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The Editor's Notebook**Great Expectations**

By David Garick, Editor



Life is filled with waiting. Most of the really important things in life are looked forward to, anticipated, given time, hoped for. We begin life waiting for our own birth. Our parents eagerly anticipate our arrival, our first steps and first words. We look forward to school and to each new grade. We look toward becoming independent adults, to getting that first job, to building a career. We wait for love and to find that one special person to share our life, and we begin that waiting process all over as we wait for our own children to arrive and develop. Eventually, we look forward to retirement. In all this waiting, there may be furious activity, timetables, rushed projects, rigid schedules. Life may seem hectic. But taken as a whole, life develops slowly. Human growth is slow and gradual. It takes time.

Some of this waiting seems to be wasted time: waiting for a bus or elevator or in line at the BMV. Some waiting is filled with suspense and anxiety: waiting in a doctor's office for test results, waiting for a call from a prospective employer, or waiting for a child who is late coming home at night. And some of this waiting is joyful, such as looking forward to Christmas, or for a long-planned vacation trip, or moving into a new home.

Advent puts the entire experience of waiting into focus for us as Christians. The Advent wreath brings the great anticipation of lighting a new candle each week, leading us to the great light of the world, the birth of Christ at

Christmas. The Scripture readings lay out in the Old Testament the waiting of God's people through a thousand years of prophecy and expectation for God's plan of salvation to be revealed in Christ. Each year, we renew this sense of waiting, for it is a very human need to repeat this sense of anticipation for the unique event which changed all of human history. The prophet Isaiah expresses that expectancy: "Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down with the mountains quaking before you." Of course, God always does something even better than we anticipate. Rather than rending the heavens, God comes among us as one of us, in the form of a baby, born in a stable in Bethlehem.

That child expresses all of our hopes and dreams and gives us a reason for all of our waiting. In that greatly anticipated child, our joyful hopes are not just fleeting moments. With the Christ Child, all of our human growth has a model, a concrete human ideal. With Christ, the power of Almighty God is molded into a child just like each of us, reaching out to each of us with a promise that we can be like him. With Christ, all our human waiting and transitions have a final goal and purpose. With Christ, no moment is wasted. Every moment is truly a gift to be treasured.

First Week of Advent**VATICAN CHRISTMAS TREE**

The 2017 Vatican Christmas tree is positioned in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican on Thursday, Nov. 23. This year's tree is from Poland.
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HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION ~ FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2017

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Check individual parishes for schedule of Holy Day Mass times

*Front Page photo:*

A lit candle is seen on an Advent wreath during Mass in the Crypt Church at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Washington.

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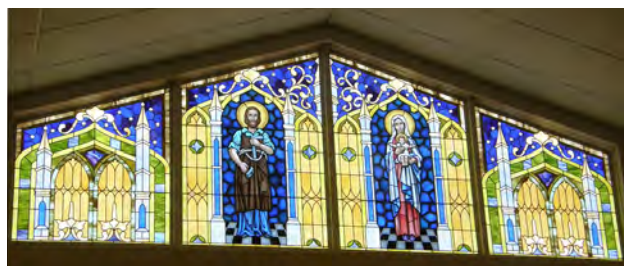
Sugar Grove St. Joseph marks 125th anniversary of dedication

A special Mass was celebrated on Sunday, Nov. 19 to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the dedication of Sugar Grove St. Joseph Church.

Bishop John Ambrose Watterson, the second bishop of the Diocese of Columbus, came to the small Fairfield County community just outside Lancaster on Nov. 20, 1892 for the dedication. Sugar Grove St. Joseph was one of 60 churches he dedicated during his tenure as bishop from 1880 to 1899. Twenty-five of them were in places that previously had no Catholic church.

Although the building is 125 years old, the history of the parish began nearly 40 years earlier, around 1853, when three frame churches were built – St. Joseph on Horns Mill Road in Berne Township; Our Lady of Good Hope, on Pine Hill in its namesake Hocking County township; and Sacred Heart, on Geneva Hill south of Bremen. A cemetery remains at the location of each of the churches, which were served by a priest who lived centrally at a Horns Mill Road farmhouse. The churches were part of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati until the Diocese of Columbus was established in 1868.

The main altar of St. Joseph Church was built by young men at St. Joseph's Orphanage in Columbus, the predecessor to the Pontifical College Josephinum. It was a side altar until being moved to the front of the sanctuary as a result of extensive renovation in 2013 and 2014 under Father James Walter, the parish's pastor since 2009.



The parish has about 170 families and serves an area of 80 square miles in Berne Township in Fairfield County and Good Hope and Marion townships in Hocking County. It's known as "the church you see from Route 33" because its 60-foot steeple is a landmark familiar to travelers on nearby U.S. 33, particularly in the wintertime after the surrounding trees have lost their leaves. Its location at the edge of the Hocking Hills tourist region brings in travelers during much of the year for Masses at 5:30 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. Sunday.

Coincidentally, on the same Sunday as the 9 a.m. anniversary Mass, the parish hosted an evening Thanksgiving service in which parishioners joined with members of Sugar Grove's other two churches – Sugar Grove United Methodist and St. Matthew Lutheran – to express gratitude to God for his blessings. The service rotates annually among the three churches. On Sunday, Dec. 10 at 7 p.m., all three will be stops for the annual "Silent Night in Sugar Grove," a mid-Advent word and song procession.

Father Walter is the 21st pastor to serve the parish. Pastors with the longest tenure were Msgr. Edward Kessler (1964-85) and Father Walter's predecessor, Msgr. James Geiger (1992-2009).



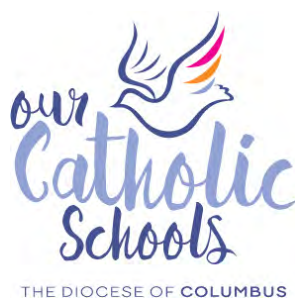
"Let us try to imagine all the bishops, priests, sisters, and parishioners who have prayed in our church in these last 125 years," Father Walter said. "If the walls could speak, we would hear music, scripture, and homilies from very sacred moments of holy days, weddings, baptisms, confirmations, funerals, and countless Sundays. We humbly and reverently offer our gratitude to God for his holy temple in our midst."



Diocesan schools unveil new public image

The diocesan Schools Office has unveiled a new public image in an effort to unite all of its schools under a consistent brand. The image is that of a dove with the words "Our Catholic Schools." The schools office is encouraging its use by all diocesan elementary and secondary schools in conjunction with their own well-established images.

As part of the rebranding, the office has opened a new website, which may be reached at education.columbuscatholic.org, and a Facebook page, "Our



a three-year, \$100,000 grant by The Catholic Foundation.

"The diocese wishes to tell our story in a way that advocates the importance of Catholic education and assists our schools in the recruitment and retention of students," said Susan Streiten-

berger, interim diocesan school superintendent.

The rebranding is the result of efforts by Novella Creative, which has done similar work with parishes in the diocese, and took place in cooperation with diocesan educators, parents, and clergy. Funding was provided through

berger, interim diocesan school superintendent.

"This initiative will work in concert with the established identities of our elementary and high schools to enhance the efforts of school communities which have recruitment and promotional programs and provide valuable resources for those which do not. It also will strengthen the symbiotic relationship between our schools and their church communities."

Principals of each of the 42 elementary and 11 high schools in the 23-county Diocese of Columbus have been sent brand guides on correct use of the logo, which is in five colors on a white back-

ground, and its accompanying type fonts. Schools have the option of including the taglines "The Diocese of Columbus" or "Seeking Knowledge and Virtue in the Lord" with the main logo.

"Catholic schools are the largest school system in the world," Streitenberger said. "Children learn in safe and loving environments built on traditions of rigorous academics and sound theological instruction. Children come to know the Lord through knowledge and virtue. They become lifelong learners and, most importantly, good people. This new advocacy program will help our schools continue a rich tradition of faith spanning more than two centuries."

Faith in Action

Using social justice themes to promote constructive dialogue

By Tim O'Hanlon and Leroy Husak

The angry divisiveness that has sorted Americans into opposing "tribes" is replicated within the Catholic community. Politically conservative and progressive Catholics appear incapable of hearing and understanding one another on a wide range of issues crucial to the well-being of our most vulnerable brothers and sisters in the U.S. and across the world.

Recently, a member of our action and contemplation group at the Newman Center suggested that we apply the themes of Catholic social justice to evaluate crucial legislation and policies of our times. These seven principles are rooted in the Gospels.

They are: the life and dignity of the human person; the call to family and community participation; rights and responsibilities (human dignity depends on human rights); the preferable option for the poor and vulnerable; the dignity of work and the rights of workers; solidarity (we are one human family); and care for God's creation.

These principles are embraced not only by the Catholic Church, but by all major faith communities, both Christian and non-Christian, and by many with no religious affiliation.

Health care, immigration, tax policy, and other essential issues are distorted by a blizzard of false and misleading claims designed to target people's greatest fears and disparage the motives of the "other side."

If the integrity of the rival "tribe" is discredited, its policies can be automatically rejected without an honest examination of their possible merits. Social justice principles provide a common framework for assessing, discussing, and debating issues which have a profound effect on

millions of American lives and the lives of everyone affected by American policies.

These issues cover a variety of topics. For example:

- Can we have a just society if many of our fellow citizens do not have affordable, quality health care coverage?

- Does proposed health care legislation expand affordable, quality coverage, especially to the most vulnerable?

- Does Congress' failure to fund the Child Health Care Program (CHIP) for low-income children violate basic standards of justice and fairness that bind us as a community?

- Is tax reform legislation that cuts taxes for the wealthy at the expense of the working poor and middle class consistent with our commitments to individual dignity and family solidarity?

- Does the House budget resolution slash social programs for the "least" among us?

- What does the fate of adolescents and young adults who are part of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program tell us about our commitment to human dignity?

- How does threatening the nuclear agreement with Iran and engaging in nuclear brinkmanship with North Korea and Iran square with our responsibilities as peacemakers and in caring for God's creation?

Using social justice principles as a tool for considering specific policies and legislation can promote constructive dialogue by appealing to our most cherished values.

Tim O'Hanlon and Leroy Husak are members of a discussion group at the Columbus St. Thomas More Newman Center that examines Catholic teaching and its impact on daily life.



St. Charles athletes announce college plans

Four seniors from Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School have announced their plans to play college athletics in the 2018-19 academic year. They are (from left): Keaton Doon (Nazareth, lacrosse); Max Elliott (Haverford, lacrosse); Keegan Younkin (Bowling Green, golf); and Will Morrison (Centre, lacrosse).

Photo courtesy St. Charles Preparatory School

Capuchin friar to preach Dover mission

Father Joseph Tuscan, OFM Cap, will be at Dover St. Joseph Church, 613 N. Tuscarawas Ave., from Sunday to Tuesday, Dec. 3 to 5, for a parish mission focusing on forgiveness.

He will preach at 7 p.m. each evening, with Eucharistic Adoration taking place from the end of the first talk until 6 p.m. Dec. 5, except during his Monday evening talk.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available at 5 p.m. Tuesday from Father Tuscan and Father Jimmy Hatfield, St. Joseph pastor. Mass will be at 6 p.m., followed by the closing mission talk, then a reception in the parish family life center.

The first talk will be preceded at 3 p.m. Sunday by a penance service for the Tuscarawas-Coshocton-Holmes Deanery, with priests from throughout the deanery available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Father Tuscan, 50, is a native of Columbus and was raised in Canton. He earned a bachelor's degree

in behavioral science in 1989 from Borromeo College Seminary and professed his first vows as a Capuchin Franciscan friar in 1990.

Making his perpetual vows in 1993, he went on to earn his master's degree in theology at the Washington Theological Union in 1995 and was ordained to the priesthood in 1997 in Pittsburgh by Bishop (now Cardinal) Donald Wuerl.

