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ON THE NATION'S LARGEST CAMPUS

The Editor's Notebook

Buckeye Catholics

By David Garick, Editor

Scarlet and Gray fever is at epidemic proportions here in central Ohio. Face it, all things Buckeye are always front and center in these parts. But now we are smack in the middle of football season, and that allows time for lots of tailgating – and not just in the shadow of Ohio Stadium. The thousands of OSU fans who can't make the trip to campus are also in party mode. Tailgate parties will be spread out across Columbus this Saturday.

We are obsessed with Ohio State here in central Ohio. You can understand that in a small college town like State College, Pennsylvania, which is the home of Penn State and not much else. But Columbus is the 14th largest city in America, and the metro area includes more than two million people. There is a lot more to this area than the university, but it still captures our imagination. Of course, it has the largest student population on one campus of any university in America.

OSU is a huge part of the culture of our area, but the culture of Ohio State encompasses much more than football. Academically, Ohio State is one of the most highly regarded schools in the nation in many disciplines. The student body reflects enormous diversity, comprising students from every U.S. state and most of the nations in the world. This is a place where students are exposed to a wide range of thoughts, beliefs, and philosophies. That is what higher education is all about.

Too often, universities have become centers of secularism. It has become fashionable in many places to view universities as being above the notion of religion. The *zeitgeist* tells us that rationality and science are all we need, that

man is his or her own God. Our Catholic universities help to counter that by maintaining the proper balance of reason and faith in academics. But these private schools cannot meet the needs of all students, and far more students attend public universities like Ohio State than go to religiously affiliated schools. The eternal truths revealed by God and brought to triumph in the incarnation, teaching, death, and glorious resurrection of Jesus Christ need to be part of the spiritual education of these students. Fortunately, Ohio State is one university where Catholic faith has a place at the table.

The St. Thomas More Newman Center has served the needs of Catholic students and other members of the university community for many years. The Newman Center provides not only a place for Catholics to worship in the heart of the campus, but also a means by which to bring Catholic thought into the academic environment of the university and to provide students with a means to witness to their faith and to serve their community. Led by the Paulist Fathers for the past half-century, the Newman Center is a place where Catholic thought continues to ring true in the halls of academe. The story on Page 10 will fill you in on the vital community of believers who gather daily on Lane Avenue to proclaim our faith and live our values.

Fortunately, one can proclaim the faith, worship Christ, serve the poor, and still find time for football on a beautiful autumn Saturday. Go Bucks!

USCCB president, pope call for prayers after 'unspeakable terror'



By Catholic News Service

The nation has experienced “yet another night filled with unspeakable terror” and “we need to pray and to take care of those who are suffering,” said the president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in Washington.

In Las Vegas, a gunman now identified by law enforcement officials as Stephen Craig Paddock, 64, was perched high on the 32nd floor of a hotel, and from his room unleashed a shower of bullets late Oct. 1 on an outdoor country music festival taking place below. The crowd at the event numbered more than 22,000.

He killed at least 59 people and wounded more than 520, making it by all accounts “the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history,” Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, USCCB president, said in an Oct. 2 statement.

“My heart and my prayers, and those of my brother bishops and all the members of the church, go out to the victims of this tragedy and to the city of Las Vegas,” he said.

“At this time, we need to pray and to take care of those who are suffering,” Cardinal DiNardo said. “In the end, the only response is to do good -- for no matter what the darkness, it will never overcome the light. May the Lord of all gentleness surround all those who are suffering from this evil, and for those who have been killed, we pray, ‘Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.’”

In a telegram to Las Vegas Bishop Joseph A. Pepe, Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Vatican secretary of state, said Pope Francis was “deeply saddened to learn of the shooting in Las Vegas” and “sends the assurance of his

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Front Page photo:
Students of The Ohio State University gather for a Mass at the Columbus St. Thomas More Newman Center to open the 2017-18 academic year.

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Columbus St. Patrick attains priory status

BY TIM PUET, *Catholic Times Reporter*

The community of Dominican friars at Columbus St. Patrick Church has a new status. It's now known as a priory, rather than a house.

Dominicans define a priory as a community of six or more friars, and a house as a community having two to five friars. Father Stephen Alcott, OP, pastor at St. Patrick, said the change in status is significant because of what it means to the parish and its members.

"The Dominican Province of St. Joseph is making a permanent commitment to maintaining at least six friars assigned to St. Patrick's," Father Alcott said. "This move will ensure that we have a good number of friars for years and years to come."

The Province of St. Joseph extends from New England to Virginia to Ohio and Kentucky and includes three sites in Kenya.

Father Alcott said the decision to change St. Patrick's status was made by Father Kenneth Letoile, OP, prior provincial of the Province of St. Joseph, in consultation with the provincial council. He said the move was set in motion in 2014 by the province's legislative body, the provincial chapter, which meets once every four years. At that time, it had directed that preparations begin to make St. Patrick's a priory.

"Many of our friars had been hoping for some time that this would happen," he said. "What was holding back the designation was not a lack of activities, because we've been very involved in the community, but simply the number of friars at St. Patrick's. We now have seven friars, but it's only been in the last couple of years that there have been so many friars in the parish. Sometimes, that number was as low as two or three."

"Since our Dominican life is based on a community life of common prayer, study, meals, and brotherhood, our Dominican constitutions show clear preference for communities of six or more friars and grant

certain privileges to priories," he said to parishioners in the church's Sept. 24 bulletin.

"For example, while a house has its Dominican superior appointed by the provincial, a priory can elect its own prior. Also, while a house is grouped with other houses to choose a delegate to our provincial chapter every four years, a priory automatically sends at least one delegate of its own."

The Dominican Fathers, formally known as the Order of Preachers, are in their third century of service in Ohio – a history which dates to September 1808, when Father (later Bishop) Edward Fenwick celebrated the first Mass in the state in Somerset. Ten years later, on Dec. 6, 1818, the original Somerset St. Joseph Church, the first Catholic church in Ohio, was dedicated.

Dominican friars have been in Somerset ever since. Today, they serve in the Diocese of Columbus at Somerset St. Joseph and Holy Trinity churches and at St. Patrick, where they have been since Bishop John Waterson entrusted the parish to the Dominicans in 1885. The Dominicans also had a priory and a seminary in Somerset for much of the 19th century. The priory was closed in 1939 and the seminary followed in 1968.

In addition, Dominicans served at Zanesville St. Thomas Aquinas Church from 1820 to this past July. Father Letoile said the decision to leave Zanesville was made because the order is refocusing its ministries in larger communities of friars.

"In the wake of our province's withdrawal from St. Thomas Aquinas, ... the move to raise St. Patrick's to the status of a priory underlies the commitment our province has to maintain a strong Dominican presence in Columbus – not only at St. Patrick's Parish, but in other ministries (such as the preaching ministry of Father Thomas Blau, OP, and Father Stephen Dominic Hayes, OP) that have St. Patrick's as their home base," Father Alcott wrote in the bulletin.

"The decision to leave Zanesville was bittersweet



because of the order's long history there," he told the *Catholic Times*. "It also was a difficult one for me personally because it was the first Dominican community I visited. If our help is ever needed there, we will be glad to provide assistance, as we do at other parishes from time to time whenever the pastor requests assistance."

Besides Fathers Alcott, Blau, and Hayes, other friars assigned to St. Patrick are Fathers Jerome Zeller, OP, Boniface Endorf, OP, and Charles Shonk, OP, and Brother Paul Kennedy, OP. Brother Kennedy is one of a small number of cooperator brothers in the Dominican order in the United States. He has taken vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, but has discerned that God has not called him to priestly life.

The friars will elect a prior for the priory in October. The prior does not necessarily have to be a pastor. Dominican pastors are appointed by the provincial and his council and confirmed by the bishop of the diocese where a particular parish is located.

"Our rectory building (pictured above) will remain the same, too, though we will now be able to put up a new sign: St. Patrick Priory. Has a nice ring to it, doesn't it?" Father Alcott wrote to parishioners.

Diocesan seminar brings Catholic perspective to opioid crisis

BY TIM PUET, *Catholic Times Reporter*

Five simple statements can be the key to healing for people who are addicted to drugs or face other traumatic situations.

"First, ask 'What happened to you?'" said Kim Kehl, project director for trauma-informed care for the Ohio Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services.

Once someone answers that question, "then support that person by saying these four things: 'I believe you. Thank you for trusting me enough to tell me. I am sorry that happened to you. And I support whatever you choose to do.' Then, listen and be present. And then, listen and be present some more. Then go take really good care of yourself," Kehl said.

His advice was given at a drug awareness seminar sponsored by the diocesan offices of Catholic schools, religious education, social concerns, and youth and young adult ministry. About 200 people involved

with parish and school ministries throughout the diocese attended the event on Wednesday, Sept. 27 at the Church of the Resurrection in New Albany.

Kehl said that in some cases, people responding to the last of the five statements might say they want to make a choice that will be harmful to them. If that's the case, the best response to that answer is "'Let's think that through.' This is a way of acknowledging the person's choice, while making him or her understand the consequences of that choice" in hopes a more positive decision might be made, he said.

His specialty, trauma-informed care, is an approach to healing which recognizes that the majority of behavioral health and addiction problems are neither disease nor disorder, but, rather, injury – an injury caused by one or more traumatic events, frequently during childhood.

"To understand someone, you have to understand

that person's back story" rather than just trying to understand a particular problem or symptom, said Kehl, a Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral parishioner. He used the example of "Bob," a resident of the Ohio Veterans Home in Sandusky who has glaucoma and early-onset diabetes.

Kehl said residents of the home were hostile to Bob because he was hostile to them, particularly because he would not use the communal shower in his living area. As he got to talk to Bob, he learned the veteran had been sexually abused at home and in the military, making him fearful of showering with others. Bob also had trouble dealing with his actions in the Vietnam War, where he was a bulldozer operator and sometimes was ordered to destroy people's homes.

"No one ever said, 'Bob, tell me your story,'" Kehl said. "Once he shared that story, there was a simple

Faith in Action

By Erin Cordle

We respond to restore communities after a natural disaster

Some men brought a paralyzed man on a stretcher up on the roof and lowered him through the tiles. When Jesus saw their faith, he said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven." The man stood up immediately, picked up his stretcher and went home, glorifying God. Astonishment seized them all and they glorified God. Struck with awe, they said, "We have seen incredible things today" (Luke 5: 17-26).

In the past month, we also have seen incredible things thanks to Harvey, Irma, and other hurricanes. We also have seen the power of God's grace at work. In these devastating times, it is a comfort to me to know that the Church has channels for grace that offer solace and support.

Hurricanes have devastated significant parts of the Caribbean and our southeastern and Gulf states. Bishop Campbell has requested two second collections in a very short amount of time, and the parishioners of the Diocese of Columbus are responding with incredible generosity. Our donations will support humanitarian aid, assist with long-term efforts to restore communities, and help with the pastoral and reconstruction needs of the church in the U.S. and the Caribbean. We know that the road to recovery and the rebuilding of our communities will take many years.

In the wake of the recent events, state officials are cautioning Ohioans who want to help victims to watch out for charity scams. State Attorney General Mike DeWine advises residents to research organizations which are requesting donations. He says, "It's not safe to assume charities recommended on social media sites such as Facebook and Twitter have been vetted." The attorney general's office and the Better Business Bureau warn against charities which are formed quickly after natural disasters, fake websites that may look authentic, and possibly bogus crowdfunding campaigns.

