept. 17, and Nov. 19.

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

## Columbus St. Peter mission

Columbus St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row road, will host its first parish mission in years from Monday to Wednesday, March 19 to 21.

Father Thomas Blau, OP, will speak on “Understanding God’s Mercy.” Talks will be offered each evening from 7 to 7:50 p.m.

After each talk, light refreshments will be available and there will be a question-and-answer period.

Those attending also will have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation each evening from 6 to 6:50 p.m.

## Our Lady of Peace Lenten mission

Columbus Our Lady of Peace Church, 20 E. Dominion Blvd., will be the site of a Lenten mission from Monday to Thursday, March 12 to 15 with Father Thomas Blau, OP.

His topic will be “Understanding God’s Mercy.”

The hourlong talks will be at 7 p.m. each evening, preceded by a special event at 6:45.

## THE EVERYDAY CATHOLIC



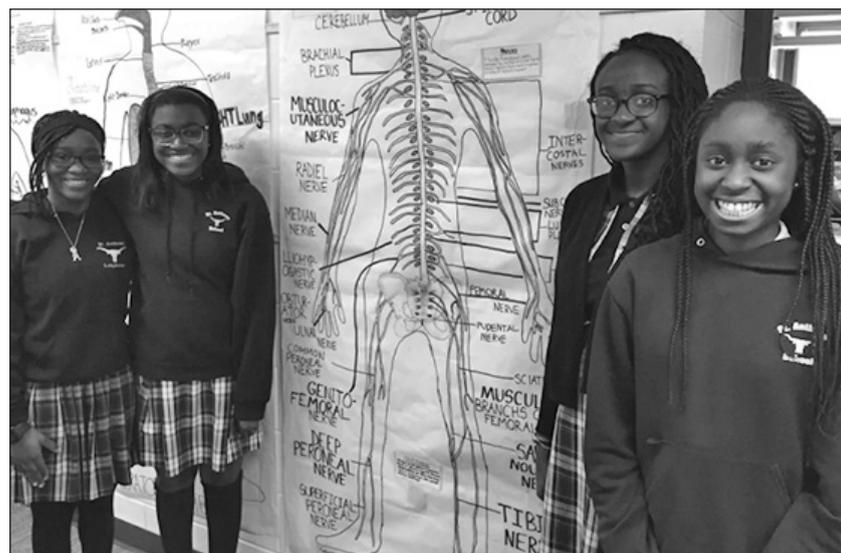
By: Rick Jeric

### *A purple and pink confession*

Here we are at the Ides of March. Beware, if your name is Julius or Caesar. If you have a choice, take the house salad. The way the liturgical calendar is set up this year, we not only are halfway through March, but we also are just beyond halfway through Lent. Ides means “middle” in Latin. The Ides of March is famous for the murder of the Roman dictator Julius Caesar. His name has been used throughout history to give title to other rulers, such as the kaiser or the tsar/czar. At the midpoint of Lent, the Fourth Sunday of Lent, we will celebrate Laetare Sunday. Note to self: We can take a one-day break from the sacrifices of Lent and indulge just a little. But it does not mean that we can indulge in our favorite sins or addictions for a day.

The clergy wear pink or rose on this day. It is a celebration of the fact that we have made it halfway through Lent. If we have been true to a substantive life of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, then it is all downhill from here. Laetare means “rejoice” in Latin. It not only gives us reason to rejoice for a day, but it also gives us further fodder for Lenten prayer and meditation. What is it that we have to rejoice about? Is it a day of indulgence, or is it a day to bring us to our senses, realizing that maybe we have a lot of work left to do? Maybe Lent has not been too good so far. There is plenty of time left. Prayer, fasting, and giving alms are all pretty easy. But especially during Lent, both quality and quantity become issues. We can say our usual quick prayers before meals and bed, or we can take about 15 minutes or so out of each day and really pray. Pray the rosary in the car on your way to work, school, or the store. Radio and music are off. Stop in your church and spend 15 minutes in prayer in front of the tabernacle – powerful prayer. Actually arrive 15 minutes before Mass this Sunday and spend it in preparatory prayer. We can fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, or we can fast every Friday throughout Lent, for example. We even could go farther and skip one meal every other day, or even every day. If you are like me, we eat the equivalent of four meals a day, including snacks and overeating. Cutting out one of those meals as an extra fast would be sacrificial and beneficial. We can give the usual amount each week to our parish, or we can increase it each Sunday in Lent. There are other charities, and we know who they are, and we could choose to make a special gift in Lent. For your parish, increase your offertory gift by 50 percent and your Easter Sunday gift by 100 percent. Double it. Not everyone can do so, but do what you can, as long as it is sacrificial. God will return many blessings.

Now there remains the purple and pink confession issue. Hand in hand with all the great ideas we just discussed is the issue of our human frailty and weakness as habitual sinners. We absolutely need and yearn for confession and the Sacrament of Penance. The purple confession is the broken, sorrowful, penitent, humble, and contrite sinner that is each of us. The longer it has been, the more difficult it is. Consider this the most difficult thing you have to do this Lent, and then do it. The pink confession is the most incredible and liberating feeling of absolution and forgiveness. What better feeling of motivation and inspiration is there than those words of absolution and peace! Laetare – Rejoice! Make the middle of your Lent the best ever by making it purple and pink.



### St. Anthony students examine nervous system

Columbus St. Anthony School eighth-grade students (from left) Laurenda Lamboni, Ablerma Forjoe, Angela Adu, and Deborah Orgen have been studying the nervous system in teacher Brandon Garrick's science class. They were asked to draw and label a lifesize version of the nervous system. The students are learning to identify organs and organ systems, compare organ systems and functions, and recognize the body's ability to maintain a dynamic equilibrium.

Photo courtesy St. Anthony School

### Celebrating Women's History Month

The Martin de Porres Center, a ministry of the Dominican Sisters of Peace, is celebrating Women's History Month in March with several special events focused on women and faith.

“She's Got Faith: Female Religious in Central Ohio” will introduce several female religious leaders from Christian, Muslim, Buddhist, and Jewish faith traditions who will discuss the roles women have played historically in their religions, as well as what challenges are ahead as more women step into leadership roles.

The panelists are Sister Patricia Twohill, OP, prioress of the Dominican Sisters of Peace; Nicol Ghazi, director, Muslim Family Services of Ohio; Cathy Jackson, Buddhist chaplain; Rabbi Jessica

Shimberg, spiritual leader of the Little Minyan Kehillah; and Rebecca Tollefson, director, Ohio Council of Churches. Ana Berrios will be the moderator.

The center's featured art exhibit during this time – “Diversity Is Our Strength: Photographs by Lauren Pond” – will display photographs of diverse faith communities and religious celebrations throughout central Ohio.

The “She's Got Faith” program will take place Sunday, March 11 at 2 p.m. “Diversity Is Our Strength” will be on display from Monday, March 12 to Friday, May 11, with an opening reception from 2 to 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 18.

Call (614) 416-1910 or send an email to martindeporres@op-peace.org for more information.

### St. John Chrysostom food sale set for March 24

St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church, 5858 Cleveland Ave., will have its annual pre-Easter food sale from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 24.

Pascha bread loaves, pirogi, and

nut, apricot, and poppyseed rolls will be available on a first-come, first-served basis, along with some religious gifts and lamb-shaped cakes.



## Musician Aaron Diehl returns to St. Charles

Renowned jazz pianist Aaron Diehl, a 2003 Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School graduate, returned to his alma mater for an afternoon and evening of music, food, and celebration.

The Grammy-winning artist's visit was arranged by the school's My Brother's Keeper organization, a student-led group which promotes diversity and inclusion through its mentoring program, educational and service activities, and community engagement.

In the afternoon, Diehl played for the school's student body, staff, and faculty shared some of his high school and professional experiences and life lessons he's learned along the way. He also received the school's first My Brother's Keeper Vision Award, recognizing alumni whose example inspires students of color.