His first assignment after ordination was on the pacific island of Papua New Guinea, where he served for four years. Since returning to the United States, he has served as parochial vicar, military and hospital chaplain, and pastor.

Most recently, he worked with friars in Puerto Rico. He now is a full-time minister of the word and evangelization for the Capuchin Province of St. Augustine, which is based in Pittsburgh and includes Ohio. He offers retreats and reflection days for parishes, Religious, and other faith communities.

Christmas concert at de Porres Center

The Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus, a ministry of the Dominican Sisters of Peace, will host the Columbus St. Anthony Church multicultural choir at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10 for a Christmas concert of traditional and multicul-

tural music.

Come for the concert, view the center's art exhibits, and enjoy refreshments and fellowship during this busy holiday season.

For information, call (614) 416-1910.



Ready students donate food

Members of Columbus Bishop Ready High School's Volunteer Club are shown with the assembled results of the school's annual food drive, led by the campus ministry program. There was 100 percent school participation, with students, faculty, staff, and administration donating 1,100 nonperishable food items to the Holy Family Soup Kitchen and Columbus St. Aloysius Church. Each class was assigned a specific item to donate: macaroni and cheese, peanut butter, tuna, and canned soup or vegetables.

Photo courtesy Bishop Ready High School

Dominican sister speaks to social workers

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus says, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." In Franklin County, the Guardian Service Board serves those who might be considered the least of Jesus' brothers with love and compassion, helping them navigate the maze of social services they need to survive.

The board's social workers and social service professionals become less like case workers and more like friends as they work with court-assigned clients. Often, the court-appointed guardian is the only person aware of when a ward of the state dies, and that guardian is left to close the file and grieve alone.

Guardianship Service Board members gathered recently at a city park

on the edge of the Scioto River to celebrate the lives of their clients who had died in the past two years.

Sister Rosemary Loomis, OP, a Dominican Sister of Peace, delivered the memorial message for the ceremony. She reminded those in attendance of the importance of remembering each client by name, saying "It is said that we die twice: the first, when our hearts stop beating forever; the second, when no one ever says our name."

The remainder of the service was a reflection of Sister Rosemary's words, as each person was recognized by name, and a rose was tossed into the river in each person's memory.

"This service was so important to this team," Sister Rosemary said. "It was an opportunity not just for closure, but

Sister Rosemary Loomis, OP (right), delivers a memorial message at a Franklin County Guardian Service Board memorial service for clients of the board who died in the past two years.

Photo courtesy Dominican Sisters of Peace



for recognition, for recalling good memories, and for acknowledging that their work, as those who bring Christ's peace to those who have no one else, is vital to our community."

Sister Rosemary has been involved in grief counseling for many years. She is a member of the National Catholic Ministry to the Bereaved and Parents of Murdered Children and Homicide

Victims Survivors. She serves as after-care coordinator for Egan-Ryan Funeral Home and was honored by the national organization of Parents Of Murdered Children, Inc. with the Father Ken Czillinger Award in recognition of her service supporting the mental health of survivors of homicide victims.

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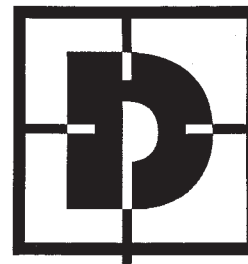
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Funeral Mass in funeral home? Overpopulation and Catholic teaching



QUESTION & ANSWER

by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE
Catholic News Service

Q. In certain parts of our country, they are allowed to have the Mass of Christian Burial at funeral homes. I think this is a wonderful idea, especially for small funerals. Who makes that decision or gives permission for this? (upstate New York)

A. I am not aware of any place in the U.S. where funeral Masses are celebrated on a regular basis in the funeral home. The Archdiocese of Detroit notes, for example, on its website: "Funeral Masses are not allowed in funeral homes. The funeral liturgy outside of Mass, as provided in the *Order of Christian Funerals*, is allowed in the funeral home."

That ritual held in a funeral home, then, would consist only of the sprinkling of the casket, opening prayers, scriptural readings, a homily, intercessory petitions, the Our Father and the closing prayers of commendation. In short, this service would include all of the parts of a normal funeral Mass with the significant exception of the Eucharist itself.

It is much more fitting that a funeral be celebrated with the church's central and most powerful prayer, the Eucharist -- ordinarily in the parish church in which the deceased had traditionally worshipped.

At the same time, though, this guideline is not absolute, and a local bishop could grant permission for a Mass to be celebrated in the funeral home -- particu-

larly in rural areas, where the church might be a great distance away, or in a case where severe weather might imperil travel.

Q. I am very concerned about the explosive population growth in the world, and about religious leaders not addressing it. I know that as Catholic Christians we are called to support the poor here and overseas, and I have done this. But with unlimited population growth, isn't this like bailing water from a boat with a hole in the bottom?

Why aren't religious leaders encouraging families to limit size? There are only so many natural resources and acres of land. How can some parents have nine or 10 children, knowing that some of them will die from starvation or disease? (Toms River, New Jersey)

A. The concern you express resonates with the words of Pope Francis. Speaking to journalists during a flight in January 2015 from the Philippines back to Rome, the pontiff addressed that same question, indicating that Catholics fail to practice responsible parenthood when they have more children than can be provided for.

While defending the stance against artificial contraception taken by Pope Paul VI in the encyclical *Humanae Vitae*, Pope Francis said that "this doesn't mean a Christian should have a succession of children." "Some people believe that," he

added, "in order to be good Catholics, we should be like rabbits."

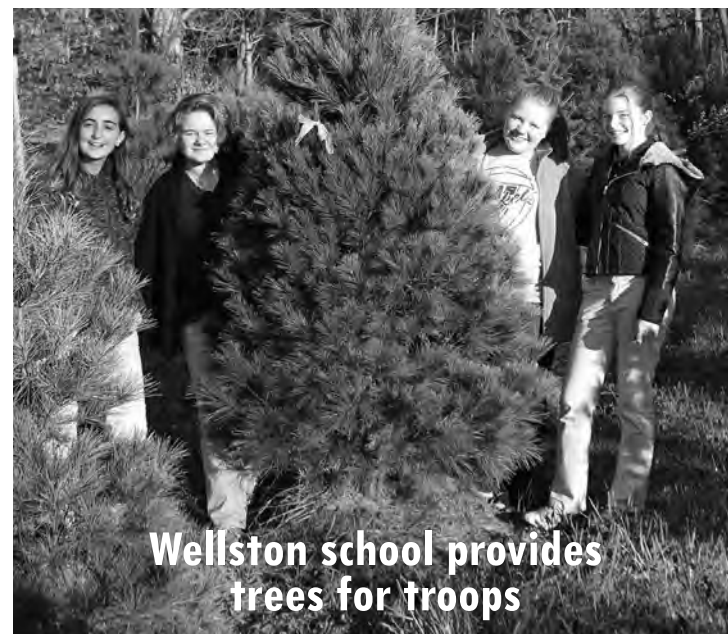
Rejecting that myth, he noted that there are legitimate natural ways to limit reproduction and cited with disapproval the case of a woman who became pregnant an eighth time after giving birth to seven children by cesarean section. "Do you want to leave seven orphans?" the pope asked. "This is tempting God."

Consistently the church has acknowledged the dangers posed by increased poverty rates in the fastest-growing regions of the world; it has urged prudent decision-making in the spacing of births but has situated that choice in the consciences of parents themselves, rejecting efforts by some governments to act by force through programs of artificial contraception, sterilizations and even abortions.

In April 2015, the Pontifical Academy of Sciences asserted that there is a determinable level of sustainable world population and that the common good requires maintaining that number.

Two months later, though, in his encyclical *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis offered a more nuanced and comprehensive view, saying, "Instead of resolving the problems of the poor and thinking of how the world can be different, some can only propose a reduction in the birth rate. ... To blame population growth instead of extreme and selective consumerism on the part of some is one way of refusing to face the issues" (No. 50).

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



Wellston school provides trees for troops

Wellston Sts. Peter and Paul School Student Council and the Apsley Tree Farm sent two freshly fresh cut Christmas trees to military personnel serving overseas. The trees will go to Kuwait, Afghanistan, or Iraq. This service project, known as "Operation Evergreen," was developed by Ohio Christmas Tree Association members approximately 10 years ago as a way to brighten the season for military personnel. Student Council members who helped pick the trees to be sent are (from left) Kaltra Waltz, Evelyn Harley, Bailey Dupree, and Grace Plummer. The council also provided funds to pay for the tree's shipping costs. Students in grades kindergarten through eight at the school created dozens of homemade Christmas ornaments and cards to be shipped with the trees. Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic School enrolls 125 students in preschool through eighth grade from Jackson, Vinton, Ross, Meigs, Gallia, and Athens counties. Enrollment for the 2018-2019 school year will begin in February. More information about the school is available at stspeterandpaulwellston.com or from principal Kristyl Fulton at kfulton@cdeducation.org.

Photo courtesy Sts. Peter and Paul School

Advent at Our Lady of Perpetual Help

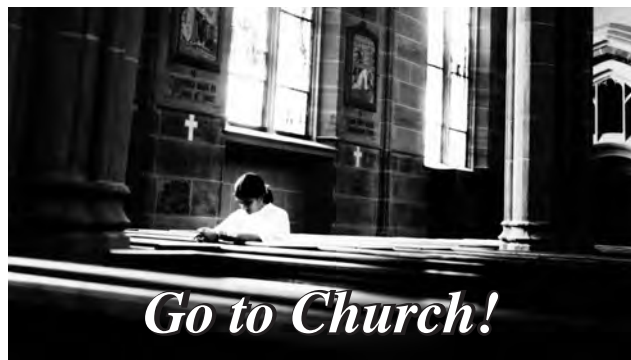
Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church will celebrate Advent with some special service projects.

Knights of Columbus Council 4603 is sponsoring its annual Giving Tree, answering requests from children in need.

The Parish Women's Association (PWA) is collecting gloves, hats, and scarves for Faith Mission. The women also are working with the Central Ohio Rescue and Restore Coalition on a parishwide project for survivors of human trafficking. PWA is sponsoring a sweat suit collection to provide suits in all sizes to give rescued women and girls something warm, clean, and modest to wear after being freed from their traffickers.

Members of the parish's Silver Streaks seniors group are sponsoring a parish- and school-wide sock collection, mainly for the homeless, with some going to female trafficking victims currently in prison for prostitution. The Silver Streaks will collect new six-packs of white socks in the original packaging.

To report suspected human trafficking, dial 911 or call the National Trafficking Hotline at (888) 373-7888. To find out more about the Central Ohio Rescue and Restore Coalition, see centralohiorescueandrestore.org. To learn more about efforts taking place in Ohio to fight human trafficking, visit Ohio's Human Trafficking Task Force site at humantrafficking.ohio.gov.



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Destroying my FREEDOM ~ in the name of FREEDOM?

In an August 2015 column in *The Washington Post*, George F. Will argued in favor of physician-assisted suicide, summing up his perspective this way: "There is nobility in ... affirming at the end the distinctive human dignity of autonomous choice."

His conclusion, however, raises several important questions: Shouldn't death-dealing actions directed against ourselves be seen as a deep repudiation of our autonomy, insofar as suicide eliminates our personal freedom once and for all? If our ability to freely make choices is among the highest of our human faculties, isn't it a radical contradiction to mount an attack on that autonomy through suicidal acts? Isn't there a certain absurdity to marshaling our freedom to obliterate our freedom?

Autonomy is often described as being able to do what we want, being "self-governing" and "self-directing." Authentic freedom, though, doesn't actually mean the ability to do whatever we want; it means the ability to do what we ought, in accord with who we are. To grow in freedom and autonomy means acting in such a way that we attend to and respect the designs written into our nature. Otherwise, autonomy collapses into a caricature of its real meaning; or worse, into raw violence and forcefulness against ourselves or others.

