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Nativity scene displayed at Statehouse thanks to Newark man, groups

By Tim Puet
Catholic Times Reporter

For the first time in several years, a Nativity scene has been set up in front of the Ohio Statehouse.

The display was placed on the west plaza of the building, facing High Street, on Wednesday, Dec. 11 by Rick Jones of Newark. The creche will remain there through Thursday, Jan. 2. It has the approval of the Capitol Square Review and Advisory Board, the state agency that manages the Statehouse grounds.

In his efforts to obtain permission for the Nativity scene, Jones was aided by the Thomas More Society, a Chicago-based nonprofit group of lawyers dedicated to defending religious liberty, and the American Nativity Scene, an organization also based in Chicago that aims to have Nativity scenes displayed at every state capitol building and which supplied the creche.

"I've been working on this for a couple of years," Jones said. "I hope the display will encourage everyone to follow Jesus' message of goodwill and peace and to accept our differences and live in harmony in today's culture. Society has become very divisive and placed people in bubbles, and I want people to get out of those bubbles.

"It's a time of celebration, of giving to others through groups such as the Salvation Army, or even of considering the possibility of becoming a foster parent or an adoptive parent with the help of Ohio Department of Job and Family Services," Jones said. He had planned a talk mentioning those groups as part of a program dedicating the creche, but the program was canceled because of cold weather.

State Senate President Larry Obhof (R-Medina) and Sen. Jay Hottinger (R-Newark) also were on hand.

"Some people may be surprised to see a Nativity scene here, but I don't think it's remarkable at all," Obhof

"The review board assured me that having a Nativity scene at the Statehouse was as acceptable as having a

"This display is not constructed with public funds and does not constitute an endorsement by the State of Ohio of any particular religious doctrine. Sponsored by Rick Jones, rickjones-tech@gmail.com."

"This is protected speech, privately sponsored, and a proper permit was requested and paid for," said Laura Battocletti, executive director of the Capitol Square review board.

"It complies with constitutional tests for a creche on public property. It's been a few years since there has been a Nativity scene at the Statehouse, but I don't know how long it's been. There has been a menorah on the grounds for the past two years, and one will be set up on Sunday, Dec. 22 and remain for eight days."

The Thomas More Society said its efforts and those of the American Nativity Scene have resulted in Nativity displays being set up at 26 state capitol buildings or governor's mansions this year.

The society is a nationwide, non-denominational group and is not affiliated with the St. Thomas More Society of Columbus, a local group of lawyers that sponsors the annual Red Mass at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral on Law Day, May 1.

Both groups honor the legacy of St. Thomas More, who was martyred in 1535 for defending the Catholic faith while he was lord chancellor of England by refusing to grant a marriage annulment to King Henry VIII.



Rick Jones of Newark stands by a Nativity scene that has been placed on the west plaza of the Ohio Statehouse. The creche was provided by American Nativity Scene, an organization that has placed similar scenes at many state capitols. CT photo by Tim Puet

said. "It's a nice addition and an appropriate one at this time of year, and is consistent with the U.S. Supreme Court's well-established guidelines on such displays.

"It's wonderful to see Nativity scenes replicated across the nation with the help of the Thomas More Society and the American Nativity Scene," Hottinger said. "Rick went through the same process as anyone else would to have a display at the Statehouse, and it was properly approved. It reminds people of what the season is all about."

wedding or other private event here. The important thing was that no state money could be used for it because it is a religious display," Jones said.

The creche includes a sign stating



Front Page photo:
CHRIST IS BORN
The Nativity scene at Columbus St. Mary, Mother of God Church has been displayed every year since 1950, except from 2016 to 2018, when the church was being restored because of damage done by a lightning strike. (Photo by John Rees)

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Bishop says Pope Francis has message of joy and hope for diocese

Bishop Robert Brennan says he is bringing back a message of joy and hope from Pope Francis to the people of the Diocese of Columbus.

“He used those precise words – ‘joy’ and ‘hope’ – often” during a discussion on Tuesday, Dec. 10 with 17 bishops from the 13 dioceses in Ohio and Michigan, Bishop Brennan said in an interview from Rome with St. Gabriel Catholic Radio in Columbus. The bishops were paying the periodic visits to the pope and to the tombs of Sts. Peter and Paul in Rome that are required by church law.

Bishop Brennan said the bishops and the pope engaged in a free-flowing dialogue for more than two hours. “It was profound to see that his style of conversation was that of an open conversation among brothers, in which he expressed his deep concern for the local churches. He said this was his way of being connected to the people in all of our dioceses and of learning their concerns,” the bishop said.

“Each of us had a chance, in no particular order, to speak to him from our own hearts and make any comments or questions or just share the experiences of our church. As I knew I would, I first said ‘Thank you’ to the pope for appointing me as bishop of Columbus, then told him of the wonderful people, wonderful priests, religious and deacons and great parishes in our diocese.”

“I said our people are on fire with the Gospel and all of us are doing the best we can, sometimes with great struggles,” Bishop Brennan said. “I talked about life in Ohio and how

there are situations where people can easily lose hope and it’s easy to feel isolated. We spoke of the drug crisis, of human trafficking and poverty.” Similar concerns were raised by several of the other bishops during the discussion, according to news reports.

“The pope echoed this and spoke of how we need to dry each other’s tears, keep walking forward and know Jesus is always walking with us,” Bishop Brennan said. “At the end, he said, ‘Please tell the people that the pope encourages them to stay close to God, walk forward together as a church, keep our eyes on Jesus, keep our eyes on Mary and do this with a sense of joy and love.’”

The bishop said he and the others present “felt the presence of the Holy Spirit pulling us together in a very relaxed way. You can’t be formal when you’re talking with someone for more than two hours.”

The pope “encouraged us to stay close to our priests and to encourage them,” Bishop Brennan said. “Several of us spoke of some of the struggles we face because of the loss of Christian values today and of some of the challenges we face as a church. His key response is that we keep looking to the Lord for his help and encourage each other along the way.”

“If you read some of the press, you would think there was a great divide” among Catholics in the “United States, the bishop said. “We assured the pope of our affection for him and



Pope Francis greets Bishop Robert Brennan at the Vatican on Tuesday, Dec. 10. Bishop Brennan was among 17 bishops from the 13 dioceses of Ohio and Michigan taking part in their periodic *ad limina* visits to the pope and various Vatican agencies.



The pope with the bishops of Ohio and Michigan. Bishop George Murry, SJ, of the Diocese of Youngstown was unable to make the trip because of illness. Bishops are required to visit the pope approximately every five years. **CNS photos/Vatican Media**

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Merry
Christmas

from all of us at
The Catholic Times!
Doug, Tim, Kimberly
There will be no
Catholic Times
on 12/29.

Holy Day of
Obligation

**Nativity of
the Lord**

December 25

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for schedule of
Holy Day Mass times

Local news and events

Magazine honors Catholic Social Services president

Columbus CEO magazine has selected Rachel Lustig, president and chief executive officer of Catholic Social Services, as one of its 2019 CEO of the Year finalists.

Lustig has focused her organization's mission on reducing poverty for poor and vulnerable senior citizens and families throughout the Diocese of Columbus since being appointed to the position in July 2013. She previously had been associated with Catholic charities USA for more than 10 years.



Rachel Lustig

"I have the best job in the world," she told the magazine. "I literally wake up and help vulnerable seniors age with independence and help working families realize a better future, and I get to do this alongside

the best board and staff in our community. If you think for a second that I am working hard, you should see what our clients and the Catholic Social Services team does. I draw my inspiration from them."

"Poverty is stifling people in our community, preventing them from meeting their basic needs and from having opportunities and choices for a brighter future. Responding is much more than a job; it is a calling," she said.

"Our clients deal with unnecessary barriers. There is never enough money to meet the needs and there are endless hoops to jump through. In moments like these, I draw inspiration from my faith and from the hope of our staff and clients. With God's grace, we have been able to help thousands of people have a better life. And we won't give up while poverty is a reality. I am grateful to my peers in the community who selected me. It is truly humbling to be lifted up by the people whose leadership I learn from on a daily basis."

Catholic Social Services will celebrate its 75th anniversary of serving the Diocese of Columbus in 2020.

Pregnancy center receives #iGive Catholic gift



Columbus Immaculate Conception Church donated the \$4,339 it raised through the #iGive Catholic crowdfunding campaign to the Pregnancy Decision Health Centers. Pictured are (from left): Father Matthew Hoover, pastor; Julie Moore, PDHC president; and Kathy Scanlon, PDHC community engagement director. Each year, the parish directs 100 percent of the funds it collects through #iGive Catholic to an organization that promotes the life and dignity of the human person, one of the seven themes of Catholic social teaching. This was the parish's third #iGive Catholic campaign and its most successful to date.

Photo courtesy Immaculate Conception Church

To learn more about its impact in the community, visit www.colscss.org.

St. Therese's Retreat Center hosts Dec. 31 praise Mass

The Columbus Catholic Renewal is sponsoring a praise and thanksgiving Mass on New Year's Eve, Tuesday, Dec. 31, at St. Therese's Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus.

The Mass, to be celebrated at 7 p.m. by Father Jim Coleman, will be preceded by the rosary at 5:30, followed at 6 by praise and worship songs. Teams will be available for individual prayer. The Sacrament of Reconciliation also will be available at this time. Fellowship will follow the Mass. Bring a dish to share. For more information, visit www.cccolumbus.org or call (614) 500-8178.

Men's retreat scheduled for January at Maria Stein

Father Stephen Dominic Hayes, OP, of the Columbus St. Patrick Priory will lead a men's retreat at the Maria Stein Spiritual Center, 2365 St. Johns Road in Maria Stein, from Friday to Sunday, Jan. 24 to 26. The retreat will be sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 11208 of Hilliard St. Brendan Church, but all men are invited.

The theme of the retreat is "Becoming a Missionary for Christ," with Father Hayes explaining how each sacrament uniquely prepares us to be missionaries in our everyday lives. The retreat will include four talks, Mass on Saturday and Sunday, recitation of the rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the Stations of the Cross, a Holy Hour with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, a question-answer session, and time for individual prayer.

Casual attire is appropriate for the weekend. The cost is \$170, which includes all meals and a private room with bath. A one-night Saturday-Sunday package is also available for \$110. A minimum \$50 deposit is due with registration, with the balance payable by Monday, Jan. 13. Make checks payable to Knights of Columbus Council 11208 and send them to Gerry Riendeau, 6385 Oisín Court, Dublin, OH 43016. For registration information, call (614) 946-8117 or email Gerryliz90@gmail.com.

Ohio Dominican awarded Choose Ohio First grant

The state of Ohio has awarded Ohio Dominican University a grant for \$180,810 to support students and

strengthen the state's workforce development in several technology-related fields. The five-year Choose Ohio First grant will provide scholarship assistance to ODU students who are studying in the university's computer science program.

Ohio Dominican is one of 35 colleges and universities across the state that will receive funds from the Choose Ohio First program. Nearly \$20.6 million will be awarded during the next five years to support as many as 1,400 Ohio students.

The Choose Ohio First program began in 2008 as a way to increase the number of Ohio students enrolling in and successfully completing science, technology, engineering, math, and medicine programs at Ohio's public and independent colleges and universities.

Latino commission honors Dominican Sisters Associate

Dominican Sisters of Peace Associate and staff member Yahaira Rose has been honored as a distinguished Hispanic Ohioan by the Ohio Latino Affairs Commission, which advises the state government on matters affecting Hispanic Ohioans. She was the only Columbus resident chosen for this honor.

Rose is a native of Puerto Rico who migrated to the United States after graduating from high school. She holds a bachelor's degree in English literature and education from Ohio State University and a master's degree in professional studies with a specialization in leadership development from the University of Denver.

She serves as director of the Martin de Porres Center, operated by the Dominican sisters; as a coordinator of the congregation's nonviolence grant coordinator through Catholic Health Initiatives, and as founder and director/president of *Proyecto Mariposas*, a central Ohio non-profit organization that provides an environment of learning, sharing and support to Latina girls and their mothers.

"This award recognizes representation, community and engagement by Hispanic/Latino Ohioans," she said. "I am energized and inspired by the work that goes into our city of Columbus and cities around us. The achievements of our nonviolence programs are just one example of how when we work together, we grow together."

Do not forget why Christmas happened

By Leandro (Lany) M. Tapay
Director, Diocesan Missions Office

For many people, Christmas is a time for parties. It is an occasion to renew friendships that seem to fade away. It is an opportunity to reminisce about events that happened a long time ago. It is an excuse to eat much, to sing loudly and to spend more money than usual.