He gave a free evening concert performance in the school's Robert C. Walter Student Commons to a crowd of more than 350 people. The evening included a piano duet with Diehl and student body president Christopher Walker, both of whom have served as musicians at Columbus St. Dominic Church, their home parish.

Other performers included St. Charles and Columbus Collegiate Academy students Justin Efebera, LeAndre Smalls, Andre Barksdale, Jerid Jackson-Rivera, and Anthony Aiken performing their own works. St. Charles sophomore Sedic Granger was master of ceremonies.

To learn more about My Brother's Keeper, visit <http://www.stcharlesmbk.org>.

**Photo: Jazz pianist Aaron Diehl (center), a 2003 Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School graduate, receives the Vision Award from the school's My Brother's Keeper organization. He is pictured with school principal Jim Lower (left) and My Brother's Keeper director Michael Warner.** Photo/St. Charles Preparatory School

## Classroom safety is a constant concern in diocesan schools

BY TIM PUET, *Catholic Times* Reporter

School administrators in the Diocese of Columbus recognize the need to be constantly aware of school safety procedures. Susan Streitenberger, interim director of the diocesan Schools Office, emphasized that concern in light of the tragedy on Feb. 14 in which 17 students at a Parkland, Florida high school were shot to death, along with other recent shooting incidents in schools – one of them at West Liberty-Salem High School in Champaign County.

“We want our schools to be as safe as possible and have safety practices and security systems in place at all 53 diocesan elementary and high schools that we feel meet the need for protection of students. If a school isn't safe, kids can't learn,” she said.

“In the event of a crisis, whether a fire, power outage, natural disaster, or lockdown situation such as a school shooting, the technology in place at our schools allows emergency personnel to arrive on the scene as quickly as possible with the tools they need.

“Events such as the Florida shooting remind us that monitoring our safety procedures is an ongoing policy for both the diocese and individual schools. At least one school in the diocese has decided to employ a resource officer as a result of what happened at Parkland. I'm sure others are considering it. Many diocesan schools have close connections with local police, often through family ties, and those are likely to be strengthened.”

For the past four academic years, all diocesan schools have been using a security system known as NaviGate, which Streitenberger said tells first responders “what a school looks like in real time.” Streitenberger said that the system is updated every year, and that NaviGate representatives met with her and other diocesan school officials this week to talk about the latest updates – a discussion scheduled before the Florida shooting.

NaviGate offers immediate, real-time access to school safety and building information from any Web-authorized device, even if a building is inaccessible. It can be accessed only by authorized users and first responders. The system stores a school's emergency preparedness plans and safety response protocols, as well as call lists, personnel photos, building maps, including locations of emergency resources, and more. It also integrates floor plans, live security camera feeds, and reunification procedures.

NaviGate was developed by Lauren Innovations of New Philadelphia and is used in hundreds of schools nationwide.

“Having it in place has made teachers and other personnel more vigilant and aware of their surroundings. That in itself has been helpful,” Streitenberger said. “In addition, most of our schools have other safety devices in place, such as video cameras, keyless entry systems, front-door buzzers, and intercoms, keeping all doors locked, and limiting entrance to one door throughout the school day. We

constantly emphasize, especially to students, to never leave doors open.”

Personnel at several schools also have taken part in an active-shooter training program based on the acronym ALICE – Alert-Lockdown-Inform-Counter-Evacuate. Employees of the diocesan Catholic Center in downtown Columbus, where the Schools Office and most other diocesan offices are located, received this training last year.

A crisis management plan for diocesan schools has been in place since the 2007-08 school year. The plan lists responses for more than 20 types of incidents, including damage by a tornado or other bad weather, plane crashes, derailments, and release of toxic fumes.

That plan was developed in part through a federal homeland security grant. It's part of the National Incident Management System, which is designed to standardize and coordinate responses to crisis situations by school and public safety agencies.

All faculty members are trained in the system, with the amount of training received depending on a particular teacher or administrator's role. Every school building has an emergency management team of staff members which is in touch with local first responders and takes part in an annual review of security measures.

A number of emergency preparedness procedures take place in all diocesan schools each year. These include a monthly evacuation, related to discovery of any sort of threat; two reverse evacuations, covering situations when it is safer to be inside a building than outside; three lockdowns, for situations when an intruder is in the building; and monthly tornado drills in the spring.

Days after the Florida shooting, Catholic school leaders received a link to the U.S. Department of Education's resource guide for school emergency plans. Sister John Mary Fleming, OP, a member of the Dominicans' St. Cecilia Congregation in Nashville, Tennessee, and executive director of the secretariat of Catholic education of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, sent the link in an email, along with the message that she knew many schools were reviewing their crisis and emergency plans in their diocesan and school communities.

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## God's love is always big

One of the scribes came to Jesus and asked him, "Which is the first of all the commandments?" Jesus replied, "The first is this: Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these" (Mark 12:29-31).

In Friday's gospel, it's all about love. Love of God. Love of self. Love of neighbor. When asked which commandment is the greatest, Jesus quotes from Hebrew Scriptures – first from Deuteronomy, proclaiming that God is one and that love of God is the most important "law" in one's life. Then, from Leviticus, Jesus quotes from a long list of commands given by God to Moses and says, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself" is the second great commandment.

There it is. Love. Nothing else is more important. Matthew's gospel includes Jesus saying that "The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments." It all boils down to love.

Of the three, I wonder if "loving self" might be the most difficult. It isn't easy. And as Jesus knew, when we can't love ourselves, loving anyone else is close to impossible. That tiny phrase "as yourself" carries a lot of weight.

Most of us are aware of our faults. We can become preoccupied with them and tied up in minutiae, focusing on what's wrong with ourselves and with others.

We forget about love and end up fixated on rules, who's keeping them and who's not. We even may believe that God's keeping score as we struggle through

life. It's easier than tackling "love."

Recently, I spent an evening with a small group of women who had been gathering at one another's homes for decades. Being mothers brought them together. Now grandmothers, they still meet, supporting one another and engaging with invited speakers. That night, I was the speaker and our topic was "compassion."

What struck me during our time together was that no matter how insignificant moments of love might seem, they never are. Encounters with love are always transforming.

Once when I was about 10, I remember telling my mother she was "the worst mom in the world" and storming off to vent to her mother, who had always lived with us. I can't remember what triggered my anger. (Mom was one of the best!) I do remember my grandmother's response.

She listened as I recounted my grievances. She didn't interrupt or try to correct me. No lecture. No defense of Mom. After a pause she smiled and asked if I'd like to play a game of canasta.

That was it. Love and healing came not with flash, but with a game of cards. I couldn't have worded it then, but her invitation said volumes about me being OK, someone she'd like to spend time with, someone who was hurt and needed nothing more (or less) than graceful Presence.

In the scheme of things, barely a drop in the bucket. But love is never small. Once received, it changes the giver and the receiver, and ripples out.

I thought of my friend, a "missionary of Presence"



### GRACE IN THE MOMENT

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in a small village in the Guatemalan rainforest. Her December newsletter recounts the transformation of women who were stigmatized by being alone, abandoned by their husbands, and left to provide for their families. She gave physical assistance, but realized they needed more.

So they gather twice a month, read Scripture, pray, share their stories, weep, and laugh. They know they are somebody. They are loved and now have more love to give away.

Love is powerful, but not easy. One woman in the small gathering I had been asked to attend made that point with a question. The Parkland school shooting had occurred days before. "Do we have to show compassion to the shooter?" Silence. Then, a number of voices said "Yes."

With love there are no exceptions. Such inclusive love is hard to take. We'd rather draw lines, "them" on one side, "us" on the other. In some cases, it seems the reasonable thing to do. But God doesn't see our lines. No one is beyond God's embrace. Not our fault-filled selves, not those we close out, not the shooter.

By ourselves, we can't be such love in a world that aches for it. With God's love transforming us from the inside, we can. After all, it's God's love we're sharing.

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Heather Gossart, director of executive mentoring and coaching at the National Catholic Educational Association, said parents often list safety as a top reason for choosing Catholic

schools.