We can consider a simple example: exercising autonomy with respect to our car doesn't mean doing whatever we want with it, like pouring milk in the gas tank and orange juice in the oil reservoir. If we intentionally sideswipe other vehicles as we drive along, and strike pedestrians on the sidewalk, these would be acts of violence, not acts of "autonomy" or "free choice." Authentic freedom with an automobile implies using it in an ordered way to get from A to B, driving safely and legally, and even doing the right maintenance and upkeep on it, maintaining respect for the way the vehicle was designed and intended to be used.

Freedom and autonomy regarding what we eat and drink, to consider another example, doesn't mean we can consume anything at all. We can legitimately choose between apples and oranges, but not between milk and drain cleaner. If, in the name of autonomy, we were to declare that we're free to do whatever we want with our bodies, and we ingested drain cleaner on purpose to make ourselves ill, we would actually undermine and surrender our personal autonomy. We would no longer be able to do what we might wish to do, as



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Father Tad Pacholczyk

our body rebelled and constrained us to a stretcher on our way to the emergency room or poison control center.

Looking at a misguided choice of this kind reminds us how our autonomy is never absolute. This kind of choice would also raise doubts in the minds of those who cared about us regarding our mental and moral sanity. To deem self-inflicted sickness to be desirable would itself be a sickness, a kind of lie, spoken in the name of a perverted sense of being free to do whatever I want, even to the point of self-harm or self-annihilation.

The decision to intentionally end our own life by an act of suicide (whether alone or with the assistance of others) pivots our uniquely human power to make sound choices into a seditious power directed against our own good. To self-inflict death in collusion with a physician would constitute a profoundly disordered decision and a radically corrosive attack on our autonomy. Rather than something dignified, this abuse of freedom is ethically indefensible.

If sane people can recognize that drinking poison to get ourselves sick is wrong, how can we feign that ingesting drugs or using other means to kill ourselves is somehow right and noble? Abusing our own freedom or autonomy isn't free or autonomous; instead, it enslaves and diminishes us. When medical professionals pivot in their role of healing and curing, and instead become accomplices in terminating the sick and vulnerable, they, too, undermine their own autonomy and corrupt their own professional freedom to genuinely care and "first do no harm."

True autonomy is not limitless or absolute, but is necessarily conditioned by the truth of who we are and the way we function. Properly exercised, our personal freedom manifests a genuine nobility and a real dignity. We should never will that our final "autonomous choice" be directed against that noble dignity. Rather, we must flee the tyranny of false autonomy if our lives are to be authentically marked by human freedom in its full splendor.

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My heavenly family starts with the Immaculate Conception

Despite my acceptance of them, many of the holy days of obligation catch me by surprise. I can't blame it on being a convert; I've been Catholic long enough to know better and I've spent quite a few years working in a parish office. When you're the person putting the parish bulletin together – the vehicle announcing holy day Mass times – you don't really have an excuse for forgetting.

I seem to be most surprised, many times, by the Feast of the Immaculate Conception in early December. I'm gearing up during the first week of Advent, trying to stay on track and focus while not scrooging traditional Christmas preparations for everyone around me. Somehow, Mary's major feast slips down on my priority list.

Maybe it's that it seems anticlimactic to take my focus from Jesus to His mother. Yeah, we love her. Yeah, she's great. Yeah, she deserves a crown and all of that.

Everyone around me, though, is joyful, ecstatic, and positively beside themselves about that birth in late December. They can't wait to rejoice. They are looking for the star in the sky, just waiting for the first hint.

They are decorating and listening to special music and sending greeting cards near and far. There's supposed to be something special in the air, and even in the secular realm that flirts with atheism, you'll catch a smile and a softened attitude.

This holy day that surprises me, every single year, is a reminder of my heavenly family history. It's also inspiration for my aspirations. Mary was perfect – preserved from original sin, but not from



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the harrowing effects of it (death and suffering) – and because of her perfection, she was fit to bear the King.

If it weren't for her, we wouldn't have all this Advent preparation. If she hadn't said "Yes," there would be no Christmas. If she were not conceived, we would not have a cause for joy.

I sometimes feel like Mary is a distant figure from a remote, far-off village in another time and another place. She can feel like a role model for other people, but not for me. There's intimidation in all that perfection.

But when I go to Mass on that holy day, and when I offer myself to the One who gave her to me, I'll feel it again.

"Only say the word ..."

She reaches out her hand ...

"... and my soul shall be healed."

... and she pats my shoulder, pointing to her Son. He's there, right beside her, chubby and cute and begging to be cuddled.

God loved us so much that He prevented Mary from having the burden of original sin; she alone would be able to carry the Messiah inside her body. She still

had to say "Yes" to the angel's offer, though; she had to choose the life of immense joy and unbearable sorrow for herself.

Mary's Immaculate Conception is often a point where Christians differ. It's often contentious, but I think that the intellectual debate loses focus of what we're claiming when we call Mary the Immaculate Conception.

When we call Mary perfect, when we blow her kisses and offer her flowers, when we sit at her feet and rest our weary heads in her lap – in these moments, we do the very things God would have us do. We approach a fellow human being – albeit one who reached a level of holiness we can only aspire to – and we give her our love. In loving her, in taking her hand, we can't help but be led to Daddy.

Just as I cherish the way my daughters cozy up to my husband, so God holds dear the affection we show to His mother. He made her flawless, because nothing less would do. He stepped in front of the pit each of us has fallen into – the pit of original sin – and caught her before she ever went in. We have baptism to pull us out of that pit; she had God's immense gift of the Immaculate Conception.

Mary, the Immaculate Conception, is a gift to each of us, proof of a Daddy's unending love. She stands before us, ready to walk with us to Daddy's door, able to show us the best way there.

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Emerald 5K Fun Run raises more than \$6,100

The second annual Emerald 5K Fun Run, organized by Lancaster St. Mark Church Knights of Columbus Council 15447 and the parish social concerns committee, raised more than \$6,100 for three charities: the Foundation Dinners, the St. Mark Emerald Food Pantry, and Bridges of St. Mark.

Representatives of each organization were presented checks for \$2,055.16 last month at a Sunday Mass. Pictured are (from left): Edward Clum, Foundation Dinners founder; Phyllis Robitzer, food pantry coordinator; Debra Kaminski, Bridges of St. Mark; Norma Hyde, social committee; and Ron Klausung, Knights of Columbus district deputy.

The Foundation Dinners serve more than 2,500 meals a month, enlisting the aid of more than 200 volunteers from Fairfield County churches, organizations, businesses, and industries. The St. Mark pantry served 1,773 families in 2016 and 1,700 families in the first half of this year.

It is serving about 40 families per week, which is near the maximum number it can serve, given the space available and the amount of food it is able to obtain from the Mid-Ohio Foodbank and other sources. Bridges of St. Mark is a ministry of the parish which helps the Rach Suc Mission Church in Can Tho, Vietnam, to meet the needs of the poor in its community.



Photo courtesy St. Mark Church

DIOCESAN ADVENT ACTIVITIES

Churches and other organizations throughout the Diocese of Columbus will be conducting special holiday programs and collecting gifts for the needy throughout the Advent and Christmas seasons. In addition to the events listed, a number of parishes have scheduled penance services at various times throughout Advent.

The following is a sampling of seasonal events in the diocese, as sent to the Catholic Times:

Buckeye Lake Our Lady of Mount Carmel – Eucharistic Adoration, Sundays, Dec. 3, 10, 17, and 24, 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.

Chillicothe St. Mary – Eucharistic Adoration, Wednesdays, Dec. 6, 13, and 20, noon to 4 p.m.

Columbus Christ the King – Mission led by Rachel Lustig, president and chief executive officer, Catholic Social Services. Theme: “Set Your Heart On Higher Things: Faith, Hope, and Love,” Monday, Dec. 4 to Wednesday, Dec. 6, 7 p.m.

Columbus Corpus Christi and St. Ladislav – Christmas concert, featuring organist Tom Dailey, pianist Ty Boyle, and Bethany Baptist Church choir, Sunday, Dec. 10, 3:30 to 5 p.m., Corpus Christi. Collection at concert will benefit American Red Cross hurricane relief efforts; Giving Tree items from both parishes will be sent to St. Vincent de Paul Society and Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs (JOIN).

Columbus Holy Spirit – Parish Giving Tree provides items for 25 children in Whitehall City Schools as part of Kids Christmas program sponsored by Whitehall Pride Foundation.

Columbus Immaculate Conception – Parish youth and music ministries sponsor “Behold the Light” program of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, with traditional chant and contemporary praise and worship music, Sunday, Dec. 3, 6 to 8 p.m.

Columbus Our Lady of Victory – Eighth annual Advent concert, featuring parish choir and an orchestra, with Advent and Christmas music from many cultures, Sunday, Dec. 10, 3 p.m.; St. Vincent de Paul Society distributes Christmas dinners to needy families and coordinates Giving Tree.

Columbus St. Elizabeth – Novena of the Immaculate Conception continues nightly through Thursday, Dec. 7, 7 p.m.; renewal of vows of the Congregation of the Sons of the Immaculate Conception by the parish’s three priests, 7 p.m. Mass, Friday, Dec. 8; Simbang Gabi, a Filipino Christmas tradition featuring celebration of Mass for nine consecutive days, Friday, Dec. 15 to Saturday, Dec. 23, 7:30 p.m. nightly except Dec. 23, when Mass will be at 7, followed by potluck in Pastors’ Hall; Giving Tree benefits St. Vincent Family Center.

Columbus St. Francis of Assisi – Concert with the Magpie Singers, Saturday, Dec. 9, 7:30 p.m.; Christmas tree for JOIN.

Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral – Lessons and carols with cathedral choir and brass ensemble, Sunday, Dec. 10, 3 p.m.

Columbus St. Margaret of Cortona – Parish’s regular Thursday Eucharistic Adoration concludes with sung Vespers and Benediction, Dec. 7, 14, and 21, 7 p.m.

Columbus St. Mary – Bell choir presents the sounds of the season as part of German Village Holiday Lights tour, Sunday,

Dec. 3, 4 to 6 p.m., site depending on weather.

Columbus St. Matthias – Giving Trees from parish and Columbus Our Lady of Peace Church benefit St. Francis Center in McArthur; parish refers four families to MoMM (Miracle of Mom’s Memory) Foundation for its annual Holiday Blessings program, which provides families with support on holidays throughout the year and at back-to-school time.

Columbus St. Patrick – Solemn Vespers, Sundays, Dec. 3 and 10, 7 p.m.; lessons and carols, Sunday, Dec. 17, 7 p.m.

Columbus St. Peter – 40 Hours of Eucharistic Adoration, continuous from 3 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 30 to 8 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, except for 8 to 9 a.m. Friday, Dec. 1, day chapel; Rosary and Evening Prayer, Sundays, Dec. 3 and 10, 4 p.m.; carol festival featuring cherub, youth, adult, and bell choirs, Sunday, Dec. 17, 4 p.m.; Giving Tree benefits Homeless Families Foundation and Columbus Holy Rosary-St. John Church.

Columbus St. Philip – Parish St. Vincent de Paul Society food pantry gives warm blankets to each client family.

Columbus St. Thomas More Newman Center – Center collects food and has a mitten tree for Neighborhood Services, Inc., which serves residents of The Ohio State University’s campus area, where the center is located.

Delaware St. Mary – Annual Advent by Candlelight program sponsored by parish women’s organization, with talk by Catholic author and broadcaster Elizabeth Ficocelli, Wednesday, Dec. 6, 6 to 9 p.m., Beitel Commons; lessons and carols, Saturday, Dec. 9, 7 p.m. Giving Tree benefits People in Need clearinghouse program.