We are fortunate to have two very trusted Catholic disaster response networks: Catholic Charities USA (CCUSA) and Catholic Relief Services (CRS). (Note: 100 percent of all funds donated to these agencies goes to relief efforts.)

CCUSA and its partner agencies reached out immediately to provide humanitarian aid in the form of water, food, shelter, and medical care, and will transition to long-term recovery to restore communities. Long-term recovery is an integral part of Catholic Charities' holistic approach to ensure that individuals live their lives with the dignity all deserve. Catholic Charities agencies support people as long as they need help, and they provide support regardless of race, religion, or social or economic background. CCUSA has created a Text-to-Give campaign. To donate directly, text CCUSADISASTER to 71777, call (800) 919-9338, or visit www.CatholicCharitiesUSA.org.

CRS is coordinating with Caritas partners, other relief organizations, United Nations agencies, and local and national government officials across the Caribbean zone to identify the scale of damage and provide urgent relief. Diocesan teams activated immediately ahead of the storm by pre-positioning key supplies and collecting fuel for energy and transportation needs. To donate directly to CRS, go to: <https://support.crs.org/donate>.

God bless you for your past, present, and future donations as we share the grace of our faith to those who have been devastated by these deadly storms. By our faith, they will be healed.

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

**Catholic Social Services executive receives national award**

Sabree Akinyele, vice president of programs at Catholic Social Services, recently was honored as recipient of the 2017 management excellence award of Catholic Charities USA.

Akinyele was chosen for her servant leadership, commitment to building community, and management skills. She manages all CSS programs for families and senior citizens, making sure the organization is serving clients at the greatest capacity and with dignity and respect. She has created a major impact on the organization by spearheading plans for operational efficiencies and leading several new programs.

"Sabree has gone line dancing with our volunteers at a recognition event, allowed her staff to volunteer her to participate in a skit at the annual retreat, and is a Friendly Visiting volunteer. Sabree does more than run our programs. She lives them," said



Rachel Lustig, CSS president and chief executive officer

Akinyele will be highlighted in a future issue of *Charities USA* magazine and received the award on Saturday, Sept. 30, at the 2017 annual gathering of Catholic Charities USA. As part of the conference, participants took part in Hurricane Harvey relief efforts in Texas.

ODU receives \$355,000 in grants

Ohio Dominican University has been awarded more than \$355,000 in grants by the Ohio Department of Higher Education and the Ohio Deans Compact on Exceptional Children to benefit its education and mathematics programs and offerings.

A \$56,000 grant from the Ohio Department of Higher Education's innovation grant program will allow Dr. Anna Davis, ODU associate professor of mathematics, to partner with North Central State College and The Ohio State University to develop open educational resources to increase the accessibility of high-quality coursework materials and decrease costs for students.

Materials developed by Ohio Dominican will be used to support upper-level one-room-school-house mathematics courses.

A \$224,558 grant from the Ohio Deans Compact on Exceptional Children will allow Dr. Kristall Day and Dr. Marlissa Stauffer,

ODU associate professors of education, to blend the university's intervention specialist – mild to moderate preparation program with integrated mathematics (grades seven to 12) and arts education (pre-kindergarten to grade 12), creating two new dual licensure options for ODU students.

Joining them to design the programs are Ronald Zielke, associate professor of mathematics, and Janette Knowles, associate professor of art at ODU.

A \$74,964 grant from the deans compact is an extension of a previously funded grant that created a dual license option for middle childhood education and intervention specialist.

The grant will allow Dr. Kate-lynn Fishley, ODU associate professor of education, and Dr. Virginia McCormack, professor of education, to put the program into effect in the Pickerington and South-Western Local school districts.

Watterson hosts Italian students

Columbus Bishop Watterson High School's world languages department continued its exchange program in September with a visit by 22 students from its sister school, the Istituto Russell-Newton in Florence, Italy.

Two teachers also made the trip from Florence. A Watterson student hosted each Italian student for 12 days and has an opportunity to make an exchange trip to Florence in the spring.

(Pictured are Watterson students on a day trip to Rome during last year's visit to Florence.)

In addition to attending classes at Watterson, the Italian students visited Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School, the Columbus Zoo, the Franklin Park Conservatory, the Ohio Statehouse, The Ohio State University, and Amish country. They also took part in

individual activities with their hosts and families.

The exchange program provides students the opportunity to discover more about themselves and develop a deeper understanding of others through the experience of visiting a foreign country.

"For the students we host, we hope to not only show them life in Columbus, but also a culture of welcome," said Kelly Matthews, who teaches the Italian language at Watterson. "When students are welcomed into a family for the short visit, whether in Europe or here, they become more aware of the hopes, concerns, and dreams of that family, city, or country, and with that comes the deeper understanding of what it means to be a part of their own family and culture."

Photo courtesy Bishop Watterson High School



'St. Agatha student raises funds for hurricane victims

A garage, bake, and lemonade sale put together in five days by Nicole Bond, an eighth-grade student at Columbus St. Agatha School who is a native of the Houston area, raised more than \$1,600 for agencies helping people from that area recover from Hurricane Harvey.

"I have many friends in Texas," said Bond, who moved with her parents, Monica and Rudolf, and her 16-year-old brother, Andre, to Columbus in 2011. "It was so sad to hear from some of them that our former neighborhood and the church we went to was flooded. I wanted to help, so I decided to have a garage sale and sell some of my toys.

"We were able to spread the word quickly, thanks to Facebook and other social media. We also put together flyers, and I talked about it at school and at Sunday Mass at (Columbus) Our Lady of Victory Church," which the Bond family attends.

Bond decided on Wednesday night, Aug. 30, to have the bake sale on the following Monday, Sept. 4, which was Labor Day. She said about 20 friends and neighbors pitched in to help. One decorated a table with Ohio State University symbols and offered it for sale. Other items at the sale included American Girl dolls and Bond's bicycle. Bond also built a lemonade stand, while neighbors baked cookies



and Peace, Love and Little Donuts of Worthington donated baked goods for a bake sale.

Business was steady throughout the day, and almost everything was sold. About \$300 was collected from people

who said they didn't come to buy anything, but wanted to make a donation. A news team from WSYX and WTTE in Columbus even stopped by and featured a story about the sale on its Labor Day evening newscasts.

Money collected at the sale went to the Loaves and Fishes Soup Kitchen in Houston and to St. Ignatius of Loyola Church in Spring, Texas, which the Bonds attended until moving to Columbus so Rudolf Bond could attend medical school at The Ohio State University. He now is a physician in Columbus.

St. Ignatius Church had all its buildings flooded by anywhere from four-and-a-half inches to eight feet of water and is uninhabitable for at least the rest of the year. Weekend Masses are taking place in the parish hall and at public schools, and the parish has formed relief teams to help its neighbors even while dealing with its own problems.

The Bonds know what it's like to deal with a hurricane, having been affected by Hurricane Ike in 2008, when Nicole was five years old. "I remember how scared I was," she said. "We had to evacuate and stayed in Dallas for two weeks. When we came back, we found a tree had fallen on our house. Remembering what that was like, I knew I had to do something when I heard the news about another hurricane where I lived."

Photo: Nicole Bond (center) at her lemonade stand with friends (from left) Tali Tucker and Nicholas Tucker and Tali's doll, Rebecca.

Photo courtesy Bond family

HOW OFTEN TO ANOINT?; BAPTISMAL SPONSORS UNSUITABLE



QUESTION & ANSWER
by: **FATHER KENNETH DOYLE**
Catholic News Service

Q. A family member was admitted recently to a hospital in central New Jersey. A local priest was called, and he came and administered the last rites of the Catholic Church. Two weeks later, the patient took a turn for the worse and was in imminent danger of death.

We asked the nurse to call a priest once more. She said that she had been told by the local parish not to call a priest if the person had already received the last rites within the preceding three weeks because there would be no additional benefit to the person.

Is this “three-week rule” church policy or simply the practice of the local pastor? (I recall the good nuns telling us that the only sacrament that could not be received multiple times was holy orders.) (Forked River, New Jersey)

A. The priest should have been called a second time. The church teaches in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* that the sacrament of anointing may be repeated “if during the same illness the person’s condition becomes more serious” (No. 1515). Clearly the situation had worsened if, as you say, there was now the “imminent danger of death.”

That “three-week rule” sounds like a local and “homemade” guideline for how often to anoint someone during a long-term illness -- but the nearness of death trumps all of that. Also, when death seems close, the patient (if able) is given the additional benefit of “viaticum” -- literally, “food for the journey” -- the sacrament of the Eucharist.

To put your mind at ease, I’m confident that your family member would have entered heaven on the strength of the first anointing -- but why not offer a person every sacramental help at hand?

I do want to comment on your use of the term “last rites.” For much of the church’s history, the sacrament was commonly referred to as “last rites” or “extreme unction.” The current and more accurate term, though, is “anointing of the sick” -- to indicate that the sacrament should not be reserved until the final moments of life.

Instead, it may and should be administered to anyone suffering from serious illness or from the frailty of old age or to someone facing major surgery. The primary purpose is to offer the Holy Spirit’s gifts of strength, peace and courage in dealing with one’s condition, but another

hoped-for effect is that, if it be the Lord’s will, the person be healed physically.

The anointing of the sick also forgives the sick person’s sins if he or she was unable to go to confession prior to being anointed.

And one last point -- about the nuns who told you that holy orders was the single sacrament that could be received only once. I wonder if they had thought about baptism and confirmation -- which I would list in that same category.

Q. About one year ago, I had my daughter baptized. Since then, I have found out: a) that the godmother never completed her sacraments in the church; and b) that the godfather doesn’t even believe in God.

What can be done at this point? (I want to make sure that my daughter has the proper guidance. She is already enrolled in a Catholic school, and I am a woman of faith.) (City of origin withheld)

A. Your question serves as a good reminder of the care parents should take in selecting baptismal sponsors for their children. In this case, both godparents were chosen in error.

Canon 874 of the church’s *Code of Canon Law* requires that a baptismal sponsor be at least 16 years old and have already received the sacraments of first Communion and confirmation. The same canon also provides that the sponsor be a believer and a practicing Catholic “who leads a life of faith in keeping with the function to be taken on.”

The code, in Canon 872, assumes that the sponsor will maintain a continuing relationship, helping the one baptized “to lead a Christian life in keeping with baptism and to fulfill faithfully the obligations inherent in it.”

The absence of a proper sponsor does not, though, affect the validity of the baptism.

(Note that in certain cases, such as the imminent danger of death, a sponsor is not even required; and note also that an earlier baptism in most Christian denominations is accepted as valid when a person converts to Catholicism, so that person is not “re-baptized” -- even though the person usually will not have had a practicing Catholic as a godparent.)

At this point you cannot change the sponsors of record. What you might do, though, is to make sure that the godmother knows her responsibilities regarding the religious education and practice of your daughter as she grows -- especially if, at some point in the future, you were not around to assure that.

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

The White Mass on the Feast of St. Luke, Oct. 18

Prayer forms the foundation for many forms of service to our communities. Communal prayer is often an expression of gratitude and petition for God’s grace upon a specific community need. An ancient example from the middle ages is the Red Mass, which honors all in the legal profession and asks the Holy Spirit for wisdom and right justice.

In more recent times, the Diocese of Columbus has added the Blue Mass for police and firefighters and the White Mass for physicians, nurses, and others in healthcare.