But for us Christians, it also is a time of awe and wonder as the story of Jesus' birth is read from the Gospels again for all the world to hear.

Every Christmas season, we are thrilled to unpack the old decorations stored in the attic or in the basement. We are happy to see again the old Christmas lights and the garland. We become excited when we put up the nativity scene along with the animals, the angels, the shepherds, the wise men and all.

But the familiarity of Christmas

sometimes causes us to overlook the true meaning of Christmas. Since we have heard the Christmas songs since childhood, sometimes we fail to appreciate their poetic eloquence and meaning. We have heard of Joseph and Mary's difficult journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem many times, but because we are so busy, we have not stopped to ponder how and why it happened.

We almost have memorized the Bible story, we have sung the carols, we have hung the holly and we have roasted the turkey. We have done them all.

Yet, along the way, we may have lost touch of what happened on that first Christmas night, which is the heart of Christmas itself.

We love giving our loved ones extravagant gifts, especially on Christmas. Yes, we give gifts throughout the year – on birthdays, anniversaries and other special occasions. But at Christmastime, we put a little more

effort into finding that extra special gift for those special persons in our lives. Whatever the gift maybe, we want it to be a bountiful expression of our love.

Why? Maybe this has something to do with the lavishness of the gift of the first Christmas morning – the extravagance of God's love for us in giving His only Son to us.

Consider what Jesus did. He swapped the spotless throne of Heaven with the smelly and filthy stable in Bethlehem. He exchanged the worship of angels in heaven for the company of sinful people on earth. Jesus, who could hold the whole universe in his palm, chose to become a helpless baby.

If you were God, would you sleep on straw, nurse from a breast and wear a diaper? If you knew that only a few would care that you came, would you still come? If you knew that those you love would laugh in your face,

would you still care? If you knew that the tongues you made would mock you and the mouth you made would spit on you, that the hands you made would crucify you, would you still make them? Christ did!

Why? Because that is what love does. Love puts the beloved before one's own self. You are more important than His blood. Your eternal life is more important to Him than His own earthly life. Your place in heaven is more important to Him than his own place in heaven. Because of it, He gave up His own place so you could have your place.

God's love is a love that knows no bounds, no limits and no end. This is the type of love that we are commanded to give to one another: "So I am giving you a new commandment. Love one another just as I have loved you" (John 13:34).

Merry Christmas!

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our appreciation of him, and he in turn assured us of his. He knows that we love him and appreciate the encouragement he gives us constantly."

The pope made sure the bishops prayed for Bishop George Murry, SJ, who was unable to make the trip because he is dealing with leukemia, which is in remission.

The visit by the Ohio and Michigan bishops is part of a four-month round of *ad limina* visits by bishops from the United States that began in November and will conclude in late February. The term comes from the Latin phrase *ad limina apostolorum* – to the threshold of the Apostles, referring to the bishops' visits on Monday, Dec. 9 to the burial sites of Sts. Peter and Paul, located at the basilicas named in their honor. The 17 bishops from Ohio and Michigan were in Rome from Dec. 9 to Monday, Dec. 16.

Besides visiting the pope, they spent time in Rome's principal basilicas and at various offices of the Roman Curia, the Catholic Church's administrative organization. In anticipation of their arrival, the bishops had prepared reports for those offices that covered every aspect of Catholic life in their dioceses.

"Here at the church's foundation, we saw in a very profound way the four marks of the Catholic Church –



Pope Francis leads a meeting with bishops from Ohio and Michigan making their *ad limina* visits to the Vatican on Tuesday, Dec. 10. Bishop Robert Brennan of Columbus is at far right in the first row.
CNS photo/Vatican Media

its one, holy, catholic and apostolic nature," Bishop Brennan said. "On our first day, we celebrated at the Church's apostolic roots. Today (Dec.

10), just before visiting the pope, we were at the Basilica of St. John Lateran (the cathedral of the Diocese of Rome, considered the "mother

church" of Catholicism) as a sign of our unity." The bishops marked the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Thursday, Dec. 12, by celebrating Mass at the Basilica of St. Mary Major.

This was Bishop Brennan's first *ad limina* visit as bishop of a diocese, but his fourth overall. He was secretary to the bishops of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, New York when they made similar visits in 1998, 2004 and 2011. Canon law requires an *ad limina* visit every five years, but that period has been extended because of the growth in the number of dioceses worldwide. Bishop Brennan's predecessor, retired Bishop Frederick Campbell, made his only *ad limina* visit as bishop of Columbus in 2012.

Msgr. Stephan Moloney, diocesan vicar general, accompanied Bishop Brennan on the visit. The bishop returned to John Glenn International Airport in Columbus early in the afternoon on Dec. 16. After a brief stop at his residence in the diocesan Chancery downtown, he headed to the Chillicothe Correctional Institution for a 5 p.m. Mass with prisoners, continuing the busy schedule he has maintained since being installed as Bishop Campbell's successor on March 29.

Anxiety and Mass attendance; gay minister of Communion?

QI was diagnosed with anxiety/mood disorder in 2003. I had spent time in the military and gone through some horrific experiences that had affected me emotionally. I have also been on Dilantin for more than 25 years because of seizures.

My psychiatrist has explained to me that I find sounds and smells much more intense due to the seizure medication. Prior to joining the military, I had enjoyed going to Mass. I would arrive early to pray before Mass started, and I found it fulfilling and joyful. As a child, I had attended Catholic school and was an altar server.

Now, though, the experience of Mass is for me very stressful. People often sit nearby who have been smoking before coming to church, and this causes me to feel very nauseous. Other times, young children misbehave, throwing toys or books, causing me to feel so stressed that I get up and stand in the back of the church for the rest of the Mass.

So my question is this: Would it be a mortal sin if I stopped going to Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation due to the harmful effect it is having on my mental and emotional health? (Charleston, South Carolina)

A People committed to regular religious practice have been shown to have a more positive outlook on life than those who seldom or never attend church.

A 2019 research project done by the Christian

QUESTION & ANSWER

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polling firm Barna Group, for example, found that 28 percent of young people said they often feel sad or depressed versus 18 percent of practicing Christians – and that while 16 percent of young practicing Christians reported feeling “lonely or isolated from others,” 31 percent of those with no faith confessed to feeling that way.

In general, then, church attendance – while being the right thing to do morally – seems also to carry a psychological benefit. But there can be individual exceptions to that, and your own situation may well be one.

And so, it would not be a mortal sin if you stopped going to Mass on Sundays and holy days. I believe that your diagnosed anxiety/mood disorder, coupled with your heightened sensitivity to smells and sounds, dispenses you from regular attendance. Your disease is as real as any high fever or flu.

But at the same time, I don’t want you to be de-

prived of the Eucharist, which I take to be the highest form of prayer and the strongest help to Christian holiness. Would you be comfortable going to Mass instead on a weekday, when there would be fewer distractions and hazards to your sense of peace? And rather than taking guidance simply from me, why not talk this over with your pastor or another priest whom you know?

Q Can a homosexual man become an extraordinary minister of holy Communion in a Catholic church? (Albany, New York)

A The answer is: It depends. If a person is engaged in an active, open same-sex relationship, I believe that person should not be selected as an extraordinary minister of holy Communion. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, referencing the Scriptures, is clear in stating that homosexual acts are “disordered” and “contrary to the natural law” (No. 2357).

And *Redemptionis Sacramentum*, the 2004 instruction from the Vatican’s Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments, has stated that those chosen to assist at liturgical celebrations “must be those whose Christian life, morals and fidelity to the church’s magisterium recommend them” (No. 46).

But many people with a homosexual orientation are not active sexually.

A musical reminder of the satisfaction of ‘the well-fought fight’

The incorporation of Anglican hymnody into English-language Catholic worship is one of the great blessings of the past 50 years. And within that noble musical patrimony, Ralph Vaughan Williams surely holds pride of place among modern composers. Well do I remember the summer day in 1965 when I heard a massed chorus of men and women under the direction of my old choirmaster, Robert Twynham, rock the Baltimore Civic Center with all eight verses of Vaughan William’s masterpiece, *For All the Saints*, the processional hymn at the opening Mass of what used to be known as a “Liturgical Week.” It was stirring beyond words. And if a retrospective look at the program of lectures and seminars that followed reveals hints of choppy waters ahead in implementing the liturgical reforms mandated by the Second Vatican Council, the bright memory of that great hymn being sung by thousands of voices nonetheless lingers, and without alloy.

Alas, like many other hymns, *For All the Saints* is an endangered species today, gutted by parish music directors and pastors who commit the grave sin of not singing a hymn in its entirety – or worse, who bowdlerize the lyrics to coddle the sensibilities of the Church of Nice. Such butchery is especially problematic with *For All the Saints*, which has a robustly martial character. Indeed, the entire text is a meditation on the struggles, and ultimate joys, of spiritual warfare: that “well-fought fight,” undertaken beneath the captaincy of the Lord who is, for the baptized, “their Rock, their Fortress and their Might,” the conquering “King of glory” who is, “in the darkness drear, their one true Light.”

In get-it-done-quickly churches that don’t un-

THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE

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derstand the Mass is its own time zone, or in Candyland parishes that don’t recognize that spiritual warfare is baked into the Christian life, promiscuous hymn-pruning often means that the fifth and sixth verses of *For All the Saints* get the chop. Here they are, in case you’ve been so deprived:

*And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Omitting these verses deprives congregations of the opportunity to ponder in song what must be any serious Christian’s experience in the West at the end of this second decade of the 21st century. Protestations from the ideologically myopic notwithstanding, it’s pluperfectly obvious to any parent or grandparent trying to transmit the Gospel view of the human person to a beloved child or grandchild that the West is in the midst of an often-vicious cul-

ture war.

At the center of that struggle is the battle over the biblical truth that God created man and woman in his image, equal in dignity but unique in their maleness and femaleness, and made for complementarity and fruitfulness. Fighting that culture war by being a culture-reforming, countercultural Christian can be tiring, even dispiriting. And withdrawal into bunkers among one’s own can seem an attractive option – until you realize that “they” won’t leave you alone in your bunker, for “they” are determined to force you to admit that “they” have the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

The culture war “out there” is but one facet of spiritual warfare today, however. At the end of the 2019 liturgical year, on the Solemnity of Christ the King, Luke’s account of the crucifixion reminded the Church that the mystery of freedom – the mystery of our capacity to choose between what is good and what is evil, what is noble and what is base, what is life-giving and what is death-dealing – runs through each of us just as it ran through Calvary, where it was personified by the two men crucified on either side of Jesus and their divergent responses to his holiness. This personal “strife” and “warfare” can be wearisome, too; no one ever said that becoming the saints we were baptized to be would be easy or painless.

All the more reason, then, to harken to that “distant triumph song” and to remind ourselves that God has already won the ultimate victory by raising from the dead him whose birth we will celebrate at Christmas. That changed everything. And that is why “hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.”

Be who you were meant to be and you will set the world on fire

I have always loved these words from St. Catherine of Siena: "Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire." We see this on T-shirts and journal covers, and I even have it in my email signature.

But what do those words mean, practically speaking, in our daily lives? I don't know about you, but I often don't feel like my ordinary life is setting things on fire.

But let's think about starting a fire. We have an old-fashioned wood-burning stove, with no gas starter, in our kitchen, so it's really challenging to get a fire going. We use different types of kindling and patiently feed a few sparks with more wood until it catches on and ignites the bigger logs – which eventually results in a strong blaze and a nice warm kitchen.

If we look at starting a fire in a spiritual sense – lighting up our souls with prayer, Scripture study, the sacraments and acts of charity – over time, these habits ignite our hearts with more love for God and neighbor. When the flame of faith is fanned, it catches on to others. The spiritual life takes patience, care and nurturing, like starting a fire. If we don't stay united to God in this process, the embers of love can quickly fade and die out.

Let's look at setting the world on fire. Some saints did visibly great things, but most saints are relatively unknown and grew in love (greatness) over the course of a mostly hidden life. They were often of ill health and had to persevere through many obstacles to do God's will. One thing they had in common was

HOLY AND HEALTHY

Lori Crock

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the fire of faith that carried them through their lives and grew into magnificent flames of love by the time they were called to their eternal home.

It seems that setting the world on fire is the result of patiently seeking to be the person God created us to be, with our unique mission and circumstances – and persevering through all of it with great love. So that fire is love ... and if it is real, the flame of love will grow and ignite others.

A friend of mine recently died of cancer, and I had the privilege of visiting her in hospice before she passed into eternal life. God has given me the grace to be comfortable in a hospice environment, and I love being with the sick and dying near the end of their lives, as God is so present there.