Dover St. Joseph – Parish mission led by Father Joseph Tuscan, OFM Cap. Theme: “Forgiveness.” Sunday, Dec. 3 to Tuesday, Dec. 5, 7 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration, continuous from end of first talk until 6 p.m. Tuesday, except during Monday mission talk. Sacrament of Reconciliation, Tuesday, 5 p.m., followed by Mass at 6 and closing mission talk; ecumenical lessons and carols service with choirs from parish and four other area churches and Dover High School *Ars Nova* choir, Sunday, Dec. 10, 6 p.m., preceded by handbell and brass prelude at 5:30; Giving Tree benefits local Share-A-Christmas fund and needy parish families; parish choir visits homes of senior citizens and the homebound for caroling.

Granville St. Edward – IGNITE youth group caroling, Middleton Senior Living Center, Sunday, Dec. 17, 4 to 6 p.m.; Giving Tree benefits St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help – Knights of Columbus Council 4603 sponsors Giving Tree to supply gifts for children in need; parish Women’s Association collects gloves, hats, and scarves for Faith Mission and, in cooperation with Central Ohio Rescue and Restore Coalition, collects sweat suits for human trafficking victims; Silver Streaks seniors group collects socks for the homeless and trafficking victims.

Groveport St. Mary – Lessons and carols, followed by parish social with refreshments, Sunday, Dec. 17, 5 p.m.

Logan St. John – Parish works with Angel Tree program to connect imprisoned parents with their children through delivery of Christmas gifts given on the parent’s behalf.

London St. Patrick – Giving Tree benefits Madison County Job and Family Services, HELP House, pregnancy centers, St. Vincent de Paul Society, A Friend’s House, and those who come to parish office requesting aid.

Marion St. Mary – Giving Tree benefits those in five local nursing homes who are in need and have no family.

Martin de Porres Center, Columbus – Columbus St. Anthony Church multicultural choir, Sunday, Dec. 10, 3 p.m.

Marysville Our Lady of Lourdes – Knights of Columbus Council 5534 sponsors Adopt-A-Family program to provide Christmas gifts for parish families in need and collects warm clothes for the Hope Center in Marysville; Giving Tree benefits Union County Care Train.

New Albany Church of the Resurrection – Christ Watch, a time of quiet prayer and reflection, Tuesdays, Dec. 5, 12, and 19, 5 to 6:50 p.m., with rosary at 6:25, Mass at 7, and Reconciliation available until 8; family celebration of Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Friday, Dec. 8, following 7 p.m. Mass; Christmas concert, Friday, Dec. 15, 7:30 p.m.; Eucharistic Adoration, Sunday, Dec. 17, noon to 4 p.m., chapel.

New Boston St. Monica – Children’s Christmas pageant, followed by dinner with Santa, Sunday, Dec. 10, 5:30 p.m.

New Lexington St. Rose – Parish mission led by Father Thomas Blau, OP. Theme: “Get More Out of Advent and Christmas,” Monday, Dec. 4 to Wednesday, Dec. 6, 7 p.m.

New Philadelphia Sacred Heart – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and confessions, ending with Evening Prayer, Mondays, Dec. 4, 11, and 18, 5 to 6:30 p.m.; Giving Tree benefits local Share-A-Christmas campaign.

Newark St. Francis de Sales – Church is last stop of 17th Sights and Sounds of Christmas tour of eight downtown churches, with proceeds going to Licking County Food Pantry, Thursday, Dec. 7, 6 to 8:30 p.m.

Ohio Dominican University – Santa’s Workshop, Monday, Dec. 4, 5:30 to 7 p.m., St. Catherine of Siena Room, Erskine Hall; sleigh rides, Monday, Dec. 4, 5:30 to 7 p.m., ODU Oval; Christmas tree lighting and creche blessing, Monday, Dec. 4, 6 p.m., front of Erskine Hall; holiday art market, Wednesday, Dec. 6, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wehrle Art Gallery.

Portsmouth Holy Redeemer and St. Mary – Annual holiday tour of St. Mary and other churches in Boneyfiddle historic district, Friday, Dec. 8, 6 to 8 p.m. Meet at Scioto County Courthouse, tours every half-hour; Pickerington St. Elizabeth Seton Parish and Catholic Social Services distribution of holiday food baskets, Friday to Sunday, Dec. 15 to 17, Holy Redeemer activity center; sorting and distribution for Catholic Social Services Portsmouth office Giving Tree program, helping children and school-age teens, Tuesday, Dec. 19, St. Francis Outreach Center.

Powell St. Joan of Arc – 25th annual performance of “A Bethlehem Carol” children’s Christmas musical, with about 60 children participating, Saturday, Dec. 2, 7:30 p.m.

Reynoldsburg St. Pius X – Advent evening of reflection, Sunday, Dec. 3, 7 p.m.; communal Anointing of the Sick, Saturday, Dec. 9 at 5 p.m. Mass and Sunday, Dec. 10 at 8:30 a.m. Mass.



Parish’s 39th annual Adopt-A-Child program collects toys and clothes for local children, Saturday, Dec. 9 and Sunday, Dec. 10.

Sts. Peter and Paul Retreat Center, Newark – Morning of reflection with Sister Louis Mary Passeri, OP. Theme: “The Precious Present,” Saturday, Dec. 16, 9 to 11:30 a.m. Cost \$20, includes continental breakfast.

Sugar Grove St. Joseph – 26th annual “Silent Night in Sugar Grove” program, beginning at St. Joseph’s and continuing at Sugar Grove United Methodist and St. Matthew Lutheran churches, Sunday, Dec. 10, 7 p.m.; parish youth group is collecting funds to be sent after Christmas to organizations which provide farm animals to the poor in underdeveloped nations.

Sunbury St. John Neumann – Children’s Christmas pageant, Thursday, Dec. 21, 7 p.m. Giving Tree benefits Columbus Holy Rosary-St. John Church families.

Washington Court House St. Colman of Cloyne – Lessons and carols, Sunday, Dec. 17, 3 p.m.; parish women’s group sponsors Giving Tree, providing gifts for the homebound at four assisted care facilities.

Westerville St. Paul – Advent music and worship evening with Sarah Hart and PJ Anderson. Saturday, Dec. 9, 7 p.m.

Zanesville St. Thomas Aquinas – Family Advent wreath craft day with florist Greg Orofino, Saturday, Dec. 2, 2 p.m. Supplies provided; bring your own shears; parish mission led by Father Thomas J. Loya. Theme: “Our Lady of Guadalupe: The Invisible Made Visible,” Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 11 and 12, 7 to 9 p.m. Word service, Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, and rosary on Monday; Mass on Tuesday; blessing of infant Jesus figures, Saturday, Dec. 16, 5 p.m. Mass and Sunday, Dec. 17, 8 and 11 a.m. Masses; Advent lessons and carols, Sunday, Dec. 17, 4 p.m.

ADORATION LIST

For readers who may be interested in taking part in Eucharistic devotions during Advent, here is an updated list of parishes in the diocese where Eucharistic adoration or exposition takes place on a regular basis.

In addition to the activities listed, Advent penance services will be conducted at a number of parishes. Readers are advised to contact parishes for specific dates and times.

Anyone with additions or corrections to this list may contact Tim Puet at Catholic Times.

Ada Our Lady of Lourdes – Exposition: First Fridays, 10 a.m. to noon.

Buckeye Lake Our Lady of Mount Carmel – Exposition: Sundays of Advent, 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.

Cardington Sacred Hearts – Exposition: First Saturdays, after 8:45 a.m. Mass until Benediction at 3:15 p.m.

Chillicothe St. Mary – Adoration: Advent Wednesdays, noon to 1 p.m.

Chillicothe St. Peter – Adoration: Tuesdays through Thursdays, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. in Infant of Prague Adoration Chapel inside convent. (Also 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. through code access.)

Columbus Christ the King – Exposition: Fridays, 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Columbus Holy Cross – Tuesdays, 5 to 6 p.m., followed by Mass. First Fridays, from end of 7:30 p.m. Mass to 11:30 p.m. Eucharistic vigil begins with Mass, followed by communal prayers, confession, litanies, Rosaries, hymns and quiet time between prayers, concluding with Benediction at 11.

Columbus Holy Family – Exposition: Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m., Thursdays, 10 a.m. continuous to 11:45 a.m. Friday, ending with Benediction. Contact church for details concerning entry.

Columbus Holy Name – Exposition: Thursdays, 6 p.m., featuring prayers in the Cenacle format of the Marian Movement of Priests; Fridays, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., Holy Hour and Benediction, followed by Mass. Adoration: Saturdays following 8:30 a.m. Mass.

Columbus Immaculate Conception – Exposition: 24 hours, seven days a week, except during the Sacred Triduum, in the children’s center (former convent). Press rear entry buzzer. “Behold the Light” program, including Exposition, traditional chant, and contemporary praise and worship music, Sunday, Dec. 3, 6 to 8 p.m.

Columbus Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal – Exposition: First Friday, from end of 9 a.m. Mass through Holy Hour at 6 p.m.

Columbus Our Lady of Peace – Exposition, Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 6:45 p.m.

Columbus Our Lady of Victory – Exposition: First Monday, 7 to 8 a.m.; First Friday, from 8 p.m. Friday to start of 8 a.m. Saturday Mass.

Columbus St. Agnes – Exposition: First Sunday, 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Columbus St. Andrew – Exposition: Daily, 7 to 8:15 a.m. in chapel; Tuesdays, 6 to 9 p.m. in church, concluding with Compline and Benediction.

Columbus St. Anthony – Exposition: First Fridays, from end of 9 a.m. Mass to noon.

Columbus St. Catharine – Exposition: 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, with confession at 6:30 p.m., closing with Benediction; First Friday, after 8 a.m. Mass to 9:30 a.m.

Columbus St. Cecilia – Exposition: First Fridays, 9 a.m. Friday to 4 p.m. Saturday.

Columbus St. Elizabeth – Adoration: Tuesdays, 5 to 6 p.m.

Columbus St. Francis of Assisi – Eucharistic Holy Hour: second Tuesday of the month, following 6 p.m. Mass.

Columbus St. James the Less – Exposition: First Mondays, 6 to 7 p.m., ministry center.

Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral – Holy Hour with Adoration and confession: Wednesdays, following 5:15 p.m. Mass; Thursdays, 10:45 to 11:45 a.m.

Columbus St. Ladislav – Adoration: First Fridays following noon Mass in church, and 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays in former convent. Call Sister Wilma Ross, SCN, at (614) 444-2598 for instructions on how to enter.

Columbus St. Margaret of Cortona – Exposition: Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. year-round, with sung Vespers and Benediction at 7 on Dec. 7, 14, and 21.

Columbus St. Mary – Adoration: Tuesdays, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., Wednesdays, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. in St. Francis of Assisi Chapel of Burkley Building next to church. The church is closed for repairs resulting from a lightning strike in August 2016.

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Columbus St. Mary Magdalene – Exposition: second Monday of the month, following 8:15 a.m. Mass in church; fourth Saturday of the month, 9 a.m. to noon in Bishop Campbell Hall.

Columbus St. Patrick – Adoration: Third and fourth Fridays of the month (except Dec. 29), 8 p.m. Friday to 7 a.m. Saturday (church locked; call church office at (614) 224-9522 for access information). Exposition: 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. Fridays (church open).

Columbus St. Peter – Exposition: 40 Hours Devotion, with continuous Exposition, will take place from 3 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 30 to 8 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, with exception of 8 to 9 a.m. Friday, Dec. 1, when Mass will be celebrated. Exposition takes place all year from 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on the first Friday of the month, and 9 to 10 a.m. all other Fridays.

Columbus St. Stephen – Exposition: Wednesdays, 6 to 6:45 p.m. (Spanish), first Fridays; 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. (bilingual), other Fridays; 6 to 9 p.m. (Spanish), first Saturdays; 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. Sunday (Spanish).

Columbus St. Thomas – Adoration: Tuesdays, 9 to 10 a.m., Wednesdays, 7 to 8 p.m.

