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## HISTORIC HOLY CROSS PARISH IS BEING REVITALIZED DOWNTOWN

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Editor's reflections by Doug Bean

## Blessed are the quiet

Before and after a typical Sunday Mass, a smattering of parishioners are scattered

throughout the church praying silently. They might be offering thanksgiving prayers, asking for divine guidance or the intercession of a particular saint, reciting a litany, saying a rosary or simply sitting quietly in front of the tabernacle in reflection.

Unfortunately, it seems to have become increasingly difficult to pray before or after Mass because of noise in the sanctuary, which might start as muffled greetings between fellow parishioners on the way out and then swells to full-blown, loud conversations.

People like to be social and greet their friends and even strangers. There's absolutely nothing wrong with that. Catholics often get an undeserved rap for being unwelcoming, but there's a time and place for everything. Simply put, the church should not be a social hall. Let's take it outside and respect those who wish to pray after Mass.

Why should there be quiet in church? In particular, why should a worshipper not talk out loud in a Catholic church? Two words: "respect" and "reverence."

A Catholic church is different from any other church. Why? Because Our Lord Jesus Christ truly dwells in it. He is present – body, blood, soul and divinity – among us. Other churches provide a worship space, but Catholic

churches are blessed with this sacred gift of Jesus' real presence. That's not knocking other denominations, but it's just acknowledging a fact.

If you think about it, Americans are surrounded by noise all week – at home, school, work, in the car, restaurants, shopping, you name it. For one hour each week, it seems that God deserves our undivided attention at Mass, which should be a place where the noise of the world can be tuned out and everyone becomes dialed in to God.

Pope Benedict XVI once said this about disengagement from the outside world: "Our age does not, in fact, favor reflection and contemplation; quite the contrary, it seems that people are afraid to detach themselves, even for an instant, from the spate of words and images which mark and fill our days. ... The great patristic tradition teaches us that the mysteries of Christ are linked to silence, and only in silence can the Word find a place to dwell within us.

"This principle holds true for individual prayer but also for our liturgies which, to facilitate authentic listening, must also be rich in moments of silence and of non-verbal acceptance."

Pope Francis echoed his predecessor's reflections, saying "silence is so important," and he cautioned against engaging in "chitchat" inside the church.

The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* speaks about silence before and during Mass but does not specifically

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## BISHOPS CONCLUDE RETREAT



**U.S. bishops receive Communion during Mass in the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception at Mundelein Seminary on Thursday, Jan. 3 at the University of St. Mary of the Lake in Mundelein, Illinois, near Chicago. The U.S. bishops were on retreat from Jan. 2 to 8 at the seminary. The retreat comes as the bishops work to rebuild trust among the faithful while questions continue to revolve around their handling of clergy sex abuse.**

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## Healing Mass and service to take place Jan. 21 at St. Joseph Cathedral

A Mass of healing and healing service will take place at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 21 at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St.

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

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

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

Secured parking is available off East Gay Street. There is a handicapped-accessible elevator in the courtyard (west side of the cathedral) on East Broad Street. Healing Masses take place at the cathedral on the third Monday of every other month. Other Healing Masses at the cathedral will be on March 18, May 20, July 15, Sept. 16 and Nov. 18.

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



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### HOLY CROSS CHURCH

A statue of Jesus carrying his cross stands above the main entrance of Columbus Holy Cross Church.

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## MLK quote can inspire Christians to help others

By Diocesan Catholic Ethnic Ministries

January offers many opportunities to celebrate. We began the new calendar year with the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, a celebration of Mary's fiat and the commitment of the Holy Family to obey and participate in God's plan for humanity's salvation. The World Day of Peace also was celebrated on Jan. 1. Pope Francis reminded us on that day that peace is the mutual responsibility of human beings.

January also is Respect Life Month in the Catholic Church. Many activities and events during the month are focused on the life and dignity of the human person. These include the March for Life, as well as Respect Life Masses and prayer vigils celebrated across the nation.

It is appropriate during the month that we also celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., an advocate for equality, justice and peace. He challenged us to be true imitators of Jesus Christ. He fervently motivated others to speak up when injustice occurred and to be courageous in the face of adversity. His message

of nonviolence and solidarity still rings true. As we look to the upcoming national King holiday, we should take time to reflect on one of the sayings for which he is best-known:

*"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."*

National Migration Week earlier this month was a reminder that our obligation to society transcends particular groups and extends to all of humanity. As a universal church, our outreach must be universal, too. Pope Francis calls us to go to the peripheries and minister to all in need. We must be willing to look past our own blind spots and truly be in communion with one another. God called us into a covenant with Him, so we are not to live as individuals but as a society. "When one part suffers, all the parts suffer" (1 Corinthians 12:26).

Dr. King's quote challenges us to be "good Samaritans" and take care of our neighbors. He referenced the Gospel of Luke when he gave his 1956 sermon on being a good neighbor. Who is your neighbor? Every individ-



Worshippers gather last January for the annual Martin Luther King Jr. commemoration at Columbus Holy Rosary-St. John Church. CT photos by Ken Snow

ual is your neighbor – not just the person who shares your faith. Our faith teaches that we are to show mercy and compassion toward all people and are

not to diminish the revelation of God. "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free person, there is not male and female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:28).

We are a prophetic people called to be disciples of Christ. We are to go forth in faith, hope and charity, in all humility, and seek the Kingdom of God. Stand up in times of challenge and controversy and know that you are not alone. God is with us. – Pamela Harris, director, Diocesan Catholic Ethnic Ministries.

Below are reflections from the staff of the diocesan Catholic Ethnic Ministries office on Dr. King's quote, "The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy." We invite you to reflect on Dr. King's words and write down one or two things you can do to build a stronger community.

There is a Spanish song called "Hombre (Man)" that includes the following line: "Man, if you call yourself a man, do not interrupt your journey. ... If you have to have a rose, you must look at the thorn." The phrase from Dr. King reminds me of



Choir members sing at the annual Martin Luther King Jr. celebration last January at Columbus Holy Rosary-St. John Church.

*Faith in Action*

By Erin Cordle

**Gift of understanding can lift military, their families**

Today, “epiphany” carries a range of meanings including an intuitive grasp of reality; an illuminating discovery, realization, disclosure or insight; or simply a revealing scene or moment.

My definition of an epiphany is a revelation that usually changes me. For the past year or so, my epiphany moments often have focused on the needs of our military veterans, active-duty service members and their families.

I keep reflecting on Jesus’ parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:30-37), in which a man on a journey is accosted by thieves, beaten, robbed and left for dead. In the narrative, one person after another passes him without helping him, either being too busy to stop or fearful of what obligations would be involved by doing so. It wasn’t that they did not love their neighbors – just not this neighbor. The essence of this parable is that our neighbors choose us – we don’t choose our neighbors – as they lie beaten, broken and needy beside the road we walk.

Many military personnel and their families might be like the man beside the road, needing someone to be neighborly to them as they deal with stresses that come with being military families. To help, we need understanding. Those in the military endure hardships, no doubt. They are separated from family for extended periods of time. They often are deployed to dangerous locations throughout the world.

Their families struggle with deployments as well. Their struggle is directly related to the support they receive while their loved ones are gone. Active-duty personnel usually can find built-in support through their bases. For reservists and National Guard members, however, support can be harder to find and less effective.

Military personnel make up less than 0.5 percent of the nation’s population (with nearly 35,000 Ohioans in service). They are our neighbors and members of our churches. My concern is that in our diocese, there is no common place where military families regularly gather to support one another. Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base is about 15 miles southeast of downtown Columbus and has minimal base housing.

We, as church, can help bridge that gap. Military families earn the right to be called strong, resilient and proud. But they also need us to be aware of their struggles. It is not because they want us to solve their problems; they might not want our sympathy, but they do need our understanding. When we understand, we can support our neighbors. When we are supportive, they might be better prepared to maneuver through the issues that they face.

When teachers understand military stressors, they can help students who can’t concentrate because Mom or Dad was just deployed. When employers understand military stressors, they can be sensitive to employees who are suddenly both mother and father in the family. When pastors understand military stressors, they can seek out families in their churches and offer support.

If you are interested in helping identify supportive opportunities for military families and developing them throughout our diocese, please contact me at [ecordle@columbuscatholic.org](mailto:ecordle@columbuscatholic.org).

As Catholic Christians in a complex world, it is our duty to help others. Just like the Good Samaritan, who we help and when we help are up to us. What gifts did you offer the Christ Child this Epiphany?

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this song – a song that I love for the wisdom it contains. We usually thank God for being good to us, for taking care of us and our loved ones, but when things don’t go as we wish, when tragedy comes to our lives, we do not always

As we focus on building the church of God, we will face numerous challenges along the way. How we respond to our challenges says a lot about who we are and what we believe as Christians and about the Christ we serve. – *Alfred Akainyah, consultant, African ministry.*



**The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. is pictured in an undated file photo. The nation honors the legacy of the slain civil rights leader and Nobel Peace Prize laureate with a national holiday, which this year will be celebrated on Monday, Jan. 21.**  
CNS file photo

understand that it, too, is a part of life. Everything happens for a reason. Good things are a blessing. Bad things can be opportunities for growth. We say that we love God, we are faithful, we trust Him, but do we really trust Him? Are we really faithful? Do we really believe in Him and his mercy in times of trouble as much as we do in times of happiness? – *Alma Ciriello, associate director, Latino ministry.*

Gold is tested by the refiner’s fire, and when the precious metal survives the fire, its value is then undoubted. Similarly, St. Paul in 1 Corinthians 3:12-14 speaks of God’s fire testing every person’s work as the process of admitting us to heaven. But we don’t need to wait until death before being tested by fire. The refiner’s fire tests us on this earth to prove how durable our character, faith, works, motives and strengths are. That fire is the fire of trials and tribulations. James 1:12 says, “Blessed is he who perseveres under trial, for he will win the crown of life if he succeeds.” A particular challenge might be an obstacle or a roadblock to some. For others, it becomes an opportunity to make a difference. As a church, we are to face controversies and challenges. Nehemiah’s message should teach us how to build our church or our faith when we are faced with the challenges of life.