The diocesan White Mass coincides with the Feast of St. Luke, physician and evangelist, and will be celebrated by Bishop Frederick Campbell at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 18 in Columbus Our Lady of Victory Church, 1559 Roxbury Road. A reception in the parish hall will follow.

The Mass is sponsored by the John Paul II Guild of the Catholic Medical Association and the Knights of Malta.

ODU presents “A Life and Career in Sports”

Ohio Dominican University will welcome representatives from several Columbus sports organizations for a program on “A Life and Career in Sports” at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 24 in the Colonial Room of Sansbury Hall on ODU’s campus, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus.

The event will feature a panel discussion with Eric Archibald, events director at the Columbus Sports Commission; Ben Keller, director of group sales with the Columbus Clippers; and Chad Schroeder, associate general manager of the IMG College marketing agency.

“We’re thrilled that our students will have an opportunity to hear from professionals who not only represent a diverse set of sports organizations, but also have experienced tremendous success in the sports industry,” said Dr. Jim Strode, ODU dean of graduate studies. “This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about this growing industry and the many career opportunities available.”

Attendees are invited to network and enjoy complimentary refreshments following the panel discussion.

To register, visit www.ohiodominican.edu/SportCareer. The event will be sponsored by ODU’s graduate programs.

NFP class in Spanish to take place at Santa Cruz

Columbus Santa Cruz Parish will host a two-part series of Natural Family Planning classes in the Spanish language from 9 to 11 a.m. on Saturdays, Oct. 14 and 21.

The classes will feature the Family of the Americas Foundation’s instruction on the NFP ovulation method, and will take place in the Latino Center of Columbus Holy Name Church, 143 E. Patterson Ave.

To register, call (614) 372-5249 or write frjosephklee@yahoo.com.



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Olivia Cacchio: Marathon Patient Champion

Olivia Cacchio, a fourth-grade student at Columbus St. Cecilia School, has been selected as one of the 24 Patient Champions for this year's Nationwide Children's Hospital Columbus Marathon and Half-Marathon on Sunday, Oct. 15.

Since 2012, Patient Champions have cheered on participants from each mile of the marathon. These Children's Hospital patients share their story to inspire the runners.

Besides the 24 patients who represent one mile of the full 26.2-mile marathon, there is an angel mile to recognize those who are no longer with us and an encore mile recognizing every patient who has lined the course in the past. Together, they represent the hospital's more than 1.2 million patient visits every year.

Olivia is an identical twin. She and her twin sister were born with twin-to-twin transfusion syndrome, a rare disease of the placenta in identical twins that causes one twin to be the "donor twin" and have decreased blood volume throughout their mother's pregnancy.

Olivia was the donor twin. Because of this, she was born with half of her left arm. Because of a vascular disruption and lack of necessary blood flow, her arm stopped growing. She and her sister were monitored very closely during the rest of the pregnancy.

One week after Olivia and her sister were born seven weeks early, it was confirmed Ol-



ivia had necrotizing enterocolitis (NEC), in which portions of intestinal tissue begin to die off. She wasn't growing as quickly as her twin, who was able to come home after three weeks in the hospital's neonatal intensive care unit. Forty percent of Olivia's colon was damaged and needed to be removed.

She spent 10 weeks in recovery at the hospital following surgery. When she was being discharged to go home, doctors determined Olivia might have hearing loss because she failed two hearing screenings. She received her first set of hearing aids at just six

months old.

Nationwide Children's Hospital's audiology department provides comprehensive diagnoses of hearing loss for children from birth to age 21, offering a wide range of services to address the needs of patients and their families and bringing together otolaryngology, audiology, speech language pathology, family support, nursing, and social work professionals to help with every aspect of a child's treatment.

Olivia's conditions don't stop her from doing what she loves and being an energetic nine-year-old. She has prosthetic helper arms with interchangeable attachments that she uses for gymnastics and when she's riding her bike. She said she's excited to be a patient champion for the marathon because she will "be part of something so amazing."

"She is a, courageous, caring, brave, and smart little girl," said her mother, Nikki Cacchio. "Olivia came into this world as a very tiny, yet very strong little girl fighting to survive. To us, this can be related to the strength it takes to train for and complete the marathon or half-marathon. Maybe one day, she will participate in this event herself. She is our champion."

Ohio Dominican University seeks public comments for accreditation

Ohio Dominican University is seeking comments from the public about ODU in preparation for its periodic evaluation by its regional accrediting agency. Ohio Dominican will host a visit on March 26 and 27, 2018, with a team representing the Higher Learning Commission. Ohio Dominican has been accredited by the commission since 1934. The team will review the institution's ongoing ability to meet HLC's criteria for accreditation.

The public is invited to submit comments regarding the college to: Public

Comment on Ohio Dominican University, Higher Learning Commission, 230 S. LaSalle St., Suite 7-500, Chicago IL 60604-1411.

The public also submit may comments on HLC's website at www.hlcommission.org/comment.

Comments must address substantive matters related to the quality of the institution or its academic programs, and must be in writing.

All comments must be received by Feb. 23, 2018.

Cardinal urges passage of Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act

By Catholic News Service

Saying he was speaking “on behalf of our country and the children whose lives are at stake,” Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan of New York urged members of the U.S. House to pass the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act.

The measure proposes a ban on abortions starting at 20 weeks after fertilization, about the time doctors have determined that an unborn child can feel pain. It is expected to come to the House floor soon. It was introduced by Rep. Trent Franks, R-Arizona.

“All decent and humane people are repulsed by the callous and barbarous treatment of women and children in clinics ... that abort children after 20 weeks,” said the cardinal, who is chairman of the

U.S. bishops’ Committee on Pro-Life Activities. He made the comments in letters to each member of the House.

“While there are divergent views on the practice of abortion,” Cardinal Dolan wrote on Sept. 29, “it is widely recognized from public opinion polls that a strong majority of the public is consistently opposed to late-term abortions.”

“Planned Parenthood’s callous and disturbing practices of harvesting fetal body parts from late-term abortions, partial-birth abortions and the deplorable actions of late-term abortionist Dr. Kermit Gosnell ... have shocked our nation and led many Americans to realize that our permissive laws and attitudes have allowed the abortion industry to undertake these procedures,” Cardinal Dolan

said, calling the bill’s 20-week ban a “common-sense reform.”

He said “the proposed ban on abortion at 20 weeks after fertilization is a place to begin uniting Americans who see themselves as ‘pro-life’ and as ‘pro-choice.’”

“The Supreme Court’s past insistence that unborn children must be ‘viable’ to deserve even nominal protection is not meaningful or workable,” Cardinal Dolan said, adding that medical technology “is moving the point of viability earlier in the pregnancy, putting *Roe* on a collision course with itself.”

“There are life-threatening dangers to women undergoing abortions beyond 20 weeks,” he continued.

He said that some have tried to argue that such difficult and risky procedures

as later-term abortions “be done in more ‘mainstream’ abortion clinics, but “those clinics generally refuse to perform the risky procedures.”

“What does it say about us as a nation, if we will not act against abortions that even full-time abortionists find abhorrent?” Cardinal Dolan asked.

He reaffirmed the right to life of humans at every stage of development, as the Catholic Church teaches, and he said that the church remains committed to advocating for the full legal protection of all unborn children.

“Every child, from conception onward, deserves love and the protection of the law,” Cardinal Dolan said. “The real problems that lead women to consider abortion should be addressed with solutions that support both mother and child.”

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Doing what we have learned

Perhaps it's because I'm weary of the divisive speech that is becoming more commonplace in our nation and of the racism and ignorance of the "other" that undergird it. Maybe it's hearing hateful comments, seeing intolerance, and recognizing that choices are being made to stoke fear and anger rather than to encourage true listening and dialogue. These things and more make me read and reread Paul's words for this Sunday, which bring healing, like balm on an open sore:

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things (Philippians 4, 8).

A friend at work gave me a flyer about a unity celebration at a local Episcopal church on a recent Sunday evening. I'm glad I went. It was something gracious and lovely that reminded me of the many good people who, in ways large and small, are being love in the world.

A woman opened the celebration with a drum call to gather everyone, including the ancestors. I thought of my parents, of people who have gone before, working for civil rights. I thought of the communion of saints.

The rector welcomed us and read *Blessing When the World Is Ending*, by Jan Robinson. It finishes on a hopeful note:

This blessing/will not fix you,/will not mend you,/will not give you/false comfort;/it will not talk to you/about one door opening/when another one closes./It will simply/sit beside you/among the shards/and gently turn your face/toward the direction/from which the light/will come,/gathering itself/about you/as the world begins/again.

A young Syrian refugee, who was 13 when she arrived, speaking no English, and is 17 now, shared her powerful poetry. A pastor reminded us that while we look different on the outside, we are the same on the inside. She pointed out the fact that human beings are made with two ears and one tongue, perhaps indicating we should listen more and talk less.

Two young women in flowing white dresses gracefully danced their prayer to the One we can't live without, expressing with their movements the prayer in my heart. An imam spoke of Islam and respect for all prophets. We listened and learned.

A folk singer led us in *We Shall Not Be Moved*, a



song loosely based on verses from Jeremiah about one who is like a tree firmly planted by the water, surviving drought and yielding fruit. A young girl called out that we should sing for peace. And we did.

A rabbi noted that we have many names for the same Holy One. She spoke of the prophets of old and wondered about today's prophets—about being prophets and being bold.

A soloist shook the rafters and sang about God breathing on us, and I felt the Spirit-breath.

A community organizer pulled wisdom from each presentation and put them into questions for us to ponder.

Afterward, we shared food, listened to stories, and wondered why all churches don't have evenings like this.

Paul's final words in that verse from Philippians—*Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you*—prompted me to consider that what we learn from Paul, he learned from Jesus. What have I learned and heard and seen in Jesus that transforms me?

In the gospels, I have learned that love, not power, is important. That one's

life doesn't consist of possessions. That everyone is my neighbor, and I must take care of them. I have seen Jesus heal the sick, feed the hungry, hang out with those on the margins, and eat with outcasts. He was welcoming, patient, and merciful. He was a man of prayer. On his last night on earth he prayed "that they may be one as we are one—I in them and you in me." I watched Jesus wash his disciples' feet and instruct them to do the same. He spoke truth to power, faithfully lived that truth, and was murdered for it.

I heard him say that whatever we do to the least among us, we do to him. And when it came right down to it, when someone asked him what was most important, he had two things to say: Love God. Love your neighbor as yourself.

These are the things we need to keep on doing, each of us bringing the God of peace who dwells in us into our times and places. Through all people of peace, God transforms the world.

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St. Anthony students study butterflies

Columbus St. Anthony School students talked about butterflies with the help of visitors Betsy Hughes and Jan Keenan, who brought in live monarch butterflies in various stages of their life cycle stages. The students discussed the stages, decorated and ate butterfly cookies, and watched a monarch butterfly being released on the school grounds. Pictured are students (from left) Desno Daley, Ralphie Gebregziabher, Meredith Tlaczani, Gabriel Howard, Derex Kwakye, and Rene Kangmani looking at a box with caterpillars inside.