My friend told me she loved God and she was grateful to have received Last Rites. Her family was by her side through the entire cancer journey and had done everything that was medically possible. She said she was at peace, grateful for the loving support

of family, friends and her trusted medical team, and she was ready to go home to God.

She was setting the world on fire for all who were touched by her illness and passing. By God's grace, she was able to do what we all hope we can do in death ... trust in God and be at peace in his embrace as we return home. Her faithful witness was a form of evangelization on her deathbed. *I believe that the impact of her joyful witness will stay with me forever.*

The fire of her love for God was ablaze in her heart. Since our time together, I have shared her story with many people, and now I am sharing it with you. So the fire of her faith continues to burn bright and set others aflame, even though she isn't physically here any more. All praise and glory to God!

So I think my takeaway is this: Setting the world on fire is about being true to what God is individually calling us to do, right here and right now – sharing whatever gifts we have with as much love as we can muster. The example of St. Therese's 'Little Way' challenges us to love the people God places in our ordinary lives, and this may be exactly what God is calling us to do to set the world on fire.

Our fire may not be fully visible to anyone except God (many did not truly know St. Therese's holiness until well after her death), but that doesn't matter. God sees and loves even a tiny flicker, a small, burning ember, and the more we lean on him, the more he fans the flames of love in our hearts. *Be who you were meant to be and you will set the world on fire.*

It's His world; We just live in it

Happy Fourth Sunday of Advent. Christmas Eve is just a few days away, and the great celebration of the Nativity of our Lord is nearly here. We have all prepared well in our respective ways, and we will joyfully revel in the recollection of the start of our redemption. There is so much to celebrate, and we will do so for eight days. So many people had to say "Yes" to make it happen. God our Father said "Yes, it is time. Mary humbly said "Yes" to the Annunciation angel. Joseph said "Yes, I can do this." The young couple, about to become new parents, said "Yes" to the government and traveled to be counted. And the innkeeper said "Yes, you can stay in the stable with the animals." Now it is our turn to say "Yes" once again and proclaim the Gospel with our lives. Thanks be to God! We hear and read plenty about how commercial and secular Christmas has become. We know how important good preparation has become, especially with prayer, the liturgies of the four Sundays of Advent, and so many other opportunities for reflection, growth of our goal to be holy and get to heaven, and even reconciliation. There are also the practical preparations for family and friends. Yes, we can do both. The Christ Child wants us to do both. As the bumper sticker says, "Keep Christ in Christmas." And we even have the opportunity and obligation at the end of the octave to once again honor the Blessed Virgin Mary, the

EVERYDAY CATHOLIC

Rick Jeric



Mother of God.

It's His World; We Just Live In It. I saw this tagline on a magazine cover recently. It got me thinking about Jesus Christ, with His Nativity so near. The magazine was definitely not referring to God. But how do I reflect on those words? Yes, it is God's world. But we cannot simply live in it. We must live life to the fullest as a Catholic Christian. To live in that world requires that we humbly model what it means to be Catholic. Some people go through the RCIA process because they were asked, some because of a spouse or family member, but most because of the strong example set by a good person. I think there are few ways in which we can have a life-changing impact. For example, imagine saving a life. It is hard to imagine. But we have people doing just that every day. They are police and firefighters, they are doctors and nurses, they are social

workers, and they are volunteers. There are many, and it is impossible to recognize them all. I am so blessed to work with a staff of women – nurses and counselors – who save lives each day at Women's Care Center. It is hard to imagine. What an example of living the Gospel of the Christ Child. So how do we make our way through all the distractions of today's world? As an example, I was in a waiting area recently, and here are some of the taglines on a handful of magazines on the table: *Is LSD the Cure for Depression? The Ultimate Winter Workout Plan. Can Meditation Build Muscle? Why Stress is Good for You. Heroes of 2019. New Ways to Give.* It is interesting to see what some people are reading these days. Some may be helpful, and some are not, but as we "live in His world" we must be that shining example to all those we meet. In the spirit of Christmas and the Christ Child, let us try to do at least one more thing than we do now that will help us shine. Pray a rosary during the Christmas season, meditating on the Joyful Mysteries. Go to daily Mass when possible. Stop into church and pray for 15 minutes before the Blessed Sacrament. Read one chapter in the Bible each day from a book with which you are not familiar. Pray one new prayer each day. It's His world, but we have to do so much more than just live in it. Merry Christmas!

Christmas Mass schedule for diocesan churches

The following is a list of Mass times for the Vigil of Christmas, Tuesday, Dec. 24, and Christmas Day, Wednesday, Dec. 25, as provided to *The Catholic Times* by parishes. Call the parish for liturgical details about specific Masses.

- Ada Our Lady of Lourdes** – Dec. 24, 5 p.m.; Dec. 25, 11 a.m.
- Bremen St. Mary** – Dec. 24, 9 p.m.; Dec. 25, 8:30 a.m.
- Buckeye Lake Our Lady of Mount Carmel** – Dec. 24, 6 p.m., midnight; Dec. 25, 9 a.m.
- Canal Winchester St. John XXIII** – Dec. 24, 5 p.m., church; 5:15 p.m., lower level; 10 p.m., church; Dec. 25, 10 a.m., church.
- Cardington Sacred Hearts** – Dec. 24, 4:30 p.m.; Dec. 25, 9 a.m.
- Chillicothe St. Mary** – Dec. 24, 6 and 9 p.m.; Dec. 25, 10 a.m.
- Chillicothe St. Peter** – Dec. 24, 5 p.m., midnight; Dec. 25, 10:30 a.m.
- Circleville St. Joseph** – Dec. 24, 5 p.m., midnight; Dec. 25, 10 a.m.
- Columbus Christ the King** – Dec. 24, 4 p.m. (English), 6 p.m. (Spanish); Dec. 25, 10 a.m. (English), 12:30 p.m. (Spanish).
- Columbus Corpus Christi** – Dec. 24, 5:30 p.m.; Dec. 25, 9 a.m.
- Columbus Holy Cross** – Dec. 24, 4 and 7 p.m.; Dec. 25, 10 a.m.
- Columbus Holy Family** – Dec. 24, 5 and 7 p.m., midnight; Dec. 25, 11 a.m.
- Columbus Holy Name** – Dec. 24, 5:30 p.m.; Dec. 25, 9 a.m.
- Columbus Holy Rosary-St. John** – Dec. 24, 4 p.m.; Dec. 25, 9:30 a.m.
- Columbus Holy Spirit** – Dec. 24, 5:30 and 9 p.m.; Dec. 25, 10 a.m.
- Columbus Immaculate Conception** – Dec. 24, 4, 7 and 10 p.m.; Dec. 25, 10 a.m.
- Columbus Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal** – Dec. 24, 4 and 7 p.m.; Dec. 25, 10 a.m.
- Columbus Our Lady of Peace** – Dec. 24, 4, 6 and 10 p.m.; Dec. 25, 10 a.m.
- Columbus Our Lady of Victory** – Dec. 24, 4, 7 and 10 p.m.; Dec. 25, 10 a.m.
- Columbus Parroquia Santa Cruz** – Dec. 24, 7:30 p.m.; Dec. 25, 11 a.m. (both in Spanish), at Columbus Holy Name Church.
- Columbus Sacred Heart** – Dec. 24, 5:30 p.m. (English); Dec. 25, 9 a.m. (English), noon (Latin).
- Columbus St. Agatha** – Dec. 24, 6 and 10 p.m.; Dec. 25, 10 a.m.
- Columbus St. Agnes** – Dec. 24, 4 p.m. (bilingual), 7 p.m. (Spanish).
- Columbus St. Aloysius** – Dec. 24, 7 p.m.; Dec. 25, 10 a.m.
- Columbus St. Andrew** – Dec. 24, 4 p.m., church; 4 p.m., parish hall; 6 and 10 p.m., church; Dec. 25, 9 and 11 a.m., church.
- Columbus St. Anthony** – Dec. 24, 4 and 8 p.m.; Dec. 25, 10 a.m. (English); noon (Ghanaian).
- Columbus Ss. Augustine & Gabriel** – Dec. 24, 7 p.m. (English); Dec. 25, 11 a.m. (Vietnamese).
- Columbus St. Catharine** – Dec. 24, 4 and 6 p.m., midnight; Dec. 25, 11 a.m.
- Columbus St. Cecilia** – Dec. 24, 5 and 8 p.m., midnight (Office of Readings at 11:15); Dec. 25, 9:30 a.m.
- Columbus St. Christopher** – Dec. 24, 4 and 8 p.m.; Dec. 25, 9 a.m.
- Columbus St. Dominic** – Dec. 24, 6 p.m.
- Columbus St. Elizabeth** – Dec. 24, 4 and 7 p.m.; Dec. 25, 10 a.m.
- Columbus St. Francis of Assisi** – Dec. 24, 5 p.m.; Dec. 25, 10 a.m.
- Columbus St. James the Less** – Dec. 24, 4:30 p.m. (English), 7 p.m. (Spanish), 10 p.m. (English); Dec. 25, 9 a.m. (English), 11 a.m. (Spanish).
- Columbus St. John the Baptist** – Dec. 24, 5:30 p.m.
- Columbus St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic** – Dec. 24, 10 p.m.; Dec. 25, 6:30 p.m.
- Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral** – Dec. 24, 4 and 6 p.m., midnight (choir concert at 11); Dec. 25, 10:30 a.m., 5:15 p.m.
- Columbus St. Ladislav** – Dec. 24, 4 and 10 p.m.; Dec. 25, 11 a.m.
- Columbus St. Leo** – Dec. 24, 4 p.m. (Korean), midnight (Latin); Dec. 25, 7:20 a.m. (Latin), 9:30 a.m. (Korean).
- Columbus St. Margaret of Cortona** – Dec. 24, 4 and 10 p.m.; Dec. 25, 10:30 a.m.
- Columbus St. Mary, Mother of God** – Dec. 24, 4 p.m., midnight; Dec. 25, 10 a.m.
- Columbus St. Mary Magdalene** – Dec. 24, 4 and 6 p.m.; Dec. 25, 9 a.m.
- Columbus St. Matthias** – Dec. 24, 5 p.m. (no incense); 10 p.m. (incense); Dec. 25, 10 a.m. (no incense).
- Columbus St. Patrick** – Dec. 24, 4 and 6:30 p.m., midnight (incense at 6:30 and midnight); Dec. 25, 7 and 10 a.m., noon (incense at noon).
- Columbus St. Peter** – Dec. 24, 4:30 p.m., church; 4:30 p.m., McEwan Center (both in English); 7 p.m. (English), 9:30 p.m. (Spanish); midnight (English); Dec. 25, 10:30 a.m. (English), 4:30 p.m. (Spanish).
- Columbus St. Philip** – Dec. 24, 4 p.m.; Dec. 25, 9 a.m.
- Columbus St. Stephen the Martyr** – Dec. 24, 5:30 p.m. (English), 7 and 9 p.m. (both Spanish); Dec. 25, 10 a.m. (English), noon (Spanish).
- Columbus St. Thomas the Apostle** – Dec. 24, 5 p.m., midnight; Dec. 25, 10 a.m.
- Columbus St. Thomas More Newman Center** – Dec. 24, 4, 7 and 10 p.m.; Dec. 25, 10 a.m.
- Columbus St. Timothy** – Dec. 24, 5, 7 and 10 p.m.; Dec. 25, 8 and 10 a.m.
- Corning St. Bernard** – Dec. 24, 5 p.m.
- Coshocton Sacred Heart** – Dec. 24, 5 p.m. (no incense), midnight (incense); Dec. 25, 9 a.m. (incense).
- Crooksville Church of the Atonement** – Dec. 24, 8 p.m.
- Danville St. Luke** – Dec. 24, 4:30 p.m.; Dec. 25, 10 a.m.
- Delaware St. Mary** – Dec. 24, 4 p.m., church; 4:30 p.m., Beitel Commons; 6:30 and 8:30 p.m., midnight, church; Dec. 25, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m., church.
- Dennison Immaculate Conception** – Dec. 24, 5 and 10 p.m.; Dec. 25, 9 a.m.
- Dover St. Joseph** – Dec. 24, 5 p.m., 7:30 p.m. (Spanish), 11:30 p.m.; Dec. 25, 9 a.m.
- Dresden St. Ann** – Dec. 24, 9 p.m.; Dec. 25, 9 a.m.
- Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare** – Dec. 24, 4, 6:30 and 10 p.m.; Dec. 25, 9 and 11 a.m.
- Gahanna St. Matthew** – Dec. 24, 4, 6:30 and 9 p.m.; Dec. 25, 10 a.m.
- Glenmont Ss. Peter and Paul** – Dec. 24, 5 p.m.
- Granville St. Edward** – Dec. 24, 5 and 9 p.m.; Dec. 25, 10 a.m.
- Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help** – Dec. 24, 4 p.m., church; 4 p.m., gym; 7 and 10 p.m., church; Dec. 25, 9:30 a.m., church.
- Groveport St. Mary** – Dec. 24, 5 and 9 p.m.; Dec. 25, 9 a.m.
- Heath St. Leonard** – Dec. 24, 4 and 8 p.m.; Dec. 25, 10 a.m.
- Hilliard St. Brendan** – Dec. 24, 4 p.m., church; 4 p.m., school multipurpose room; 6:30 p.m., church; 6:30 p.m., multipurpose room; 10 p.m., church; Dec. 25, 8:45 and 10:30 a.m., church.
- Jackson Holy Trinity** – Dec. 24, 4 p.m.
- Johnstown Church of the Ascension** – Dec. 24, 4:30 and 10 p.m.; Dec. 25, 10 a.m.