One of the most difficult things a person might do in his lifetime is stand up for what he believes, especially when he is among others who believe differently. What is amazing is that when a person successfully acknowledges something uncomfortable, such as when a wrong needs to

be righted, and when that person can make nonbelievers believe, people will rise up and change will follow. The world will see the person’s value not just for what he has done, but more so for the way he did it. – *Maria Trinidad, consultant, Asian ministry.*

I think what Dr. King is talking about in this passage is walking by faith and not by sight. So often in our lives, we are hesitant to do what’s uncomfortable. Yet God calls us to follow him through everything, good and bad. We weather the hard times by keeping a strong faith. It’s easy to have a strong faith life when life is going well; however, we need strong faith even more when things aren’t going so well. This quote challenges us as people to have faith in God through all times. Yes, right now we may be going through trials and tribulations as a nation, including ongoing racism, but we must remain steadfast in our faith. We must never forget that through Christ, all things are possible. So I leave you with this: When it looks like the tunnel is dark and gloomy, and there may not be a way out, just keep walking forward, knowing that God will guide you through – *Sal Reedes, consultant, African American ministry.*

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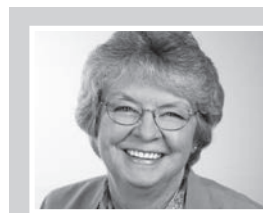
## Inspirational book offers words of hope for 2019

I like to celebrate Christmas – all 12 days of the season. So while discarded Christmas trees line neighborhood sidewalks, mine still shines with white lights and carefully chosen ornaments. By the time you read this, Epiphany will have come and gone and my tree will be back in the basement. But not yet.

This year, I added a small book of daily readings to my holiday ritual: *The Work of Christmas: The 12 Days of Christmas with Howard Thurman*, by Bruce Epperly. It helped me reflect on Christmas well beyond the Advent struggle to keep mind and heart centered on God-with-us while busy with pre-Christmas preparations and dealing with holiday stress when the day finally arrived.

This Christmas was especially enjoyable for me, filled with lots of family and company. Despite the activity, I made time each day to sit with this book. And when the holidays passed, family returned to their homes and I returned to work, feelings of joy and hope that have been elusive stirred in my heart.

This new year begins with dark days in our nation and in the world. Wars rage around the globe. Refugees fleeing oppression and violence are being



GRACE IN THE MOMENT  
Mary Van Balen

turned away from places once considered welcoming, including our nation. Division, fear and anger abound. The environmental crisis of global warming threatens catastrophic change for people and other living things that inhabit the earth. Even progress that has helped clean up air and water is being turned back by those to whom profits appear to be more important than health.

Not much had changed between Dec. 25 and Jan. 1. So where was this sense of joy and hope coming from? Why the easy smile? Why did grace and beauty pop into my view more often?

I thought it had something to do with the book, so I sat with it again and began reading from the beginning, searching for particular words or phrases that might have awakened these feelings.

Perhaps it was looking at Christmas through the eyes of Thurman, an African American theologian and mystic

born in Florida, who grew up in the south during the days of Jim Crow. This was a man who knew oppression and could empathize with the oppressed and marginalized in today's world.

Or maybe, I thought, the words that recognized beauty in the midst of darkness helped me to become more aware of the beauty that resides in the world today. I kept looking.

Suddenly these words filled my mind, pushing everything else aside: *You are not alone.*

I closed the book. That was it. Experiencing that truth during the past two weeks had made the difference, though I hadn't realized it at the time. Whether reading examples from Thurman's own life, reflecting on the Scripture passages chosen and reflections written by Epperly, or living it with my daughters, family and friends, I experienced the Epiphany revelation: *God is with us. Always has*

*been. Always will be.*

And that is the source of my hope.

It doesn't make everything easy. Thurman didn't sentimentalize Christmas. When he spoke of light coming out of darkness, he knew what he was talking about. Still, he had hope. In *The Mood of Christmas*, he reminds us that "... good is more permanent than evil."

Epperly's reflections focused attention on the reality that Christmas is not only blessing but also work, as Thurman's poem *Now the Work of Christmas Begins* expresses. It is God's work that we are created to do. Each of us. In our own way. In our own time and place. With our own gifts.

We do it together, sustained by countless acts of love and creativity. We live in the river of grace that has flowed through all people and creation since the beginning of time. And it flows still. We contribute to it by being faithful and sharing the particular grace we have been given.

Trusting that, trusting that God indeed is with us, allows us not only to have courage to contribute to that river of life in dark times as well as in light, but also to enjoy beauty and goodness along the way. And to hope.

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address the issue of proper decorum after Mass. However, the church has a long-standing tradition of practicing silence when the Mass concludes.

Some practical suggestions to promote reverence after Mass include:

- An announcement near the end of Mass to leave the church quietly out of respect for the Lord and for those who remain to pray.
- Whispering when someone approaches to engage in conversation and recommending moving to a vestibule, gallery

or social hall.

- Clergy setting an example by engaging with parishioners outside the sanctuary.

Parents with babies and small children are, of course, exempt. It's an absolute blessing to have the little ones at Mass.

Realistically, no one should expect monastery-like stillness in parish churches. But Mass-goers should at least be cognizant of others who are trying to pray. Remember to practice charity, and keep your eyes focused on the Lord in church and in everything you do.

### Father Hussey to present talks

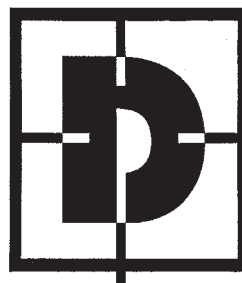
Father Edmund Hussey will give four talks on his views of the future of the Catholic Church on the Sundays of February at Columbus St. Agatha Church, 1860 Northam Road.

The talks will be at 9:30 a.m. in the parish hall. Subjects will be: Feb. 3, the leadership role of bishops; Feb. 10, women's future role in the church; Feb. 17, impact of immi-

grants; and Feb. 24, transition of the church's image from being a perfect society to one of a pilgrim people, supporting Pope Francis' vision of a welcoming church, not a judgmental church.

Father Hussey, a retired priest of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, has been weekend associate pastor at St. Agatha for several years.

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Given this 2 JANUARY 2019

REVEREND DENNIS STEVENSON, JCL  
Presiding Judge

Sue Ulmer  
Notary

# Mary ever-virgin; Memorial Mass for Protestant?



**QUESTION & ANSWER**  
**Father Kenneth Doyle**  
*Catholic News Service*

Would you please explain the apparent contradiction in the verse in Matthew's Gospel (1:25) that says, "He (Joseph) had no relations with her until she bore a son, and he named him Jesus"? The use of the word "until" would seem to indicate that conjugal relations may have occurred after the birth of Christ. This is confusing to those of us who have constantly heard Mary referred to as "ever-virgin." (Freehold, New Jersey)

You are correct on the Catholic teaching: that Mary remained always a virgin—before, during and after the birth of Jesus. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* quotes St. Augustine, who said Mary "remained a virgin in conceiving her Son, a virgin in giving birth to him, a virgin in carrying him, a virgin in nursing him at

the breast, always a virgin" (No. 510).

As regards the verse to which you refer (Matthew 1:25), current usage of the word "until" often does imply that the action in question did happen later on, but that is not the meaning of the original language. The Greek word that is translated "until" in Matthew (*heos*) says nothing one way or the other about what happened afterward.

Note that it is the same word used in the Greek translation of 2 Samuel 6:23, where we read that "Michal, the daughter of Saul, had no children until the day of her death." (We are not to assume, of course, that she had children after her death!)

But to avoid the understandable confusion that you point out, I myself prefer the translation in the New Jerusalem Bible: "When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had

told him to do; he took his wife to his home; he had not had intercourse with her when she gave birth to a son; and he named him Jesus."

A very dear friend of mine died recently. She was a Methodist, and I do not know whether they have services—as we have Masses—to mark the anniversary of someone's death. If they do not, I was wondering if it would be appropriate for me to request that a Catholic Mass be celebrated for her on the anniversary of her passing. (Camp Hill, Pennsylvania)

The national website of the United Methodist Church notes that "recurring memorial acts and services are occasions both of healing and of celebration. Mourners are especially open to supportive ministries on such occasions as Christmas, holidays, birthdays and anniversaries of marriage or of death." So you might want to inquire whether your deceased friend's local church might be open to conducting a memorial service on her anniversary.

But your other option is to have a Catholic Mass celebrated for her intention, and that is certainly allowed by the Catholic Church. (In fact, under certain circumstances the church's *Code of Canon Law* permits a Catholic funeral service to be conducted for a Protestant—not infrequently, for the spouse of a Catholic.)

Some Catholics might worry about offending the Protestant family, since Protestants generally reject the notion of purgatory as a period of purification. But the United Methodist Church acknowledges that it has "no one clear teaching on what happens to the dead between their death and the resurrection and judgment at the last day."

I shouldn't think anyone would mind you praying for your friend's quick passage into heaven, and when I have sent Mass cards on such occasions, people have been universally grateful

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

## SCHOOL NEWS

### New Catholic preschool opens near downtown

The Congregation of the Little Servant Sisters of the Immaculate Conception has opened a preschool and extended care center for children, emphasizing spiritual, educational and social development, near downtown Columbus.

The St. John Paul II Center, serving children ages 3 to 4 ½, opened at 957 E. Broad St. on Monday, Jan. 7. It received its licenses from the Ohio Department of Education and the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, indicating it has met all state educational and building requirements, on Wednesday, Jan. 2.

"Our goal is to create an appropriate climate for learning that enhances the development of the young child's character," said the school's director, Sister Bozena Tyborowska, LSIC. "Character traits we strive to reinforce are self-control, a generous spirit, and respect for one's own dignity and the dignity of others."

Under the care of Sister Bozena and her fellow sisters, children will be taught Christian values, explore their relationship with God, and share their experiences in an atmosphere of joy, peace and goodness that flows through love. The school will offer full-time and half-time schedules to meet the needs of working parents.

The curriculum will consist of structured and non-structured opportunities for learning, playing, story time, snacking and rest. The sisters have developed activities designed to promote a sense of independence, confidence, self-expression and creativity in the children while instilling fundamental Catholic values.