Photo courtesy St. Anthony School

Newman Center serves OSU campus and the community



Top to bottom: Newman Center exterior; students and staff members (from left): first row, Fr. Vincent McKiernan, Don Bleasdale, Zach Conti, Mariah Stoller, Max Timko, Fr. Edward Nowak; second row, Fr. Stuart Wilson-Smith, Amanda Compton, development director; Laura LeCompte, RCIA director; Austin Schafer, pastoral associate; Paulist Fathers (from left) Nowak, Joseph Ciccone, McKiernan, and Wilson-Smith. Photos: Tim Puet (top 2), Newman Center



BY TIM PUET

Reporter, Catholic Times

College can be a challenging time for young Catholics, particularly if they're going to a school that's not affiliated with the church, and even more so if it's an institution as large as The Ohio State University.

It can be easy for a young person to feel isolated, even while surrounded by 60,000 other students on one of the nation's largest campuses. For most students, it's their first extended time away from the familiar surroundings of home, friends, and the church community they've known for years.

It's also a time when their faith can be tested amid all the distractions college life has to offer, when students may be looking for a place which will provide a spiritual anchor and a welcoming, comforting presence.

For many OSU students, the St. Thomas More Newman Center is that place. Located at 64 W. Lane Ave., just steps off the North High Street corridor that is the heart of the campus area, the center serves both as OSU's campus ministry and as the spiritual home for a community of faith that extends far beyond the student body.

Austin Schafer, pastoral associate for campus ministry, said the Newman Center reaches more than 3,000 students a year, out of an estimated 12,000 to 14,000 Catholic students at the university. About 1,800 come to one of its five weekend Masses. In addition, 600 to 700 families regularly attend Mass at the center, which, though not technically a parish of the diocese, has the wide variety of programs offered by a large urban parish.

The center is a ministry of the Paulist Fathers, who operate similar centers at the University of California campuses in Berkeley and Los Angeles and the universities of Tennessee and Texas. The Paulists have been at OSU since 1946, and at the center's current location since 1971.

In its vision statement, the center describes its purpose as "build(ing) a transformative faith community that

shapes current and future leaders for the church and society by introducing, deepening and living the faith."

It fulfills that vision by offering about 300 events each month, most of them spiritually related. Besides weekend and daily Masses, it hosts many meetings of small groups and offers frequent service projects, retreats, and other faith-related activities.

One of its signature programs is Buckeye Awakening, a three-day retreat which takes place in the fall and spring at Sts. Peter and Paul Retreat Center in Newark. The next Awakening will take place Friday to Sunday, Oct. 20 to 22. Colleen Speer, assistant development director for the Newman Center, said 160 students take part in each retreat, and there's always a waiting list. She said 70 students are first-time retreat participants, with the rest being student staff members who have been part of previous Awakenings.

Several students active in Newman Center programs who gathered to talk to the *Catholic Times* said the Awakening had a significant impact on their spiritual lives.

"Buckeye Awakening changes lives every semester," said Max Timko, an OSU junior from Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare Church. "It puts meaning into intercessory prayer. It engages me in an emotional and spiritual way I've not otherwise seen, and I know it has done the same for others."

"It's made me want to spend as much time as I can in growing my faith. That's a big deal for a college student, because the most precious thing a student has is time. It certainly isn't money. It's inspiring to see how this experience has made people pour out their time."

"When I came to OSU, it was a shock to find how different people valued different things. My experiences through Awakening and our weekly Buckeye Catholic (BCAT) student nights have strongly influenced my values and made me feel well-equipped to lead others when I'm not on campus."

"When I leave OSU, I know I'm going to stay active in the church

in some way, whether it's through parish life as I pursue a career, or through full-time work in a ministry. This is because of the way the Newman Center has shaped me and grown values I didn't think I had."

"I went to my first Awakening as a freshman and have been to several others," said OSU junior Don Bleasdale, from Mason in southwest Ohio. "Each time, I find myself re-focusing on the direction my life is going. It's made me think of faith more as a relationship than an idea or a series of things you have to do, and as something you share with a community rather than just keeping it to yourself."

Students in their first few weeks on campus are given an opportunity to start building community and getting to know more about the Newman Center through its New Beginnings retreat in mid-September, which starts at 6 p.m. on a Friday and continues through Saturday morning and includes dinner, breakfast, talks by students about their first-year experience, and a dance.

"The dance is my favorite part," Timko said. "We had 67 people for New Beginnings this year, which I understand is more than in the past. It's a first chance to get people involved with the Newman Center, and it comes at a really important time because the transformation from home to campus life is when many young people begin to drift away from their faith."

The New Beginnings retreat comes two weeks after a series of Catholic Welcome Week events the center sponsors every day during the first week of classes in cooperation with Saint Paul's Outreach, a group of recent college graduates who live in community and act in an evangelizing role on campus, reaching out to college students to build faith relationships.

This year's Welcome Week activi-

Left: Father Ciccone baptizes a new Catholic who has gone through the RCIA process. Right: The center's Catholic Relief Services ambassadors at Ohio State's Welcome Week. Photos courtesy Newman Center

ties included an opening Mass, a hog roast, a cookout, a spaghetti dinner, Ultimate Frisbee, Capture the Flag, Eucharistic adoration, and distribution of more than 3,500 live plants, which included an invitation to "Come Grow With Us," to students attending the university's involvement fair.

For people whose schedule makes a weekend retreat difficult, the center offers a busy person's retreat, in which participants get together every weekday for a half-hour for two weeks to pray and focus on a particular portion of Scripture, then meet three or four times during the period for a longer discussion.

The center's weekly activities include the BCAT nights every Tuesday at 8 p.m., which regularly attract more than 100 students for a program which generally includes speakers, live praise and worship music, snacks, and fellowship. Another popular weekly event at the center is a \$3 all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner each Sunday at 7 p.m.

More than 400 students take part in small Bible study groups which meet weekly all over campus in a collaborative effort with Saint Paul's Outreach. The Catholic Young Professionals ministry, which includes many graduate students, has five weekly Bible studies. A group of 45 people, meeting Wednesdays at 7 p.m., is studying Jeff Cavins'

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible series and, beginning Nov. 29, will look at Bishop Robert Barron's *David the King* series. There also is a Chinese Bible study group that meets every other Friday night from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Father Vincent McKiernan, CSP, who this year is celebrating his 60th anniversary as a priest and has been at the Newman Center for 27 years, leads weekly groups in the *Lectio Divina* method of prayer, which focuses on a particular Scripture passage, and in centering prayer, which he describes as "letting go of all your concepts of God and being present to God as God has existed through all of eternity – experiencing the 'beyondness' of God."

Eucharistic Adoration takes place in the Newman Center's daily Mass chapel from noon to 5 p.m. Fridays. Weekday Masses in the chapel are at 5:30 p.m. The center's priests also offer Masses on Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m. at the OSU Medical Center and Thursdays at the same time at the James Cancer Center.

Because the center serves a student population, its weekend Mass schedule includes more evening Masses than most parishes. The Masses are generally at 5:30 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m., noon, and 6 and 9 p.m. Sunday. Saturday Masses are at 8 p.m. instead of 5:30 when the OSU football team has a late-afternoon home game.



Bishop Frederick Campbell (front) speaks at the Newman Center. Photo/Newman Center

Besides weekend Masses, the Newman Center's most well-attended events are its 10 Ash Wednesday Masses and services at the center and the Ohio Union on campus. Schafer said they attract 3,000 to 4,000 students annually, making it necessary to hire an off-duty police officer to control traffic on Lane Avenue.

Additional faith formation activities offered by the center include a group for young business professionals and graduate students which meets every Thursday evening; spiritual direction for those seeking a more in-depth focus to their spiritual journey; an adult Confirmation class; and the

Paulist Associates – laypersons who actively work with and pray for the Paulist Fathers.

Speer said 19 people, most of them students, are seeking to become Catholic through the RCIA program, which meets at the center each Sunday afternoon. The Newman Center also has another program known as Landings, a particular Paulist ministry that seeks to welcome returning and inactive Catholics.

One of the center's newest organizations is its Catholic Relief Services student ambassadors group,

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which was established in the fall of 2016 and received an award from CRS as the nation's best ambassador team for the 2016-17 academic year.

The group was established after three student leaders attended a training program at Kent State University. Because of its success, it hosted an ambassador training session for students from other schools last weekend.

The CRS group was honored for an event it hosted this spring on the international refugee crisis, which featured Catholic Relief Services national speaker Caroline Brennan. More than 180 people attended the program, which ended in a letter-writing campaign to congressional leaders asking for comprehensive immigration reform.

The ambassadors meet twice a month on Thursday evenings. "We try to bring international issues down to a local level," said one of the group's leaders, Zach Conti, an OSU senior from Akron. "The spring program gave a personal touch to the refugee crisis and has led us into things like working in partnership with Community Refugee and Immigration Services in Columbus and engaging in legislative advocacy on behalf of the

Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program.

"These opportunities as CRS ambassadors have shown us a new understanding of how to live the Gospel inside and outside the church and how we can share in Pope Francis' message of working with the marginalized."

The ambassadors program is one of the Newman Center's many social concerns ministries. Its St. Vincent de Paul Society meets monthly and makes more than 400 sandwiches for the St. Lawrence Haven soup kitchen downtown. It also is collecting blankets and coats for the diocesan St. Vincent de Paul organization, took part in the diocesan Friends of the Poor walk, and sponsored a free pancake breakfast.

Four organizations benefit from the efforts of the center's Food for the Homeless ministry, which makes hot meals or sack lunches – Faith Mission (second Monday of the month), the Open Shelter (third Thursday), Friends of the Homeless (various dates), and the YWCA Family Center (third Wednesday).

The Newman Center also has a Habitat for Humanity group which meets monthly to work in the Habitat ReStore center



Above: A graduation Mass at the Newman Center. Below: Buckeye Awakening participants. Photos/Newman Center

and to perform repairs to existing Habitat homes or help build new ones. The center is a member of BREAD (Building Responsibility, Equality, and Dignity), an interfaith coalition which addresses specific areas of social change in the Columbus area.

In addition, the center sponsors spring-break service trips. This year, the destinations for those trips are Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Appalachian Kentucky; and the Mississippi/Memphis, Tennessee area. Student leaders also have been asked by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops to offer a community

workshop at the national Catholic Social Ministry Gathering in Washington in February.

Attending the conference which made the CRS ambassadors program possible was one of the results of the Newman Center's new peer ministry program, which provides opportunities for undergraduate students to gain experience in various areas of pastoral ministry, discern their vocation, and enable them to explore the possibility of a call to professional ministry in the church.

Funds for the program come from a three-year, \$99,000 grant from an initiative of the Lilly Endowment. Speer said the program has been so successful that the center would like to expand it, and is looking for donors who can support it after the grant runs out next spring.

"One of the great things about the program is that it gave students great flexibility to use the grant money to go where the Holy Spirit prompted us," Conti said. "The opportunity turned up to form a Catholic Relief Services chapter, and the grant money, plus great support from the Newman Center, allowed us to do that.

Peer ministers at OSU are Catholic undergraduate student leaders who serve six to eight hours per week in a particular area of ministry, receive train-

ing in pastoral ministry skills, and take part in a yearlong vocational discernment program. This year's participants and the ministries they serve are: Conti and Mary Chudy, social concerns; Alexis Willoughby, retreats; Tyler Treese, service trips; Heidi Lewis, RCIA; and Alexa Hoffelin, children's ministry and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.

The CGS program, which is based on a Montessori-style "hands-on" approach, has formed the basis of the Newman Center's religious education program for children for about 15 years. The center uses all three CGS levels, from ages to three to 12, as well as the CGS middle school program. It serves about 120 children.