Columbus St. Mary Timothy – Exposition: Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Coshocton Sacred Heart – Exposition: first Fridays, from end of 9 a.m. Mass to 12:15 p.m., concluding with Benediction; Exposition with Evening Prayer, concluding with Benediction, Sundays of Advent (except Dec. 24), 4 to 5 p.m.

Danville St. Luke – Exposition: Tuesdays, 8:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Wednesday, except when Danville schools are closed for inclement weather.

Delaware St. Mary – Exposition, Mondays, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Dover St. Joseph – Exposition: Thursdays, 9 to 10 a.m. During parish mission, Exposition will be continuous from approximately 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 5, except during the mission talk from approximately 7 to 8 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 4.

Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare – Exposition: First Fridays from end of 9 a.m. Mass to 5 p.m., in Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

Gahanna St. Matthew – Exposition: 24 hours, seven days a week, except during the Sacred Triduum, in basement adoration chapel. Open to the general public from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. If you are interested in a weekly Holy Hour, contact Paul Koors at DivineMercyPEA@gmail.com or (614) 209-7055.

Granville St. Edward – Exposition: 9:30 a.m. Monday to 9 a.m. Tuesday. (No Exposition on Dec. 25-26 or Jan. 1-2).

Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help – Exposition: First Fridays, from end of 8:30 a.m. Mass to 8:30 a.m. Saturday.

Groveport St. Mary – Exposition: First Fridays, 9 a.m. to noon, ending with Benediction.

Heath St. Leonard – Adoration: First Fridays, from after 9 a.m. Mass to 2:30 p.m., concluding with Benediction.

Hilliard St. Brendan – Adoration: Monday to Saturday, 7:30 to 8 a.m. (except national holidays or solemnities); Wednesdays, 6 to 7 p.m., Holy Hour with confessions and Benediction.

Jackson Holy Trinity – Exposition: First Fridays, 11 a.m. to noon.

Kenton Immaculate Conception – Exposition: First Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., closing with Benediction.

Lancaster St. Bernadette – Exposition: Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Lancaster St. Mark – Exposition: Mondays, 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., Tuesdays, 8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Logan St. John – Exposition: First Fridays, 8:30 a.m. Friday to 9 a.m. Saturday, in adoration chapel.

London St. Patrick – Exposition: First Fridays, 8:30 a.m. to Benediction at noon.

Marion St. Mary – Adoration: Tuesdays, 5 to 6 p.m.; Exposition: First Fridays, 4 to 7 p.m.

Marysville Our Lady of Lourdes – Exposition: Second Friday of the month, from after 5:15 p.m. Mass Friday to Benediction at 10 a.m. Saturday.

Mount Vernon St. Vincent de Paul – Exposition: 5 p.m. Thursday to 5 p.m. Friday, followed by Mass and Benediction.

New Albany Church of the Resurrection – Exposition: Noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17, chapel. Call parish office at (614) 855-1400 for other times or go to parish website, www.churchoftheresurrection.com.

New Boston St. Monica – Adoration: Mondays and first Fridays, 6 to 7 p.m.

New Lexington St. Rose – Exposition: First Fridays, from after 8 or 9 a.m. Mass to 4 p.m.

New Philadelphia Sacred Heart – Exposition: 9 a.m. Tuesday to 5:15 p.m. Wednesday. Confession and Adoration, 5 p.m. Mondays during Advent, followed by Evening Prayer service at 6:30.

Newark Blessed Sacrament – Exposition: Noon to midnight Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays in chapel; 9 a.m. to midnight Wednesdays in sanctuary.

Newark St. Francis de Sales – Exposition: 7 to 10 p.m. Sunday, 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday to Thursday,

5 a.m. Friday to 1 a.m. Saturday, and 5 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday in day chapel behind sanctuary.

Pickerington St. Elizabeth Seton – Adoration: 24 hours, seven days a week, except when Mass is being celebrated and during the Sacred Triduum, in the church's Eucharistic Chapel.

Plain City St. Joseph – Exposition: 6 to 11 a.m. Monday through Thursday, 6 to 8 a.m. Friday, and 6 to 11 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Portsmouth St. Mary – Adoration: Fridays, from end of noon Mass to Benediction at 5:30 p.m.

Powell St. Joan of Arc – Exposition: 9 a.m. Monday to 8 a.m. Friday.

Reynoldsburg St. Pius X – Adoration: 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

Sunbury St. John Neumann – Exposition: 24 hours, seven days, except for weekend Mass times. Chapel is locked from 4 p.m. to 9 a.m. Sunday to Thursday and noon to midnight Friday. Saturday hours vary. If you wish to visit during those hours, contact Amy Davis at (614) 579-9874 or amyndavis@hotmail.com.

Washington Court House St. Colman of Cloyne – Exposition: Wednesdays from after 9 a.m. Mass to 7 p.m.

Waverly St. Mary – Exposition: First Wednesday, from end of 5:30 p.m. Mass to Benediction at 7 p.m.

Westerville St. Paul – Holy Hour: Thursdays, 6 to 7 p.m. all year.

Wheelersburg St. Peter in Chains – Adoration: Sundays, 5 p.m.

Worthington St. Michael – Exposition: 24 hours, seven days a week, except during daily and weekend Masses and during the Sacred Triduum, in the church's Adoration Chapel.

Zaleski St. Sylvester – Exposition: First Wednesday, from end of 5:30 p.m. Mass to Benediction at 7 p.m.

Zanesville St. Nicholas – Exposition: First Fridays, 8 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.

Zanesville St. Thomas Aquinas – Exposition: Wednesdays, after 9 a.m. Mass to 7 p.m.



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New museum tells the story of the Bible ~ chapter and verse

By Mark Pattison

Catholic News Service

Hey, Smithsonian, there's a new kid on the block.

It's the Museum of the Bible, just a few blocks from the National Mall in Washington. With its opening to the public Nov. 18, it will tell visitors how the Bible -- both Old Testament and New Testament -- has intersected society and at times even transformed it.

The people behind the museum say that if visitors were to read the card behind every artwork, saw every video, heard every song and took part in every interactive experience -- including a Broadway-style musical called *Amazing Grace* about the song's writer, John Newton, and the biblical inspiration behind the abolitionist movement -- it would take 72 hours to do it all.

But visitors can take their time, because there is no admission charge to the museum.

The museum was the brainchild of Steve Green, chairman of the museum's board of directors and president of the Hobby Lobby chain of arts and crafts stores.

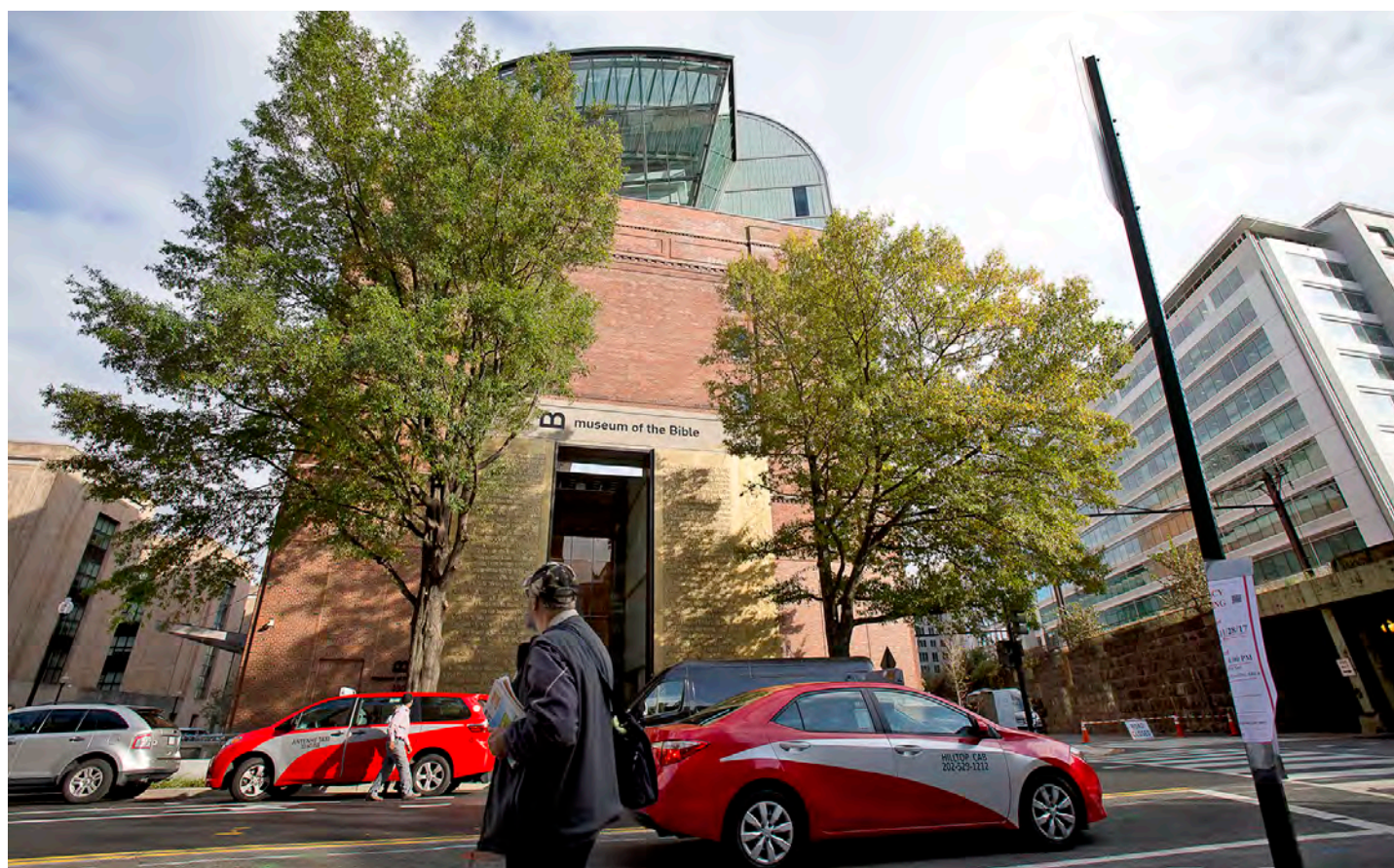
It was Hobby Lobby that successfully argued before the Supreme Court in 2014 that, as a closely held company, its owners, based on their religious beliefs, should not have to comply with a federal mandate to cover all forms of contraceptives because some act as abortifacients.

"It's exciting to share the Bible with the world," Green said at a Nov. 15 press preview of the museum, which is just one block from a subway stop serving three of the Washington-area subway system's six lines.

The \$500 million museum had its coming-out party in 2011 at the Vatican Embassy in Washington before a gathering of business, government, academic and religious leaders.

Museum backers found a circa-1923 refrigeration warehouse that had been repurposed for other uses, bought the building and set about expanding it, adding two stories and a skylight to the top of the structure and a sub-basement for storage space.

The result: six floors of exhibits, not to mention the theater, gift shop and restaurants.



Most of the exhibits, when necessary, use the designations "BC" and "AD" -- Before Christ and *Anno Domini*, Latin for "year of the Lord" -- to refer to the timeline of civilization marked by Jesus' birth.

Museum brass had discussions on the topic, Susan Jones, curator of antiquities for the museum, told Catholic News Service. "They decided that's the way they wanted to go," she said.

Most researchers, Jones noted, prefer the designations "BCE" and "CE" -- Before the Common Era and Common Era -- because "they're more neutral."

Also preferring the latter names is the Israeli Association for Antiquities, which has a 20-year deal with the museum to supply artifacts in a fifth-floor exhibit space.

"You're in Israel now," Jones said as a tour guide was boasting that he had his hand on a rock from the Western Wall in Jerusalem in the exhibit.