Sister Bozena has 19 years' experience as an educator. Her congregation, founded in 1850 in Poland, has 3,300 members in Europe, Africa, North America and South America, educating children and providing homes for

orphans and care for the sick, elderly and needy. It has been in the United States since 1926 and in Columbus for the past five years. Its other ministries in this country are in New Jersey, Florida and Pennsylvania.

For more information on the school, send an email message to [stjohnpaul2preschool@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnpaul2preschool@gmail.com).

### Our Lady of Bethlehem plans open house

Columbus Our Lady of Bethlehem School and Childcare, 4567 Olentangy River Road, will host an open house from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 27.

Parents are invited to register for programs for the 2019-2020 academic year at the school, which serves children from six weeks old through kindergarten during the school year, as well as offering before- and af-

ter-school childcare. It also has a summer program for children in preschool through grade six.

Visit [ourladyofbethlehem.org](http://ourladyofbethlehem.org) for more details.

### Open house set for Jan. 20 at St. Anthony

Columbus St. Anthony School, 1300 Urban Drive, will have an open house from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 20.

Parents are invited to bring prospective students to visit classrooms, meet teachers and staff, talk to parents of current students, fill out information forms for the 2019-20 school year, and visit the library, where a book fair will be taking place.

For more information, go to [www.stanthonycolumbus.org](http://www.stanthonycolumbus.org) or call (614) 888-4268.

# THE EVERYDAY CATHOLIC

By Rick Jeric

## Happy Baptism Day!



This Sunday, we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. It is also the last day of the Christmas season. We all know the story of Jesus being baptized by His cousin John the Baptist, and we will recognize the familiar Gospel passage. But what about our own baptism? Most of us were too young to remember the event, but do we know the date? If you were baptized as an older child or an adult, it is likely you remember the date. And if you went through the RCIA process and were baptized at the Easter Vigil, it certainly was a very memorable sacrament. Many clergy over the years have preached and written about how special and important our date of baptism is.

We celebrate our birthday each year, but tend to ignore our baptism day. I admit that I do not recall the date of my baptism. So as we celebrate the baptism of Our Lord, let us take at least a moment to celebrate our own baptism. But before doing so, a brief look at the rite of baptism can help us focus on what our faith should be. As everyday Catholics, the commitment and promises we made should be a part of how we live each day, modeling that Catholic faith. I will share some portions of the rite, and we can meditate on how important these promises and prayers continue to be as we move forward on our journey to eternal life.

As the child is received for the sacrament, the celebrant reminds everyone of the joy with which the parents welcomed the child as a gift from God, the source of life, who now will bestow His own life on the child. The whole of the Christian community also welcomes each newly baptized person with great joy, and one of the first things the celebrant does is trace the sign of the cross on the child's forehead. Of course, our parents and godparents were reminded of their responsibility to train us in the practice of our faith. It was their duty to raise us to keep God's commandments as Christ taught, by loving God and our neighbor. There are prayers, readings, intercessions, and anointings with holy oils. We are set free from original sin and made temples of the Holy Spirit. The child is anointed with the oil of catechumens, receiving the strength and power of Christ our Savior.

The water is blessed with these words: "We ask you, Father, with your Son to send the Holy Spirit upon the water of this font. May all who are buried with Christ in the death of baptism rise also with Him to newness of life." Wow! Think about that for a while. That brief prayer by itself is a nice meditation. There is the renunciation of sin and a profession of our faith, then the actual baptism with water three times in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Our salvation is proclaimed as we are anointed with sacred chrism oil. We are clothed in white as a new creation with Christian dignity, and we receive a lighted candle. The child's mother and father are blessed as the first teachers of their child in the ways of faith. The final prayer reminds us that we are reborn to everlasting life through water and the Holy Spirit.

There are three things we can do now. First, pray and meditate about how important our baptism is to our lives, both today and forever with God in Heaven. Second, find the date of your baptism and put it on your calendar. Finally, pray a little extra on that day and find a way to celebrate. That day can be as joyful as a birthday, especially as we consider our salvation.



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## Fatima, Lourdes awe pilgrims from New Albany church

By Suanne Gettings  
Pastoral Associate  
Church of the Resurrection

The difference between a trip and a pilgrimage is the *who*, *what* and *where* of your journey.

On Oct. 14, 34 central Ohio Catholics embarked on a pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes sponsored by the New Albany Church of the Resurrection. Our mission took us to Portugal, France and Spain, where our Blessed Mother had left her imprint on various

world, Santarem. We walked through its narrow streets to the Church of St. Stephen, which houses the oldest recorded Eucharistic miracle – a host that changed into bleeding flesh and flowing blood. The host has been in this condition since about 1229 and is displayed in a monstrance.

After Mass, we traveled to Fatima. At 3:30 p.m., our pastor, Father Denis Kigozi, concelebrated Mass at Fatima's Chapel of the Apparitions, followed by a visit to the basilica at the site, with its beautiful stained-

cession. It was a moving testimony to the universality of the Catholic Church, as each decade of the rosary was led in a different language. Fatima is one of the most holy places visited by Catholics from throughout the world.

On Day Five, we departed for Braga, Portugal. There are many churches in Braga, and the Antigo Paco Episcopal (the archbishop's palace) is a fine reminder of the past. The facade dates from the 14th century, with changes made in the 17th and 18th centuries.

who has made the journey throughout the years. It was an emotional moment for several of the pilgrims from our group.

After breakfast on Day Seven, we departed Burgos, in north-central Spain, and headed for Lourdes in southern France. Along the way, we stopped in the Spanish city of Loyola, the birthplace of St. Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Jesuits. We gathered for Mass at the 17th-century basilica dedicated to the saint. Behind the sanctuary is the family home of St.



A stop along the Via Sacra (Sacred Way) in Fatima. Photos courtesy Suanne Gettings



Ornate art tiles decorate many buildings in Lisbon, the capital of Portugal.

people and places.

Our first day was spent traveling by air from Columbus to Washington, D.C., then on a transatlantic flight to Lisbon, Portugal. The second day began in the Lisbon airport, where we met our delightful pilgrimage guide, Gloria Bagao. We couldn't have asked for someone more hospitable and knowledgeable to lead us on our 11-day journey.

Beginning in colorful Lisbon, where the buildings are adorned with beautiful tiles, we went on a driving tour before going to Mass, quickly learning that though he is associated mainly with Italy, St. Anthony of Padua was born in Portugal. Before going to our hotel, we gathered for Mass at St. Anthony Church.

After breakfast on Day Three, we traveled to one of the oldest cities in the

glass windows depicting scenes of Mary. The area includes a huge space that seats 8,300 people and a relatively new church at the end of the plaza opposite the basilica. This building houses several small chapels underground.

In 1917, the Virgin Mary appeared to three simple shepherd children at Fatima six times between May 13 and Oct. 13. We walked the path where Mary appeared to the children. Father Kigozi concelebrated Mass at the Chapel of the Apparitions. During our free time, the Stations of the Cross were available along the Via Sacra (Sacred Way), culminating at the chapel that overlooks Fatima.

As part of the profound spiritual experience of Fatima, we joined hundreds of Christians from many nations for the nightly candlelight rosary pro-

We celebrated Mass at the cathedral in Braga at approximately noon, followed by a stroll through the streets of this quaint city. After this, we said farewell to Portugal and headed to the city of Santiago de Compostela in northwestern Spain.

On Day Six, we toured Santiago de Compostela, a famous place of pilgrimage. We gathered for Mass at 9:30 a.m. at the cathedral in Santiago. The relics of St. James the Greater are said to be in the cathedral's crypt.

So significant was the shrine that judges throughout Europe often sentenced criminals to make a pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela as punishment. Today, it remains a popular pilgrimage site and receives as many as 2,000 pilgrims each day. The pilgrims come by horse, bike or foot, and a record has been kept of each pilgrim

Ignatius. The most venerated place in this building is the room where Ignatius, at age 30, was brought after he was seriously wounded at the Battle of Pamplona in 1521. During his convalescence, he underwent a religious conversion, giving up his military life.

The road through the south of France and the Pyrenees mountains was breathtakingly beautiful. It took us to picturesque Lourdes, the birthplace of St. Bernadette, to whom Our Lady appeared in 1858 near the Grotto of Massabielle. Once we settled in our hotel, we did some sightseeing on our own and had dinner.

As the sun disappeared and the evening grew dark, we walked to the nightly candlelight procession – an experience that will surely live in our memories. Thousands of Catholics



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The cathedral at Santiago de Compostela, Spain, a shrine to St. James the Greater.

of all ages, from all sorts of places throughout the world, gathered to pray the rosary, with their voices blending in one holy harmony.

On Sunday morning, our eighth day, we gathered for an outdoor Mass at the grotto, where Father Kigozi concelebrated Mass with two priests from Uganda and a priest from Los Angeles.

The liturgy was beautiful, accented by the rising sun and the uplifting music that accompanied our celebration.

The rest of the day gave us the opportunity to go to baths where hundreds of miraculous cures have taken place; to walk in the footsteps of St. Bernadette; to see the Boly Mill, the grain mill Bernadette's family operated and where she was born, and the Cachot, an abandoned prison where her impoverished family lived; to pray before the life-size Stations of the Cross overlooking the holy grotto; and to kneel in the chapel built on the rock of the grotto in obedience to Mary's request.

Again, our day ended with the blessing of the sick and the candlelight procession, which takes place every evening from April through October.

We made our way back to Spain on Day Nine, spending the day in Zaragoza visiting Spain's most famous Marian shrine, the Basilica of Our Lady of the Pillar, the home of a miraculous image of the Virgin Mary. According to local tradition, Mary appeared on a pillar on Jan. 2 of the year 40 AD to the Apostle St. James

the Greater while he was preaching the Gospel. During this apparition, Mary consoled and encouraged James



A candlelight procession takes place nightly at the basilica in Lourdes, France.

to keep preaching.

All of us were able to touch the pillar and were encouraged to make three wishes or requests, with the provisions that each request had to be for something good, could not be for multiple desires, and had to be kept secret. Our pilgrims gathered for Mass at the Chapel of St. Anthony inside the basilica.

Our final day of pilgrimage took us



The basilica in Fatima, Portugal, where Mary appeared to three children in 1917.

to Madrid, where we viewed the Puerta del Sol, the Plaza de Espana (with its monument to Miguel de Cervant-

morning.