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- Junction City St. Patrick** – Dec. 24, 8 p.m.
- Kenton Immaculate Conception** – Dec. 24, 8 p.m.; Dec. 25, 9 a.m.
- Lancaster St. Bernadette** – Dec. 24, 6 p.m., midnight; Dec. 25, 10 a.m.
- Lancaster St. Mark** – Dec. 24, 5 and 8 p.m., midnight; Dec. 25, 10:30 a.m.
- Lancaster St. Mary** – Dec. 24, 4 p.m. (no incense), 6:30 and 9 p.m. (both with incense); Dec. 25, 9 a.m. (incense).
- Logan St. John** – Dec. 24, 4 and 6:30 p.m., midnight; Dec. 25, 9 a.m.
- London St. Patrick** – Dec. 24, 5 p.m., midnight; Dec. 25, 10:30 a.m.
- Marion St. Mary** – Dec. 24, 4 and 7 p.m., Dec. 25, 11 a.m.
- Marysville Our Lady of Lourdes** – Dec. 24, 4 and 7 p.m., midnight; Dec. 25, 10 a.m.
- Mattingly Settlement St. Mary** – Dec. 24, 4:30 p.m.
- Millersburg St. Peter** – Dec. 24, 8 p.m.; Dec. 25, 10:30 a.m.
- Mount Vernon St. Vincent de Paul** – Dec. 24, 4 and 6 p.m., midnight;
- Dec. 25, 10:30 a.m.
- New Albany Church of the Resurrection** – Dec. 24, 4, 7 and 10 p.m.; Dec. 25, 10 a.m.
- New Boston St. Monica** – Dec. 24, 4 p.m.
- New Lexington St. Rose** – Dec. 24, 5 p.m. and midnight; Dec. 25, 10 a.m.
- New Philadelphia Sacred Heart** – Dec. 24, 5 and 7 p.m., midnight; Dec. 25, 8:30 a.m.
- Newark Blessed Sacrament** – Dec. 24, 4 and 6:30 p.m. (no incense), 10 p.m. (incense); Dec. 25, 9 a.m.
- Newark St. Francis de Sales** – Dec. 24, 4, 6:30 and 10:30 p.m.; Dec. 25, 10 a.m.
- Newcomerstown St. Francis de Sales** – Dec. 24, 7 p.m.
- Otway Our Lady of Lourdes** – Dec. 25, 11 a.m.
- Pickerington St. Elizabeth Seton** – Dec. 24, 4 p.m., church; 4 p.m., activity center; 6 and 11 p.m., church; Dec. 25, 8 and 9:30 a.m., church,
- church; Dec. 25, 10 a.m., church.
- Pond Creek Holy Trinity** – Dec. 24: 5 p.m.
- Portsmouth Holy Redeemer** – Dec. 24, 6:30 p.m.; Dec. 25, 9 a.m.
- Portsmouth St. Mary** – Dec. 24, 4 p.m., midnight.
- Powell St. Joan of Arc** – Dec. 24, 4 p.m., church (incense); 4 p.m., social hall (no incense); 6:30 p.m., church (incense); 6:30 p.m., social hall (no incense); 10 p.m., church (incense); Dec. 25, 9 and 11 a.m., church (both with incense).
- Reynoldsburg St. Pius X** – Dec. 24, 4, 6:30 and 10 p.m.; Dec. 25, 9 a.m.
- Somerset St. Joseph** – Dec. 24, 4 and 6:30 p.m.; Dec. 25, 9 a.m. (Somerset Holy Trinity Church temporarily closed because of boiler problems).
- Sugar Grove St. Joseph** – Dec. 24, 8 p.m.; Dec. 25, 9 a.m.
- Sunbury St. John Neumann** – Dec. 24, 4, 6:30 and 10 p.m.; Dec. 25, 10 a.m.
- Washington Court House St. Colman of Cloyne** – Dec. 24, 5 p.m. (no incense), 10 p.m. (incense); Dec. 25,
- 10 a.m. (incense).
- Waverly St. Mary** – Dec. 24, 9:30 p.m.; Dec. 25, 9:30 a.m.
- Wellston Ss. Peter and Paul** – Dec. 24, midnight; Dec. 25, 9 a.m..
- West Jefferson Ss. Simon and Jude** – Dec. 24, 4 and 7 p.m.; Dec. 25, 10 a.m.
- West Portsmouth Our Lady of Sorrows** – Dec. 24, midnight.
- Westerville St. Paul** – Dec. 24, 4 p.m., church; 4 p.m., Westerville North High School; 6:30 p.m., church; midnight, church; Dec. 25, 8 and 10 a.m., noon, all at church.
- Wheelersburg St. Peter in Chains** – Dec. 24, midnight; Dec. 25, 9 a.m.
- Worthington St. Michael** – Dec. 24, 4 and 6 p.m., midnight; Dec. 25, 9 and 11 a.m.
- Zaleski St. Sylvester** – Dec. 24, 7 p.m.
- Zanesville St. Nicholas** – Dec. 24, 5 and 10 p.m.; Dec. 25, 9 a.m.
- Zanesville St. Thomas Aquinas** – Dec. 24, 5 and 10 p.m.; Dec. 25, 10 a.m.
- Zoar Holy Trinity** – Dec. 24, 6 and 9 p.m.; Dec. 25, 9 a.m.

Rudolph to the rescue: the triumph of an under-deer

Robert May was painfully aware of the distance between his dreams and his reality.

The 34-year-old Dartmouth graduate had long fantasized about writing the great American novel. Instead, he was working a mediocre job as an ad man in Chicago for the Montgomery Ward department store chain, cranking out forgettable copy about silk sheets and white shirts. He lived in a tiny apartment with his ill wife and young daughter.

One day in 1939, May's boss tapped him for an unexpected assignment. For years, Montgomery Ward had bought coloring books and distributed them at stores as a Christmas giveaway. This time around, executives decided to save money by creating their own booklet – and asked May to write it.

His thoughts turned to the Lincoln Park Zoo. When he took his 4-year-old, Barbara, she was drawn to the deer.

He also channeled his own childhood insecurities that remained poignant; he'd been teased as a small, shy boy. An underdog story like that of the Ugly Duckling appealed to him.

Then, looking out at the flickering street lights one foggy winter night, came the inspiration: "A

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nose! A bright red nose that would shine through fog like a floodlight," he said.

May wanted an alliterative name for his reindeer and considered Reginald – too British – and Rollo, which sounded too jolly for a misfit. Rudolph was still colorful, but more sympathetic.

The tale had a decidedly plaintive, Depression-era tone, describing an outcast who "wept" at his peers' taunting.

May delved into the psychology of his characters, penning a more dramatic narrative arc than we find in the famous 1949 song recorded by Gene Autry and the beloved 1964 stop-action TV special narrated by Burl Ives.

Readers see Santa's fog-induced struggles: "He

tangled in tree-tops again and again. ... " We also see his diplomacy, recruiting Rudolph by praising his "wonderful forehead" and proving "extra polite."

The sweetness of Rudolph's redemption is spooned out so liberally it reveals May's lingering boyhood wounds. "It was his opinion of himself that gave rise to Rudolph," his daughter, Barbara, later said.

Where Autry simply sings "then all the reindeer loved him," May offers more detail: "The funny-faced fellow they always called names and practically never allowed in their games was now to be envied by all, far and near. For no greater honor can come to a deer. ... "

If that's not enough, he lets Rudolph land his Christmas-night flight right in front of "his handsomer playmates," noting that "those bad deer who used to do nothing but tease him would now have done anything ... only to please him!"

Even more: "They felt even sorrier they had been

2019 YEAR IN REVIEW

NEW BISHOP'S APPOINTMENT,
TRAVELS HIGHLIGHTS OF 2019

By Tim Puet
Catholic Times Reporter

The year 2019 was a busy one in the Diocese of Columbus, and no one involved with its mission was busier than Bishop Robert Brennan – someone who had not set foot in central or southern Ohio until after the year began.

The announcement of Bishop Brennan's appointment to succeed retired Bishop Frederick Campbell was made on Jan. 31, and he was installed as bishop at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral on March 29. Those events and the bishop's travels throughout the 23-county diocese for the next eight months were the diocese's most significant news events of 2019.

Bishop Campbell had turned 75 on Aug. 5, 2018 and submitted a letter of resignation to Pope Francis, as required by church law. Archbishop Christophe Pierre, papal nuncio to the United States, informed Bishop Brennan on Jan. 19 that the pope had selected him to become the 12th bishop of Columbus. Bishop Brennan had been serving as auxiliary bishop of the diocese of Rockville Centre, New York, his home diocese, for 6 ½ years.

He arrived in Columbus on Jan. 30, and a news conference announcing the appointment took place the following day. Bishop Brennan said then that he never had been in the Diocese of Columbus before, but quickly showed his readiness to adapt to the city when he followed that remark by doing Ohio State University's "O-H, I-O" cheer.

The most memorable moment of his installation Mass came just after Archbishop Pierre read the papal document appointing him as bishop of Columbus. Following the nuncio's presentation, Bishop Brennan surprised the congregation by walking throughout the cathedral and holding the document in front of him for all to see.

The day after his installation, he administered the sacrament of confirmation at Zanesville St. Nicholas Church, followed by confirmations the next day at Columbus St. Dominic Church and the following day at Columbus St. Patrick Church.

Between the confirmations, he celebrated a Sunday Mass at Columbus St. Stephen the Martyr Church, a par-



Bishop Robert Brennan ceremonially knocks on the door of Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral before his installation.

ish with a strong Latino influence, speaking to the congregation in Spanish, a language he learned because his home diocese has a large Latino population. Archbishop Pierre spoke of the diocese's growing ethnic diversity at Bishop Brennan's installation Mass, which included prayers of the faithful in eight languages.

The bishop maintained the busy pace of those first few days throughout the year, saying at the end of October that he had driven his Ford Fusion 12,000 miles throughout the diocese in his first seven months as its bishop. He said that he had visited about 70 percent of the diocese's parishes at that point and that he planned to get to all of the parishes by the end of March 2020.

He also said that what impressed him most about the diocese were the great variety of Catholic life in its 23 counties, its natural beauty, and the chance to get to know all of its priests, particularly through the diocesan priests' convocation at Maumee Bay State Park in early October.

After he spent Thanksgiving with his family in New York, the bishop's travels took him to the Vatican, along with bishops of the other dioceses of Ohio and Michigan, for the meeting that canon law requires bishops to have with the pope every few years. (A report on that meeting appears on pages 3 and 5 of this week's *Catholic Times*.)

Shortly before Bishop Brennan's



Bishop Brennan is surrounded by the priests of the Diocese of Columbus, who celebrated his installation Mass on Friday, March 29.
CT file photos



Bishop Frederick Campbell greets Bishop Brennan before announcing Bishop Brennan's appointment as his successor.

installation as his successor, Bishop Campbell moved to northeast Franklin County. He now teaches at the Pontifical College Josephinum, continues to host a weekly program on St. Gabriel Catholic Radio and has assisted at several parishes, most notably serving as weekend associate for two months during the summer at the four-parish Perry County Consortium.

For the first time in its history, two retired bishops now live in the Diocese of Columbus. Bishop James Griffin, who was its bishop from 1983 until Bishop Campbell succeeded him in



Bishop Campbell gives the blessing at the end of the 10:30 a.m. Mass at the cathedral on Sunday, March 24.

2004, lives in Powell and is weekend associate at St. Joan of Arc Church there, as he has been since retirement.

Bishop Brennan appointed several priests to new roles during the year.

Father Michael Lumpe, who had been rector at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral, became vice rector of the Josephinum's liberal arts college in August. Father Robert Kitsmiller was appointed to replace him at the cathedral and retained his position as judicial vicar for the diocese.