She said the sense of safety could be in part because Catholic schools are typically smaller than public schools and students and faculty know each other

better. She said the schools also emphasize from early grades the need to be "your brother's keeper" so that in class or a team, if something is wrong with a student, the other students have a "moral responsibility to step up to the plate" and do something which strengthens the school's sense of family.

A gun-control rally in Washington titled the March for Our Lives, along with several related events throughout the nation, are being planned for this coming Wednesday, March 14, the one-month anniversary of the Florida shootings.

Streitenberger said the Schools Office recognizes that students in diocesan schools may want to take part

in such events. The office has sent a statement to schools which says, "We want to get our students involved in positive faith-based action to address their passion and concerns. We suggest involving students in the design and decision-making process of what this day should look like."

The statement offers several suggestions, including prayer vigils and services, writing letters and signing petitions to lawmakers at all levels, creation of infographics and other informational material, and class discussions about violence and related morality, politics, and statistical issues.

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# STS. SIMON & JUDE CHURCH: MAINTAINING SMALL-TOWN FRIENDLINESS IN A GROWING AREA



**BY TIM PUET**

Reporter, Catholic Times

Columbus and its suburbs have grown steadily in the past 50 years. Today, the state capital has about 860,000 people, making it the second-largest city in the Midwest behind only Chicago and ranking it 14th in the nation. More than two million people live in the Columbus metropolitan area, and regional planners anticipate another million will be added by 2050.

Yet it still takes only 20 minutes to drive west on Interstate 70 from the Ohio Statehouse in the center of downtown Columbus and be surrounded by corn and soybean fields. In the middle of some of those fields is West Jefferson Sts. Simon and Jude Church, located within sight of the busy highway, yet hidden from most travelers by large trees that stand between the church and the road.

Parish members say the church has retained the atmosphere of a rural congregation despite being so close to an urban area. "It's like a little white country church," said pastoral associate Teena Gallagher. "We have large windows behind

the sanctuary, and every once in a while, I'll look out in the middle of Mass and see an eagle or a deer. They're a distraction, but at the same time, they remind me of the beauty of God's creation."

"Nobody is a stranger here for long," said Deacon Joe Knapke, who has served the parish since his ordination in 2012. The parish's large gathering space and social hall give people ample room to chat with each other before and after Mass each weekend, with the hall serving as a place where parishioners attending weekday morning Masses gather for coffee with the pastor.

"We have a wonderful worship environment on the inside and it's well-landscaped on the outside. It makes coming here feel like going to a beautiful home," said parish administrative assistant Janet Dunham. "It's all possible only because of the work of lots of volunteers. Their willingness to donate their time has made the parish what it is." She noted in particular the contributions of parishioner Rita Dean in maintaining the church's outdoor environment, which includes Stations of the Cross where the Stations are prayed every year on Good Friday, weather permitting.

Sts. Simon & Jude, located at 9350 High Free Pike, near the I-70 exit for State Route 142, is one of the newest church buildings in the Diocese of Columbus. The structure was dedicated 12 years ago, but the parish has roots stretching to just after the Civil War, when it was founded as a mission of St. Patrick Church in nearby London, the Madison County seat. West Jefferson is just west of the border between Madison County and Franklin County, where Columbus is located.

Because it is in Madison County, the parish was part of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati until 1944, when a redrawing of Ohio diocesan boundaries to create the Diocese of Steubenville placed Madison County within the Columbus diocese. Priests from the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate served the parish from 1948 to 2005.



From left: West Jefferson Sts. Simon & Jude Church is decorated for Easter and Christmas (baptismal font from original church building is at rear of Easter photo); a living Nativity scene with the parish's young people. Photos courtesy Sts. Simon & Jude Church

The parish's original brick church along the National Road (U.S. 40) in downtown West Jefferson was dedicated in 1869. That building served the parish for more than 135 years, until the start of the 21st century, when parishioners realized the westward growth of Columbus would extend into Madison County and the 75- by 35-foot church building would be inadequate for a larger parish population.

Work on the current church took place mostly during the pastorate of Oblate Father Michael Devaney, OMI, who served the parish from 1990-2005. It was completed under Father Daniel Millisor, who was pastor from 2006-08. Father Robert Kitsmiller followed him as pastor from 2008 to September 2013, when he was succeeded by the current pastor, Father William A. Metzger.

The church also includes a day chapel, conference rooms, and offices, in addition to the sanctuary and hall. Its baptismal font and Stations of the Cross come from the original church building. Completion of the new church came just in time for the anticipated population increase to occur. In the three years between the dedication of the church and 2009, the number of families in the parish nearly doubled.

Since then, the parish population has stabilized at about 400 families, "but there's a lot of movement

within that number, with people constantly coming in at the same time others are moving out," said Father Metzger. "More people are coming this way, but the growth isn't as rapid as in northwest Franklin County or Delaware County.

"We're a magnet for people living in Galloway or Hilliard who are actually closer to us than to the parishes which serve those communities. A lot of them come here, as well as people who prefer a smaller parish to the larger ones in those areas. And more growth will occur in West Jefferson and Madison County. It's just a question of time."

The parish is preparing for additional growth by making plans for an 11,500-square-foot addition, which will include eight religious education classrooms, additional office space, an area for the parish youth ministry, a music room, and an expanded hall. The need for more space can be readily seen in the existing office and meeting spaces, which are filled with storage containers and boxes belonging to various organizations and religious education classes.

"Twelve years ago when the church was built, long before I arrived here, the parishioners made a big leap of faith, and I'm extremely grateful for that," Father Metzger said. "The people of the parish saw the need for growth then, and they see it now." He said the remain-



Top: Statue of Jesus at parish entrance. Above: Parish staff members (from left): Steve Gruzs, financial assistant; Deacon Joe Knapke; Katie Jones, PSR and youth ministry; Teena Gallagher, pastoral associate; Jan Weeks and Janet Dunham, administrative assistants; and Father William A. Metzger, pastor. CT photo by Tim Puet (staff)



ing debt owed on the new church is low enough that the diocese has given its permission for plans for a campaign to build the new wing. He hopes the addition can be completed in time to celebrate on Nov. 11, 2019 the 150th anniversary of the dedication of the original church, which still stands.

The most recent addition to the church is an enhancement of a painting of Our Lady of Guadalupe by local liturgical artist Teresa Satola that is on one of three arched niches on the wall in the rear of the sanctuary. It is flanked on either side with artwork of Marian symbols by Todd Brausch, who also specializes in liturgical themes and has a studio in Lithopolis. Brausch also restored the Stations from

the original church. The Marian symbols are related to Our Lady of Fatima, for whom there has been strong devotion in the parish for many years. One other improvement which Father Metzger anticipates having in place soon is a new sign identifying the church. The current sign came from the old church, is showing signs of wear, and is small enough that it's easy for motorists to overlook. The new sign will be electronic and able to display messages in multiple colors and with animation.

Father Metzger said the sign won't cost parishioners anything because funds for it are coming from money returned to the parish when it surpassed its Bishop's Annual Appeal goal. "It will be something to catch your eye and make the church's identity clear, which the old sign isn't big enough to do," he said. "It will give us a new way of informing the community about what we're doing, making it a tool for evangelization and a way of adapting to the signs of the times."

It's hoped that the sign will be in place for the parish's biggest event of the year – its annual celebration of the Oct. 28 feast day of its patron saints. The event usually occurs on the Sunday evening closest to that date. This year, it will be on the day itself because Oct. 28 is a Sunday. The celebration begins with Evening Prayer and a special musical presentation by the parish choir. Last year, the choir was joined by

the Hilliard Darby High School chamber choir in singing a Latin Mass written by Frank Rohner, a relative of Dr. Ralph Rohner, a parishioner.

The evening also includes dinner, a dessert auction sponsored by the parish Women's Guild, a basket raffle, and announcement of the parish's volunteer disciple of the year. Dunham was the honoree in 2017.