We are most grateful to Jerusalem Tours, which worked tirelessly to see that our pilgrimage experience was a blessed time and our hotels, tour guides, bus driver and meals were first-rate. Every day brought a new dimension of church history – too much to cover in this brief article.

Beyond the many sights we visited, the most memorable and precious part of this pilgrimage were the pilgrims who shared in the journey. We began as acquaintances, and with each new day, we could feel the bonds of our faith strengthening.

The Holy Spirit was our constant companion. Father Kigozi, presided at our daily Masses and fortified our time together with his pastoral presence.

Each morning, our time on the bus began with prayer and the rosary. We traveled together, prayed together, laughed together and enriched our lives of faith together.

It was an unforgettable experience, and all of us who made the pilgrimage are grateful for the opportunity.

The Church of the Resurrection's next pilgrimage will take place in June 2020. We will journey to the holy places of Switzerland, Austria and Germany, with a visit included to the passion play at Oberammergau, which takes place once every 10 years.

For more information, contact Susanne Gettings at (614) 855-1400, extension 1017.

es, author of *Don Quixote*), the Parliament, the Cibeles Fountain, the elegant Calle Alcalá, and the Paseo de la Castellana. The highlight was a visit to the famed Prado art museum and its priceless art treasures.

After a very busy day in Madrid, we ended with Mass together, a closing dinner and an early bedtime as we prepared to travel home to Ohio in the

# Downtown dwellers breathe life into city's oldest church

By Tim Puet  
*Catholic Times Reporter*

Columbus Holy Cross Church is the city's oldest Catholic church, but its administrator, Father Dwayne McNew, says a sense of renewal is being felt throughout the parish as a result of population growth, particularly among young people, in the downtown area it serves.

"In the past few years, the number of people at our Sunday Masses has almost doubled, increasing from about 60 per Mass to about 110. I'm expecting that to double again in a

in the Columbus area and enjoy being part of a smaller parish community where everybody seems to know one another. They also see what a beautiful church we have and how well it's been maintained, so they decide to become parishioners."

One of the new parishioners is Debbie Benson, who has lived in the Jaycee Arms apartments across from the church for about a year. She previously was a member of Columbus St. James the Less Church.

"I love this church," she said. "First of all, because it's Catholic and I'm a

"They didn't know me when I first came, but many came up to me and introduced themselves. Now everybody waves at me each week, and because I'm easy to find, they notice and they're concerned when I'm not there," said Benson, who has multiple sclerosis and uses a wheelchair. "I don't know many people's names, but they're all so friendly to me. This year, I got three Christmas cards from people I don't even know."

Benson makes rosaries for Third Order Franciscans and others, presenting them to anyone who asks for one.

ments and condominiums in the heart of Columbus during the past five years or so has caused the downtown population to increase to about 8,500 today, compared with a low of about 3,500 in 2000. Holy Cross is in the center of that construction area.

"Those who are coming downtown to live are mainly in their 20s and 30s," said Father McNew, who has been at the church for three years. "They have been joining the parish and staying. Most are single, but we're starting to see more families. One family recently moved in across the street, and there's another around the corner.

"One indication that the parish is becoming younger is the number of weddings we're having – 40 in the last year," he said. "In June, July and August, we had two weddings per weekend, and there was one weekend with three." Income resulting from weddings last year has provided considerable financial help for the parish's ongoing maintenance efforts.

Many of those weddings involved instances in which neither the bride nor the groom was a parishioner. "A lot of priests send couples here for weddings because we don't have a Saturday evening Mass. That makes us more flexible in terms of time," Father McNew said.

"Most weddings are on Saturdays, but most parishes have limited availability on that day because they have Sun-

day vigil Masses in the evening, so we're a good alternative. We're also near many areas that are popular for wedding receptions or rehearsal din-



The interior of Columbus Holy Cross Church was decorated with 12 trees of various sizes for the Christmas season. The church at 204 S. 5th St. was dedicated in 1848 and is the oldest Catholic church in the city. The parish was founded in 1833 as St. Remigius Church. CT photo by Tim Puet

year or two," he said.

"The return to downtown living is one significant factor for the increase. Another is that some people come here from larger churches elsewhere

cradle Catholic, and you walk inside and it's just gorgeous. You can't believe the building is in such good condition and is 171 years old. And the people have been so welcoming from the start.

"But I always say they're unblessed because I want Father Dwayne to bless them," she said. She also has treats readily available for children attending Mass.

A boom in construction of apart-

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**Nativity scene in the Holy Cross Church sanctuary.**

Photo by Father Dwayne McNew

ners, such as the Statehouse, Franklin Park Conservatory, The Vault and the downtown hotels.

“Being close to the hotels also makes this a convenient wedding site for couples with lots of out-of-town guests. We’ve also had some Sunday weddings. That’s an unusual day for weddings in this country, but African Americans have told me it’s a popular day for weddings in Africa.

“In one instance, we had parents from Westerville who started attending Mass here because their daughter’s wedding was going to be here. They kept coming back, and now they’re members,” Father McNew said.

Many other Holy Cross parishio-

ners also come from suburban areas for Mass each Sunday. “We have about five from Pickerington, six from Grove City, four from Westerville, Delaware and Powell,” all of which are about a 20-minute drive from downtown. “People who come here from larger parishes say they don’t want to spend 15 or 20 minutes in the parking lot after Mass. Here they can walk in, walk out and chat with people after Mass, if they want, in that same amount of time,” Father McNew said.

“With people coming from all over, it’s hard to plan parish events, but we’re doing more because people want to become more involved,” he said. Last year, parishioners studied


**An ornate chalice given to Columbus Holy Cross Church by Charles and Elisa Wolfe in 1871 continues to be used for special parish celebrations.**

CT photos by Tim Puet


**Father Dwayne McNew’s holiday display includes models of four diocesan churches.**

the book *The Shack: Where Tragedy Confronts Eternity*, getting together immediately after the parish’s 11 a.m. Mass on Sunday to have soup prepared by Father McNew and to talk about the book so they wouldn’t need to drive back downtown later.

Plans are being made for a chili cookoff on Sunday, Feb. 24, in the former parish school building, and Father McNew said he hopes to present episodes of Bishop Robert Barron’s *Catholicism* video series during Lent. In preparation for showing the videos and for other social events, he is putting new carpeting and new tables and

chairs in a former classroom to make it more comfortable for those who attend. He also is thinking about compiling a parish pictorial directory.

Father McNew said that for the first time in many years, the parish had two Christmas Eve Masses – one at 4 p.m. and a 7 p.m. candlelight Mass – as well as a Mass on Christmas Day. Decorations included 12 Christmas trees of various sizes. “Having more people available and willing to decorate made it possible,” he said.

The church’s rectory also was filled

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with festive decorations, including a 10 ½-foot tree in the living room, a 9-foot tree, and a model railroad and village. “I really love the season of Christmas,” Father McNew admitted.

The village included models of

enamel paintings of the Apostles and angels and decorated with semi-precious stones including pearls, turquoise and garnets. The chalice was given to the parish by members Charles and Elisa Wolfe in 1871. On

from Schmidt’s.

Many parishes help the poor and the homeless during the Christmas season, but it’s a new tradition at Holy Cross to give such assistance on or near Jan. 6, the Feast of the Epiphany,

day, except during the Christmas season and on national holidays. St. Lawrence Haven is operated by the diocesan St. Vincent de Paul Society and is not directly a part of the parish, but many people connect the two because they are next to each other.

Heather Swiger of the diocesan St. Vincent de Paul Society, director of St. Lawrence Haven, said it serves lunch to between 250 and 300 people daily, totaling about 80,000 meals served during the recently concluded year. She has run the site for the past decade and said those numbers have been fairly steady for the past few years.

Volunteers from parishes throughout the diocese, including Holy Cross, make homemade sandwiches monthly for the St. Lawrence Haven lunches. About 1,000 sandwiches a day are handed out. Meals distributed daily also include a three-course hot meal, such as ham, mashed potatoes and green beans, or spaghetti, carrots and a roll, packed in warm, to-go containers.

Swiger said volunteers to cook and package the meals are needed every Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to noon. Fridays are for leftovers. To reach St. Lawrence Haven during the day, call (614) 228-0799. Swiger is at (614) 241-2569.

Holy Cross is the site of two long-running devotional activities. Devotions to the Sorrowful Mother have taken place there after the 11:30 a.m. Mass on the first Friday of the month since 1946 and continue each month, except during Lent, when they are replaced by the Stations of the Cross. Since 2000, the Eucharistic Vigil Association has sponsored a monthly first Friday program that begins with Mass at 7:30 p.m., followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with various prayers, ending with Benediction around 11.

Holy Cross Church was built in 1848 but remains in excellent shape. “We’re fortunate in having no major maintenance problems,” Father McNew said. “The church was built well, and its priests and people have always shown their respect for it by the way it’s been treated.”

Significant improvements were made to the building in the first decade of the current century. These included a new heating and air-con-



**Holy Cross Church, with its depiction of Jesus carrying his cross above the main entrance and its clock and bell tower, is one of Columbus’ oldest landmarks. It has been part of downtown since 1848. CT photo by Tim Puet**

several diocesan churches with long histories – Portsmouth St. Mary, New Philadelphia Sacred Heart, Columbus Holy Family, and Portsmouth Holy Redeemer, where Father McNew was pastor for 11 years. All of the models were handmade about 15 or 20 years ago. Father McNew said such items have become so expensive that he couldn’t afford to buy them now.

A highlight of the Christmas Eve Masses was the use of one of the parish’s treasures – a golden chalice with

the bottom are their names, the initials of their 12 children, an inscription dedicating the chalice to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and the date Sept. 11, 1871.

The chalice is part of the parish’s Masses on Christmas, Easter and the Sunday closest to Sept. 14, the Feast of the Holy Cross. Celebration of the parish’s feast day also has been marked by a visit from the food truck operated by Schmidt’s Sausage Haus, and more recently by a catered meal

the “12th day” of Christmas, which this year was on a Sunday. Parishioners put together 70 bags of toiletries and personal goods such as soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste and deodorant collected by parish members as they stopped at hotels in the course of the year.