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Also in August, Father Adam Stretenberger was selected for the new position of diocesan coordinator for evangelization, retaining his role of parochial vicar at the cathedral. He also was chosen to be parish administrator for Columbus Sacred Heart Church. Father Stash Dailey, pastor of Columbus Holy Family Church, was given additional responsibility as vicar for religious, another new post, which involves reaching out to men's and women's religious orders to increase their presence in the diocese.

Father William Hahn was appointed in late November as diocesan vocations director, succeeding Father Paul Noble, who continues as pastor of Sunbury St. John Neumann Church. The change will take place in July, when Father Hahn will move to the Josephinum. Until then, he will continue as pastor of Chillicothe St. Peter, Waverly St. Mary and Washington Court House St. Colman of Cloyne churches.

Bishop Brennan announced in September that he was commissioning a task force to perform a complete review of safe environment policies and procedures, as well as outreach efforts to those affected by sexual abuse by clergy within the diocese.

The task force's mission is to ensure that the diocese is doing its utmost to provide healing and assistance and that no one affected by the crisis involving sexual abuse of children and young people in the Church suffers in silence and isolation.

Two of the diocese's oldest churches underwent extensive renovations that resulted in their temporary closure. The remodeling has enabled them to retain their traditional beauty, while giving them a much brighter look.

St. Mary, Mother of God Church in Columbus' German Village neighborhood reopened on April 13 after being closed since October 2016 because of damage caused by a lightning strike in August of that year. The resulting \$8 million renovation resulted in the repair or replacement of nearly everything in the church, which has anchored the neighborhood since 1868.

Decades of dirt and smoke residue were removed from painted scenes on the ceiling, vibrant colors were used in the restoration, and enhanced lighting makes the church shine as though it were newly built.

St. Mary of the Assumption Church in Lancaster is celebrating its 200th anniversary this year and began the observance after the Feast of the Epiphany in January by closing the church building for its most extensive remodeling since it opened in 1864.



Martin Mostyn, a fourth-degree member of the Knights of Columbus, stands watch as the relic of the heart of St. John Vianney is venerated at Columbus St. Patrick Church on Tuesday, Jan. 7. More than 2,000 people took part in the veneration.



From left: Fathers Kyle Tennant, Christopher Yakkel, PJ Brandimarti and Brian Beal, the four newest priests of the Diocese of Columbus, just before their ordination on Saturday, May 25. They are the first priests to be ordained by Bishop Brennan.

Like its Columbus counterpart, its interior has been brightened by a lighter color scheme and LED lighting. It also pays tribute to its patroness with a recurring floral motif on the walls and ceiling and a starry blue sky above the altar. Shrines to St. Joseph and the Blessed Virgin were restored and several other changes were made, but the altar, ambo and baptismal font remain unchanged.

One of the diocese's smallest churches, Glenmont Ss. Peter and Paul in Holmes County, renovated its steeple and tower, which Bishop Brennan dedicated last month. The tower of the 162-year-old building had been covered with vinyl, but the remodeling allowed its original look to be restored.

In addition, family centers are under construction at Columbus St. Cath-

arine, Newark St. Francis de Sales, Hilliard St. Brendan and Marysville Our Lady of Lourdes churches, with renovation also taking place at other buildings on the Newark parish's property.

More than 2,000 people came to Columbus St. Patrick Church on Jan. 7 to venerate the relic of St. John Vianney's incorrupt heart. An overflow crowd of 600 to 650 people filled the church for the Mass that started the veneration, and people never stopped coming throughout the day, causing the event to be extended a half-hour past its scheduled end. The visit was part of a national tour sponsored by the Knights of Columbus in cooperation with the saint's shrine in Ars, France.

The Congregation of the Little Servant Sisters of the Immaculate Con-

ception opened a preschool and extended care center for children near downtown Columbus.

The St. John Paul II Early Childhood Education Center, serving children ages 3 to 4 ½, opened at 957 E. Broad St. on Jan. 7, five days after it received state approval. The school started with three students because it opened during the middle of the 2018-19 academic year. It had 19 students when classes resumed in the fall after the summer break.

Father Steven P. Beseau, assistant professor of moral theology at The Athenaeum of Ohio in Cincinnati, became the Josephinum's 17th president on July 1. He replaced Msgr. Christopher Schreck, who completed his five-year tenure in the position.

Jason Paul Marshall, 53, a Josephinum seminarian from the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, New Mexico who would have begun his second year of theology studies this fall, died in a bus crash on June 23 on Interstate 25 South near Pueblo, Colorado. Marshall and the bus driver were killed, but the other 13 people on the bus survived. Published reports indicated that Marshall saw the driver in distress and grabbed the steering wheel of the bus, and that his actions probably saved the other passengers.

Pamela Harris, director of the diocesan Catholic Ethic Ministries office, was elected president of the National Association of Black Catholic Administrators at its annual conference in Houston. The organization consists of diocesan Black Catholic Ministries leaders, priests, religious and representatives from the National Black Catholic Congress and the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' secretariat of cultural diversity.

Frank J. Hartge III of Gahanna St. Matthew Church was selected as Catholic Man of the Year by the Catholic Men's Luncheon Club. Hartge is business manager of Columbus St. Patrick Church and is a past president of the Bethesda Healing Ministry, treasurer of the Serra Club of North Columbus, is involved in the enthronement program of Sacred Heart Columbus, and helps organize the diocesan Catholic Men's Conference. One of his four children, Father Michael Hartge, is pastor of the Perry County Consortium.

The Diocesan Council of Catholic Women presented its St. Teresa of Calcutta awards to Sue Blum, Chillicothe St. Mary; Monica Flynn, Sunbury St. John Neumann; Kathleen



Bishop Robert Brennan talks to children at the St. John Paul II Early Childhood Education Center, which was opened in January near downtown Columbus by the Congregation of the Little Servant Sisters of the Immaculate Conception. CT file photos



Bishop Brennan administers the Sacrament of Confirmation at Zanesville St. Nicholas Church on Saturday, March 30.



Father Steven Beseau, the Pontifical College Josephinum's new rector/president, succeeding Msgr. Christopher Schreck.

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Walsh, Powell St. Joan of Arc; Julie Walker, Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help; Penny Yunker, Marysville Our Lady of Lourdes; Alicia Mercado, Columbus Christ the King; Tess Hatmacher, Chillicothe St. Peter; Vielka Cassidy, Columbus St. James the Less; Frances Matz, Sugar Grove St. Joseph; and Claire Miller, Columbus Holy Cross.

Four diocesan priests were ordained by Bishop Brennan on May 25. The priests and their first assignments as parochial vicars are: Father Brian Beal, Chillicothe St. Peter, Washington Court House St. Colman of Cloyne and Waverly St. Mary; Father Paul "PJ" Brandimarti, Westerville St. Paul; Father Kyle Tennant, Marion St. Mary and Cardington Sacred Hearts; and Father Christopher Yakkel, Perry County Consortium.

Father Brogan Ryan, CSC, of Columbus St. Catharine Church was ordained a priest of the Congregation of Holy Cross on April 27. He retained his role as rector of Keough Hall dormitory at the University of Notre Dame, a position he had held since being ordained a deacon in 2018.

Bishop Brennan also ordained six deacons in 2020. Deacons Frank Brown, Michael Fulton and Seth Keller, ordained on May 3, and Deacon Eugene Joseph, ordained on Sept. 14, are completing studies at the Josephinum in anticipation of being ordained as priests of the Diocese of Columbus this coming May. The bishop also ordained Deacons Gordon Mott and Augustino Ampolo on May 3. Deacon Mott, of the Columbus diocese, is on a pastoral year. Deacon Ampolo is a Josephinum student who will serve as a priest in the Archdiocese of Kumasi, Ghana following ordination.

Msgr. Romano Ciotola, 78, died on

Feb. 17.

He had served the diocese as a priest for 53 years, including the last 18 as pastor of Columbus Our Lady of Victory Church. He also was pastor of London St. Patrick and Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help churches.

Father John L. Bakle, SM, 82, died on March 12.

He became a member of the Society of Mary (Marianists) in 1955 and was ordained a priest in 1967. He was administrator of Cardington Sacred Hearts Church from 2008 until his retirement in 2016. During that time, he led the rebuilding effort after the church burned down on Thanksgiving morning of 2013. A new church was dedicated on the site on the same holiday two years later. Before coming to Cardington, he served as associate pastor at four Columbus churches and was a chaplain at Mount Carmel Medical Center.

Father F. Richard Snoke, 83, died on April 15.

His 53 years as a priest included pastorates at New Lexington St. Rose Church from 1977 to 1987 and at Danville St. Luke Church from 1987 to 2012. When he retired from active ministry, his pastoral tenure at St. Luke was the longest of any active priest in the Diocese of Columbus at the time. He also was state chaplain of the Columbian Squires, the youth affiliate of the Knights of Columbus, for more than 20 years and state chaplain of the K of C for two years.

Father Joseph A. Ehwald, 82, died on April 19.

He had spent 56 years as a priest, serving as pastor at Lancaster St. Bernadette, Columbus St. Leo and Columbus Holy Name churches and as a high school teacher and hospital chaplain. His last assignment before retiring in 2004 was as associate pastor at

Reynoldsburg St. Pius X Church.

Msgr. James A. Geiger, 94, died on May 8.

At the time of his death, he was the senior priest of the diocese in point of service, having been ordained by Bishop Michael Ready on Aug. 15, 1950. His 68 years as a priest included 17 years each as pastor at Logan St. John Church (1970 to 1987) and Sugar Grove St. Joseph Church (1992 to 2009).

Father Reinhold "Ronnie" Boccali, PIME, 89, died on Oct. 28.

The native of Switzerland was a member of the PIME (Pontifical Institute for Foreign Missions) order of missionary priests and spent the majority of his life in central Ohio. He served in a variety of roles at the former PIME seminary in Newark, now Sts. Peter and Paul Retreat Center, from 1961 to 1988. He returned to the seminary in the 1990s and remained there until 2003, when the property was sold to the Diocese of Columbus. He was in residence at Heath St. Leonard Church and assisted at Buckeye Lake Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church and other area parishes from then until 2015.

Father John F. Hinnebusch, OP, 95, died on Dec. 17, 2018.

He had lived at the Mohun Health Care Center in Columbus since 2017. He spent nearly 25 of his 68 years as a Dominican friar teaching history at Providence (Rhode Island) College and nearly 40 years in Washington, where he was assigned to the Dominican House of Studies and served with the Pontifical Faculty of the Immaculate Conception.

Father Giulio Mariani, PIME, 86, died on Sept. 18.

His death occurred in Italy. He was a priest for 61 years after being ordained at the former PIME seminary

in Newark, where he was a teacher, vice rector and rector. He returned to Italy in 1974 and spent the rest of his life serving there and as a missionary in the Philippines. He was PIME's secretary general from 2001 to 2007.

Deacon William T. Gorman, 93, died on Jan. 28.

He served at Millersburg St. Peter Church (1985 to 1994) and Glenmont Ss. Peter and Paul Church (1985 to 1991) and remained in diaconal service at Westlake St. Ladislav Church in the Diocese of Cleveland from 1994 until his retirement from active ministry in 2008. He continued to assist with Communion calls and visiting the sick at Wooster St. Mary Church for the next 10 years.

Deacon Michael Ross died on March 3.

He served the Josephinum from 2003 to 2014 as a professor and academic dean and was a deacon at Columbus St. Mary, Mother of God Church from 2003 to 2007 and Powell St. Joan of Arc Church from 2007 to 2014. He moved to Hawaii after retiring from diaconal ministry. His death occurred in Honolulu.

Religious sisters who died in late 2018 and 2019 and served in, or were natives of, the Diocese of Columbus, or who were living in the diocese at the time of their deaths, were: Sister Joanne Baltz, OP, 89, who died on Dec. 18, 2018; Sister Jean Kinney, OP, 89, Dec. 19, 2018; Sister Lois Laronde, OP, 83, Dec. 19, 2018; Sister Marion Gillis, OSF, 88, Jan. 15, 2019; Sister Loretta Sullivan, OP, 88, Jan. 17; Sister Clara Bauman, OP, 88, Jan. 22; Sister Ruth McAllister, SCN, 89, Feb. 8; Sister Marcia Fleder,

CD's calming holiday music created by parish pianist, friends

One hot day last summer at historic Lilly Chapel United Methodist Church in Madison County, local musician Mark Voris and Larry Griffin of Ohio Wesleyan University set out to record the Christmas classic *I Wonder as I Wander*. Voris' piano and Griffin's trumpet were meshing beautifully when a truck roared past, shattering the silence. The musicians tried again, with the same result. And again. And so on.