Money raised at last year's auction was donated to Hurricane Maria relief efforts in Puerto Rico and to the parish youth group's trip to the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis. The parish raised \$14,000 for hurricane relief last year and donated nearly

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\$22,000 to the Good Samaritan Pantry in West Jefferson, said administrative assistant Jan Weeks.

Other annual parish events include a rummage sale and a picnic in August, a Mardi Gras celebration for parish volunteers on the last Sunday before Lent, and a Paschal potluck celebration just after Easter.

“The Mardi Gras and potluck provide a counterpoint to each other, with one coming just before Lent starts and the other just after the season ends,” Father Metzger said. “The potluck on the Tuesday after Easter will be a way a way for people both to celebrate the octave of Easter and to share their Easter leftovers as we go from fasting to feasting.”

Possibly the parish’s longest-running event is the annual fall bazaar sponsored by the Women’s Guild, which will take place in November for the 46th year. It includes sales of crafts, religious items, and food, and a Santa’s Toy Shop for children to buy gifts for their parents. Last fall, the women’s guild also had a sale of mums which raised about \$1,300.

The guild over the years has provided new chairs, tables, and vestments for the church, as well as flowers which are placed around the altar and statues for the various liturgical seasons. It also sends birthday cards to parishioners and serves bereavement luncheons for funerals.

Father Sheldon Kelly Council 11224 is the parish’s Knights of Columbus organization and, like many Knights councils, sponsors a Lenten dinner on Friday evenings. But instead of the traditional fish fry, the council is serving meatless pasta dinners from 4:30 to 7 p.m. on March 9, 16, and 23.

The council also sponsors doughnut sales once a month and conducts Sunday pancake breakfasts to raise money for the Knights’ traditional charitable causes in Ohio, which include pro-life efforts and programs for the developmentally disabled. Other recent activities for the Knights have included a Trunk or Treat program for children and a clothing drive for the Veterans Administration hospital in Chillicothe.

Instead of having a St. Vincent de Paul Society, the parish conducts collections on the four “fifth Sundays” of the year to support the local Good Samaritan Pantry. On Super Bowl Sunday in February, it was part of the Mid-Ohio Foodbank’s annual SOUPer Bowl of Caring collection.

The parish does not have a school of its own. Parishioners’ children attend Columbus St. Cecilia, Columbus Trinity, and Hilliard St. Brendan schools,



as well as public schools in West Jefferson, London, Plain City, Hilliard, or the South-Western district in Franklin County. About 105 students attend the Parish School of Religion, directed by Katie Jones.

Because of limited space, PSR classes take place on Sunday mornings for grades one to three and Wednesday evenings for grades four to seven, with Confirmation classes for eighth-graders on Sunday evenings. For children ages four to six, there is a children’s Liturgy of the Word at the Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass.

Sts. Simon and Jude and London St. Patrick Church have separate Confirmation classes, but combine for the annual administration of the sacrament by Bishop Frederick Campbell, with one parish hosting the event and the other being the site for a pre-Confirmation retreat in alternating years.

Jones also leads a youth group which meets on Sunday evenings, alternating religious education programs with events such as bowling, miniature golf, and ice skating. When members of the group attend the youth conference in Indianapolis every two years, they host other youth groups from the diocese who usually stop at West Jefferson on the way to the event because the parish’s location off I-70 makes it an ideal staging point for buses.

Two Pontifical College Josephinum seminarians assist with the group, which also uses the Augustine Institute’s YDisciple materials, found on FORMED.org, the institute’s free online site filled with relevant Catholic content. The parish has made the site available to all its members, who only have to log into it to benefit



from the materials.

PSR and youth group service projects include supporting the local Sufficient Grace ministry, which prepares evening meals for children of low-income families; providing pet toys for animal shelters; making sandwiches for St. Lawrence Haven in Columbus; and sending cards to the homebound.

Jones said the youth groups of Sts. Simon and Jude, Columbus St. Cecilia, and London St. Patrick churches are planning a quarterly youth Mass, beginning in April, as well as other joint efforts.

The parish youth group and Confirmation classes also sponsor an annual living Nativity presentation at the church, with “no animals, just people,” Jones said. The 2017 Nativity included Sts. Simon and Jude’s newest parishioner, the infant daughter of a parish member, as Jesus.

The parish’s current adult faith formation activity is a study of the book *Untold Blessings* by Bishop Robert Barron on Monday mornings and evenings.

This past fall, the parish and St. Cecilia Church jointly sponsored sessions of the Alpha Course, which examines the essentials of Christianity, at Sts. Simon & Jude, St. Cecilia and London St. Patrick currently are hosting Alpha sessions and the course may return to Sts. Simon & Jude this fall.

The West Jefferson parish also is hosting simple suppers benefiting Catholic Relief Services Operation Rice Bowl on the first three Mondays of March at 6:45 p.m., following Mass at 6. The initial supper, on March 5, was sponsored by the youth group, with the Knights of Columbus and Women’s Guild as the sponsors on March 12 and 19 respectively.

Weekend Masses are at 4 p.m. Saturday and 8 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday. The weekday Mass schedule varies. A novena to St. Jude is prayed every Wednesday following the 8 a.m. Mass. For more information, about the parish, go to its website, [www.stsimonjude.org](http://www.stsimonjude.org) or call (614) 879-8562.

**West Jefferson Sts. Simon & Jude Church’s Rosary Makers and youth group at an intergenerational event in which 43 rosaries were made in one night.** Photos/Sts. Simon & Jude Church



## Lord, grant us your peace, the peace that only you can give

By **Leandro M. Tapay**

Diocesan Missions Director

Jesus says, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me” (John 14:1). He does not say “I will keep your hearts away from trouble” or “I will protect you from trouble.” Jesus does not say, “If you follow me, you will not have troubles.” No matter how deep our faith is, we are not guaranteed a trouble-free life.

In scripture, “peace” is mentioned 429 times. After His resurrection, the first word Jesus uttered to the Apostles was “peace.” The Apostles were happy to see Jesus was alive, but they must have been apprehensive. They might have wondered what Jesus would do after what they had done to Him. Instead of protecting Jesus, they all ran and hid. All except John abandoned Jesus at the time He needed them most. They were waiting for Jesus’ rebuke and scolding. But this did not happen. Instead, Jesus said “Peace.” For the Apostles, Jesus’ greeting must have been the most welcome relief.

Jesus’ “peace” is not the absence of trouble. Peace does not mean no more bombs or no more sectarian conflicts or no more suicide bombings. Peace does not mean everything around is calm or our health is good or our income is steady or the kids are well. Life is rarely calm. Trouble seems to be the norm for most of us.

The “peace” Jesus gives is not dependent upon circumstances. Jesus tells us it is possible to have peace and trouble together (John 16:33). It is not only possible; it is what we can and should expect as Christians in this life.

In a bunker in Auschwitz, Poland, during World War II, where St. Maximilian Kolbe died, there was peace.

It happened after an attempted escape. Father Kolbe was a Franciscan priest who willingly surrendered his life so that another man, who was a husband and father, could survive. Father Kolbe was condemned to die in a “starvation bunker.” But after nearly two weeks without food and drink and little air, he wasn’t dead.

Not only was he not dead, but his voice, joyfully singing hymns, was heard by the Nazi guards and prisoners. In the middle of Auschwitz, which was hell on earth – in the midst of conflict and trouble unlike anything most of us ever will see or ever could imagine – people in Father Kolbe’s bunker were singing hymns! There was peace in that bunker. Such is the peace only Jesus can give us.

Conflict and trouble of some sort or other are our constant companions in life. For some of us, that conflict or trouble is happening on a large scale – health matters, financial concerns, a broken relationship, or the death of a loved one.

For some of us, it is on a smaller scale. But whatever is going on in our life, Jesus’ words are spoken to us personally: “Peace I leave with you ... do not let your hearts be troubled. Do not be afraid.”

Jesus’ gift of peace comes to us precisely in the midst of trouble. It did to Paul. It did to St. Maximilian Kolbe. It did to a friend of mine who died of cancer. The same Lord who lived in them lives in you and in me.