For more than 40 years, the former parish school has been the site of St. Lawrence Haven, where food is distributed to anyone who comes there from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. every week-

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ditioning system, a new steeple, new concrete walks and a new cooper roof. In 2010, the church was closed for several months while new flooring was installed.

Father McNew said he will start

made lasting impressions that continue to this day among those who participated. Building code issues made it necessary for Cum Christo to move its retreat weekends to St. James the Less Church in 2016.



**Debbie Benson says she has been warmly welcomed by her fellow Holy Cross parishioners. She is pictured with Father Dwayne McNew, pastor.** CT photo by Tim Puet

making plans next year for celebration of the 175th anniversary of Holy Cross, known as “the mother church of the city of Columbus.”

Columbus was founded in 1812 and became the state capital in 1816, but did not have a Catholic church of its own until 1833, when what then was known as St. Remigius Church was founded. Until then, the city had been served by visiting Dominican priests from Somerset, Ohio.

The first St. Remigius Church was dedicated at Walnut and 5th streets in 1838, followed 10 years later by the current building at 204 S. 5th St. The name was changed to Holy Cross at the church’s dedication in 1848. The original church was converted into a school and served that purpose until 1871, when the building that now houses St. Lawrence Haven was built.

The student populations of the St. Joseph Cathedral and Holy Cross schools were combined in 1958 in that building, but it was closed as a school in 1962.

Two years later, it became the home of the diocesan Cursillo movement, now known as Cum Christo. Retreats conducted there for the next 54 years

Holy Cross also was the original home of the diocesan Black Catholic Ministries office, now part of Catholic Ethnic Ministries, and of *Parroquia Santa Cruz*, the city’s Latino parish, which now is based at Columbus Holy Name Church and the former Holy Name School.

Holy Cross has gone through many cycles of growth and decline. Its peak membership came in the 1950s, when 30,000 people lived downtown. Then came the move to the suburbs, with parish membership reaching a low of 14 families and 51 single persons in 1966 before starting to slowly rise.

Now it appears a new period of growth has started, with Father McNew and his parishioners looking forward to the coming anniversary events and inviting everyone in the diocese to join them in celebrating the past and looking with hope to the future.

Sunday Masses are at 9 and 11 a.m., with daily Masses at 6:15 p.m. Tuesday, preceded by a Holy Hour at 5, and 11:30 a.m. Wednesday through Saturday. For more information, call the church at (614) 224-3416.

## Back in His Arms Again dinner

The annual benefit dinner for the Back in His Arms Again ministry, which serves families experiencing the loss of an infant, will take place on Thursday, Feb. 7 in Marian Hall of Columbus Immaculate Conception Church, 336 E. North Broadway.

Doors open at 6 p.m., with dinner at 6:45. There will be a silent auction and short presentation, and donations to the ministry will be accepted. The cost is \$25 per person. If you are unable to attend but wish to donate, send contributions to Back in His Arms Again, Box 1553, Westerville OH 43086.

Back in His Arms Again is an ecumenical lay ministry founded by Kambra Malone of Westerville after the miscarriage of her son Gabriel in 2005. It is based on Catholic morality that honors life from conception

to natural death, and has a mission of helping provide a proper, dignified burial for all babies and assisting with emotional, spiritual and physical support for grieving families.

Its services include coordination of funeral home and cemetery activities, providing burial layettes and vaults, and answering other needs a family may have. It also seeks to educate clergy and the medical community to create an awareness that everyone is deserving of a proper burial.

The ministry sponsors memorial Masses for infants several times a year in the Garden of the Holy Innocents at Resurrection Cemetery in Lewis Center. The next Mass will be at 1 p.m. Sunday, April 28.

For dinner tickets or more information about the ministry, go to [www.backinhisarmsagain.com](http://www.backinhisarmsagain.com).



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## Beginning our journeys anew

By **Kevin Perrotta***Catholic News Service*

**Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 or  
Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11  
Psalm 29:1-4, 9-10 or  
Psalm 104:1-4, 24-25, 27-30  
Acts 10:34-38 or  
Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7  
Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22**

The beginning of a new year is a perfect time to start afresh. We make New Year's resolutions to improve our health, our habits, our relationships and our work. Deep down in all of us is our longing for a second chance.

As we grow older, we learn that our shortcomings should not and do not define us. Rather, our sinfulness is an opportunity to turn a new leaf or a new page. The start of a new year gives a fresh chance to begin anew.

The same is true of our spiritual life and our relationship with God.

Each day, we live in the mercy of God's forgiving love, with the divine invitation to turn to God and start anew. Perhaps we will make spiritual resolutions to pray more consistently, to read God's word more faithfully, and to love others more genuinely.

Such spiritual resolutions express our desire to live out the meaning of our baptism. For it was at baptism that we were first given the astonishing new chance to live in Christ. Baptism is the beginning of a new life of grace in Christ by which we are reconciled to God.

Today, the church celebrates the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, when Jesus begins his public ministry after being baptized by St. John the Baptist in the Jordan. Jesus is baptized as a manifestation of his self-emptying love that culminates in his sacrifice on the cross.

From the blood and water that flowed from Jesus' side on the cross, the fountain of a new life of divine grace was opened to you and me. What a gift of God!

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* tells us that the "fruit of baptism, or baptismal grace, is a rich reality that includes forgiveness of original sin and all personal sins, birth into new life by which man becomes an adoptive son of the Father, a member of Christ, and a temple of the Holy Spirit. By this very fact, the person baptized is incorporated into the church, the body of Christ, and made a sharer in the priesthood of Christ" (No. 1279).

After Jesus was baptized, the heavens opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him as a dove. Then a voice from heaven was heard, saying "You are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased" (Luke 3:22).

Jesus' baptism in the Jordan opened the path of our spiritual rebirth so we are not left in our weakness and sin. Jesus sanctifies the waters of baptism so we might daily live the gift of new divine life in the power and strength of the Holy Spirit.

This gift of grace is given to all, no matter how great or small our weaknesses or failings. This divine grace, first received at baptism, gives us the confidence to begin our spiritual journeys anew as we pray in hope, "Speak to me, Lord."

*Reflection Question: What does your baptism mean to you?*

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



## Living 'I Do' – Weekly Marriage Tips

What is your spouse's most despised chore? Leave a note that you are taking it on this week, and then deliver. It could be something small like putting out the trash cans or making the bed. Or ask if you can do that despised chore together this week. Even small commitments like these communicate thoughtfulness and gratitude to your spouse.

*Diocese of Columbus Marriage and Family Life Office*

THE WEEKDAY  
BIBLE READINGS

## MONDAY

Hebrews 1:1-6  
Psalm 97:1,2b,6,7c,9  
Mark 1:14-20

## TUESDAY

Hebrews 2:5-12  
Psalm 8:2a,5-9  
Mark 1:21-28

## WEDNESDAY

Hebrews 2:14-18  
Psalm 105:1-4,6-9  
Mark 1:29-39

## THURSDAY

Hebrews 3:7-14  
Psalm 95:6-11  
Mark 1:40-45

## FRIDAY

Hebrews 4:1-5,11  
Psalm 78:3,4bc,6c-8  
Mark 2:1-12

## SATURDAY

Hebrews 4:12-16  
Psalm 19:8-10,15  
Mark 2:13-17

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

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

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

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

## DAILY MASS

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

8 p.m., St. Gabriel Radio (AM 820), Columbus, and at [www.stgabrielradio.com](http://www.stgabrielradio.com).

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

## Retreat for couples scheduled

A one-day retreat for couples in their 20s and 30s who are in their first five years of marriage will take place from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Saturday, April 6 in the family life center of Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 3730 Broadway.

The retreat, with the theme "Christ Alive in Our Marriage," will be sponsored by the diocesan offices of Marriage and Family Life and Youth and Young Adult Ministry, and is limited to 20 couples.

It will be focused on developing couples' ability to encounter God in their everyday experiences. Each talk will be given by a newly married couple, followed by a time for individual couples to reflect on their own, then as a couple, and finally in small groups with other couples. There will

also be time for renewal in prayer as a couple.

Its purpose is to help young couples renew their love and commitment to each other while also giving them an opportunity to meet other young couples and support each other in growing closer to Jesus Christ.

Its format, developed by Charis Ministries, an organization offering retreat experiences in the Jesuit tradition, is based on the *Spiritual Exercises* of St. Ignatius Loyola, which encourage people to find God in all aspects of daily life.

For more information, call the Office of Marriage and Family Life at (614) 241-2560 or the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry at (614) 241-2565.

# Lay collaboration and episcopal authority

The Vatican is a hotbed of rumor, gossip, and speculation at the best of times – and these times are not those times. The Roman atmosphere at the beginning of 2019 is typically fetid and sometimes poisonous, with a lot of misinformation and disinformation floating around. That smog of fallacy and fiction could damage February's global gathering of bishops, called by the Pope to address the abuse crisis that is impeding the Church's evangelical mission virtually everywhere.

Great expectations surround that meeting; those expectations should be lowered. In four days, the presidents of more than 100 bishops' conferences and the leaders of a dysfunctional Roman Curia are not going to devise a universal template for reform of the priesthood and the episcopate. What the February meeting can do is set a broad agenda for reform, beginning with a ringing affirmation of the Church's perennial teaching on chastity as the integrity of love. In a diverse world Church, that teaching applies in every ecclesial situation. And it is the baseline of any authentically Catholic response to the abuse crisis.

What the February meeting must not do is make matters worse by swallowing, and then propagating, some of the fairy tales circulating in Rome about the Church in the United States: like the noxious fiction that the U.S.



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bishops have overreacted to what is essentially a media-created crisis.

To be sure, inept or hostile journalists too often fail to report the significant reform measures the U.S. bishops have implemented since 2002 and the positive effects of those reforms. But there is still much reform work to be done in the American Church; most U.S. bishops know that; and for Rome to blame the Church's current crisis of confidence on the media is a reflexive dodge and an obstacle to genuine reform.

Then there's the "Protestantization" fairy tale. In Roman circles, it's said that panicky U.S. bishops cobbled together reform proposals that would gravely diminish episcopal authority by handing great chunks of that authority to lay people – a "Protestantizing" move, as it's called along the Tiber. To make matters worse, some in Rome blame this alleged "Protestantizing" on what are deemed "too many" converts in the U.S. Church today.