The center also has a high school youth group, which meets from 1:15 to 3 on Sunday afternoons. "We perform a service project each month," said one of the group's leaders, Mariah Stoller, an OSU senior from Marietta. "These include writing cards to retired religious and cleaning the sanctuary and the chapel. For the teaching part of the day, we ask the students what they want to talk about. A lot of times, it's been about political issues.

"The students who take part

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FIELD OF INNOCENTS DISPLAY AT ST. JOAN OF ARC

Leading into Respect Life Month 2017, Powell St. Joan of Arc Church Council 10765 of the Knights of Columbus and the parish Respect Life committee sponsored a Crosses in the Field display from Sept. 23 to Oct. 1. Approximately 3,300 crosses were displayed on the church's front lawn to commemorate the loss of life from abortion. The display was intended to raise awareness of the magnitude of abortion by erecting a white cross for each unborn child lost to abortion each day in the United States.

The display had two primary purposes. The first was to place the enormity of abortion in the United States in context. "To see a vast field of white crosses and to realize that each one represents an aborted child is sobering, but to know that it will be repeated every day of the year is unfathomable," said Bill Wood, Council 10765 director of Culture of Life programs.

Father James Black, St. Joan of Arc pastor, said the second purpose of the display "is to bring the community together in a spirit of prayer and peaceful activism and come to the defense of the unborn. Prayer and action go hand in hand in defending innocent human life. We need to pray for all of those impacted by abortion, but we also need to take action to end abortion," he said. Wood said, "This spirit of prayer and action is why the Knights of Columbus are so honored to work with the Respect Life committee, and together our collective members will continue to make an impact in our community and our world."

Parishes interested in putting up a similar display may contact St. Joan of Arc parishioner Matt Mazur at mpmaze@gmail.com.

Photo courtesy St. Joan of Arc Church

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aren't just from families who live near campus. They come from other areas, some from several miles away, because this is where their family attends Mass."

Four Paulist priests currently serve the Newman Center. Father Joseph Ciccone, CSP, has been its director for seven years. His pastoral associates are Father McKiernan; Father Edward Nowak, CSP, who has been at the center since January; and Father Stuart Wilson-Smith, CSP, who was ordained in May in New York City and has been

in Columbus for four months. On campus, they're more familiarly known as Father Joe, Father Vinny, Father Ed, and Father Stu.

"I'm familiar with many college ministries, and this is one of the most incredible in the country because of the way it reaches out beyond the boundaries of the campus," Father Joe said. (*Best College Reviews* listed it as one of the nation's top 12 Newman centers.)

"So many people come here to visit and make this their church home," he



Students enjoy a Newman Center Welcome Week meal.

Photo courtesy Newman Center

said. "Our Director's Advisory Council (the equivalent of a Parish Council) consists half of students and half of people from beyond campus. There's an energy and excitement here, and I think those of the older generation feel this when they see so many young people with enthusiasm for the faith. It's a place that gives you great hope and excitement for the future of Catholic Christianity."

To learn more about the Newman Center, go to its website, www.buckeyecatholic.com, or call (614)

291-4674. It also has a presence on Facebook, YouTube, Twitter, and Instagram.

In addition, Father Stu hosts a Facebook Live event titled "Office Hours" every Friday at noon to answer questions about Catholicism. He said more than 1,000 people have been viewing it per week in live or archived form. Subjects of the questions have included everything from explanations of theological matters to whether the *Catholic Book of Blessings* contains a blessing for a tractor, (It does.)

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A prophecy which mixes politics and grapes



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**Isaiah 5:1-7;
Philippians 4:6-9;
Matthew 21:33-43**

Isaiah was a prophet in Jerusalem when Assyria became the dominant power in the Middle East. Both Assyria and Babylon were located in modern Iraq. Both powers played dramatic roles in the Holy Land at different periods. Assyria began military conquests about 745 BC. Isaiah's prophecies are for the most part addressed to a period between about 740 BC and 700 BC.

There is a second part of Isaiah, which reflects the period after the exile into Babylonia, which lasted from about 586 BC to 530 BC. The problem in interpreting Isaiah is that some of his later oracles are included with the earlier material. It is hard to get a real historical, chronological hold on his writings. Isaiah prophesies against both the northern kingdom of Israel and against the southern kingdom of Judah. Adding to the complications, Israel had allied with Syria to oppose the Assyrians and tried to pressure Judah into joining the alliance, but Judah refused. After Assyria had conquered Syria/Israel, Judah became a vassal state to Assyria, maintaining a limited independence. It is into this political mess that Isaiah came as a prophet of the Lord.

In Sunday's song of his friend's vineyard, Isaiah identifies the house of Israel as the vineyard and the people of Judah as the "choicest vine." We see clearly Isaiah's prophecy blaming Israel for the present troubles because of opposing the will of the Lord and destroying Judah in the process. At the same time, Isaiah blames Judah, as the choice vine which produced nothing but sour grapes, after all the Lord had done for Judah. The song ends painfully with Hebrew puns, looking

for judgment (*mishpat*), but "seeing" blood (*mishpach*); for justice (*zedeqah*), but "hark," the outcry (*tse'aqah*). Aside from the pun, this has no real meaning other than that the Lord did everything to prepare the garden, but did not find what the fruit should have produced.

The Gospel clearly borrows the imagery of Isaiah's song. The only added detail in the preparation of the garden is "putting a hedge around the vineyard." The parable then goes off on its own with the leasing to tenant farmers while the landowner goes on a journey. Each servant sent by the owner is rebuffed in some way. After all others have been rejected, or killed, the owner sends his own son, whom they also kill, thinking that they can lay claim to the vineyard because the owner's heir is dead.

This parable appears in Matthew, Mark, and Luke. They also share most of the details. They all note that the tenants recognize the landowner's son as the heir. Mark and Luke refer to "my beloved son" to make it more evident that it is a parable about Jesus. All three agree that the parable was told in the Temple area after Jesus had arrived in Jerusalem shortly before his arrest and death. All three also agree that Jesus cited Psalm 118:2, regarding the rejected stone becoming the cornerstone.

The parable is probably the work of the early church, rather than one told by Jesus, because it is so clearly an allegory about Israel and the prophets who were rejected, culminating in the rejection of Jesus and his eventual death. The isolated quotation of Psalm 118:2 may well have come from the lips of Jesus, but the rest of the story varies so much in the different Gospels that we cannot say what was original.

In Philippians, as Paul nears the end of the letter, he encourages people to enjoy the peace of God, which "will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." That reminder cannot be repeated often enough during the hypocritical times we live in: "The peace of God will be with you."

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spiritual closeness to all those affected by this senseless tragedy."

"He commends the efforts of the police and emergency service personnel, and offers the promise of his prayers for the injured and for all who have died, entrusting them to the merciful love of Almighty God," the cardinal said.

The barrage of shots came from a room on the 32nd floor of the Mandalay Bay hotel-casino complex on the Las Vegas Strip. Once police officers determined

where the gunshots were coming from, they stormed the room and killed the suspect, Clark County Sheriff Joseph Lombardo told reporters.

The suspect later identified as Paddock was from Mesquite, Nevada, about 80 miles northeast of Las Vegas. *USA Today* reported police had blocked off the road to Paddock's home, which they planned to search. News reports also said law enforcement believed the suspect was a "lone wolf" in planning and carrying out the attack.

The Weekday Bible Readings

MONDAY
Jonah 1:1-2:2,11
Jonah 2:2-5,8 (Ps)
Luke 10:25-37

TUESDAY
Jonah 3:1-10
Psalm 130:1-4,7-8
Luke 10:38-42

WEDNESDAY
Jonah 4:1-11
Psalm 86:3-6,9-10
Luke 11:1-4

THURSDAY
Malachi 3:13-20b
Psalm 1:1-4,6
Luke 11:5-13

FRIDAY
Joel 1:13-15;2:1-2
Psalm 9:2-3,6,8-9,16
Luke 11:15-26

SATURDAY
Joel 4:12-21
Psalm 97:1-2,5-6,11-12
Luke 11:27-28

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE WEEK OF OCTOBER 8, 2017

SUNDAY MASS

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

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

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

(Encores at noon, 7 p.m., and midnight).

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

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

DAILY MASS

8 a.m., Our Lady of the Angels Monastery in Birmingham, Ala. (Encores at noon, 7 p.m. and midnight). See EWTN above; and on I-Lifetv

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

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

Fencing with bigots

... being an imaginary dialogue between a nominee to a Federal appeals court and members of the Committee on the Judiciary of what once imagined itself “the world’s greatest deliberative body.”...

Senator Proudie: I note, Professor Valiant, that Catholic dogma plays a considerable role in your judicial thinking. That bothers me, frankly, because it would seem to threaten rights many people have worked long and hard to protect. Perhaps you could relieve my anxieties?

Professor Valiant: “Catholic dogma” plays no role whatsoever in my theory of judging, Senator. It’s the job of the legislative branch, in either the states or the national government, to enact laws within the bounds set by the Constitution. It’s the job of a federal judge to determine those bounds and to give statutes their proper meaning. This approach to judging has nothing to do with “Catholic dogma.”

Senator Proudie: Do you believe that *Roe v. Wade* was rightly decided?

Professor Valiant: As a lower-court judge, Senator, I would apply all governing Supreme Court precedents in cases that come before me. Beyond stipulating that, I do not think it appropriate for a nominee to the federal bench to comment on issues on which I might have to rule.

But if you were to ask me a more general question, Senator, as to whether I think that the Supreme Court can get it wrong on occasion, I would say “Yes.” I think the Supreme Court got it wrong in 1857 in *Dred Scott v. Sandford*, when it held that an African-American whose ancestors had been brought to the U.S. as slaves could not be a citizen and thus had no legal



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standing. I think the Supreme Court got it wrong again in 1896, when the *Plessy v. Ferguson* decision upheld segregated public facilities in the states. Would you agree that the Supreme Court got it wrong in *Dred Scott* and *Plessy v. Ferguson*, Senator?

Senator Proudie: (Incoherent muttering.)

Senator Gantry: Professor Valiant, I went to Catholic schools for years; loved those dear, sweet sisters, just loved ‘em. So I think I know what it means to be a good Catholic. Do you think you’re a good Catholic, Professor?

Professor Valiant: Senator, the state of my soul is surely a matter between me and my pastor, and between me and God. As I understand it, this committee room is a place for public inquiry by the Judiciary Committee into my qualifications for the federal bench. It is neither a confessional nor a rectory parlor for spiritual direction.

But I do remember, Senator, that, in the course of my own education in Catholic schools, we were required to read the Constitution of the United States; perhaps you were, too? And there I find, in Article VI, the unambiguous statement that “no religious Test shall ever be required as a Qualification to any office

or public Trust under the United States.” So if you will permit me, Senator, I regard your question as not merely impertinent but unconstitutional, and so I decline to answer it.

Senator Gantry: (Splutters.) Well, I certainly didn’t mean to apply some sort of “religious test” to your qualifications for the federal bench, Professor. ...

Professor Valiant: Thank you for clarifying that, Senator. As an expression of my gratitude, let me suggest that, out of respect for the Constitution, we just drop the subject. So I won’t inquire into precisely what you did intend.

Senator Gantry: (Inaudible; something to do with “... da Bears.”)

Senator Defarge: Professor, could you tell us what you think of Senator John F. Kennedy’s speech to the Greater Houston Ministerial Association during the 1960s presidential campaign?