Jesus’ words are not just words. Jesus wants to give us the gift of His peace. May God grant us grace to make our hearts always open to received Jesus’ wondrous and transforming gift – the gift of peace.

## Why consumerism can prevent us from hearing God’s calling

We are exposed to countless voices vying for our attention each day: news, TV ads, billboards, storefronts, social media – the list goes on. According to the Yankelovich market research firm, we’re exposed to an average of 5,000 brand images per day. We’re told what we should buy to look “successful” – from fashionable clothing to luxury cars to expensive gadgets. But chasing these material status symbols often results in accumulating consumer debt. The process typically starts before we say “I do” and becomes a lifelong issue. According to the Experian credit bureau, 73 percent of us are in debt when we die, with an average of \$61,554 in debt.

So what’s the big deal about consumer debt? The issue is more than money; it’s that we will spend our future years working to pay for the obligations our younger self signed us up for. It’s like a tattoo we got at 19 – not so cool at 55! We never know what God’s plan for us is, so we should strive to remain flexible and not tied down with self-imposed obligations. If we’re under continual stress and distraction – working harder and harder to “keep up with the Joneses” and pay for ever-increasing debt – it’s easy to lose track of our purpose and our mission that God has called us for.

The solution lies in realizing that chasing material possessions won’t bring us lasting joy; rather, it is just a short-lived distraction leading to an increasing pile of bills. Instead, we need to align our spending with our deepest core values and feel gratitude for the priceless things we have: God’s love, family, community, and the unique gifts and talents God has given us so we can serve others. “Why spend money on what cannot nourish and your wages on what fails to satisfy?” (Isaiah 55:2). The deepest satisfaction lies in answering God’s calling for us.



St. Francis of Assisi realized as a young man that status and materialism never can satisfy. After deeply searching for answers and praying for direction, he heard the voice of God calling him to a radically different path. St. Francis un-

derstood that his wealth and status in society were getting in the way of his relationship with Jesus, so he willingly relinquished them and followed Christ.

The vast majority of us are not called to forgo all material possessions. But let’s start by tuning out the distractions in our lives, such as needless shopping for the latest status object, spending endless hours on social media, and passively consuming cheap TV entertainment. God is not found in the noise but observed in the silence. “After the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of a gentle blowing” (1 Kings 19:12).

According to the Nielsen research firm, we had an average of 10.7 hours of daily media exposure in 2016, including five hours of TV. There is a real cost to this, including a lack of fulfillment in life. Think back to some of your happiest moments. Chances are that none were in front of a screen. As Pope Francis put it, “When media and the digital world become omnipresent, their influence can stop people from learning how to live wisely, to think deeply, and to love generously.”

Let’s seize the opportunity in this Lenten season and lower the noise and distractions in our lives to better hear the whisper of God, making conscious choices with our time, talent, and treasure that don’t get in the way of God’s purpose for us.

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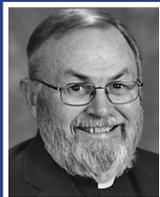
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## Fourth Sunday of Lent (Cycle B)

## Those who live the truth come to the light



Father  
Lawrence L. Hummer

**2 Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23;  
Ephesians 2:4-10; John 3:14-21**

Sunday is the only place in the *Lectionary* during the entire three-year cycle of readings when we read from the Second Book of Chronicles. In the Old Testament, the books follow the Second Book of Kings and fill in a lot of blank spaces in our understanding of periods from the time of Saul to the end of the Babylonian Exile (538 BC). Sunday's reading includes the final verse of this work and is the end of the Hebrew Bible.

Many have pointed out that history in the Hebrew Bible, and in the Scriptures in general, is interpretive in nature. That means that what is written is more concerned with explanations for what happened than a strict reporting of events as they unfolded.

In these verses, the author summarizes what happened to the people of Judah as a result of their unfaithfulness to the Lord their God – both their defeat and that of their kings and princes. The result was the burning of the Temple and the city of Jerusalem because “The anger of the Lord against his people was so inflamed that there was no remedy.” Yes, their enemies did this, but the author knows that the Lord was really the one who acted in punishment for their misdeeds. They were carried off to Babylon in 586 BC and served there as slaves until a new power arose in the area (Persia, or modern Iran).

The 70 years prophesied by Jeremiah (Jeremiah 29:10) actually were slightly off. Cyrus of Persia issued a decree in 538 BC that allowed the former captives to return to Jerusalem to rebuild the Temple and the city of Jerusalem. Because it had been ransacked and destroyed almost 50 years before, the city was a nightmare, and many of those returning kept on going, which began what has been called the

“diaspora,” the spreading out of Jews throughout the Mediterranean basin.

The Gospel concludes an encounter with Nicodemus, a Pharisee. He had come to Jesus in secret to discuss why Jesus was doing the things he was doing, but Jesus immediately spoke about the need to be born from above. That led to Jesus saying “No one has gone up to heaven except the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man.”

This is where Sunday's Gospel begins. In John, ideas often are linked by a kind of “chain link.” What began as being born from above became talking about heavenly things, and then heaven itself. Now the idea turns to “being raised up,” which is in the same chain of thoughts. John uses the example of Moses lifting up a serpent in the desert (in Numbers 21:9, aiding people who had been bitten by serpents during the Exodus), saying that so must “the Son of Man be lifted up.” Of course, John is thinking about crucifixion, death, resurrection, and ascension, all of which are connected to the original idea of the Son of Man being lifted up.

Perhaps the most familiar line of the entire passage is known more by the ubiquitous “John 3:16,” found on placards attempting to evangelize at sporting events, than by the words the placards reference. John 3:16 actually starts a new thought in which John tries to show how God so loved the world. It came about by God's sending of his only begotten Son. This was done so that anyone who believes in him might not perish, but may have eternal life. The contrast belongs to John's theology rather than to Jesus.

The contrasts continue in the following verses. The Son did not come to condemn, but to save. Those who believe contrast with those who do not believe. The verdict of condemnation is this: “the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness because their works were evil.” Evildoers flee from the light or do not come to the light because they hate the light. Those who live the truth come to the light. The believer seeks both truth and light.

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## ODU to host summer scholars program

High school students graduating in 2019, 2020, or 2021 are invited to attend Ohio Dominican University's first summer scholars program from Monday, July 23 to Friday, July 27. The camp costs \$150 per student and will take place on ODU's campus at 1215 Sunbury Road, Columbus.

Attendees will not receive college credit.

Registration is limited to the first 75 respondents.

To register, visit [ohiodominican.edu/SummerScholars](http://ohiodominican.edu/SummerScholars).

The five-day program consists of four daily classes, which will include classroom discussions, out-of-classroom labs, and

hands-on activities. Attendees have an opportunity to choose one of two course tracks, giving them the ability to select courses that match their interests.

ODU faculty will teach the following courses during the camp: everyday logic; poetry writing workshop; exploring slow fashion and fiber arts; psychological detectives; introduction to game programming; college readiness; Ohio's environment – hands-on; and experience business.

*For more information on the summer scholars program, visit [ohiodominican.edu/SummerScholars](http://ohiodominican.edu/SummerScholars), send an email to [admissions@ohiodominican.edu](mailto:admissions@ohiodominican.edu), or call (614) 251-4500.*

## The Weekday Bible Readings

MONDAY  
Isaiah 65:17-21  
Psalm 30:2,4-6,11-12a,13b  
John 4:43-54

TUESDAY  
Ezekiel 47:1-9,12  
Psalm 46:2-3,5-6,8-9  
John 5:1-16

WEDNESDAY  
Isaiah 49:8-15  
Psalm 145:8-9,13c-14,17-18  
John 5:17-30

THURSDAY  
Exodus 32:7-14  
Psalm 106:19-23  
John 5:31-47

FRIDAY  
Wisdom 2:1a,12-22  
Psalm 34:17-21,23  
John 7:1-2,10,25-30

SATURDAY  
Jeremiah 11:18-20  
Psalm 7:2-3,9b-12  
John 7:40-53

## DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE WEEK OF MARCH 11, 2018

### SUNDAY MASS

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

Mass with the Passionist Fathers at

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

Mass from Our Lady of the Angels Monastery, Birmingham, Alabama, 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, Alabama. (Encores at noon, 7 p.m. and midnight). See EWTN above; and on I-Lifetv

(Channel 113 in Ada, Logan, Millersburg, Murray City and Washington C.H.; Channel 125 in Marion, Newark, Newcomerstown and New Philadelphia; and Channel 207 in Zanesville); 8 p.m., St. Gabriel Radio (AM 820), Columbus, and at [www.stgabrielradio.com](http://www.stgabrielradio.com).