How to begin unraveling this nonsense? First, it is beyond bizarre for anyone

to complain about too many converts in a Church called by the Pope to live "permanently in mission," radiating "the joy of the Gospel." In real-world 2019, American adults are baptized or enter into full communion with the Catholic Church because they believe the Catholic Church knows what it is, teaches the truth, and offers them Christ himself in the sacraments. They don't "convert" to change the Church's self-understanding.

Second, how does it diminish their authority for bishops to collaborate with orthodox, capable lay people in addressing the current crisis in both its dimensions: clerical sexual abuse and episcopal failure in addressing that abuse? What the U.S. bishops were prepared to do in November, before an inappropriate Vatican intervention prevented it, was to create a national body of competent lay people to receive allegations of episcopal malfeasance, assess them by a carefully crafted set of standards and report credible allegations to the appropriate Church authorities. Period.

Such a process would not only preserve the bishops' authority; it would enhance it.

In any effective organization, the leader with ultimate responsibility engages the expertise of others in order to do what only he or she can do: make good final decisions. Not a jot or tittle of episcopal authority will be damaged by the American bishops collaborating with expert lay people who understand the boundaries of lay competence. On the contrary, that collaboration is essential if the bishops and the Vatican are going to recover the credibility necessary to do the jobs that only bishops and the Vatican can do in reforming the priesthood and the episcopate.

These points must be made forcefully in Rome in February. Fictions about American Catholic life and American attempts to impose a universal solution to the abuse crisis on the world Church must be firmly rejected. An appropriate pastoral response to a genuine crisis, well suited to the ecclesial situation of the U.S., should be vigorously defended. And the Roman voices saying there are too many converts in the U.S. should be invited to read Matthew 28:19-20.

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## Dominican Sister of Peace takes vows

Sister Elizabeth Jackson, OP, took her perpetual vows as a Dominican Sister of Peace during a Mass on Sunday, Dec. 2 in the chapel of the congregation's Motherhouse in Oxford, Michigan.

The Columbus native is the daughter of the late J. Harry and Marian Jackson. She graduated from the College of St. Mary of the Springs (now Ohio Dominican University) in 1965 and from the medical school at St. Louis University in 1975.

As a psychiatrist, she practiced in Ohio, Massachusetts and Florida, working for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and specializing in post-traumatic stress disorder. In 2007, she became chief of mental

health at the Chalmers P. Wylie Ambulatory Care Center in Columbus, where she later was appointed acting chief of staff until retiring in 2012. Before entering the Sisters of Peace, she was a member of Columbus St. Margaret of Cortona Church, where she was organist from 2007 to 2015.

Since 2017, she has been a volunteer in the pastoral care department at the Lourdes Senior Community in Waterford, Michigan. She is an organist at the Lourdes community and at Sunday Masses at the Oxford Motherhouse. She is on the advisory board for the Dominican Learning Center in Columbus, which offers adult education, English as a Second Language and citizenship classes.

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**BOGGS, James R., 85, Jan. 3**  
St. Timothy Church, Columbus

**CAMPBELL, Stella (Comignaghi), 95, Dec. 29**  
St. Joseph Church, Dover

**CASIMIR, St. Louis, 47, Dec. 17**  
St. Matthias Church, Columbus

**COGNION, Howard S., 75, Jan. 4**  
Sacred Heart Church, Coshocton

**COUGHLIN, Betty A. (Heise), 93, Jan. 2**  
St. Agatha Church, Columbus

**FAGAN, Mary M. "Marcella" (Eschman), 92, Dec. 30**  
St. Joan of Arc Church, Powell

**FOUT, Dennis B., 71, Jan. 2**  
Holy Family Church, Columbus

**FULLEN, Shaun L. Jr., 21, Dec. 26**  
St. Dominic Church, Columbus

**HALLER, Benney L., 74, Jan. 1**  
St. Mary Church, Chillicothe

**KERBER, John E., 95, Dec. 28**  
Our Mother of Sorrows Chapel, Columbus

**KEYES, Barbara H. (Favre), 77, Jan. 3**  
St. Sylvester Church, Zaleski

**KRUPP, Dorothy M. (Super), 88, Dec. 29**  
St. Brendan Church, Hilliard

**LOMBARD, Barbara A. (Heaney), 80, Jan. 1**  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Grove City

**McDOUGALL, George, 77, Jan. 3**  
St. Joseph Church, Dover

**MOURAS, Shirley E. (Ehr), 86, Jan. 1**  
Sacred Hearts Church, Cardington

**POWER, Keith, 60, Jan. 1**  
Our Mother of Sorrows Chapel, Columbus

**RIDGE, June, 90, Jan. 1**  
Ss. Augustine & Gabriel Church, Columbus

**ROZICH, Olga (Duke), 96, Dec. 28**  
St. Brigid of Kildare Church, Dublin

**SABATINO, Rita J. (Meyers), 88, Jan. 4**  
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

**SCHUMACHER, Richard E., 79, Jan. 5**  
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

**SKOWRONEK, Dorothy (Kaminski), 87, Jan. 1**  
St. Mary Church, Waverly

**TEHAN, John C., 83, Jan. 2**  
St. Brigid of Kildare Church, Dublin

**TOLES, Stella E., 90, Jan. 2**  
St. Dominic Church, Columbus

**WALDMANN, Arthur L., 91, Jan. 6**  
St. Mary Magdalene Church, Columbus

**WELLS, Robert L., 91, Jan. 3**  
Ss. Peter and Paul Church, Wellston

**WOLF, Donna M., 83, Dec. 19**  
Resurrection Cemetery Chapel, Lewis Center

## Sister Jean Kinney, OP

Funeral Mass for Sister Jean Kinney, OP, 89, who died on Wednesday, Dec. 19 at the Mohun Health Care Center in Columbus, was celebrated on Thursday, Jan. 3 at the Motherhouse of the Dominican Sisters of Peace. Burial was at St. Agnes Cemetery, Menands, New York.

She was born on Oct. 4, 1929 in Ironton to the late Francis and Norma (Elberfeld) Kinney and received a bachelor of science degree in economics and business education from St. Rose College in Albany, New York in 1963 and a master of arts degree in religious studies from LaSalle College in Philadelphia in 1983.

She joined the Dominican Sisters of St. Catherine de' Ricci, based in sub-

urban Philadelphia (now the Dominican Sisters of Peace), on Jan. 6, 1954, professing her first vows on Aug. 4, 1956, taking the name Sister Mary Mark, and her final vows on the same date four years later.

She served at various locations in Pennsylvania, New York and New Jersey as a teacher, religious educator, pastoral minister, hospice coordinator, counselor and spiritual director. She had been living at the Mohun center since 2010.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Father Francis Kinney, CPPS; and sisters, Henrietta Hanifin and Marsha Morgan. She is survived by nieces and nephews.

## Father John F. Hinnebusch, OP

Funeral Mass for Father John F. Hinnebusch, OP, 95, who died at the Mohun Health Care Center in Columbus on Monday, Dec. 17, was celebrated in the center's chapel on Saturday, Dec. 22. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Somerset.

He was born on April 22, 1923 in Pittsburgh to John and Anna (Stratemeier) Hinnebusch and was a graduate of Pittsburgh Central Catholic High School. He began studies to be a priest of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans) in 1941 at Providence (Rhode Island) College, entered the Dominican novitiate in 1943 at St. Rose Priory in Springfield, Kentucky, made his first profession of vows in 1947, and was ordained a Dominican friar on June 10, 1950, in St. Dominic Church in Washington by Bishop Edward Daly, OP, of Des Moines, Iowa.

His preparation for the priesthood included studies at the former St. Joseph Priory in Somerset and the Pon-

tifical Faculty of the Immaculate Conception in Washington.

He spent nearly 25 years as a history teacher at Providence College and nearly 40 years in Washington, where he was assigned to the Dominican House of Studies and served with the Faculty of the Immaculate Conception and as director of the American section of the Leonine Commission, which produces critical editions of the works of St. Thomas Aquinas. He came in 2017 to Columbus, where he was assigned to St. Patrick Priory and resided at the Mohun Center.

He was the youngest of 10 children, all of whom preceded him in death. His siblings included Dominican Fathers William, Paul, and Albert Hinnebusch and Dominican Sisters Regina Ann, Claire, and Dorothy Hinnebusch, who were members of the Congregation of St. Mary of the Springs (now the Dominican Sisters of Peace) of Columbus.

## John C. "Jack" Bender

Funeral Mass for John C. "Jack" Bender, 89, who died on Friday, Dec. 28, was celebrated on Thursday, Jan. 3 at Columbus St. Andrew Church. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus.

He was a 1947 graduate of Columbus Aquinas High School, served in the Army in the Korean War and was a founding member of St. Andrew Church in 1955, serving the parish as an usher for more than 40 years. He also was a former secretary of the diocesan St. Vincent de Paul Society.

He was an electrician who served

International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 683 for more than 50 years, and was an entrepreneur who developed the Arlington Heights neighborhood of Upper Arlington.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Caroline; and a son, Charles. Survivors include his wife, Marilyn; sons, John (Laura), Thomas and Joseph; daughters, Jayne, Patricia (Paul) Morrill and Barbara (Edward) Keesler; brothers, James and Gerald; sister, Joan Slagle; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

## Our Lady of Perpetual Help School to hold open house

Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help School, 3752 Broadway, will have an open house from 6 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 24, followed by a special session for prospective kindergarten families from 7 to 7:30.

The school offers a balanced curriculum that includes art, music, language arts, world languages, religion,

physical education, social sciences, math and science.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help also has a preschool that provides half- and full-day options for children age three to five.

Interested families also may call Principal Julie Freeman for a tour at (614) 875-6779.