"It's a 130-year-old church out in the cornfields, with great acoustics and a nice grand piano. I thought it would be great," Voris said. "But I don't know anything about farming. The trucks were coming to pick up corn from last season. It took several tries, and after that, we worked at night."

Collaboration between Voris and several other musical friends eventually resulted in *All Is Calm*, a 10-track CD available at several area locations.

Voris is involved in the music ministry at West Jefferson Ss. Simon and Jude Church and at Lilly Chapel and has served at various times during the past 28 years as music director of Powell St. Joan of Arc and Columbus Holy Spirit, Immaculate Conception and St. Christopher churches. At St. Christopher, he founded the popular and musically innovative Last Call Mass.

This is his third CD. The other two are titled *Sweet Hour of Prayer* and *Whispers of Mary*. Voris describes his latest release as an effort to bring some mind- and soul-easing music to a hectic season.

"Eleven years ago, I wondered how I could minister outside of church

walls with the gifts God has given to me and to others," he said. "A friend asked if I had heard of emotive music, which lifts the inner emotion of one's spirit. It calms and relaxes you from the hustle and bustle of the day so you can think and function better."

Voris has never taken a piano lesson. He sees improvisation as his gift from God. The artists who joined him were given a sheet with the melody and took it from there. One of them,



Combining their talents for an Advent- and Christmas-themed CD titled *All Is Calm* are (from left): Chaz Mechenbier, Arkady Gips, Andrea Wirtanen and Mark Voris.

Photo courtesy Mark Voris

Chaz Mechenbier, played classical guitar and was the album's recording engineer. He describes it as a work of skillful collaboration.

"Mark brought some of the best classical musicians in town together to produce a peaceful, calm and inspiring taste of some familiar songs," he said. "It took us to a new height of musicians combining talents to deliver spiritual music."

The other musicians who collabo-

rated on the album are Arkady Gips, violin; Valorie Adams-Hildreth, flute; Terri Boselli-Wyman, cello; and Tiffany Envid, harp. "This is about being able to bring together all of my wonderful friends from over the years and maybe touching hearts and changing lives," Voris said. "They are amazing, like Arkady, who traveled the world playing violin for Madonna. I met him 17 years ago at a funeral."

Wirtanen, owner of Chameleon Designs, got to know Voris when she was a singer at St. Christopher. He reached out at the last minute for her help after a change of heart concerning an earlier design.

"He called on Monday with a vision of what he wanted and said, 'Help, help, help!'" she said. "It was due in production on Friday. I gave him images to pick from and pulled it together." The snowy nighttime scene on the cover captures the tranquility that should dominate the season.

"Mark is like the Music Man, but without the con-man part," Wirtanen said. "He has big ideas, pulls people together, and it's great in the end."

"My hands are able to dance around on the piano and create these peaceful arrangements," Voris said. "I ask the Lord to take my hands and create something we can capture on one take. It isn't about me, it isn't about making money – maybe being able to cover costs – but it's really about the thank-yous from people who are touched by it."

The album costs \$20 and is available at Generations Religious Gifts in Columbus and The Spa at River Ridge and the Morgan House, both in Dublin. Generations also is taking phone orders at (614) 451-7155. No digital downloads of it are available at this time, but Voris' other two albums may be downloaded at Amazon, CD Baby, Spotify, Pandora, Google Play or <https://markvoris.hearnow.com> or on Facebook at Emotive Music by Mark Voris. To contact Voris via email, send a message to mvoris56@gmail.com.

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OP, 91, Feb. 17; Sister Mary Frances Welch, OSF, 91, Feb. 18; Sister Julie O'Stroske, OSF, 89, Feb. 28; Sister Dorothy Lorio, OP, 80, April 15; Sis-

ter Helen Wilxman, OP, 92, May 3; Sister Camilla Smith, OP, 97, May 6; Sister Mary Edith Schimpf, OSF, 84, May 27; Sister Mary Kathryn McFer-

rin, SC, 90, July 29; Sister M. Christina Kraus, OSF, 91, July 30; Sister Marina Matracia, OSF, 98, Aug. 28; Sister Mary Lois Schmeltzer, OP, 92,


Oct. 7; Sister Marialein Anzenberger, OP, 95, Dec. 7; Sister Margaret Walsh, OP, 96, Dec. 15; and Sister M. Amata Dawson, OP, 96, Dec. 16.



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Fourth Sunday of Advent (Cycle A)

Follow Mary's example and trust in the Lord

Isaiah 7:10-14
Psalm 24:1-6
Romans 1:1-7
Matthew 1:18-24

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As we journey through life, we all seek signs, hints that we are on the right path. At a certain point, we think we have it figured out. We choose a direction. We establish our "place," our habits of being, our customs, and we continue to make our plans.

Then what? Life happens. A tragedy, a difficulty, a bump in the road comes along and we are at our wit's end. What are we to do?

God is real to us. He is with us. In this season of Advent, we do our best to give Him room in our lives. We acknowledge that "Jesus is the reason for the season." We buck current culture and boldly say "Merry Christmas" to those who wish us "Happy Holidays."

But we have to admit that sometimes it does not seem like enough. Some of the hurdles we have to overcome are too much for us.

God asks us to stay in touch with Him. "Ask for a sign." This is not merely an invitation to play a game with God, to ask Him to prove Himself to us. Rather, it is an invitation to us to look more deeply into our lives, as they are, to discover His message to us.

What is the message of the season? It is really very simple: God is with us. In the person of Jesus Christ, He has taken our nature and He will not desert us.

"Let the Lord enter; He is king of glory." Where? Right here, right now. He is with us. All He asks us to do is to stay with Him.

Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord. Let it be done." Joseph obeyed the command of the angel and took Mary into his home. Together, they built a house for God.

So, what is the house God is asking you to allow Him to build in you? What is the house God is asking you

to build around you? Will you and your house serve the Lord?

Why do you hesitate? Fear? A sense of inadequacy? Doubt about God's power? Like Mary and Joseph, we can put our trust in the Lord.

We are invited to welcome others into the household – at church, at home and out "there." Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord. Let it be done." The virgin conceived and bore a Son. Joseph obeyed the command of the angel. They welcomed Jesus into the House of David. God is with us!

When we encounter human limits, we are most vulnerable, and we realize then that we can do nothing without God. Here is an irony: The world lives a practical atheism – as if God does not really matter – and yet it blames God for the troubles we experience.

There is no problem with having questions. The problem is that we may choose to allow the questions to impede our hearing the answers at the depth at which they are given.

"No, I will not tempt the Lord" could be a way of showing God respect. But when God is asking for trust and inviting us to make use of what He offers, it is the height of pride.

God wants us to come close to Him. He does not back down from the standards He sets, but He does help us to meet them.

When we sin, He touches us with mercy by way of forgiveness. When we are ill or facing death, He touches us with mercy through the prayers of the Church and the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

Let us ask the Lord for a sign, trusting in His word to us. And let us open our lives to Christ, who will surely not delay His coming.

THE WEEKDAY BIBLE READINGS

12/23-12/28

MONDAY
 Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24
 Psalm 25:4bc-5ab, 8-10, 14
 Luke 1:57-66

TUESDAY
 2 Samuel 7:1-5,
 8b-12, 14a, 16
 Psalm 89:2-5, 27, 29
 Luke 1:67-79

WEDNESDAY (Midnight)
 Isaiah 9:1-6
 Psalm 96:1-3, 11-13
 Titus 2:11-14
 Luke 2:1-14

THURSDAY
 Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59
 Psalm 31:3cd-4,

6, 8ab, 16bc-17
Matthew 10:17-22

FRIDAY
 1 John 1:1-4
 Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12
 John 20:1a, 2-8

SATURDAY
 1 John 1:1-5-2-2
 Psalm 124:2-5, 7c-8
 Matthew 2:13-18

12/30-1/4

MONDAY
 1 John 2:12-17
 Psalm 96:7-10
 Luke 2:36-40

TUESDAY
 1 John 2:18-21
 Psalm 96:1-2, 11-13

John 1:1-18

WEDNESDAY
 Numbers 6:22-27
 Psalm 67:2-3, 5-6, 8
 Galatians 4:4-7
 Luke 2:16-21

THURSDAY
 1 John 2:22-28
 Psalm 98:1-4
 John 1:19-28

FRIDAY
 1 John 2:29-3:6
 Psalm 98:1, 3-6
 John 1:29-34

SATURDAY
 1 John 3:7-10
 Psalm 98:1, 7-9
 John 1:35-42

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO-TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE: WEEKS OF DEC. 22 AND 29, 2019

SUNDAY MASS

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

Mass with the Passionist Fathers at 7:30 a.m. on WWHO-TV (the CW), Channel 53, Columbus and 10:30 a.m. on WHIZ-TV, Channel 18, Zanesville. Mass from St. Francis de Sales Seminary, Milwaukee, at 10 a.m. on WWHO-TV. 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, Ada, Logan, Millersburg, Murray City, Washington C.H.; Channel 125,

Marion, Newark, Newcomerstown and New Philadelphia; Channel 207, Zanesville).

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

Videos of Masses are available at any time on the internet at these parish websites: Mattingly Settlement St. Mary (www.stannstmary.org); Columbus St. Patrick (www.stpatrickcolumbus.org); Delaware St. Mary (www.delawarestmary.org); and Sunbury St. John Neumann (www.saintjohnsunbury.org).

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Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord, Mass at Day (Cycle A)

Let us rejoice in knowing God is truly with us

Isaiah 52:7-10
Psalm 98:1-6
Hebrews 1:1-6
John 1:1-18

“Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.”

“All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.”

In times past, God spoke partially. Now He speaks fully through His Son, who is the heir and possessor of all things: He is the creative word, the sustaining word, the refulgence of glory.

God is with us. In our own human nature, God accomplishes salvation. The word became flesh and dwelt among us. God is with us in word and sacrament. We are to welcome Him and to proclaim Him to all nations.

As many learned to recite by rote, but still speaking the deepest truth about our life, our very purpose is *to know Him, to love Him and serve Him in this life and to be happy with Him forever in the next.* We learn to live the Christ life in time, and it is ours for eternity.

When the world sees us, what does it see? Can we live who we are more clearly? It is in us and through us that the world will come to know that “Today is born a Savior, Christ the Lord.”

Joy is the infallible sign of God’s presence.

Solemnity of the Holy Family (Cycle A)

Sirach 3:2-6,12-14
Psalm 128:1-5
Colossians 3:12-21
Matthew 2:13-15,19-23

Family life is in turmoil these days. Do you remember at all how it used to be?

Families got together on the weekends. When the family visited grandma and grandpa, mom and dad were both there and everybody sat together to tell family stories. Maybe they played cards or board games, or watched some TV shows or family movies. Everyone stayed until late.

How is it now? Two jobs, both needed to cover needs (including some things that used to be considered “extras”). There is little quality time for most families during the week, and even then, there are many activities. If grandma and grandpa are involved, they are doing the very things they used to do as parents. In some cases, the grandparents are primary caregivers and mom and dad are strangers to their children.

How about sharing of faith? There used to be daily prayer together at table, at the bedside and, for many families, a time for praying the family rosary. Mass every Sunday and on Holy Days was a priority that happened without question. There may have been a few battles on the way, but parents in those days always won and families were together – or at least everyone went to different Masses – and the rest of the day was for family togetherness. “No work on Sunday” was the rule that all acknowledged (and confessed as a sin against the third com-

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Christmas tells us that God is with us always, in our very human nature. And so, we can always find joy, if we seek it with the heart open to see it. God’s love dwells among us. To receive that love is to be open to its power and to allow it to shape us and our attitudes and actions.

Joy is contagious. When we come to a new understanding, we smile. When we pass on wisdom that we have received, that smile is shared. There is a warmth of mutual knowing that unites us as we look upon truth together.

Pope Francis always reminds us that we are called to know the joy of the presence of Christ, especially among the poor in our world. We are invited to be in solidarity with Christ and His children among every people and nation.

We are called to know true Christian joy and to proclaim that joy to the world – for the Lord is come! We must continue this proclamation and live

in the spirit of joy until *all the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.*

Jesus our Savior was born to us in Bethlehem. The word made flesh, the light of the human race, the only-begotten Son of God is before us in humble surroundings. We look upon Him in the manger and what do we see?

We are invited to see a mirror. Here is one who knows our human situation for all it is.

- He is born in poverty.
- He is born in the midst of a society tangled up by the political situation.
- He soon will be taken from the land of His birth and be a refugee with His mother and father in a land that His people left long ago.
- He will grow up in obscurity.
- He will preach the Good News, heal illnesses and sins, and teach the truth.
- And He will die for our sins.