There are a number of items on loan to the museum from the Vatican Museums and the Vatican Library. They're in a tiny space on the museum's ground floor -- relatively speaking, since the museum totals 430,000 square feet. What can't be seen in person can be ac-

cessed by two dedicated computers in the exhibit area, one for the museums and one for the library.

Brian Hyland, an associate curator for medieval manuscripts at the museum, told CNS the Vatican donations will be around for six months, then replaced by other artifacts.

One of his favorite items currently in the exhibit space is the first volume of a facsimile of the Urbino Bible, which dates to the 15th century; the second volume will replace the first volume at some point in 2018.

Despite the Bible's status as the best-selling and most-read book in history, one exhibit speaks of "Bible poverty," and the fact that roughly one billion people have never read the Bible in their native tongue.

An organization called IllumiNations, a collaborative effort by Bible translation agencies, is trying to change that.

The aim is to have, by 2033, 95 percent of the world's peoples with access to the full Bible, 99.9 percent with at least the New Testament, and 100 percent with at least some parts of the Bible translated into what museum docent William Lazenby called "their heart languages."

The exhibit space touting this endeavor is stocked with Bibles and New Testaments in various languages. Hardcover books with blank pages in the exhibit represent the untranslated languages. Wholly untranslated languages are represented by yellow covers, and partially translated tongues are represented by covers with a redder hue.



First Sunday of Advent (Cycle B)

The need to be watchful has never gone away



Father
Lawrence L. Hummer

Isaiah 63:16b-17,19b;64:2b-7;

1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37

The Isaiah reading would seem to be more appropriate for a national lament, the kind of thing we would expect more for a day like *Yom Kippur* (the Jewish Day of Atonement) than we would for the first day of the New Year, what Jews call *Rosh Hashanah*. Yet this first Sunday of Advent is the first day of the liturgical year, and appropriately, it calls us to reflect on our sins. It is appropriate because sins are persistent and enduring.

Isaiah laments that “You let us let us wander from your ways, O Lord. Why?” Why do you “harden our hearts so that we fear you not?” Isaiah begs the Lord to return for Israel’s (technically for Judah’s) sake: “Oh, that you would tear open the heavens and come down!” Beyond what the Lord has done to his people by leaving them for a time, the lamentation also admits the truth: “Behold, you are angry and we are sinful. ... We have all withered like leaves, and our guilt carried us away like the wind.”

Yet in spite of the pitiable state in which Judah finds herself, Isaiah still can plead, “Yet, O Lord, you are our father; we are the clay and you are the potter: we are all the work of your hands.” The plea continues (Isaiah 64:9-11) by reminding the Lord that Zion has become a wilderness and Jerusalem is desolation. The Temple has been burned and “all that we hold dear has been laid waste. Can you hold back, Lord, after all this? Can you remain silent, and afflict us so severely?”

We see here how the lament constantly returns to what the Lord should do, and has done, to bring about this mess, while not denying her own guilt. The author is

never shy about reminding the Lord of equal responsibility for this dire situation. While accepting the people’s guilt for all this destruction, Isaiah argues decisively that this is too much. In the words of one contemporary sage I know, Isaiah pleads essentially, “God, you are piling on. You deserve a 15-yard penalty!”

During this liturgical year, we will hear much of Mark’s Gospel. The selection for Sunday comes from the end of chapter 13. The chapter had spoken of the destruction of the Temple and the trials which would follow. It also spoke of the coming of the Son of Man.

In today’s passage, he warns about the unknown day and hour when all this would happen: “Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come.” He works in a parable about a man traveling, who places his servants in charge, “each with his own work, and he orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch.” Watch, therefore, for you (second person plural) do not know when the “lord of the house is coming.” He could come at any time, but “May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. ... Watch!”

Readers will note the change within the parable from the *man* traveling to the **lord** of the house returning. This was likely intended by Mark to emphasize that the parable was about Christ himself returning and, especially in Mark’s day, the expectation that he was returning soon.

Some people downplay Mark’s exhortation to “Watch,” on the grounds that so much time has elapsed that we need not worry about it. Yet the Advent season reminds us that the need for being ever-watchful has never gone away. In terms of a life span, the time is relatively short. Staying alert is a constant need because it is so easy to slip along our way.

Paul’s words are an encouragement to Corinthian Christians who also expected “the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ.” Paul reassures them as they await the “day of our Lord Jesus Christ.” The Church echoes those reminders to us today.

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Josephinum student visits St. Anthony

Jacob Stinnett, who is in his fourth year as a student at the Pontifical College Josephinum, volunteered to read to Timothy Schnurr’s fourth-grade class at Columbus St. Anthony School. His father, Mark Stinnett, is the gym teacher at St. Anthony.

Photo courtesy St. Anthony School



The Weekday Bible Readings

MONDAY
Isaiah 2:1-5
Psalm 122:1-9
Matthew 8:5-11

TUESDAY
Isaiah 11:1-10
Psalm 72:1-2,7-8,12-13,17
Luke 10:21-24

WEDNESDAY
Isaiah 25:6-10a
Psalm 23:1-6
Matthew 15:29-37

THURSDAY
Isaiah 26:1-6
Psalm 118:1,8-9,19-21,25-27a
Matthew 7:21,24-27

FRIDAY
Genesis 3:9-15,20
Psalm 98:1-4
Ephesians 1:3-6,11-12
Luke 1:26-38

SATURDAY
Isaiah 30:19-21,23-26
Psalm 147:1-6
Matthew 9:35-10:1,5a,6-8

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE WEEK OF DECEMBER 3, 2017

SUNDAY MASS

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

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

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

(Encores at noon, 7 p.m., and midnight). Mass from the Archdiocese of Milwaukee at 6:30 a.m. on ION TV (AT&T U-verse Channel 195, Dish Network Channel 250, or DirecTV Channel 305).

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

DAILY MASS

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

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

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

What's changed since *Humanae Vitae*?

Throughout this academic year, Rome's Pontifical Gregorian University is hosting a series of lectures, billed as the "first interdisciplinary" study to mark the 50th anniversary of Blessed Paul VI's encyclical *Humanae Vitae*. The series promises to examine the "many problems" that have emerged in family life since Pope Paul wrote on the ethics of human love and the morally appropriate methods of family planning. And that could indeed be useful.

Yet the roster of series speakers is not replete with defenders of Paul VI's teaching in *Humanae Vitae*, and at least one of the lecturers has telegraphed his revisionist theological punch by suggesting that today's "new situation" is quite different from that addressed by *Humanae Vitae*.

On that, at least, he's right: The situation is far worse.

The Gregorian promises the involvement of both the social sciences and moral theology in its study, presumably to complement the work of a new historical commission on *Humanae Vitae* established by Pope Francis. So let's look at some of the relevant social science.

Demographers tell us that a society must have a "Total Fertility Rate" (TFR) of slightly over 2.1 (the average number of children a woman has during her child-bearing years), if that society is to maintain its population over time. Here are the most recent Eurostat TFR figures for the countries of the European Union in 2014:

Austria: 1.47; Belgium: 1.74; Bulgaria: 1.53; Croatia: 1.46; Cyprus: 1.31; Czech Republic: 1.53; Denmark: 1.69; Finland: 1.71; France: 2.01; Germany: 1.47; Great Britain: 1.81; Greece: 1.30; Hungary: 1.44; Ireland: 1.94; Italy: 1.37; Latvia: 1.54; Lithuania: 1.63; Luxembourg: 1.50; Malta: 1.42; Netherlands: 1.71; Poland: 1.32; Portugal: 1.23; Romania:



THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE

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1.52; Spain: 1.32; Slovakia: 1.37; Slovenia: 1.58; Sweden: 1.88. Thus the TFR for the European Union as a whole in 2014 was 1.58, well below population-replacement level and heading toward the demographic Niagara Falls that demographers call "lowest-low fertility."

Please note that no EU country was in a major war in 2014. Nor was any EU country beset by a devastating plague. Nor did Europe suffer a Vesuvius- or Krakatoa-like natural disaster. In other words, none of the causes of demographic collapse that have depleted populations throughout history was in play in the European Union in 2014. And insofar as I'm aware, European men have not suffered the loss of fertility that sets the stage for P.D. James's brilliant novel *The Children of Men*.

So from a strictly social-scientific point of view, one is led to the inescapable conclusion that Europe's infertility is self-induced. Which means that European infertility is deliberate and willful, not random and accidental. Which means that Europe is contracepting itself into demographic oblivion.

And that means that Paul VI has been thoroughly vindicated in his warnings, in *Humanae Vitae*, about the effects of a "contraceptive culture": a culture in which love and reproduction are technologically

sundered; a culture in which children become another lifestyle choice, like the choice of vacation (the Dalmatian coast or Majorca) or automobile (BMW or Mercedes-Benz); a culture in which the family is redefined absent its most fundamental characteristic – the transmission of the gift of life and the nurturance of the young.

Now *there's* something for our Gregorian social scientists to ponder with their theological colleagues over the next eight months. Yet the notable absence of *Humanae Vitae* proponents among the lecturers does not fill me with confidence that the causal linkage between the contraceptive mentality and Europe's demographic suicide will be seriously examined in this series of lectures.

Neither does the absence from the roster of lecturers of one of the Church's most brilliant analysts of the social and cultural impacts of contraception, my friend Mary Eberstadt. Her 2012 book, *Adam and Eve After the Pill: Paradoxes of the Sexual Revolution* (Ignatius Press), analyzes the real-world effects of ignoring Paul VI on men, women, children, values, and culture with greater insight than anything produced at the Pontifical Gregorian University since *Humanae Vitae* was issued; of that, I am quite confident. Yet Mary Eberstadt was not invited to participate in an examination of the "new situation" after *Humanae Vitae*.

And that, in turn, suggests that those who arranged this series of lectures are either woefully ignorant of what's happening outside their intellectual silos, or that the Gregorian conference organizers have more than their elbows up their sleeves.

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Bishop Hartley athletes sign letters of intent



Three Columbus Bishop Hartley High School seniors have signed letters of intent to play at the collegiate level. They are (from left in front row): Garrett Tipton, basketball, Bellarmine; Kennedy Taylor, basketball, Miami of Ohio; and Paige Rawlins, volleyball, Wheeling Jesuit. Shown with them are (from left): Tipton's parents, Gary and Jennifer, and brother, Trent; Taylor's parents, Sean and Shannon, and brother, Camden; and Rawlins' parents, Troy and Mary.

Photo courtesy Bishop Hartley High School

Pray for our dead

BUTTERFIELD, Beata A. (Creedon), 69, Nov. 25
Christ the King Church, Columbus

CHADWICK, Marcia C. (Rogacki), 81, Nov. 21
St. Matthew Church, Gahanna

COOK, Ray J., 58, Nov. 24
Immaculate Conception Church, Columbus

DITTMAN, David E., 73, Nov. 23
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Grove City

FEASEL, Cynthia (Marquard), 51, Nov. 17
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Grove City

GUNDELFINGER, Thomas H., 81, Nov. 22
St. Ladislav Church, Columbus

HEWITT, Rita (Maddy), 85, Nov. 24
Mother Angeline McCrory Manor Chapel, Columbus

HODGES, Dr. Willis H. Jr., 96, Nov. 23
St. Timothy Church, Columbus

IANNARINO, Kathryn C., 95, Nov. 21
Our Mother of Sorrows Chapel, Columbus

JONES, Patricia A., 80, Nov. 24
Holy Cross Church, Columbus

KAUFMAN, Patricia J. (Schoch), 70, Nov. 24
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

KOORS, Harry J., 75, Nov. 21
Church of the Resurrection, New Albany

LOMONICO, Frank X., 77, Nov. 19
St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, Pickerington

LONGSTRETH, Nancy M. (Miller), 85, Nov. 15
St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Zanesville

MAHANEY, Mary A. (Spellman), 81, Nov. 25
Our Lady of Victory Church, Columbus

MANLEY, Mary A. (Cavanaugh), 62, Nov. 23
St. Catharine Church, Columbus

MARCONI, Angie J. (Melfi), 94, Nov. 23
Our Mother of Sorrows Chapel, Columbus

McAFEE, Russell, 58, Nov. 21
St. Michael Church, Worthington

McFARLAND, Alva "Mac," 88, Nov. 25
Our Mother of Sorrows Chapel, Columbus

MONDILLO, William C., 74, Nov. 23
St. Paul Church, Westerville

OTWORTH, Michael E., 67, Nov. 16
St. Peter in Chains Church, Wheelersburg

PIACENTINI, John F., 93, Nov. 26
St. John the Baptist Church, Columbus

SCHULTZ, Sonja (Heinze), 77, Nov. 21
St. Joseph Church, Circleville

SHELTON, Richard P., 59, Nov. 22
Corpus Christi Church, Columbus

SUVER, Oris D., 90, Nov. 22
St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, Pickerington

TAYLOR, Mary H. (Baldrick), 87, Nov. 22
St. Margaret of Cortona Church, Columbus

WATKINS, Sarah L. (Steele), Nov. 23
St. Cecilia Church, Columbus

WISE, Mona S. (Gary), 84, Nov. 24
Corpus Christi Church, Columbus

ZORICH, Jane G. "Cookie" (Sotak), 70, Nov. 22
St. Pius X Church, Reynoldsburg

Thelma C. Felkner

Funeral Mass for Thelma C. Felkner, 87, who died Saturday, Nov. 25, was held Thursday, Nov. 30 at Columbus Christ the King Church. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus.