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## JANUARY

### 12, SATURDAY

**Life and Mercy Mass in Plain City**  
9 a.m. Mass, St. Joseph Church, 140 West Ave., Plain City. Saturday Life and Mercy Mass, followed by rosary and confession.  
**Frassati Society Visits Nursing Home**  
2 p.m., Worthington Christian Village, 165 Highbluffs Blvd., Columbus. St. Patrick Church Frassati Society for young adults visits nursing home. **614-224-9522**

### 13, SUNDAY

**St. Christopher Adult Religious Education**  
10 to 11:20 a.m., Library, Trinity Catholic School, 1440 Grandview Ave., Columbus. Old Testament study with Scripture scholar Angela Burdge.  
**Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic Meeting**  
1:30 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Meeting of St. Catherine of Siena chapter, Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic.  
**Workshop on Addressing the Opioid Epidemic**  
2 to 4 p.m., Mount Carmel East Hospital, 6001 E. Broad St., Columbus. Workshop for church leaders on addressing the opioid epidemic, sponsored by the Mount Carmel church partnership board. Space is limited. **614-546-4062**  
**Prayer Group Meeting at Christ the King**  
5 to 7 p.m., Christ the King Church, 2777 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus (enter at daily Mass entrance). Weekly parish prayer group meets. for praise, worship, ministry and teaching. **614-886-8266**  
**Spanish Mass at Columbus St. Peter**  
7 p.m., St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road, Columbus. Mass in Spanish. **706-761-4054**

### 14, MONDAY

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

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

### 15, TUESDAY

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

Following 6:15 p.m. Mass, St. Joan of Arc Church, 10700 Liberty Road, Powell. Recital of Rosary for Life, sponsored by church's respect life committee.

### 16, WEDNESDAY

**Abortion Recovery Network Group**  
9:30 a.m., Westerville Area Resource Ministry, 150 Heatherdown Drive, Westerville. Abortion recovery network group meeting for anyone interested in recovering from abortion or who has been through a recovery program, and wants to stay connected. **614-721-2100**  
**Center for Dominican Studies Lecture Series**  
Noon to 12:30 p.m., St. Catherine of Siena Room, Erskine Hall, Ohio Dominican University, 1215 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Sister Germaine Conroy, OP speaks on "I Was in Prison and You Visited Me" as part of Center for Dominican Studies series on justice. Lunch provided. **614-251-4722**  
**Young Catholic Professionals Speaker Series**  
7 to 9 p.m., Jubilee Museum, 57 S. Grubb St., Columbus. Young Catholic Professionals Christmas celebration and monthly executive speaker series, featuring talk by Dr. Marcel Casavant, medical director of the Central Ohio Poison Center and chief of toxicology at Nationwide Children's Hospital. Information at [www.ycpcolumbus.org](http://www.ycpcolumbus.org).

### 17, THURSDAY

**Cenacle at Holy Name**  
6 p.m., Holy Name Church, 154 E. Patterson Ave., Columbus. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, with prayers in the Cenacle format of the Marian Movement of Priests.  
**Eucharistic Holy Hour at Sacred Heart**  
7 p.m., Sacred Heart Church, 893 Hamlet St., Columbus. Eucharistic Holy Hour with the intention of deepened holiness and an increase in the virtue of fortitude for the Holy Father, bishops, and priests, concluding with Benediction, social period and refreshments. **614-294-7702**  
**Holy Hour at Holy Family**  
7 to 8 p.m., Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St., Columbus. Holy Hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by meeting of parish Holy Name and Junior Holy Name societies, with refreshments. **614-221-4323**  
**'Awakening Faith' at St. Paul**  
7 to 8:30 p.m., Room 3, lower level, St. Paul Church, 313 N. State St., Westerville. First meeting of six-week "Awakening Faith: Reconnecting With Your Catholic Faith" series designed to answer questions and explore the basics of Catholicism for inactive Catholics interested in returning to the Church. **614-882-2109**

### 18, 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**  
**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 "Patient Stillness," led by John Seryak. Suggested donation \$5. Registration deadline Jan. 15. Minimum five participants. **614-866-4302**

### 19, 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.  
**Centering Prayer Group Meeting**  
10:30 a.m. to noon, Corpus Christi Center of Peace, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus. Centering prayer group meeting, beginning with silent prayer, followed by Contemplative Outreach DVD and discussion. **614-512-3731**

### 20, SUNDAY

**St. Christopher Adult Religious Education**  
10 to 11:20 a.m., Library, Trinity Catholic School, 1440 Grandview Ave., Columbus. "Amazed and Afraid: The Revelation of God Become Man," Part 1 of Bishop Robert Barron's "Catholicism" series.  
**Blessing of St. Gerard Majella at Holy Family**  
After 11 a.m. Mass, Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St., Columbus. Blessing of St. Gerard Majella, patron of expectant mothers, for all women who are pregnant or wish to become pregnant. **614-221-1890**  
**Angelic Warfare Confraternity at St. Patrick**  
Following noon Mass, St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Monthly meeting of Angelic Warfare Confraternity, with talk on chastity-related issues followed by Holy Hour. **614-224-9522**  
**Kateri Prayer Circle at St. Mark**  
1 p.m., Aranda Center, St. Mark Church, 324 Gay St., Lancaster. Kateri Prayer Circle meeting to honor St. Kateri Tekakwitha and promote Native Catholic spirituality.  
**St. Padre Pio Secular Franciscans**  
1 to 5 p.m., St. John the Baptist Church, 720 Hamlet St., Columbus. Fellowship and ongoing formation followed by adoration and prayer, Liturgy of the Hours, and initial formation with visitors. **614-282-4676**

**Polish Mass at Holy Family**  
2 p.m., Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St., Columbus. Monthly Mass in Polish. **614-221-4323**  
**Taize Evening Prayer at Corpus Christi**  
4 to 5 p.m., Corpus Christi Center of Peace, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus. Evening Prayer in the style and spirit of the Taize monastic community, with song, silence, and reflection. **614-512-3731**

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**Spanish Mass at Columbus St. Peter**  
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### 21, MONDAY

**Martin Luther King Day Program**  
Noon to 1:30 p.m., Holy Rosary-St. John Church, 660 S. Ohio Ave., Columbus. Parish's 34th annual Martin Luther King Day commemoration. **614-252-5926**

**Mass of Healing at Cathedral**  
6:30 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Mass of Healing, followed by healing service including Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and veneration of relic of the True Cross. Priests will be on hand for discussion and prayer, and the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be available. **614-224-1295**

### 22, TUESDAY

**Respect Life Mass and Rally for Life**  
10:30 a.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Bishop Frederick Campbell celebrates Mass in observance of the day of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through abortion and of prayer for full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life, followed at noon by the annual Rally for Life in the Statehouse atrium, sponsored by Greater Columbus Right to Life, to express support for pro-life activities on the anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's *Roe v. Wade* decision legalizing abortion.  
**Rosary for Life at St. Joan of Arc**  
Following 6:15 p.m. Mass, St. Joan of Arc Church, 10700 Liberty Road, Powell. Recital of Rosary for Life, sponsored by church's respect life committee.

### 24, THURSDAY

**Ohio Dominican St. Thomas Aquinas Lecture**  
11 a.m., Matesich Theater, Erskine Hall, Ohio Dominican University, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Sister Kathleen McManus, OP, associate professor of theology at the University of Portland (Oregon), delivers ODU's annual St. Thomas Aquinas lecture. Topic: "Light Out of Darkness: Dominican Stories of Justice." **614-251-4453**

**Cenacle at Holy Name**  
6 p.m., Holy Name Church, 154 E. Patterson Ave., Columbus. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, with prayers in the Cenacle format of the Marian Movement of Priests,  
**Eucharistic Holy Hour at Sacred Heart**  
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**Frassati Society Christ in the City**  
7 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Christ in the City program sponsored by parish's Frassati Society for young adults, with Eucharistic Adoration, confessions, Taize chant and Dominican Compline, followed by fellowship at Pat and Gracie's restaurant. **614-224-9522**

### 25, 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**

# Young ODU coach leans on faith, support system to score success

By Doug Bean  
Catholic Times Editor

Seven years ago, Lynsey Warren had just turned 26 when she became the head women's basketball coach at Ohio Dominican University.

The Columbus Bishop Watterson High School graduate was hired for a job at an NCAA Division II school that might take other coaches years to land. At such a young age, she was charged with leading a program and all the responsibilities that go with it, in addition to coaching young women who were only a few years younger than her.

In the middle of her seventh sea-



**Ohio Dominican women's basketball coach Lynsey Warren is a Columbus Bishop Watterson High School graduate.**

Photos courtesy Ohio Dominican University

son at ODU, Warren is still a young coach at age 32, but she has proved that she's capable of handling the demands of the job. Entering a Jan. 10 game against the University of Findlay, Ohio Dominican had compiled a 7-6 overall record and was 4-3 in the Great Midwest Athletic Conference.

The Panthers are trending toward a fourth consecutive winning season under Warren. Her record is 97-82 overall, and her teams have won at least 18 games in each of the past three years.

Later this month, she could secure her 100th career win, which would be a milestone achievement for her and for ODU basketball.

Not bad for someone who never had a lifelong ambition to coach.

"My faith has really carried me

through it," Warren said. "It's been God's timing and trusting in that. It felt right, and it only felt right because of my faith in God. That's the path that transpired for me to play basketball in college, to go to college. I never really set out to be a coach as a young person."

Specifically, her Catholic faith has played a major part in her development as a coach, mentor and person.

"Being at a Catholic institution is very fitting for me," Warren said. "Not all of my players are Catholic or even Christian, so for me what I want them to experience is being in an environment where they have an opportunity to explore their faith and then absolutely have faith in themselves and who they're becoming as young women and comfortable enough to work through that."

Warren began her athletic career at Watterson as a standout in volleyball and basketball. After graduating, Warren took her talent to the next level at Ashland University, where she continued to excel as a two-sport athlete. A four-year starter for the volleyball team and a two-time NCAA Division II All-American, Warren helped lead the Eagles to the Elite Eight in the NCAA tournament in 2006.

On the basketball court, she accumulated 803 points and 467 rebounds in four seasons. As a senior in 2008-09, she led Ashland in scoring, averaging 14 points per game, and was named second-team All-Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

She attributes her four years at Watterson to shaping her values on and off the court.

"From my upbringing and development at Watterson, whether it's faith-based and then academically oriented, I think I was absolutely prepared for life after high school to go away to college," she said. "I think Ohio Dominican does that here (prepare students for the future)."