Professor Valiant: It’s not altogether clear to me, Senator, what my views of that speech have to do with my qualifications for the position to which I have been nominated. But I will say this. John F. Kennedy faced deep-set, anti-Catholic bigotry in his run for the presidency. Harvard professor Arthur Schlesinger Sr., who can hardly be accused of special pleading, once called anti-Catholicism the most entrenched prejudice in American history. So whatever I think of the way in which then-Senator Kennedy handled the bigots of his day, perhaps we could all agree that such bigotry has no place in the 21st-century United States?

Senator Defarge: (Unintelligible expletive deleted.)

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Members of the Columbus chapter of the Lay Missionaries of Charity participated in the annual national LMC retreat at the retreat center of the Passionist Fathers in Pittsburgh. Members of the LMC are lay associates of the Missionaries of Charity, the religious order founded by St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata.

The retreat master was Father Sebastian Vazhakala, MC, superior General of the Missionaries of Charity Contemplative Brothers in Rome.

The retreat theme was “Christological, Ecclesial, and Eschatological Dimensions in the Life and Apostolate of the Lay Missionaries of Charity in Light of the MC Spirit and Charism.”

Those attending the retreat also exchanged information and experiences related to their apostolic activities with the poor in their respective areas.

Photo courtesy Columbus Chapter LMC

Pray for our dead

BASBAGILL, Mary E., 82, Sept. 30
St. Mary Church, Delaware

BELL, Robert W., 88, Sept. 29
St. Bernadette Church, Lancaster

BLANDA, John, 83, Sept. 28
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

BUNTHOFF, Barbara E. (Cable), 71, Sept. 28
St. John Church, Logan

CARPENTER, Francis H., 94, Sept. 23
St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Zanesville

COX, Phillip J., 59, Aug. 4
St. Brendan Church, Hilliard

CRAENEN, Dr. Josepha M., 82, Sept. 25
St. Thomas More Newman Center, Columbus

DELKER, Kate A. (Selegue), 53, Aug. 30
Christ the King Church, Columbus

DOBRANETSKI, Marie (Conaway), 90, Sept. 15
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

DURFEE, Esther (DiCicco), 94, Sept. 21
St. Joan of Arc Church, Powell

FIGLESTAHLER, Elizabeth A. "Betty" (Seidel), 89, March 5
St. Peter in Chains Church, Wheelersburg

FOX, Susan L. (Stitz), 68, Sept. 18
St. Mary Church, Lancaster

GEBBIE, Zoe M. (Hutchins), 75, Sept. 27
St. Pius X Church, Reynoldsburg

GECKELER, Jack "Chip," 70, Sept. 27
St. Elizabeth Church, Columbus

HERZBERG, Sonji L., 85, Sept. 25
Christ the King Church, Columbus

HOSKINS, Linda R. (Magyarosi), 72, Sept. 26
St. Ladislav Church, Columbus

JENKINS, Vivian (Skaggs), 95, March 22
St. Peter in Chains Church, Wheelersburg

JOSEPH, Shirley K. (Wise), 81, Sept. 29
St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Zanesville

LUSIGNOLO, Katherine H. (Miller), 94, Sept. 24
St. Catharine Church, Columbus

McKENZIE, Ilene M. (Scherer), 88, June 10
St. Monica Church, New Boston

MEYER, Mary V. "Vicki" (Doyle), 75, Sept. 23
Holy Cross Church, Columbus

MONTAVON, Harold "Tuck," 85, April 15
St. Peter in Chains Church, Wheelersburg

MOOREHEAD, Sandra (Smith), 71, Sept. 25
Church of the Resurrection, New Albany

MORRIS, John E., 37, Feb. 6
St. Monica Church, New Boston

NIEMER, Eleanor (Morrison), 82, April 8
St. Peter in Chains Church, Wheelersburg

PARATORE, James V., 96, Sept. 23
St. Mary Church, Marion

PHILLIS, George P., 87, Sept. 25
St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Zanesville

SMITH, Estil E., 89, June 21
St. Peter in Chains Church, Wheelersburg

SOMMER, Raymond E., 90, Aug. 4
St. Peter in Chains Church, Wheelersburg

STARINIERI, Rene, 60, Sept. 13
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

TURRIN, Joseph Jr., 55, Sept. 27
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

VAUGHAN, Sandra K. (Steward), 69, Aug. 18
St. John Church, Logan

Sister Jo Ann Lamantia, OP

Funeral Mass for Sister Jo Ann Lamantia, OP, 76, who died Tuesday, Sept. 26, was held Friday, Sept. 29, at the Motherhouse of the Dominican Sisters of Peace. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus.

She was born on July 17, 1941 in Toronto, Ohio, to Philip and Elizabeth (Berarducci) Lamantia and was a graduate of Steubenville Catholic Central High School.

She earned a bachelor of science degree from St. Mary of the Springs College (now Ohio Dominican University) in 1967 and a master of science degree from Marygrove College in Detroit in 1978.

She entered the Dominican Sisters of St. Mary of the Springs (now the Dominican Sisters of Peace) in 1959 and professed her vows on July 9, 1962,

taking the name Sister Alexia.

In Columbus, she was a teacher at Holy Name (1962-63) and St. Philip (1988-93) schools and was a tutor at the Salesian Center (2001-04) and the Dominican Learning Center (2004-14). She also was a receptionist-secretary at Windsong Village in Worthington (1999-2001).

In addition, she taught at schools in Connecticut, Illinois, Maryland, Michigan, New York, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia.

She entered into a ministry of prayer and presence in 2014 and had been a resident of the Mohun Health Care Center for the past two years.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Philip. Survivors include brothers, Anthony, Paul, and James; and a sister, Elizabeth Miser.

Sister Lois Marrah, OP

Funeral Mass for Sister Lois Marrah, OSF, 100, who died Sunday, Sept. 24, was held Wednesday, Sept. 27 in the chapel of the Sisters of St. Francis of Penance and Christian Charity in Stella Niagara, New York. Burial was in the sisters' cemetery.

She was born Grace Marrah on June 29, 1917 in Columbus to Charles and Catherine (Schwartz) Marrah. She was a 1936 graduate of New Lexington St. Aloysius Academy and graduated from Sawyer Business School in Buffalo, New York. She received a bachelor of arts degree from St. Mary of the Springs College (now Ohio Dominican University) in 1951 and a master of arts degree from the University of Notre Dame in 1957.

She entered the Stella Niagara Franciscans on Sept. 5, 1936 and professed her first vows on Aug. 17, 1938, and her final vows on Aug. 18, 1941.

In the Diocese of Columbus, she taught at Columbus Rosary High School (1948-54) and St. Aloysius Academy (1954-55), was principal at Rosary (1962-66), and did office work at St. Ann's Hospital in Columbus (1984-85). She also served as a teacher, principal, and pastoral minister in New York, West Virginia, and New Jersey. She retired in 1997 and became a resident of the Stella Niagara Health Center in 2002.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and brothers William, Charles, and Jack. Survivors include several nieces and nephews.

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5, 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.

Holy Hour at Holy Family

6 to 7 p.m., Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St., Columbus. Holy Hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by meeting of parish Holy Name and Junior Holy Name societies, with refreshments. 614-221-4323
Frassati Society Meeting at Columbus St. Patrick

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7 p.m., Aquinas Hall, St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Meeting of parish's Frassati Society for young adults. Scripture study featuring this coming Sunday's readings and commentary. 614-224-9522

6, FRIDAY

St. Cecilia Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

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

Monthly Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

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

Catholic Men's Luncheon Club

12:15 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Catholic Men's Luncheon Club meeting. Bishop Frederick Campbell gives his annual talk to the club. Preceded by 11:45 a.m. Mass; \$10 donation requested.

No St. John Chrysostom First Friday Sale

St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church, 5858 Cleveland Ave., Columbus, will not be having its First Friday sale of pirogi, stuffed cabbage, noodles, and baked goods this month.

Procession, Eucharistic Vigil at Holy Cross

7 p.m., Holy Cross Church, 205 S. 5th St., Columbus. Marian procession around church in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Oct. 8 Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, followed by parish's monthly 7:30 p.m. Mass and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with various prayers, ending with Benediction at 11:30.

All-Night Exposition at Our Lady of Victory

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

6-8, FRIDAY-SUNDAY

Women's Silent Retreat at St. Therese's

St. Therese's Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus. Silent retreat for women sponsored by Catholic Laywomen's Retreat League, led by Father Thomas Blau, OP. Theme: "The New Evangelization Touches Home." Fee: \$140, including lodging, meals. 614-882-1946

7, SATURDAY

Fatima Devotions at Columbus St. Patrick

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

Cathedral Pilgrimage to Carey

8 a.m., bus leaves St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus, for pilgrimage to National Shrine and Basilica of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey on Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Cost \$20. 614-224-1295

Mary's Little Children Prayer Group

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

First Saturday Devotion at St. Joan of Arc

8:30 a.m., St. Joan of Arc Church, 10700 Liberty Road, Powell. Mass, followed by rosary in reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, concluding with Fatima prayers. 614-761-0905

Catholic Women's Conference in Zanesville

9 a.m. to 3 p.m., St. Thomas Aquinas Church, 144 N. 5th St., Zanesville. Sixth annual "Beauty of the Feminine" Catholic women's conference, with Mass and talks by Kelly Nieto, Dr. John Wood, and Mikayla Owens. Fee, \$25 including lunch; students \$10; consecrated religious free. 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.

Lay Missionaries of Charity Day of Prayer

9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sacred Heart Church, 893 Hamlet St., Columbus. Monthly day of prayer for Columbus chapter of Lay Missionaries of Charity. 614-372-5249

First Saturday Mass at Holy Family

9 a.m., Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St., Columbus. First Saturday Mass for world peace and in reparation for blasphemies against the Virgin Mary, as requested by Our Lady of Fatima. 614-221-1890

Ohio Dominican Preview Day

9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Bishop Griffin Center, Ohio Dominican University, 1215 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Preview day for prospective students, featuring campus tours and discussion on courses, activities, and financial aid.

Pet Blessing at St. Francis of Assisi

10 a.m., St. Francis of Assisi Church, 386 Buttles Ave., Columbus. Parish's annual blessing of pets. 614-299-5781

Centering Prayer Group Meeting at Corpus Christi

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

Shepherd's Corner Labyrinth Walk

7 to 8:30 p.m., Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. Labyrinth walk led by Shawn Scott and Nancy Cameron. Theme: "Harvest Reflections." Suggested donation \$5.

Filipino Mass at St. Elizabeth

7:30 p.m., St. Elizabeth Church, 6077 Sharon Woods Blvd., Columbus. Mass in the Tagalog language for members of the Filipino Catholic community. 614-891-0150

8, SUNDAY

St. Christopher Adult Religious Education

10 to 11:20 a.m., Library, Trinity Catholic School, 1440 Grandview Ave., Columbus. "Browsing in Solomon's Library," a look at the Book of Proverbs with Sam Meier, OSU professor of the history of ancient Israel.

Kateri Prayer Circle at St. Mark

1 p.m., Aranda Center, St. Mark Church, 324 Gay St., Lancaster. Kateri Prayer Circle meeting to honor St. Kateri Tekakwitha and promote Native Catholic spirituality.

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.

Family Rosary Day at Cathedral

3 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Annual diocesan Family Rosary Day, with Bishop Frederick Campbell as presider and homilist.