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

## Parsing the “T”

About five years ago, a friend took her son with her when she went to a beauty shop to get her hair cut. The hairdresser was snipping away and the boy was engrossed in reading on his Kindle when another mother came into the shop with her daughter in tow. The daughter was carrying an American Girls doll, and the mother announced to the entire beauty shop, “We’re here to get the doll’s hair cut. We’re transgendering her!”

Thankfully, my friend’s son, a big-time reader, missed all this. But if her seven-year-old had asked, “Mommy, what’s ‘transgendering?’” what, my friend asked me, was she supposed to say?

What, indeed?

Many people seem tongue-tied when it comes to the “T” in “LGBT.” The virtue-signaling mother in that beauty shop notwithstanding, there’s an intuitive understanding that we’re dealing here with real psychological distress – “gender dysphoria” in the technical vocabulary – and that this and similar problems ought not be political ping-pong balls, because lives are at stake. Unfortunately, that reticence to discuss the “T” storm inside the broader “LGBT” tsunami leaves the field to partisans of “gender reassignment” in all its forms, which now include prescribing puberty-blocking drugs to pre-pubescent children claiming to be something other than what they are. Moreover, nine states, the District of Columbia, and 33 local jurisdictions have laws banning mental health professionals from offering “conversion therapies” to minors on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity. California, leading the Gadarene rush over the cliff as usual, now provides state-funded “sex-reassignment surgery” to prisoners; the first recipient of this “benefit” was Shiloh Heavenly Quine, a first-degree murderer/kidnapper serving a life sentence with no chance of parole.

No one familiar with the relevant literature denies that gender dysphoria is real, or that the formation of gender identity is sometimes a complicated and tortuous business. In today’s cultural and political climate, however, to suggest that the current stampede to accept claims that a decade ago would have been regarded as signs of serious psychological disturbance – and that are still regarded as such by eminent psychiatrists – is



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to risk being shamed and cast to the margins of society as a bigot. Like the rest of the “LGBT” phenomenon, the “T” has become thoroughly politicized, indeed weaponized.

For those concerned that men, women, children, and their future happiness are being seriously wounded in all this – and that grave damage is being done to medical ethics and law – a good place to begin examining the whole “T” phenomenon is Ryan T. Anderson’s recently published study, *When Harry Became Sally: Responding to the Transgender Moment* (Encounter Books).

Anderson (whose accomplishments include playing the hammered dulcimer) is one of America’s most engaging young intellectuals. And his virtues as a scholar – solid research, rigorous thinking, careful judgment, and a profound compassion for troubled human beings – are on full display in his book. So is his courage, having taken a public bludgeoning for his defense of marriage rightly understood prior to the Supreme Court’s imposition of “same-sex marriage” on the entire country. Ryan Anderson has now tackled another fevered social issue from what today’s cultural tastemakers and enforcers regard as the wrong side of a red line. He did it, he tells us, because of stories “from people who had detransitioned” (i.e., had recognized that

their “sex-reassignment” was a terrible mistake). Those stories, he writes, “are heartbreaking. I had to do what I could to prevent more people from suffering the same way.”

Would that a medical profession increasingly cowed by politically correct bullying would display a similar compassion. Or a similar integrity, for, as Anderson writes, “the largest and most rigorous academic study on the results of hormonal and surgical transitioning . . . found strong evidence of poor psychological outcomes.” But as on euthanasia, as first on abortion and now on “transgendering,” the Hippocratic Oath seems to have fallen into the dustbin of history.

Lent is a good season to reflect on the givens of life, and how denying those givens inevitably leads to unhappiness, sorrow, and even self-destruction. The revolt against Things-As-They-Are began in Eden; it continues today, and it always leads us away from the beatitude for which we were created. Ryan Anderson’s book is a thoughtful reminder of that hard, but ultimately redeeming truth.

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### Lancaster St. Mary team wins tournament

The Lancaster St. Mary School sixth-grade girls basketball team won the Irish Biddy League Tournament. Players are (from left): first row: Ava Albert, Abby Krooner, and Bree Jones; second row, coach John Albert, Carly Crow, Elyse Blackston, Kaitlyn Watson, and Ellie Bruce.

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**BEVER, Rose M. (Metzger), 83, March 3**  
St. Mark Church, Lancaster

**BOUTSELIS, Elizabeth M. "Betty" (Eickholt), 94, Feb. 23**  
St. Agatha Church, Columbus

**BOWER, Corena, 27, Feb. 24**  
St. Mark Church, Lancaster

**BURDULIS, Ruth E. (Gerst), 86, Feb. 24**  
St. Vincent de Paul Church, Mount Vernon

**BUSCEMI, Michael A., 75, Feb. 28**  
Sts. Simon & Jude Church, West Jefferson

**DOONE, James O., 80, Feb. 26**  
St. Thomas More Newman Center, Columbus

**HUFFERD, James W., 83, Feb. 22**  
St. Mary Church, Portsmouth

**IONNO, Rosemarie (Lorenz), 64, Feb. 27**  
St. Joseph Church, Dover

**JONES, Robert J. III, 80, Feb. 28**  
St. Matthias Church, Columbus

**JUDY, James, 89, Feb. 28**  
St. Joseph Church, Dover

**KELLEY, Michael J., 71, Feb. 27**  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Grove City

**KRIMM, Irma C. (Lennon), 84, Feb. 25**  
St. Margaret of Cortona Church, Columbus

**MATHIAS, Mildred M. (Messbarger), 100, Feb. 26**  
St. Mark Church, Lancaster

**MEISTER, Barbara (Mason), 65, Feb. 26**  
St. Catharine Church, Columbus

**MILANI, Umberto, 72, Jan. 27**  
St. Mary Church, Portsmouth

**MUSSELMAN, Thomas D., 68, Feb. 27**  
St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Zanesville

**PREM, Dorene A. (Vrba), 79, Feb. 28**  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Grove City

**RUSH, William "Tim," 66, Jan. 8**  
St. Mary Church, Portsmouth

**SAYLOR, Mary A., 88, Feb. 26**  
Our Mother of Sorrows Chapel, Columbus

**SCHMELZER, Charles, 87, Feb. 20**  
St. Mary Church, Bremen

**WEIMERSKIRCH, Ralph "Peter," 75, Feb. 23**  
Sacred Heart Church, Columbus

**WEINER, Bonnie L. (Kettell), 79, Feb. 20**  
Church of the Ascension, Johnstown

## Pamela C. Briggs

Funeral Mass for Pamela C. Briggs, 52, who died Saturday, Feb. 24, was celebrated Thursday, March 1 at Reynoldsburg St. Pius X Church. Burial was at Holy Cross Cemetery, Pataskala.

She was born on November 24, 1965 in Cincinnati to John and Sharon (Al-

ford) Laake.

She was a teacher at St. Pius X School from 1987-93 and a retired volleyball and golf coach at Capital University.

Survivors include her parents; husband, Robert; brother, John; and sisters, Susan (Marc) Kibbey and Karen.

**Send obituaries to:**  
**tpuet@columbuscatholic.org**

## Discover Ready "Knight" set for March 20

The annual Discover Ready "Knight" at Columbus Bishop Ready High School, 707 Salisbury Road, will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 20.