She was born in Columbus and was employed for many years in the children's center of Christ the King Church, where she was a member for the last 32 years. She previously was a member of Columbus St. Leo Church and was past president of its Altar-Rosary Society, a St. Leo School room

mother, and a Cub Scout den mother.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Cecilia Sauder; brother, Jack; and sisters, Sister Christine Anne Felkner, OCarm, and Mary McComb. Survivors include her husband, George; sons, Joe (Cinda) and William (Kate); daughters, Genevieve Meszaros, Mary (Dick) Poczik, Amy (Mike) Gates, and Rebecca; brother, Bill (Marie); sister, Leona Eyerman; 16 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Frances L. Colasurd

Funeral Mass for Frances L. Colasurd, 86, who died Friday, Nov. 24, was held Wednesday, Nov. 29 at Columbus St. Timothy Church. A private burial will take place later.

She was born April 5, 1931 in Hillsboro to Donald and Alma McCoppin and received a bachelor of science degree in education from Ohio University.

She was the reading teacher at Columbus Our Lady of Peace School for more

than 30 years before retiring in 1994. In retirement, she and her husband divided their time between Columbus and Naples, Florida. She also was a member of Sigma Kappa sorority.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and son, Christopher. Survivors include her husband, Donald; sons, Michael (Deborah) and Donald; brother, Donald; sister, Patricia Donnelly; three grandsons; one granddaughter; and four great-grandchildren.

Melvin I. Schell

Funeral Mass for Melvin I. Schell, 85, who died Friday, Nov. 24, will be held Saturday, Dec. 2 at Columbus St. Stephen Church.

He was a former employee of Columbus Bishop Ready High School and also was office manager for Fruehauf Trailer Corp. He was a charter member of St. Stephen Church and a member of the 50-50 Euchre Club at

Columbus St. Cecilia Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Leona; son, Mark; and brother, Denver. Survivors include sons, Brian (Katie) and Allan (Rhonda); daughters, Mary Jo, Joyce (Rick) Brown, and Diana; brothers, Ronald (Rose) and Fred (Carol); sister, Barb (Smithy) Smithberger; 17 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

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NOVEMBER

30, 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.
Frassati Society Meeting at Columbus St. Patrick
 7 p.m., Aquinas Hall, St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Meeting of parish's Frassati Society for young adults. "Christ in the City" program with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, confessions, Taize chant, and night prayer, followed by refreshments at Claddagh Irish Pub.
 614-224-9522

30-DEC. 2, THURSDAY-SATURDAY

40 Hours Devotion at Columbus St. Peter
 3 p.m. Thursday to 8 a.m. Saturday (except during 8 a.m.

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DECEMBER

1, FRIDAY

Deadline for Bishop Ready Registration

Deadline for 2017-18 registration for potential freshmen at Columbus Bishop Ready High School. 614-276-5263
St. Cecilia Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
 St. Cecilia Church, 434 Norton Road, Columbus. Begins after 8:15 a.m. Mass; continues to 5 p.m. Saturday.

Monthly Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

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

Catholic Men's Luncheon Club

12:15 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Catholic Men's Luncheon Club meeting. Newly ordained Father Daniel Olvera, parochial vicar in Mount Vernon and Danville, talks about his journey to the priesthood. Preceded by 11:45 a.m. Mass; \$10 donation requested.

Scripture Study at Columbus St. Patrick

7 p.m., Aquinas Hall, St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Monthly study of Scott Hahn's 11-part "The Bible and the Sacraments: A Journey through Scripture" begins with Part One: "Introduction to the Mysteries."
Eucharistic Vigil at Holy Cross

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

All-Night Exposition at Our Lady of Victory

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

'Midnight Magi' at Columbus St. Peter

8 p.m. to midnight, McEwan Center, St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road, Columbus. "Midnight Magi" program decorating Christmas cookies and delivering them to third-shift workers. 614-889-2221

1-2, FRIDAY-SATURDAY

St. Pius X Men's Retreat

7 to 9:30 p.m. Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, St. Pius X Church, 1051 S. Waggoner Road, Reynoldsburg. Men's retreat led by John Bradford of Wilderness Outreach. Theme: "The Gates of Hell Shall Not Prevail: Taking the Battle Beyond the Breach." Followed Saturday by Reconciliation at 4 p.m. and Mass at 5. Cost \$30., includes food.

2, SATURDAY

Fatima Devotions at Columbus St. Patrick

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

Mary's Little Children Prayer Group

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

First Saturday Devotion at St. Joan of Arc

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

Bishop Ready Placement Exam

8:45 a.m. to noon. Bishop Ready High School, 707 Salisbury Road, Columbus. Placement exam for incoming freshmen. 614-276-5263

Life and Mercy Mass in Plain City

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

Lay Missionaries of Charity Day of Prayer

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

First Saturday Mass at Holy Family

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

Centering Prayer Group Meeting at Corpus Christi

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

Advent Wreath Craft Day at St. Thomas Aquinas

2 p.m., St. Thomas Aquinas Church, 144 N. 5th St., Zanesville. Family craft day with florist Greg Orofino showing how to make an Advent wreath. Supplies provided; bring pruning shears. 740-453-3301

Holiday Tour of Downtown Columbus Churches

2 to 5 p.m., The Great Hallelujah Holiday Tour of Downtown Columbus Churches, sponsored by the Columbus Landmarks Foundation. Stops will be First Congregational Church, St. Joseph Cathedral, Trinity Episcopal Church, and Broad Street United Methodist Church, with music at each stop. Tickets: \$15 members, \$20 nonmembers.

Filipino Mass at St. Elizabeth

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

'A Bethlehem Carol' at St. Joan of Arc

7:30 p.m., St. Joan of Arc Church, 10700 Liberty Road, Powell. 25th annual performance of "A Bethlehem Carol," children's Christmas musical. 614-761-0905

2-3, SATURDAY-SUNDAY

Used Book Sale at Columbus St. Patrick

6 to 7 p.m. Saturday, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Patrick Hall, St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Holiday used book sale presented by Knights of Columbus Council 11207. Proceeds go to support religious vocations.

3, SUNDAY

Exposition at Buckeye Lake Our Lady of Mount Carmel
 9:15 to 10:15 a.m., Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 5133 Walnut Road S.E., Buckeye Lake. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Sunday during Advent.

St. Christopher Adult Religious Education

10 to 11:20 a.m., Library, Trinity Catholic School, 1440 Grandview Ave., Columbus. Part 3 of seven-part video series on "Wisdom: God's Vision for Life" by Jeff Cavins and Thomas Smith.

Book Discussion at Martin de Porres Center

2 to 4 p.m., Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus. Discussion by author Patricia Sargeant of "Mayhem & Mass," first in a series of mysteries inspired by the Dominican Sisters of Peace. 614-416-1910

Rosary, Evening Prayer at Columbus St. Peter

4 p.m., St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road, Columbus. Recitation of the rosary, followed by Evening Prayer at 4:30 on all Advent Sundays. 614-889-2221

Columbus St. Mary Bell Choir Sounds of the Season

4 to 6 p.m., St. Mary School, 700 S. 3rd St., Columbus (or outside if weather permits). St. Mary Church bell choir performs as part of German Village Christmas lights tour.

Prayer Group Meeting at Christ the King

5 to 7 p.m., Christ the King Church, 2777 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus (enter at daily Mass entrance). Weekly parish prayer group meets for praise, worship, ministry, and teaching. 614-237-0401

Catholic Singles Fellowship Mass, Christmas Lights Tour
 5:15 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Delaware St. Mary Church Catholic singles fellowship group attends Mass, followed by German Village Christmas lights tour. All diocesan Catholic singles welcome.

'Behold the Light' at Columbus Immaculate Conception
 6 to 8 p.m., Immaculate Conception Church, 414 E. North Broadway, Columbus. "Behold the Light" program of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, traditional chant, and contemporary praise and worship music. 614-267-9241

Spanish Mass at Columbus St. Peter

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

Advent Evening of Reflection at St. Pius X

7 p.m., St. Pius X Church, 1051 S. Waggoner Road, Reynoldsburg. Advent evening of reflection. 614-866-2859

Vespers at Columbus St. Patrick

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

Compline at Cathedral

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

3-5, SUNDAY-TUESDAY

Parish Mission at Dover St. Joseph

7 p.m., St. Joseph Church, 613 N. Tuscarawas Ave., Dover. Parish mission with Father Joseph Tuscan, OFM Cap. Theme: "Forgiveness." Eucharistic Adoration will take place from end of Sunday talk until 6 p.m. Tuesday, except during the Monday talk. Reconciliation, 5 p.m. Tuesday, followed by Mass, final talk, and reception.

4, MONDAY

Eucharistic Adoration at Our Lady of Victory

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

Adoration, Evening Prayer at New Philadelphia

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

Ohio Dominican Christmas Events

Ohio Dominican University, 1215 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Christmas events including Santa's Workshop visit, 5:30 to 7 p.m., Siena Room, Erskine Hall; sleigh rides, 5:30 to 7 p.m., the Oval; Christmas tree lighting and creche blessing, 6 p.m., Erskine Hall. 614-251-4453

Marian Prayer Group at Holy Spirit

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

4-6, MONDAY-WEDNESDAY

Parish Mission at Christ the King

7 p.m., Christ the King Church, 2777 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus. Parish mission with Rachel Lustig, president and chief executive officer, Catholic Social Services. Theme: "Set Your Heart on Higher Things: Faith, Hope, and Love."

Parish Mission at St. Rose

7 p.m., St. Rose Church, 309 N. Main St., New Lexington. Parish mission with Father Thomas Blau, OP. Theme: "Get More Out of Advent and Christmas." 740-342-1348



A Bethlehem Carol



The 25th anniversary production of "A Bethlehem Carol" will be presented at Powell St. Joan of Arc Church, 10700 Liberty Road, at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2. The musical depiction of the Nativity features child actors from Columbus, Dublin, Worthington, Powell, and Delaware and is a perfect way to get your family in the holiday spirit. For more information, contact the parish office at (614) 761-0905.

Participants in the play include (from left): first row, Sophia Anderson, Claire Rindfleisch, Grace Boettcher, Lilah Anderson, Sadie Okonak, and Katie Boettcher; second row, Amelia Rindfleisch, Josh O'Connell, Hanna Wallace, Ryan Driscoll, and Ashley Boettcher.