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

9, MONDAY

Bethesda Post-Abortion Healing Ministry

6:30 p.m., support group meeting, 2744 Dover Road, Columbus (Christ the King convent, first building west of 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.

Immigration Forum at Newark St. Francis de Sales

7 to 9 p.m., St. Francis de Sales Church, 40 Granville St., Newark. Forum on immigration, featuring panel discussion and question-and-answer session with Jerry Freewalt of the diocesan Office for Social Concerns, immigrants from the Newark-Granville area, and others familiar with immigration matters. Refreshments served. 740-345-8974

10, TUESDAY

Padre Pio Programs in Newark, Columbus

6 to 9:30 p.m., St. Francis de Sales Church, 40 Granville St., Newark. (Same times Wednesday, St. Elizabeth Church, 6077 Sharon Woods Blvd., Columbus). Program on St. Pio of Pietrelcina. Includes talk; Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament; Reconciliation; praise, worship, and prayer ministry; 8 p.m. Mass with homilist Father Joseph Tuscan, OFM Cap; and veneration of relics including a glove, chalice, and crucifix used by Padre Pio.

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 dedicated to families and friends of persons who experience same-sex attraction. EnCourage respects the dignity of every person, promotes the truth of God's plan for each of us, and focuses on sharing our love. Confidentiality is maintained. Call for site. 614-296-7404

10-14, TUESDAY-SATURDAY

Three Bags Full Consignment Sale

7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday (\$10 advance online ticket purchasers only), 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, 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), Highpoint Nazarene Church, 795 Pollock Road, Delaware. Three Bags Full consignment sale of children's items. Unsold and unclaimed items are donated to Catholic and pro-life charities. 614-561-5300

11, WEDNESDAY

Center for Dominican Studies Lecture Series

Noon to 12:30 p.m., St. Catherine of Siena Room, Erskine Hall, Ohio Dominican University, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Center for Dominican Studies lecture with Sister Barbara Kane, OP. Title: "Where's the Bathroom?"

Marian Vocations Dinner for Women

6 p.m., Bryce Eck Center, St. Andrew Church, 3880 Reed Road, Columbus. Annual diocesan Marian Dinner for women, with vocations talks by Bishop Frederick Campbell and women religious. 614-221-5565

Immigration Presentation at St. Paul

6:30 p.m., St. Paul Church, 313 N. State St., Westerville. Presentation on the current immigration situation by a Community Refugee and Immigration Services representative and a CRIS client, sponsored by parish women's group. 614-794-9605 or 614-905-0501

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solution – a \$3.98 deadbolt lock” which Bob could use on his door whenever flashbacks of being abused might cause him to feel threatened by the presence of others. Kehl said having the lock was all it took to help Bob begin to more thoroughly recover from his emotional wounds and to get along with other veterans in the home.

Kehl has been involved with the state’s trauma-informed care initiative for four-and-a-half years. Its representatives have talked to more than 11,000 people in that time. Kehl said the most important lesson they have learned is “Don’t be afraid to ask someone ‘How do I understand you?’” because that is how the healing process starts.

The seminar began with an overview of the state’s opioid crisis by Dr. Mark Hurst, medical director of the mental health and addiction services department. Hurst, a Columbus St. Elizabeth Church parishioner, said that in 2016, about 4,050 Ohioans died of accidental drug overdoses, with more than 3,500 of those deaths involving opioids.

Most of those deaths were from fentanyl and related drugs, rather than from prescription opioids, but he said the opioid problem began in the mid-1990s with increased use of pain-relieving prescription drugs containing opioids. Doctors started prescribing these drugs because pain began being thought of as a fifth vital sign for determining the state of a person’s health, joining blood pressure, heart rate, respiratory rate, and temperature.

“We thought at the time that we weren’t doing enough to treat pain. I wish we had started to detect in 2001 and 2002, rather than in 2010 and 2011, that this was the wrong approach,” he said.

“Addiction is a brain disease. It is not a moral, will power, or character issue” and should not be treated as one, Hurst said. “Addiction is not merely about the use of a substance. It is about the brain’s response to that use, which can result in certain behaviors” that are a consequence of the disorder, not a cause.

He said factors that contribute to addiction include genetics; a person’s environment and life experience, particularly early-life trauma; other predisposing conditions, such as mental illness; and the potency of an addictive drug.



He said some of the best ways for parents to prevent drug abuse by their children include talking to them about drugs, rather than staying silent; having dinner with family members together more nights of the week than not; involving children in a reasonable amount of extracurricular activities; and “going to church and taking your kids with you.”

Concerning the last point, he cited a study by the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University which showed that adults and teens who attend religious services at least once a week were far less likely than others to be abusers of alcohol and illicit drugs.

He also urged people to discard any leftover prescription opioids they may have been prescribed in the past to help them deal with pain from minor surgery. “If you take anything away from this talk, it’s that you should clean out your medicine cabinet of all addictive drugs you may have around,” he said.

Those in attendance were moved by the testimony of Tracy Morrison of Kenton, who told of how two of her three daughters, now ages 26 and 25, became addicted to prescription opioids as teenagers. They had started using the drugs in 2008 to deal with the aftereffects of a tonsillectomy and an eye injury and to “stay ahead of the pain” of athletic injuries.

“I was a nurse, yet I didn’t know for years about opioid addiction,” she said, “I never sat down with my kids and talked about drugs – alcohol and mari-

juana, yes, but not heroin. I missed all the signs” of her daughters’ addiction, only learning about it when appliances and money began disappearing from her house because her daughters were stealing them.

Both daughters are in recovery, but both have been in prison as a result of their addiction. Both also have hepatitis C, and between them, they have five children, three of whom Morrison is raising. Morrison said she and her former husband have spent \$1.1 million on rehabilitation efforts that didn’t last for their daughters.

“The ‘Just Say No’ approach doesn’t work,” she said. “When addicts do recover, we need to recognize it’s a process in which they may slip backward sometimes. We need to give them the opportunity to start over, to give them housing and employment, and to recognize they may fall down and get up. If we do this, we’re going to see a lot more recovery.”

Judi Engel of the diocesan Office of Religious Education and Catechesis spoke of how elements of the diocesan course of religious studies for elementary and secondary students can help develop a positive self-image and discourage drug use.

She used the “Life in Christ” segment of the course of study for high school students as an example. Its first goal is to teach students to “know that God has created all things with a purpose for all of creation and a specific plan for all human beings.”

Engel said this message is taught at all grade levels in an age-appropriate way. To first-graders, the message is, “God made you. God loves you. God loves everybody else and he asks you to do the same.” As children get older, it is expressed in phrases such as “Every one of us is a gift from God. We are unique gifts with infinite value and dignity” and “Your body is a gift from God. We don’t do things that are going to hurt it.”

For older students, the question becomes “The freedom God gave us includes the capacity to make choices that can be good or bad for us. How do we make good choices that promote prevention of what is harmful and care for ourselves?”

Engel was part of a panel which also included Marcie Seidel of the Ohio Drug-Free Action Alliance and Sarah

Smith of the state’s Start Talking! program. Also speaking at the seminar were Jennifer Lloyd of the state attorney general’s office and counseling professionals Mike and Laura Lewis.

The day closed with parish and school groups working on drug abuse education action plans for their particular situation. It began with comments from Bishop Frederick Campbell and Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine.

Bishop Campbell asked, “Why is there a market for these drugs (of abuse)? Maybe it needs to be seen in a larger context – the nature of our whole culture. Is the culture itself becoming narcotic? This should engage us as members of faith communities to talk about the culture we are in as we strive to assist those caught in it. How can we contribute to a culture that is healthy, life-giving, and serious in understanding the meaning and the purpose of the human person?”

DeWine said he had good and bad news to report. “The bad news is that 10 to 15 people a day in Ohio still are dying because of drug abuse,” he said. “The good news is that communities are fighting it, and those making the most progress are the ones where the problem got so bad people rose up with grass-roots efforts, usually led by a mother who lost a child to drugs.”

He said more needs to be done on drug abuse prevention and education efforts and urged “that schools focus on this every single year, beginning in kindergarten.” This is the first of 15 recommendations listed in a report issued in February by a joint study committee on drug use prevention education created by DeWine and Ohio House Speaker Cliff Rosenberger and Senate President Larry Obhof.

Besides hearing from the speakers, those in attendance had a chance during the day to talk with representatives of several drug abuse education and treatment groups who had set up displays.

One display which drew much attention was the “Hide in Plain Sight” room set up in a religious education classroom by the Tuscarawas County Anti-Drug Coalition. It showed what looked like a typical teen’s room and displayed many creative ways which young people have used to avoid detection by their parents of substance abuse.

Share the Journey campaign urges Catholics to connect with migrants

By Dennis Sadowski

Catholic News Service

A prayer here, a share on social media there, a voice of support in a letter to the editor, even a get-to-know-others potluck.

Supporting refugees and migrants can take many forms, and Pope Francis is hoping Catholics around the world will act over the next two years to encounter people on the move.

In the U.S., the church's leading organizations have developed a series of activities, including prayers, that families, parishes, schools and individuals can undertake during the Share the Journey campaign the pope is set to open Sept. 27 at the Vatican.

Share the Journey is an initiative of Caritas Internationalis, the global network of Catholic charitable agencies. It is meant to urge Catholics to understand and get to know refugees and migrants who have fled poverty, hunger, violence, persecution and the effects of climate change in their homeland.

In addition to Pope Francis' formal announcement at his weekly general audience, key church representatives, including Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle of Manila, the Philippines, president of Caritas Internationalis, were to conduct a media conference the same day.

U.S. partners in the effort are the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and its Migration and Refugee Services, Catholic Relief Services, and Catholic



Share the Journey
#sharejourney

Charities USA.

(Parishes in the Diocese of Columbus are answering the call to participate in the Share the Journey campaign's Week of Prayer and Action from Oct. 7-13.

Newark St. Francis de Sales Church will host a panel discussion on immigration on Monday, Oct. 9, from 7 to 9 p.m. Speakers include Jerry Freewalt of the diocesan Office for Social Concerns and members of the local immigrant community.

On Tuesday, Oct. 10 at 6:30 p.m., the women's group and the social concerns ministry of Westerville St. Paul Church will host speakers from CRIS (Community Refugee & Immigration Services) to talk about the refugee process and ways to respond to the situation. Catholic Social Services' Our Lady of Guadalupe Center continues to walk with immigrants on their journey to be full members of the community.

The Share the Journey campaign has animated the diocesan Office for Social Concerns and the Catholic Latino Ministry Office to relaunch the diocesan Justice for Immigrants Committee. The committee is working with parishes to create opportunities of prayer, educa-



tion, outreach, and advocacy by utilizing the helpful resources found in the Share the Journey parish toolkit. The offices also are urging Catholics to send letters to Congress echoing the U.S. bishops' message to pass the DREAM Act following the Trump administration's decision to eliminate the DACA program.)

The effort will give Catholics the opportunity to learn and explore Catholic social teaching on refugees and migrants, said Joan Rosenhauer, CRS executive vice president of U.S. operations.

"Catholic social teaching has clear messages of caring for strangers, the importance of hearing their stories and understanding their needs," she said.

Much of the effort will be focused on sharing stories about migrants and refugees, the struggles they face and why they chose to seek a better life elsewhere, said Kristin Witte, coordinator of domestic Catholic educational engagement at CRS, which is the U.S. bishops' overseas relief and development agency.