Parents and guardians of students in grades five through eight are invited to take part in an informal question-and-answer session with

school principal Celene Seamen. She will talk about the school in general, the academic program, campus ministry, service requirements, financial assistance, and any other topic of interest.

For more information, call the school at (614) 276-5263.

## Sister M. Sharon Goodburn, OSF

Funeral Mass for Sister M. Sharon Goodburn, OSF, 89, who died Friday, Feb. 23 at the Mohun Health Care Center, was celebrated Saturday, March 3 at Columbus St. Leo Church. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery.

She was born Mary Margaret Goodburn on Jan. 31, 1929 in Akron to George and Mary (Jones) Goodburn. She earned a bachelor of science degree at Nazareth College in Rochester, New York in 1958 and a master of business administration degree from Xavier University in Cincinnati in 1967.

She entered the Sisters of St. Francis of Penance and Christian Charity at Stella Niagara, New York, on Sept. 1, 1948 and professed her first vows on Aug. 17, 1951 and her final vows on Aug. 15, 1954.

In the Diocese of Columbus, she was a teacher, mainly of accounting, short-

hand, typing, and word processing at Columbus Sacred Heart Commercial School (1952, 1957-61), New Lexington St. Aloysius Academy (1952-53), Columbus Rosary High School (1956-57, 1962-65), and Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School (1965-69, 1973-2002, continuing as an office associate at DeSales from 2002-14). She also was an accountant in the diocesan schools office from 1972-73 and taught in New York state and New Jersey.

She lived at the St. Leo Convent for several years and had been a resident of Mohun Hall since April 2016.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, George and John; and sister, Roseann Babak. Survivors include brothers, Michael (Karen) and Paul (Marybeth); sister, Grace Hartman; and 25 nieces and nephews.

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## MARCH

### 8, 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.

#### Sung Vespers at St. Margaret of Cortona

6:30 p.m., St. Margaret of Cortona Church, 1600 N. Hague Ave., Columbus. Sung Vespers as part of parish's weekly Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by Stations of the Cross at 7. **614-279-1690**

#### Talk on Religious Freedom at Josephinum

7 p.m., Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 N. High St., Columbus. Dr. Thomas Farr, president of the Religious Freedom Institute, speaks on "The Crisis of Religious Freedom in America and Abroad: How It Affects Us All," the Theological Consortium of Greater Columbus' 14th annual lecture on world religions and interreligious relations. **614-985-2211**

#### Eucharistic Holy Hour at Sacred Heart

7 p.m., Sacred Heart Church, 893 Hamlet St., Columbus.

All fund-raising events (festivals, bazaars, spaghetti dinners, fish fries, bake sales, pizza/sub sales, candy sales, etc.)

will be placed in the

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#### Talk on Care of the Elderly at St. Brigid

7 to 8:30 p.m., St. Brigid of Kildare Church, 7179 Avery Road, Dublin. Talk on care of the elderly with Debbie Cassel and Julie Ann Nill of the Glenwood Alzheimer Special Care Center. **614-761-3734**

#### 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 Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School theology teacher Michael Warner speaking on "Outside Ecumenism, There Is No Salvation: Christian Unity and Catholic Identity." RSVP to [cbustheologyontap@gmail.com](mailto:cbustheologyontap@gmail.com) or Columbus Theology on Tap Facebook page.

#### 'Sports and Catholicism' at Marion St. Mary

7 p.m., St. Mary Church, 251 N. Main St., Marion. Talk on "Sports and Catholicism: Fans of Our Faith" with Father David Schalk, pastor, Columbus Christ the King Church.

### 8-10, THURSDAY-SATURDAY

#### Three Bags Full Consignment Sale

10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday (selected items half-price Friday night and Saturday), Grove Community Christian Church, 3420 Blacklick Eastern Road N.W., Baltimore. Three Bags Full consignment sale of children's items. Unsold and unclaimed items are donated to Catholic and pro-life charities. **614-561-5300**

### 9, FRIDAY

#### Downtown Columbus Serra Club Meeting

Noon, St. Charles Preparatory School, 2010 E. Broad St., Columbus. Downtown Columbus Serra Club meeting with talk by Sister Jean Ann Smith, CSC. **614-486-4293**

#### Living Stations at Lancaster St. Mary

7 p.m., St. Mary Church, 132 S. High St., Lancaster. Living Stations of the Cross with St. Mary School students.

#### Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts at St. John Chrysostom

7 p.m., St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church, 5858 Cleveland Ave., Columbus. Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, a Vespers service with Holy Eucharist. **614-882-7578**

### 9-10, FRIDAY-SATURDAY

#### St. Tarcisius Medal Program

6 p.m. Friday to 6 p.m. Saturday, St. Mary Church, 251 N. Main St., Marion. St. Tarcisius Medal program sponsored by diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting. For boys and girls 11 and older and adults. Participants earn the medal by taking part in activities and learning about the Eucharist. Meals supplied; participants will need to bring a sleeping bag and water bottle or camp cup. Concludes with Mass at 5 p.m. Saturday. Fee \$30.

### 10, SATURDAY

#### Frassati Society Run and Breakfast

8:30 a.m., Reynoldsburg High School, 6699 E. Livingston Ave., Reynoldsburg. Columbus St. Patrick Church Frassati Society for young adults takes part in Reynoldsburg Pi Day Run, followed by breakfast at Waffle House, 2160 Brice Road, Reynoldsburg. **614-224-9522**

#### 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.

#### Retreat at Groveport St. Mary

9:30 a.m. to noon, St. Mary Church, 5684 Groveport Road, Groveport. Retreat based on Bishop Robert Bar-

ron's "Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues."

#### Anointing of the Sick at St. Pius X

5 p.m. Mass, St. Pius X Church, 1051 S. Waggoner Road, Reynoldsburg. Administering of the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. **614-866-2859**

### 11, SUNDAY

#### Anointing of the Sick at St. Pius X

8:30 a.m. Mass, St. Pius X Church, 1051 S. Waggoner Road, Reynoldsburg. Administering of the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. **614-866-2859**

#### Exposition at Our Lady of Mount Carmel

9:15 to 10:15 a.m., Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 5133 Walnut Road S.E., Buckeye Lake. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament each Sunday during Lent. **740-928-3266**

#### Mass Ad Orientem at Columbus St. Patrick

Noon, St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Celebration of Mass Ad Orientem (with priest facing the altar). **614-224-9522**

#### 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.

#### Program on Female Religious at de Porres Center

2 p.m., Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus. "She's Got the Faith: Women Religious in Central Ohio," a Women's History Month program with Sister Patricia Twohill, OP, prioress of the Dominican Sisters of Peace, and local woman leaders from other faith traditions. **614-416-1910**

#### Catholic Record Society Meeting

2 p.m., Columbus Historical Society, 717-719 W. Town St., Columbus. Catholic Record Society quarterly meeting. Speaker: Dr. Tony Lisska, Denison University philosophy professor, reviewing the latest history of the Dominican Fathers in the United States, "Father Fenwick's Little American Province," by Father John Vidmar, OP.

#### Evening Prayer at St. Colman of Cloyne

3 p.m., St. Colman of Cloyne Church, 219 S. North St., Washington Court House. Evening Prayer for the Fourth Sunday of Lent with the parish choir, including much of Part 2 of Handel's "Messiah." **740-335-5000**

#### St. Christopher Adult Religious Education

4 p.m., Library, Trinity Catholic School, 1440 Grandview Ave., Columbus. "Why the Cross? Why Did Christ Suffer and Die?" with Father Boniface Endorf, OP, associate pastor at Columbus St. Patrick Church.