At the end of Warren's college playing career, she wasn't sure in which

direction her life was headed. She had earned a bachelor's degree in business administration but didn't think an office job was what she wanted and considered moving back home with her parents in Columbus. An opportunity to remain at Ashland as a women's basketball graduate assistant presented itself, and she took it while pursuing a master's degree in sports sciences.

From there, Warren ended up at NCAA Division III Kenyon College in Gambier, working there for one year as an assistant under longtime head coach Suzanne Helfant and picking up additional coaching experience before joining the Ohio Dominican program as an assistant in 2011.

After Warren's first year at ODU, Panthers head coach Nathan Bellman announced that he was leaving and wanted Warren, who was 25 at the time, to replace him.

"I was nowhere near ready," she said. "I remember him telling me 'I want you to take over here. I think you're ready.' I didn't think I was ready. But I knew that this was a fit. My sister played here. I always had this prior connection. Being here is what I wanted. It felt right being an assistant."

"I was, like, this is my only guarantee. If someone else comes in, they're not necessarily going to keep me on as an assistant. My only way to stay here is to take it. As crazy as it sounds – and it's not a profession I set out to pursue – coaches have much different paths, whether it's getting a grad assistant job or a video coordinator job or going from a high school job to a college job. A lot of times, the paths aren't very consistent."

"I've settled on my faith and my ability to feel what doors God has opened and what has felt right through Him and to be at peace with that. For them to choose me, to take a huge risk on a coach who had only been an assistant three years, to be here for one and not have any experience as a head coach, that was a huge risk for them to take, and I'm still very grateful," she said.

Athletic director Jeff Blair had confidence in Warren when he hired her.

"We felt she had done a really nice job as an assistant," Blair said. "One of the most important things was being able to recruit the local talent in the area. She had those connections and we thought that it would be a pretty good transition for her. She's been the type of leader that not only enhances the program on the court,

but off the court in terms of how well our student-athletes perform academically and are engaged in the community."

After Warren's teams finished with losing records during her first three years, the Panthers experienced a breakthrough in 2015-16, when they finished 20-9 overall and 15-7 in the GLIAC, their previous conference. They were ranked as high as No. 6 in the NCAA Midwest regional rankings and fell just short of landing a berth in the NCAA tournament as an at-large team.

Warren's fast-track success was recognized after that season when the Women's Basketball Coaches Association selected her as one of the top coaches in the country younger than age 30.

"I want us to win and be a championship culture," she said. "That's every aspect and not just on the court. It's in the classroom, it's in the community. We just want to be able to walk the walk of a champion and put your best self out there all the time. We've been successful in our GPA and in our wins and losses, but it's all about the development of our players."

There's also the faith component at a Catholic institution that is integrated into the players' development.

"We pray before games," Warren said. "There are different opportunities ... Bible studies ... Athletes in Action. Our priest on campus is great. There's time for prayer, Mass, non-denominational worship."

"For us, faith is an open conversation ... to incorporate into the way we speak, the way we walk. I can see the Lord in all of our players, which is pretty cool. A couple of our girls have gone on mission trips and furthered their relationship with God."

Warren maintains a close connection to Watterson. Tom Woodford, her high school basketball coach, is still at the high school, and they talk often.

"Belief in relationships. That's huge. And that's what he instilled in me," Warren said. "Watterson instilled that in me, that foundation of having that connection within a team, within a program, building a relationship between the coach and the player and having a family atmosphere within your program. That's what I've tried to create here. He's been a major influence."

Part of the Watterson experience she has tried to recreate at Ohio Dominican is a family atmosphere. Warren appreciates interaction with the players' parents.

"We want our parents here and our

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players here to have that understanding that we need them and they need us,” Warren said. “Sometimes parents are kept at arm’s length, but we want that support and we value it. They help feed us on the road. That’s not typical. It just creates a different level of inclusion.”

“On the court, it breeds success if you have that foundation, that trust, that respect for each other. It’s not so much that everybody wants to be all lovey all the time, but it’s that understanding that decisions are made to better the family. When things are hard, we’re going to put the family first. And I think that just goes along with how Watterson takes care of its community, and the parents there are involved so much.”

Woodford isn’t surprised at his former player’s success as a coach.

“Lynsey was an amazing athlete in high school and college,” Woodford said. “She was one of the best players and leaders I have ever coached in my 24 years of being a head coach. When she was a player, she worked hard at her skills while being a good teammate. During her senior year, we won the district title where she averaged a double-double in points and rebounds.”

“Lynsey has always been a competitor. It didn’t surprise me to hear that she would continue her basketball career in coaching. I have been a huge supporter of her and her program at ODU. We also speak quite often

about coaching situations and how to improve our programs. She has been a great resource for me.”

Warren feels she has grown as a coach in seven years at ODU.

“I tend to put more weight on different things,” she said. “I remember being all over the place a little bit in terms of what I got after them for. I was a little bit more extreme in the details until I had a full roster who (understood) our culture. Now I get to watch (the players) take care of things. I don’t have to get on them for every little detail.”

Warren also relies on her staff. Assistant Jessie Carmack has been with her all seven years, and Cindy Martin, who has previous collegiate head coaching experience, is in her first year at ODU. Former Panthers players Sarah Futscher and Devin Conley have stayed on as assistants.

With this year’s team, the challenge has been to blend a mix of seven returning players and six newcomers. Junior Alexa Fisher, a graduate of Olentangy Liberty High School who transferred to ODU from Nebraska Omaha, leads the team in scoring at 14.4 points per game and in assists with 3.7 per game. Sophomore Angela Troyer is averaging 14.3 points per game. The lone senior who has spent four years at ODU, Alexis Overly, is next at 9.6 and freshman Kennedy



**32-year-old Lynsey Warren is in her seventh season as the head women’s basketball coach at Ohio Dominican, where she has compiled a 97-82 record.**

Schlabach is at 9.1.

“We’re working through the kind of connection we need on the court, communicating, knowing what you’re going to do,” Warren said. “The consistency isn’t there because we don’t have that experience together. We need to keep building on that. We’ve seen lots of growth. We still have a lot to grow.”

The next step for the program is to

qualify for the NCAA tournament. ODU will play host to NCAA regionals this year and in 2021, and that’s where Warren ultimately wants to take the Panthers.

“We haven’t made it to the NCAA tournament, and that’s a huge goal for us,” she said.

“We’re just continuing to build that culture and belief. We’ve just got to get in.”

## DeSales players sign with Big Ten schools



**Two Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School football players signed letters of intent to continue their careers with Big Ten Conference schools. Joey Velazquez (left) signed with the University of Michigan and Rodas Johnson (right) with the University of Wisconsin.**

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Members of the St. Catharine of Siena Chapter of the Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic making their Temporary Promise are (front row, from left): Mary Baker, OP; Kandice Longstreth, OP; Martiana Klui, OP; James Marcum, OP; and Clint Atkins, OP. In the back row (from left) are Linda Henry, OP, formation director; Father Stephen Alcott, OP, spiritual assistant; and Toni Mitchell, OP, chapter president.

Photo courtesy St. Catharine of Siena Chapter

## Five lay Dominican novice members make Temporary Promise at St. Patrick Church

The St. Catharine of Siena chapter of the Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic (formerly known as the Dominican Third Order) has been blessed with a number of vocations. On Sunday, Dec. 9, five novice members made their three-year Temporary Promise at Columbus St. Patrick Church, where a chapter has been meeting since at least 1883.

Members of the Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic are lay Catholics who, moved by the Holy Spirit to live a life according to the spirit and charism of St. Dominic, are incorporated into the Dominican Order through a promise to live according to the particular statutes of the Lay Dominican Rule. (The rule, originally for “Brothers and Sisters of Penance of St. Dominic,” was first promulgated in 1285.) The statutes place an emphasis on living a life of prayer, study, community and apos-

tolate, according to the state proper to the laity. Daily prayer includes the Liturgy of the Hours and the rosary.

The Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic chapter is open to practicing Catholics (men and women at least 18 years old), who desire a deeper spiritual life and a willingness to engage in the pillars of Dominican life. After a period of formation, members make a public promise to follow the Rule of the Lay Fraternities, first for three years, then for life.

Monthly chapter meetings incorporate prayer, study and formation, social time, and support for chapter and individual apostolates. The chapter meetings take place at St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant St., generally on the second Sunday of the month. For further information, contact the St. Catherine of Siena chapter at [dominicanthirdordercolumbus@gmail.com](mailto:dominicanthirdordercolumbus@gmail.com).

## Keep bringing Christ to others, archbishop tells SEEK conference

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Denver Archbishop Samuel J. Aquila described the 17,000 young people, most of them college students, attending SEEK2019 in Indianapolis as “a great sign of hope for the church, that the church is alive and well among young people.”

He celebrated Mass on Sunday, Jan. 6 for participants in the biennial conference sponsored by the Denver-based Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS). The group, founded in 1998, seeks to nurture the Catholic faith in college students. It has nearly 700 missionaries on 153 college campuses in 42 states and five international locations.

In his homily, Archbishop Aquila said he was briefly “playing hooky” from the retreat taking place for bishops in the U.S. at Mundelein Seminary near Chicago so he could celebrate the Mass at the Indiana Convention Center in Indianapolis.

This year’s SEEK gathering took place from Jan. 3 to 7 and was the sixth such conference that Archbishop Aquila has attended.

“Certainly, you can see the deep

faith in the young people,” he said in an interview after the liturgy. “What their encounter with Christ has brought about is palpable. When you give young people the truth of Christ and Christ as the light and the one who gives meaning to life, it changes everything.”

In his homily, the archbishop spoke about that day’s Scripture reading from Isaiah, where the prophet spoke of darkness covering the earth. He said this darkness today is consumerism, incivility and the “sin by certain members of the clergy.”

“All of that can, at times, discourage us,” he said. “But in the midst of that is the light of Jesus Christ. And it is that light that we must focus on.”

Colleen Tragonski, a junior at Auburn University, said the impact of the conference is “hard to put into words.” She said it gave her “an incredible hope,” despite the challenges facing the church.

“It’s amazing to see thousands and thousands of college students celebrating the Mass, all making this journey to Indianapolis, but also to heaven,” she said.



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