"The hope is that through the stories that are presented, the images presented, that people will be moved from their place of comfort to a place of encounter. That's what the church is calling us to. That's what the pope is calling us to," she said.

The coalition of Catholic organizations has developed a toolkit in English and Spanish that includes prayers, suggestions for activities for families, prayer groups, classrooms and clergy, and utilizing social media with references to #sharejourney.

"We're giving people clear, direct ideas, not just in their neighborhood but to mobilize communities. To create an environment or an opportunity for action is critical, especially at this time," Witte said.

Mark Priceman, communications director for the bishops' Migration and Refugee Services, said the U.N. High

Commissioner for Refugees estimates that about 22 million people are on the move around the world, making the Christian community's awareness and response to their situation critical.

The number of refugees to be admitted to the U.S. was capped at 50,000 by President Donald Trump for fiscal year 2017, which was to end Sept. 30. It is less than half of the ceiling of 110,000 set by President Barack Obama. A presidential determination on the number of refugees to be accepted for fiscal year 2018 was due by Sept. 30.

Since 1996, the number of refugees admitted has fluctuated between 70,000 and 90,000 annually. The number of refugees to be accepted each year is determined by the president under the Refugee Act, which was signed into law in 1980 by President Jimmy Carter. The act amended earlier law, created a permanent and systematic procedure to admit refugees, and established a process for reviewing and adjusting the refugee ceiling to meet emergencies.

Share the Journey looks to mobilize people quickly. Soon after the opening, the campaign is calling for a week of prayer and action for migrants and refugees from Oct. 7-13.

Special prayers at Masses, prayer vigils, simulation exercises, school announcements, lesson plans and speaking events are among the activities suggested as ways to learn about people on the move.

Similar activities will be taking place worldwide throughout the campaign, Rosenhauer said.

"It is a reflection of the Holy Father's leadership, but it's also a reflection of the commitment of leaders around the church around the world," she explained.

Nearly three dozen cardinals, archbishops and bishops, as of Sept. 25, pledged to participate in the campaign, according to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.



Christ Child Society
of Columbus

Red Wagon Fare Luncheon

Wednesday - October 18, 2017 • at Villa Milano Banquet and Conference Center

Shopping begins at 9:30 a.m. • Lunch at Noon

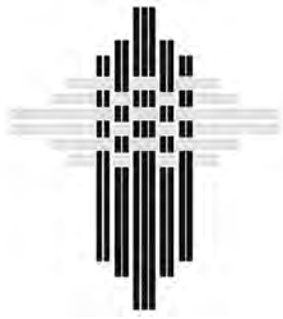
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Red Wagon Fare features a LUNCHEON,
a SHOPPING BOUTIQUE of vendors from Central Ohio and a
STYLE SHOW provided by ModeAlise, LeFlair and Lilylimes.

Proceeds from the event go to support projects for at-risk infants and children in the Columbus area.

In Ohio, 1 in 5 children is living below the poverty level. Christ Child Society members are dedicated to making a difference in the lives of these children and work to "challenge poverty - one child at a time." Christ Child Society of Columbus volunteers donate over 10,000 hours each year through outreach programs that include providing layettes with baby essentials, books, and parenting information to over 1700 infants and their parents; child care tuition assistance and pre-school learning programs; infant supplies to women attending parenting classes; hot meals for over 100 children weekly after school; tutoring and scholarships.

For information on purchasing tickets and to learn more about the Christ Child Society, visit:
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Diocesan Goal: \$ 6,500,000

Pledged to Date: \$ 7,951,823

Results as of September 26, 2017

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Parish	City	Goal	Pledges	Parish	City	Goal	Pledges
Christ the King Church	Columbus	85,817.25	84,080.62	St James the Less Church	Columbus	54,533.16	16,025.00
Church of the Ascension	Johnstown	34,827.00	43,274.00 *	St Joan of Arc Church	Powell	292,208.66	300,588.39 *
Church of the Atonement	Crooksville	8,485.72	9,585.00 *	St John Church	Logan	34,813.53	48,597.17 *
Church of the Blessed Sacrament	Newark	59,487.32	44,043.34	St John Neumann Church	Sunbury	157,710.28	171,783.00 *
Church of the Holy Trinity	Zoar	22,546.88	7,670.00	St John the Baptist Church	Columbus	15,465.64	17,735.00 *
Church of the Resurrection	New Albany	201,373.82	259,192.00 *	St John XXIII Church	Canal Winchester	56,284.46	63,225.00 *
Comm of Holy Rosary & St John the Evangel	Columbus	13,650.41	10,542.10	St Joseph Cathedral	Columbus	57,683.47	69,179.00 *
Corpus Christi Church	Columbus	12,461.59	17,450.00 *	St Joseph Church	Circleville	38,516.10	51,015.00 *
Holy Cross Church	Columbus	16,042.55	39,971.00 *	St Joseph Church	Dover	71,679.94	78,995.00 *
Holy Family Church	Columbus	42,716.60	46,908.36 *	St Joseph Church	Plain City	39,163.57	44,575.90 *
Holy Name Church	Columbus	8,878.12	22,385.00 *	St Joseph Church	Somerset	11,387.28	16,260.00 *
Holy Redeemer Church	Portsmouth	29,584.27	27,956.00	St Joseph Church	Sugar Grove	16,008.01	25,168.00 *
Holy Spirit Church	Columbus	49,085.38	132,473.00 *	St Ladislav Church	Columbus	16,703.54	9,067.00
Holy Trinity Church	Jackson	12,465.16	32,140.00 *	St Leonard Church	Heath	22,892.36	34,040.00 *
Holy Trinity Church	Somerset	27,804.96	14,275.00	St Luke Church	Danville	26,004.85	42,084.89 *
Holy Trinity Church (Pond Creek)	West Portsmouth	3,872.97	4,330.00 *	St Margaret of Cortona Church	Columbus	54,314.99	134,243.00 *
Immaculate Conception Church	Columbus	124,070.29	141,426.43 *	St Mark Church	Lancaster	35,983.20	50,900.20 *
Immaculate Conception Church	Dennison	41,258.29	31,865.00	St Mary Church	Bremen	12,442.71	19,296.00 *
Immaculate Conception Church	Kenton	16,481.22	22,365.00 *	St Mary Church	Chillicothe	40,485.36	26,679.00
Our Lady of Lourdes Church	Ada	17,815.91	19,670.00 *	St Mary Church	Columbus	60,392.14	294,507.03 *
Our Lady of Lourdes Church	Marysville	64,661.12	92,275.12 *	St Mary Church	Delaware	160,532.23	167,973.95 *
Our Lady of Lourdes Church	Otway	5,517.60	5,916.00 *	St Mary Church	Groveport	38,782.28	41,397.14 *
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church	Buckeye Lake	26,182.26	72,050.26 *	St Mary Church	Marion	75,209.05	79,741.00 *
Our Lady of Peace Church	Columbus	74,471.76	108,489.00 *	St Mary Church	Portsmouth	34,964.95	38,040.64 *
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church	Grove City	159,281.49	274,184.11 *	St Mary Church	Mattingly Settlement	5,110.60	29,111.00 *
Our Lady of Sorrows Church	West Portsmouth	6,463.93	8,885.00 *	St Mary Church	Columbus	41,552.57	29,841.45
Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal	Columbus	32,023.26	53,223.23 *	St Mary Magdalene Church	Lancaster	110,383.94	165,802.23 *
Our Lady of Victory Church	Columbus	67,963.06	87,770.00 *	St Mary of the Assumption	Waverly	9,848.74	43,089.00 *
Parroquia Santa Cruz	Columbus	26,586.30	4,532.00	St Mary Queen of the Mission Church	Gahanna	206,533.67	321,239.31 *
Sacred Heart Church	Columbus	9,443.42	15,622.50 *	St Matthew the Apostle Church	Columbus	63,582.80	21,276.00
Sacred Heart Church	Coshocton	39,379.08	41,992.00 *	St Matthias Church	Columbus	63,582.80	21,276.00
Sacred Heart Church	New Philadelphia	66,219.95	36,459.00	St Michael Church	Worthington	120,573.10	153,061.91 *
Sacred Hearts Church	Cardington	14,364.82	23,315.00 *	St Monica Church	New Boston	9,596.05	18,655.00 *
Seton Parish	Pickerington	180,037.16	128,156.00	St Nicholas Church	Zanesville	75,114.06	40,911.01
St Agatha Church	Columbus	118,910.95	128,712.15 *	St Patrick Church	Columbus	102,274.90	196,081.50 *
St Agnes Church	Columbus	15,855.59	4,150.00	St Patrick Church	Junction City	9,443.61	9,850.00 *
St Aloysius Church	Columbus	13,863.00	10,796.00	St Patrick Church	London	38,204.11	85,137.00 *
St Andrew Church	Columbus	184,831.12	185,433.40 *	St Paul the Apostle Church	Westerville	344,934.29	300,785.00
St Andrew Kim Taegon Korean Community	Columbus	5,500.61	1,820.00	St Peter Church	Chillicothe	47,974.14	65,340.00 *
St Ann Church	Dresden	8,795.75	34,803.24 *	St Peter Church	Columbus	174,791.77	196,099.82 *
St Anthony Church	Columbus	55,804.33	67,087.65 *	St Peter Church	Millersburg	12,360.02	6,583.00
St Bernadette Church	Lancaster	42,210.40	40,680.00	St Peter in Chains	Wheelersburg	20,660.41	38,049.37 *
St Bernard Church	Corning	6,999.69	7,305.00 *	St Philip the Apostle Church	Columbus	20,830.51	33,512.00 *
St Brendan the Navigator	Hilliard	223,820.18	246,975.00 *	St Pius X Church	Reynoldsburg	144,179.14	118,674.67
St Brigid of Kildare Church	Dublin	274,170.69	324,868.99 *	St Rose of Lima Church	New Lexington	32,471.75	25,895.00
St Catharine Church	Columbus	107,096.65	219,357.00 *	St Stephen the Martyr Church	Columbus	26,962.87	19,689.00
St Cecilia Church	Columbus	99,699.53	72,508.77	St Sylvester Church	Zaleski	5,236.47	7,390.00 *
St Christopher Church	Columbus	73,104.56	73,224.92 *	St Thomas Aquinas Church	Zanesville	73,013.65	18,912.00
St Colman of Cloyne Church	Wash. Court House	25,460.27	40,721.03 *	St Thomas More Newman Center	Columbus	0.00	6,160.00
St Dominic Church	Columbus	23,566.41	31,134.25 *	St Thomas the Apostle Church	Columbus	29,770.91	18,058.00
St Edward the Confessor Church	Granville	92,617.06	246,647.06 *	St Timothy Church	Columbus	68,711.63	70,517.02 *
St Elizabeth Church	Columbus	51,560.75	38,306.00	St Vincent de Paul Church	Mount Vernon	62,974.33	139,630.29 *
St Francis de Sales Church	Newark	103,293.49	96,841.69	Sts Augustine & Gabriel Church	Columbus	9,367.82	15,394.00 *
St Francis de Sales Church	Newcomerstown	5,422.34	5,682.00 *	Sts Peter & Paul Church	Glenmont	4,037.87	1,050.00
St Francis of Assisi Church	Columbus	21,134.09	20,036.00	Sts Peter & Paul Church	Wellston	12,725.56	16,356.00 *
				Sts Simon & Jude Church	West Jefferson	37,578.57	32,803.72