#### Exposition at Coshocton Sacred Heart

4 to 5 p.m., Sacred Heart Church, Walnut Street and Park Avenue, Coshocton. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, concluding with Benediction. **740-622-8817**

#### Sung Vespers at Lancaster St. Mary

4 p.m., St. Mary Church, 132 S. High St., Lancaster. Evening Prayer featuring sung Vespers. **740-653-0997**

#### Sung Vespers at Cathedral

4:45 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Singing of Vespers preceding 5:15 p.m. Mass. **614-241-2526**

#### 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. **614-237-0401**

#### Spanish Mass at Columbus St. Peter

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

### 12, MONDAY

#### Adoration and Reconciliation at New Philadelphia

5 p.m., Sacred Heart Church, 139 3rd St. N.E., New Philadelphia. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, with Reconciliation available, and Evening Prayer at 6:30. **330-343-6976**

#### Evening Prayer at St. John Neumann

6:30 p.m., St. John Neumann Church, 9633 E. State Route 37, Sunbury. Evening Prayer led by Deacon Carl Calcara.

#### Bethesda Post-Abortion Healing Ministry

6:30 p.m., support group meeting, 2744 Dover Road, Columbus (Christ the King convent, first building west of the church). **614-718-0277, 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 Scripture readings.

#### Talk on Addiction at Cols. Immaculate Conception

7 p.m., Immaculate Conception Church, 414 E. North Broadway, Columbus. Talk with internet safety expert Jesse Weinburger. Part 2 of parish's "Modern Face of Addiction" series. For adults only. **614-267-9241**

### 12-14, MONDAY-WEDNESDAY

#### Parish Mission at Columbus St. Patrick

7 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Parish mission with Father Stephen Dominic Hayes, OP. Theme: "Seizing God's Promises: Renewing Our Baptismal Commitment." **614-224-9522**

### 12-15, MONDAY-THURSDAY

#### Parish Mission at Our Lady of Peace

7 p.m., Our Lady of Peace Church, 20 E. Dominion Blvd., Columbus. Parish mission with Father Thomas Blau, OP. Theme: "Mercy." **614-488-2428**

### 12-MAY 11, MONDAY-FRIDAY

#### Photo Exhibit at de Porres Center

Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus. "Diversity Is Our Strength" exhibit by Lauren Pond displaying photographs of diverse central Ohio faith communities and religious celebrations. **614-416-1910**

### 13, TUESDAY

#### Adoration, Confession, Mass, Bible Study at Dover

5 p.m., St. Joseph Church, 613 N. Tuscarawas Ave., Dover. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and confessions, followed by Mass at 6 and "A Biblical Walk through the Mass" at 7 in family life center. **330-364-6661**

#### 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. Confidentiality is maintained. Call for site. **614-296-7404**

### 14, WEDNESDAY

#### Walking with Purpose Founder at St. John Neumann

10 a.m. and 7 p.m., St. John Neumann Church, 9633 E. State Route 37, Sunbury. Talks with Lisa Brenninkmeyer, founder of the Walking with Purpose women's Bible study reception, followed by reception in faith and family center. Subject: "Fearless and Free: Experiencing Healing and Wholeness in Christ." Tickets \$15, must be purchased in advance. **740-965-1358**

#### Liturgy of the Hours at Newark St. Francis de Sales

6 p.m., St. Francis de Sales Church, 40 Granville St., Newark. Liturgy of the Hours every Wednesday during Lent. **740-345-9874**



## THEATER

## GUYS AND DOLLS

Lancaster Fisher Catholic High School, 1805 Granville Pike, will present the Tony award-winning musical *Guys and Dolls* at 7 p.m. Thursday to Saturday, March 22 to 24.

Based on two short stories by Damon Runyon and set in Times Square in the late 1940s, the plot follows high-rolling gambler Sky Masterson (played by Max Shaw), who falls in love with mission worker Sarah

Brown (Sarah Mooney).

Interwoven with their story is the romance between lovable gambler Nathan Detroit (Jacob Holbrook) and his fiancée of 14 years, Miss Adelaide (Emily Lucas), the featured performer at The Hot Box night club. Nathan runs a floating crap game, and when the high rollers come to town for some action, he is desperate to find a place for the game.



Amid mixups and laughs, a live orchestra will treat audiences to the classic songs *Luck Be a Lady*, *A Bushel and a Peck*, and *Sit Down, You're Rockin' the Boat*. Check the school's website, [www.fishercatholic.org](http://www.fishercatholic.org), for online ticket sales and information about becoming a "patron of the arts." Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$6 for students and also will be available on the night of each performance. Show-

themed concessions will be available for a donation.

**Photo: Ben Shaw, playing Nicely-Nicely Johnson, leads gamblers (from left) Carson Donnelly, Gavin LeGrand, and Jacob Holbrook (front) and Caroline Barte, Haley Walsh, and Kat Legg in a number from Lancaster Fisher Catholic High School's production of "Guys and Dolls."**

Photo courtesy Fisher Catholic High School

## CONCERT

## Evening Prayer at St. Colman

The choir of Washington Court House St. Colman of Cloyne Church, 219 S. North St., will present Evening Prayer for the Fourth Sunday of Lent at 3 p.m. on March 11.

This Sunday of the liturgical year is known as Gaudete (Latin for Rejoice) Sunday and traditionally is one of two Sundays, along with the Third Sunday of Advent, when rose-colored vestments are worn.

The majority of this service will be sung, from the hymn *My Song is Love Unknown* by John Ireland to the Psalms, both of which will be chanted – one in plain chant and one in four-part Anglican chant – to Herbert Howell's

*Magnificat* and Henry Gardiner's *Evening Hymn*.

The program also will include, as a musical paraphrase of the canticle for the day, nearly all of part two of Handel's *Messiah*, accompanied by a string quartet.

"This is a wonderful experience for the middle of the Lenten season and an apt prelude to Easter," said St. Colman music director Craig Jaynes.

"As it is a service and not a concert, there is no admission charge, although we do take up a free-will offering. The music is powerful and extraordinarily moving in many ways, and this is not an opportunity widely available outside of the larger cities."



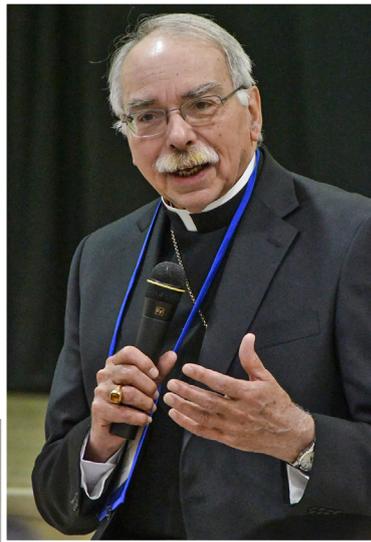
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# Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference at St. Cecilia



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Bishop Frederick Campbell and Catholic youth evangelist Bob Rice (bottom center photo) were the keynote speakers at the annual Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference on Saturday, March 3 at Columbus St. Cecilia School. This year's theme was "Rise to Joy." Rice encouraged the high-school students in attendance to "not be anonymous. Don't allow the world to take away all that makes you special and sacred and holy. We're called to go against the flow. We're called to rise to joy. We're called to be followers of Jesus Christ. Hear his voice. Follow his footsteps. And live a life that only he can give you." Activities included workshops, reconciliation, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, a parent session, and music by Station 14. The daylong event ended with an evening Mass celebrated by Father Leo Connolly.

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## Portsmouth students spotlight service during special week

Students of the Portsmouth Notre Dame elementary and junior-senior schools put a spotlight on service during a special week of activities. Students from all the schools are pictured after a Mass celebrated by Father Joseph Yokum. Elementary students are in white T-shirts and high school students in gray shirts, all with the message “The School That Prays Together Stays Together.” High school students led prayer every day throughout the week. High school students collected more than 350 coats and other items that were distributed to shelters and other agencies throughout the community. Students were allowed to dress out of uniform for \$1 on Friday of that week, with all proceeds donated to the local Catholic Social Services office. Elementary students completed their weeklong celebration by showing appreciation to the parishioners of the Catholic churches in Scioto County, who support the Notre Dame schools in many ways.

Photo courtesy Notre Dame Schools



### LILIES TO DECORATE YOUR CHOICE OF THREE CEMETERY CHAPELS

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You may pick up your lilies April 15<sup>th</sup> if you wish to keep them.

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