Photo courtesy St. Joan of Arc Church

ODU Chorus Christmas concert



The Ohio Dominican University Chorus will present its Christmas concert, "The Stars Point the Way," at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10 in Canal Winchester St. John XXIII Church, 5170 Winchester Southern Road. Directed by Sheila Cafmeyer, the concert will feature 25 university musicians and harpist Tiffany Envid. This 75-minute concert of lullabies and songs of praise to the newborn King is sure to lift your heart and prepare you to receive him again.



Lessons and Carols at the Cathedral

Sunday, Dec. 10, 3 p.m.

The Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral choir and Cathedral Brass will mark the season with their annual presentation of lessons and carols at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10 in the cathedral, 212 E. Broad St. The afternoon will include works by Poulenc, Victoria, and Lauridsen, among others, as well as familiar carols sung by all.

Lessons & Carols at Dover St. Joseph

Members of five church choirs and the Dover High School Ars Nova Choir will come together at Dover St. Joseph Church, 613 N. Tuscarawas Ave., for an evening ecumenical service of lessons and carols at 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10. Handbell and brass prelude music will begin at 5:30.

Now in its seventh year, the service presents Scripture readings, choral and hymn responses, and traditional Advent and Christmas music. Participants include the Dover High School Ars Nova Singers and choirs from First Moravian Church, St. John's United Church of Christ, Grace Lutheran Church, and First United Methodist Church, all of Dover. St. Joseph Church choral groups include the parish choir, the teen choir, the Guadalupe choir (featuring Hispanic parishioners), and the youth choir, including the Singing Saints from Tuscarawas Central Catholic Elementary School.

For more information, contact parish music director Matthew Nadalin at (330) 364-6661 or via email at stjosephdovermusic@gmail.com.



Our Lady of Victory Advent Concert

The choir of Columbus Our Lady of Victory Church, 1559 Roxbury Road, will present its eighth annual Advent afternoon concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10.

The choir, accompanied by an orchestra, will perform Advent and Christmas music, beginning with the simplicity of the 15th-century melody “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” and concluding with a setting of “Joy to the World” by John Rutter. Music of several traditions and styles will be sung: a beautiful 16th-century English anthem, pieces by American composers, rhythmic African and Salvadoran songs, and a lovely arrangement of “Silent Night.”

A free-will offering will be taken.

Sarah Hart & PJ Anderson in Concert

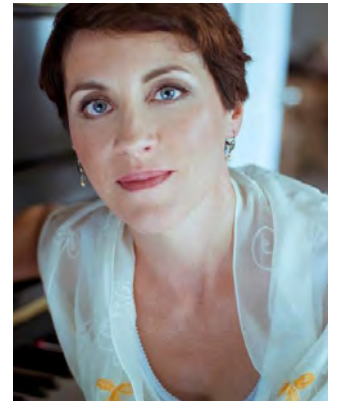
Westerville St. Paul Church, 313 N. State St., will present a special Advent evening of music and worship with Sarah Hart and PJ Anderson at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9.

A Sarah Hart concert offers an energetic, insightful, welcoming experience that is intergenerational and inclusive. She weaves stories throughout her concert as she shares her love for songwriting through the depth of her songs.



PJ Anderson writes songs that touch places deep down in your heart. They open listeners to the love of the Lord and help every worshipper enter into the presence of God.

A suggested \$5 per person freewill offering will be accepted.



Lessons & Carols

Columbus Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refugee Road, will host a festival of lessons and carols at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10.

A free-will offering will be collected for a charity chosen by the children of the Parish School of Religion.

The first version of this festival took place on Christmas Eve in Truro, England. Several years later, the dean of King’s College in Cambridge, England, altered the program slightly, with the goal of creating a “more imaginative” worship experience.

This reordered form is most similar to the festivals of today, including the Christmas Eve program annually broadcast worldwide from King’s College by the British Broadcasting Corp.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops promoted the festival as a parish event that helps direct hearts and minds to Christ’s second coming at the end of time and to the anniversary of the Lord’s birth on Christmas.

“In this service, we listen to nine Scripture lessons, followed by a carol or other song that reflects on the Lesson’s message and a brief prayer,” the USCCB website says.

The Church of Our Lady’s version of the festival will include all the parish choirs, the praise band, adult education programs, and the Parish School of Religion.

These ministries are preparing to celebrate this tradition as a part of the Advent journey, with a tone that will be both solemn and joyful.

It will reflect on the grandeur of the story of salvation, from the fall of Adam to the Incarnation, rejoicing in the love of God and the redemption that is ours only through Christ.

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Catholic Social Services Main Office

197 E. Gay St., Columbus, Ohio 43215
(614) 221-5891 | www.colssc.org

Catholic Social Services serves the poor and vulnerable through strengthening families, guides individuals toward economic stability, provides food and emergency assistance, counseling, case management, affordable housing solutions, and support to domestic violence survivors, and serves as the extended family for seniors.

Needed Items/Columbus offices:

Supportive Services: Serves seniors age 60-plus in their homes. Gift cards allow an individual to select an item they most need. Preferred: \$25 gift certificates to Kroger or Walmart.

HOME Choice: Clients of all ages who have transitioned out of a nursing home into the community. Preferred: \$25 gift certificates to Kroger or Walmart.

Contact: Debbie Hilliard (614) 857-1230

Counseling Services and Pathways to Hope (2 years of compassionate and individualized counseling for domestic violence survivors and their children transitioning out of shelter and into safe affordable housing and help with finding job security). The programs serve individuals and families. Preferred: Gift cards to any grocery store, Walmart, or Target.

Contact: Jennifer Fears-Volley (614) 857-1210

Our Lady of Guadalupe Center

Food pantry that serves mostly Hispanic families.

Needed: Toiletry items, Diapers (all sizes), laundry soap. Call (614) 340-7061

St. Francis Outreach Center

2311 Stockham Lane, Portsmouth, Ohio 45662
Attention: Donna Montavon

New and packaged children's underwear, all sizes; gently used winter coats: sizes 4T-XL, male and female; NEW gloves and hats, both children and adult sizes; Walmart gift cards.

Baskets of Love for Seniors: (Provided to homebound CSS senior clients in Zanesville and Newark).

This often is the only gift the senior receives. Place selected items in a small

clothes basket or reusable canvas shopping bag. Items will be delivered to seniors by Dec. 20.

Example of donation items: paper towels, tissues, toilet paper, toothbrush and toothpaste, shampoo, toiletries, sponges, laundry soap, all-purpose cleaner, dusting cloths (Swiffer), dishwashing liquid, kitchen trash bags (13-gallon size), postage stamps, towels, large-print word find books.

Zanesville office: Contact Dave Desender,
(740) 452-5057

Licking County office: Contact Tania Gresham
(740) 345-2565, extension 4 For Licking County, drop off donations at CSS office (1031 Brice St., Newark) between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. or call to make an appointment. Donations to be delivered to the office by Dec. 9.

Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs

578 E. Main St., Columbus, Ohio 43215

(614) 241-2530 www.columbuscatholic.org/join

JOIN responds to people in need with emergency material assistance. JOIN serves more than 100 families each day with almost every problem imaginable, from birth to death.

Needed Items: Gas gift cards, food gift cards, gift cards for teenagers (department stores like Target, Meijer, etc., bookstores, music, games, and movies), basic hygiene items, cleaning supplies, and monetary donations.

St. Francis Center

108 W. Mill St., McArthur, Ohio 45651

(740) 596-5820 <https://www.facebook.com/StFrancisOutreachCenter>

The St. Francis Center serves as a Catholic presence in the southeastern part of the diocese. The center assists impoverished families in meeting their most basic needs of food and clothing.

Needed Items: Food pantry items, new toys, clothing and monetary donations.

Volunteers Needed: Dec. 12-13. For details, email ariegel@columbuscatholic.org or call (740) 596-5820.

St. Stephen's Community House

1500 E. 17th Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43219

(614) 294-6347 | www.saintstephensch.org

St. Stephen's Community House is committed to brightening lives in the Linden neighborhood of Columbus by building community and individual well-being. St. Stephen's works to advance self-sufficiency and assist residents in maximizing their potential through programs and services such as employment, social development, community organization, education, child care, and Project AquaStar.

St. Stephen's Community House and the Central Ohio Labor Council, AFL-CIO are collaborating to brighten the holiday season for individuals and families who find themselves in a critical position due to situations such as stretched incomes, layoffs, foreclosures, and family illness. We are all familiar with families in financial turmoil who cannot afford to purchase the traditional food items. In an effort to minimize some of the hardship felt by families, we request support from area schools, churches, and businesses. You, your business or organization can become a partner in this effort by collecting nonperishable food items or providing financial support to purchase perishable items such as turkeys, bread, milk, fresh fruit, and vegetables.

Needed Items: Christmas Cares/Union Share Program. Nonperishable food pantry items like boxed hot or cold cereal, canned beans, tuna, canned meats, dry milk, vegetable oil, rice, pasta, etc. For a complete listing of needed food items, visit St. Stephen's website at www.saintstephensch.org. Gift cards from Kroger, Meijer, or Giant Eagle and monetary donations are welcome. Please deliver donations by Dec. 14.

Contact Londale Rowell (614) 294-6347, ext. 113.

St. Vincent Family Center

1490 E. Main St., Columbus, Ohio 43205 (614) 252-0731 | www.svfc.org

St. Vincent Family Center serves thousands of children and families each year living in the most impoverished neighborhoods in central Ohio. Each Christmas season, many of these families are unable to provide their little ones with gifts and memories that make this time of year so special.

Adopt A Family: Provide holiday gifts to families served by St. Vincent's.

Specify your preference of family size and you'll be appropriately matched with a family in need. Each family will provide a Wish List of items that their child(ren) may need or want, and then you get to shop for their gifts.

Gifts will be collected at St. Vincent Family Center on Dec. 7, 8, and 9 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Volunteers over 18 years of age are greatly appreciated. Contact Debra Huff (614) 252-0731 extension 1132 or dhuff@svfc.org

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Main Office, 197 E. Gay St., Columbus, Ohio 43215
(614) 221-3554 | www.vincentianvoice.org

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul provides food, clothing, housing and spiritual support to people in need. SVDP

operates in parishes, many with food pantries, across the diocese, a daily lunch line at St. Lawrence Haven in Columbus, a clothing center in Columbus, a shelter and transitional housing in Newark, thrift stores in Lancaster, Newark, and Marion, and many other ministries.

Needed Items: Food, clothing, men's hats, gloves, socks, underwear, coats and children's coats, new, unwrapped gifts, wrapping paper, bows, and volunteers for the SVDP Clothing Center's Christmas Store, 578 E. Main St., Columbus. Volunteers are needed at St. Lawrence Haven during preparations times 10 a.m.-noon). Monetary donations for your parish St. Vincent de Paul conference.

Catholic Charities Christmas Collection

This annual collection allows the diocese to meet a variety of basic needs directly and through diocesan agencies and organizations including JOIN, St. Stephen's Community House, Catholic Social Services, St. Francis Center, St. Lawrence Haven, St. Vincent Family Center, and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. You can help share in this important work by generously supporting the Catholic Charities collection this year. Look for the envelope in your parish giving envelope packet.

Office for Social Concerns

197 E. Gay St., Columbus, Ohio 43215 (614) 241-2540 socmailbox@columbuscatholic.org • www.columbuscatholic.org/social-concerns-office

The Office for Social Concerns serves as the central diocesan resource for Catholic social teaching, reaching out through prayer, education, service, and advocacy. Learn more about Church teachings on important social issues and act on your faith to make a difference in your community and around the world.

Catholic Relief Services

CRS Ethical Trade (crafts, coffee, and chocolate). Catholic Relief Services is the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States. Through CRS Ethical Trade, you are supporting struggling artisans and farmers around the world earn fair wages. The program offers great gift ideas. <http://ethicaltrade.crs.org>

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