He is the saving power of God in the flesh. He fills our emptiness. He brings light into our darkness. Where we are in pain, in sorrow, experiencing loss, He touches us right there. He fulfills His Father’s will, the promises made to us and the longings of our hearts. In Him, God’s love overflows, joining heaven and earth and all times and peoples. May we open our hearts to understand the simple truth: *God is with us.*

Holy Family should serve as a model for our human family

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mandment if they “cheated” by doing some work or by making others have to work).

We probably will not be able to recapture those days. But we still can learn from them and try to shape our culture a little more by faith. The Scriptures today give a few hints of as to how to accomplish this.

“Put on, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another.”

Husbands and wives: You are called to be mutual in your relationship. Love one another first, after God. Parents: Be parents to your children before you seek to be their friends. Children: Listen to your parents and be obedient. Learn the wisdom your elders have for you.

Everyone: Work together to teach the next generation the discipline they will need to thrive in life. Teach sacrifice and sacrificial loving and giving. Pray for inspiration, asking how to keep your children safe when the powers that be in this world are seeking to harm them and to distract them from

eternity.

“Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.”

Family life is not meant to be perfect, but is, rather, the school of perfection. It teaches us not to get things always right, but to be righteous and holy with the very holiness of God. It stretches us beyond our selfishness.

Whatever happens to us in the family can serve to teach us heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. It allows us to exercise the virtues of perseverance and forgiveness.

Jesus entered our world as part of a family that knew struggles. We know the story of His early childhood: birth in a cave, time as a political refugee, lost for three days (though He didn’t know He was considered missing), the only child of a father who died while He was young.

We also know how it all turned out: baptism, temptation, preaching and teaching, rejection, suffering, death on a cross, and resurrection, all with His mother participating in His joys and in His anguish.

All of that is part of our life as a family of families. We are called to respond in the same way as the Holy Family did: with acceptance and faith, and with confidence that God will see us through.

May we be full of heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience with one another, so the world may come to know the love of Christ and so our human family may become one in Him. May we be loving and forgiving, always open to the grace of Jesus Christ, who is God-with-us.

PRAY FOR OUR DEAD

ALLEN, Patricia A. (Welch), 87, Dec. 5
St. Joseph Church, Plain City

BERRIDGE, Betty R. (Cochran), 88, Dec. 10
St. Mary Church, Marion

BOTT, Rose M. (Leitwein), 88, Dec. 10
Christ the King Church, Columbus

BREEHL, Patricia (Fait), 89, Dec. 4
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

CLARK, Joyce, 83, Dec. 10
St. Dominic Church, Columbus

CONIDI, Phyllis (Draher), 74, Dec. 9
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

DEMATTIO, Ted, 88, Nov. 28
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

DORINSKY, Albert P., 94, Dec. 14
Immaculate Conception Church, Columbus

FRIDDLE, Irene E., 93, Dec. 9
Resurrection Cemetery Chapel, Columbus

HOERMLE, William P. Jr., 90, Dec. 7
Christ the King Church, Columbus

HOWIE, Dr. Michael B., 75, Aug. 22
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

KASTELIC, Katharina (Kils), 79, Nov. 24
Christ the King Church, Columbus

LANNUTTI, Troy J., 17, Nov. 29
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Grove City

LATZ, Ronald J., 86, Dec. 5
St. Aloysius Church, Columbus

LOGSDON, Esther M. (Steffen), 98, Dec. 2
St. Mary Church, Lancaster

MALYK, Dora (Felicia), 97, Nov. 29
St. Mary, Mother of God Church, Columbus

MAWHINNEY, Gordon N., 74, Dec. 9
St. Joan of Arc Church, Powell

MCDONALD, Maria D. (Susi), 77, Nov. 30
St. John the Baptist Church, Columbus

McHUGH, James E., 74, Dec. 1
St. Brendan Church, Hilliard

MIGLIOZZI, Jon M. "Mig," 67, Dec. 7
St. Matthew Church, Gahanna

MONTGOMERY, Mark T., 77, Dec. 9
St. Mary Magdalene Church, Columbus

MURRAY, Mary L. (Prichard), 88, Dec. 12
St. Rose Church, New Lexington

OGDEN, Mark J., 65, Dec. 9
St. Mary Magdalene Church, Columbus

PALMER, Carole J. (Stuzzo), 75, Dec. 11
St. Paul Church, Westerville

PENN, Joyce (Earl), 78, Dec. 2
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

PICKSTONE, Mary J. (Riggi), 91, Dec. 2
St. Michael Church, Worthington

RANKIN, Dr. Daniel L. III, 85, Dec. 9
St. Agatha Church, Columbus

RAU, Mary C. (Saul), 90, Dec. 15
St. Leo Church, Columbus

RINE, Jackie L., 65, Nov. 26
St. Bernard Church, Corning

RYAN, Elizabeth R. "Betty" (Wagner), 92, of Gahanna, Dec. 3
Sacred Heart Church, Bernard, Iowa

SHONK, Marilyn S. (Ballmer), 78, Dec. 10
St. Bernadette Church, Lancaster

SNIDER, Lillian M., 96, Nov. 30
St. Timothy Church, Columbus

SPOHN, Nancy A. (Wells), 82, Nov. 26
St. Paul Church, Westerville

STAHL, James E., 83, Dec. 5
St. Patrick Church, London

STRAYER, Gloria J. (Piccotti), 86, Dec. 1
St. Margaret of Cortona Church, Columbus

TWISS, Judith F. (Flege), 82, Nov. 30
St. Margaret of Cortona Church, Columbus

ZEMOLONG, Joanne J., 76, Dec. 2
Holy Spirit Church, Columbus

Sister Marialein Anzenberger, OP

Funeral Mass for Sister Marialein Anzenberger, OP, 95, who died Saturday, Dec. 7, was celebrated Friday, Dec. 13 at the Motherhouse of the Dominican Sisters of Peace. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus.

She was born Mary Anzenberger on Oct. 18, 1924 in Altoona, Pennsylvania to Frank and Josephine (Lord) Anzenberger.

She earned a bachelor of science degree in education in 1958 from St. Mary of the Springs College (now Ohio Dominican University), and master of science degrees in business education in 1961 from Hunter College in New York City and in pastoral counseling in 1971 from Iona College in New Rochelle, New York.

She entered the congregation of the Dominican Sisters of St. Mary of the Springs (now the Dominican Sisters of Peace) in 1945 and pronounced her vows on July 9, 1947.

In the Diocese of Columbus, she taught at Zanesville Rosecrans (1958-1959) and Columbus Bishop Watter-

son (1961-1962) high schools. She also taught at schools in the Diocese of Steubenville and in New York, Illinois and Connecticut and was involved in guidance, continuing education and campus ministry at Albertus Magnus College in New Haven, Connecticut; served on the marriage Tribunal of the Diocese of Providence, Rhode Island; and worked in pastoral ministry and social services in the Pittsburgh area.

She has lived in Columbus since 1982, serving as a counselor at St. Therese's Retreat Center (1982-1993) and on the diocesan Tribunal (1987-2007). She worked in the human resources office at the Motherhouse from 1993 to 2000 and was a resident volunteer and nursing home volunteer there from 2004 to 2010. She lived at the Motherhouse from 2010 to 2017 and at the Mohun Health Care Center from 2017 until her death.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers Anthony, Frank and Joseph; and sister, Katherine Holmes. Survivors include several nieces and nephews.

Rita T. Metzger

The Mass of Christian Burial for Rita T. Metzger, 92, who died Tuesday, Dec. 10, will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 28 at Dennison Immaculate Conception Church, followed by burial in the parish cemetery. A funeral Mass for her was celebrated on Saturday, Dec. 14 at Columbus Our Lady of Victory Church, where her son, Father William A. Metzger, is pastor.

She was born on May 19, 1927 to the late Antonio and Amalia (Sabati-

ni) Ortenzo.

She graduated from Dennison Immaculate Conception High School in 1944 and from the St. Francis School of Nursing in Columbus 1948 and was a registered nurse at Twin City Hospital in Dennison for more than 50 years.

Other survivors besides Father Metzger include sons, Bruce and Richard; a grandson; two granddaughters; a great-grandson; and a great-granddaughter.

PRAYER TO THE VIRGIN (Never known to fail)

Oh, most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of heaven, blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in necessity. Oh, star of the sea, help me and show me herein, you are my Heaven and Earth. I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to secure me in this necessity. There are none who can withstand your powers. Oh, show me herein you are my Mother. Oh, Mary conceived without sin, pray for us, who have recourse to thee. (Repeat three times) Oh, Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hand. (Repeat three times) Holy Spirit, you who solve all problems, light all roads that I can obtain my goals. You gave me the divine gift to forgive and forget all evil against me, and in all instances in my life, you are with me. I want in this short prayer to thank you for all things as you confirm once again that I never want to be separated from you in eternal glory. Thank you for your mercy toward me and mine. The person must say this prayer three consecutive days, after three days, the request will be granted. This prayer must be published after the favor has been granted. KSH

ST. JUDE NOVENA

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world, now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us; St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us; St. Jude, helper of the hopeless, pray for us. Say this prayer 9 times a day, for 9 days, and your prayer will be answered. It has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised. Thank you Jesus and St. Jude. KSH

In the marriage case styled JOSE MARIO AREVALO – ZENA YDA MARISOL GRANADOS, the Tribunal of the Diocese of Columbus, Ohio is currently unaware of the present address of ZENA YDA MARISOL GRANADOS. The Tribunal herewith informs her of the case and invites her to contact REVEREND MR. JOHN CRERAND, JCL, Presiding and sole Judge, no later than – 6 JANUARY 2020. Please call phone 241-2500 Extension 3. Anyone who knows of the whereabouts of ZENA Y DA MARISOL GRANADOS, is herewith asked to make this Citation known to her or to inform the Tribunal of her current address.

Given this 10 NOVEMBER 2019

REVEREND MR. JOHN CRERAND, JCL
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DECEMBER

20, FRIDAY

Catholic Singles On Fire for Christ

6 p.m., Chapel, Church of the Resurrection, 6300 E. Dublin-Granville Road, New Albany. Monthly meeting of Catholic Singles On Fire for Christ, for anyone older than 35 who is single in the eyes of the Catholic Church and seeks to grow in faith, bring hope to others and share the love of Christ. Begins with prayer and Adoration, followed by dinner at a restaurant. 614-855-1400

20-23, FRIDAY-MONDAY

Simbang Gabi Celebration at St. Elizabeth 7:30 p.m., St. Elizabeth Church, 6077 Sharon Woods Blvd., Columbus. *Simbang Gabi*, a Filipino Christmas tradition, featuring celebration of Mass for nine consecutive nights. Dec. 23 closing celebration begins with Mass at 7 celebrated by Bishop Robert Brennan, followed by celebration dinner in Pastors' Hall. 614-891-0150

21, SATURDAY

Life and Mercy Mass in Plain City

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

Labyrinth Walk at Shepherd's Corner

7 to 8:30 p.m., Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. Labyrinth walk with theme "Balance and Unity" Suggested donation \$5. 614-866-4302

22, SUNDAY

Exposition at Our Lady of Mount Carmel

9:30 to 10:30 a.m., Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 5133 Walnut Road S.E., Buckeye Lake. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Sunday during Advent. 740-928-3266

Prayer Group Meeting at Christ the King

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

Catechesis at the Cathedral

6:45 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Sixteenth of weekly series of sessions with Father Adam Streitenberger on the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. 614-224-1295

Solemn Vespers at Columbus St. Patrick

7 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Sung Advent solemn Evening Vespers. 614-224-9522

Lessons and Carols at Columbus St. Peter

7 p.m., St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road, Columbus. Advent festival of nine lessons and carols. 614-889-2221

23, MONDAY

Holy Hour at New Philadelphia Sacred Heart

5 to 6 p.m., Sacred Heart Church, 139 3rd St. N.E., New Philadelphia. Advent Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Evening Prayer and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. 330-343-6976

Evening Prayer at St. John Neumann

6:30 p.m., St. John Neumann Church, 9633 E. State Route 37, Sunbury. Advent Evening Prayer with Deacon Carl Calcara. 740-965-1358

Rosary at St. Pius X

6:30 p.m., St. Pius X Church, 1051 S. Waggoner Road, Reynoldsburg. Recital of Rosary for the sick of the parish and all who are ill. 614-866-2859

24, TUESDAY

Midnight Mass with Bishop at Cathedral

11 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Seasonal music with the Cathedral Choir and Brass, followed by midnight Mass celebrated by Bishop Robert Brennan. 614-241-2526

25, WEDNESDAY

Theresa Cincione at St. Christopher Mass

9 a.m., St. Christopher Church, 1420 Grandview Ave., Columbus. Mass features internationally known soprano Theresa Cincione, a Columbus native. 614-486-0457

26, 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.

27, FRIDAY

Holy Hour at St. Matthew

7 p.m., St. Matthew Church, 807 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna. Monthly Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and prayers for reparation, purification and sanctification of the universal Church. 614-471-0212

28, SATURDAY

Life and Mercy Mass in Plain City

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

29, SUNDAY

Praise Mass at Church of Our Lady

11 a.m., Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refugee Road, Columbus. Praise Mass with upbeat contemporary music. 614-861-1242

Community Supper at St. Aloysius

2 to 4 p.m., Family center, St. Aloysius Church, 2165 W. Broad St., Columbus. Free community supper, open to all. 614-875-5669

Prayer Group Meeting at Christ the King

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30, MONDAY

Rosary at St. Pius X

6:30 p.m., St. Pius X Church, 1051 S. Waggoner Road, Reynoldsburg. Recital of Rosary for the sick of the parish and all who are ill. 614-866-2859

31, TUESDAY

Rosary for Life at St. Joan of Arc

Following 6 p.m. Mass, St. Joan of Arc Church, 10700 Liberty Road, Powell. Recital of Rosary for Life, sponsored by church's respect life committee.

Praise and Thanksgiving Mass at St. Therese's

7 p.m., St. Therese's Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus. Praise and thanksgiving Mass sponsored by Columbus Catholic Renewal, celebrated by Father Jim Coleman, preceded by rosary and praise and worship songs at 6. Teams will be available for individual prayer and the Sacrament of Reconciliation also will be available at this time. Fellowship will follow the Mass. Bring a dish to share. 614-500-8178

JANUARY

1, WEDNESDAY

Divine Mercy Chaplet at St. Pius X

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

Marian Devotion at St. Francis of Assisi

7 p.m., St. Francis of Assisi Church, 386 Buttles Ave., Columbus (New location). Marian devotion with Scriptural rosary, followed by Mass and monthly novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, with Father Ramon Owera. 614-299-5781

2, 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.

3, 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.

Eucharistic Adoration at Columbus St. Peter

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

First Friday Masses at Holy Family

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

Monthly Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

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

Eucharistic Vigil at Holy Cross

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

4, SATURDAY

Fatima Devotions at Columbus St. Patrick

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

First Saturday Devotion at St. Joan of Arc

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

Mary's Little Children Prayer Group

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

Life and Mercy Mass in Plain City

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

by rosary and confession.

First Saturday Mass at Holy Family

9 a.m., Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St., Columbus. First Saturday Mass for world peace and in reparation for blasphemies against the Virgin Mary. 614-221-4323, extension 329

5, SUNDAY

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Anniversary

After 11 a.m. Mass, St. Ladislav Church, 277 Reeb Ave., Columbus. Celebration of 20th anniversary at the parish of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, a hands-on, Montessori-style religious education for students from infancy to age 12. Includes blessing of classrooms, open house and international polluck. 614-907-8873

Prayer for the Nation at St. Matthew

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

Prayer Group Meeting at Christ the King

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

Catechesis at the Cathedral

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Compline at Cathedral

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

6, MONDAY

Eucharistic Adoration at Our Lady of Victory

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

Family Catechetical Series at St. Michael

6:15 to 7:30 p.m., St. Michael Church, 5750 N. High St., Worthington. Fourth program of monthly family catechetical series on "God's Plan of Loving Salvation," with four age-appropriate sessions for everyone from kindergarten students through parents. Includes family Adoration and prayer time. Child care provided. 614-885-7814

Rosary at St. Pius X

6:30 p.m., St. Pius X Church, 1051 S. Waggoner Road, Reynoldsburg. Recital of Rosary for the sick of the parish and all who are ill. 614-866-2859

Marian Prayer Group at Holy Spirit

7 p.m., Day chapel, Holy Spirit Church, 4383 E. Broad St., Columbus. 29th anniversary of Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle prayer group for Catholic family life. 614-235-7435

7, TUESDAY

Rosary for Life at St. Joan of Arc

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8, WEDNESDAY

Divine Mercy Chaplet at St. Pius X

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9, THURSDAY

Cenacle at Holy Name

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Longtime Josephinum administrator called back to home diocese

Father John Allen, who has served at the Pontifical College Josephinum for 11 years, most recently as vice president for advancement and alumni relations director, has returned to his home diocese of Charlotte, North Carolina.

He has been appointed as administrator of St. Matthew Church in Charlotte, the nation's largest Catholic parish, which has nearly 11,000 registered families.

Father Allen had been scheduled to return to North Carolina at the end of the current academic year at the request of Charlotte Bishop Peter Jugis because of a shortage of pastors in that diocese. Father Steven Beseau, Josephinum rector/president, said he was notified on Monday, Dec. 9 by the diocese's vicar general that Father Allen needed to return immediately "due to an unforeseen and wholly unanticipated personnel need."



Father John Allen

A letter from Bishop Jugis, dated Dec. 9 and published in St. Matthew's Sunday, Dec. 15 bulletin, stated that the church's pastor, Father Patrick Hoare, has been placed on administrative leave "pending investigation of an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor about 25 years ago in Pennsylvania, before he entered ministry." Father Hoare has denied the allegation.

Father Allen celebrated his final Mass at the Josephinum on Thursday, Dec. 12, in St. Turibius Chapel.

In a message to the seminary's students, faculty, staff, alumni and supporters, he said, "I am deeply grateful to God for the inestimable privilege of serving the Pontifical College Josephinum and its seminarians for the past 11 years. Please know that I will continue to support and cheer for the Josephinum's success in every way, financially and spiritually. The Josephinum will be a principal beneficiary of my estate."

Father Allen was at the Josephinum from 2005 to 2009 and again from 2013 to 2019. He has served as dean of men in both the college of liberal arts and the school of theology, taught courses in Church history, and served as pastoral and apostolic formation director for the seminary and, since January 2013, as vice president for advancement and alumni relations director.

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Diocesan deacon candidates installed to ministry of acolyte



Ten students of the diocese's Diaconate School of Theology were installed to the ministry of acolyte by retired Bishop Frederick Campbell on Sunday, Dec. 15 at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral. Pictured are (from left): first row, Deacon Jim Kelly, deacon candidates Jeff Hurdley, Doug Yglesias, Mark O'Loughlin, Jim Eichert and Nick Klear; Deacon Tom Berg Jr. and Deacon Frank Iannarino; second row, Deacon Dan Hann, deacon candidates Eric Wright, Chris Walsh and Victor Nduaguba, Bishop Campbell, deacon candidates Dan Dowler and Jesus Figueroa and Deacon Frank Sullivan. *CT photo by Ken Snow*

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bad when Santa said: 'Rudolph, I never have had a deer quite so brave or so brilliant as you. ...'

He is promptly declared "Commander-In-Chief," a title May types in capital letters.

May took great care with each stanza, running them by Barbara. When his wife died in July, his boss told him to stop working on the booklet.

May refused to quit.

"I needed Rudolph more than ever," he wrote.

In late August, he finished the story. Ward seized it as a lesson for his clerks, celebrating in an in-house memo Rudolph's "service, the right attitude and a desire to do his best."

The book was a huge hit, and the retailer printed more than two million copies that Christmas season 80 years ago.

May was eventually given all rights to Rudolph, which provided a good livelihood. He experienced a dramatic arc of his own with profound spiritual underpinnings: remarrying a devout Catholic, converting to Catholicism and having five more



An early rendering of Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer, published in 1939 by Montgomery Ward. *Photo courtesy Christina Capecci*

children, one of whom became a nun.

His biography can encourage anyone who feels crippled by the gap between hopes and reality. It reminds us to trust in the bigger picture, in the One who isn't done writing your story.

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In the spirit of St. Nicholas



Worthington St. Michael School students celebrated the Feast of St. Nicholas on Friday, Dec. 6, by donating scarves and hats to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. They also participated in St. Nick's Workshop, where they were able to purchase gifts for family and friends while putting into action the virtue of generosity.

Photos courtesy St. Michael School

Students support Vietnamese missions



Lancaster St. Bernadette School students have surpassed their Advent goal of funding two water filtration systems for the three Vietnamese mission churches supported by the Bridges of St. Mark program of Lancaster St. Mark Church. Students including (from left) Amelia Schneider, Joshua Hursey and Greysen Waldeck of teacher Sharon Elder's kindergarten class collected coins in water bottles at home and at school. Teachers encouraged the students to be aware of the blessing of clean water available to them every day. Some students donated a nickel every time they used the rest room and pennies when they had a drink of water. An interactive bulletin board of water facts helped students learn about and appreciate the clean water supply available to them.

Photo courtesy St. Bernadette School

Holy Spirit Beta Club formed



Columbus Holy Spirit School has formed a Junior Beta Club with an inaugural membership of 17 sixth- through eighth-graders who are looking forward to making a difference in the school, the nearby community of Whitehall and beyond. The club's motto is "Lead By Serving Others," and it is part of a national organization with more than 500,000 active members from fourth grade through high school. Club members are (from left): first row, Callie Smith, Sawyer Thompson, Maggie Fouts, Isabel Pardo, Gedion Melakie, Rodney Singletary II, Ian Ruiz, Elhadji Sall, Ezra Aklilu and Mera Mengasha; second row, Blake Wyatt (president), Patrick Jotevski, Cayla Bracely, Alex Dininni, LaRon Gaulden, Mezzi Granneman and Abigail Abraham.

Photo courtesy Holy Spirit School

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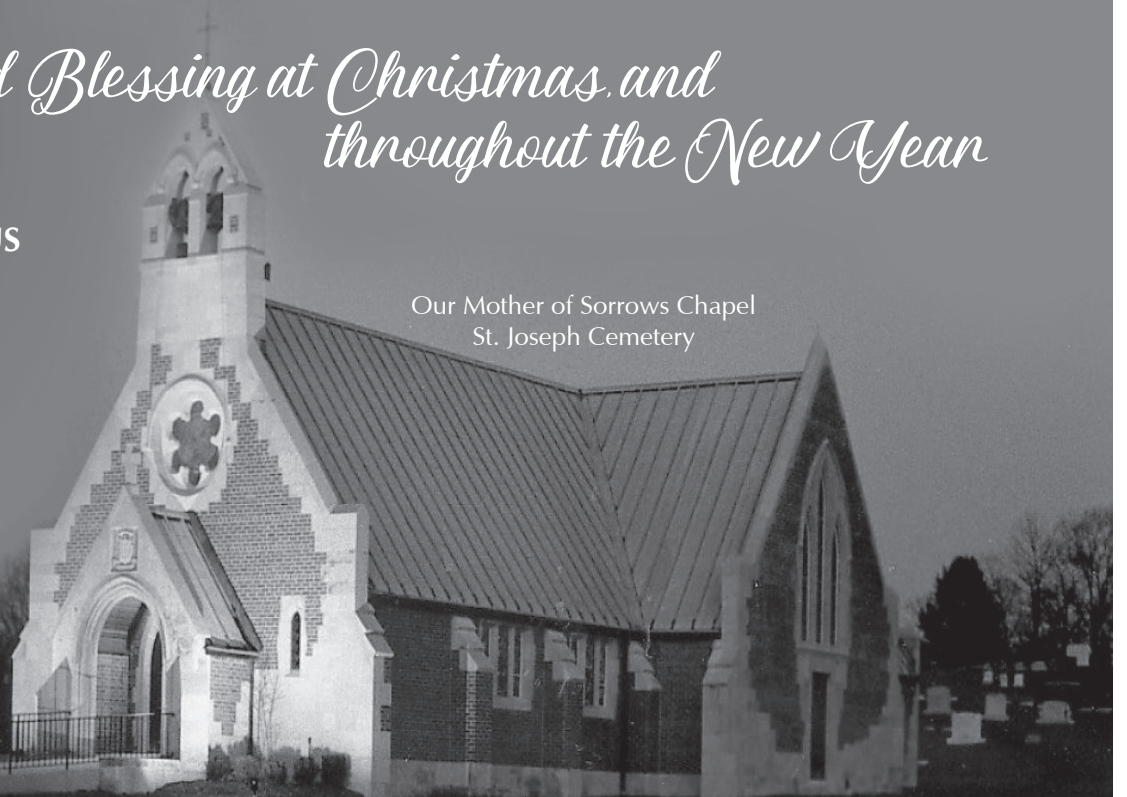
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