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Local processions to open National Eucharistic Revival

The launch of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) three-year National Eucharistic Revival initiative kicks off in the diocese with a Eucharistic procession at 4 p.m. Sunday, June 19, which is Corpus Christi Sunday, at Columbus St. Cecilia Church, 434 Norton Road.

The day before, on Saturday, June 18, a Eucharistic procession will be included as part of the Rescue Project Live! event with Father John Riccardo, a priest in the Archdiocese of Detroit and the host of a popular EWTN Radio program, that will be held in the Celeste Center at the Ohio Expo Center in Columbus.

The following Friday, June 24, another Eucharistic procession is scheduled after the 7 p.m. Mass on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus at Columbus Sacred Heart Church, 893 Hamlet St.

The theme of the USCCB's National Eucharistic Revival, which was initiated in part because surveys show that only

about one-third of professed Catholics believe that Christ is truly present in the Blessed Sacrament, is "Created Anew by the Body and Blood of Christ, Source of our Healing and Hope."

Parishes throughout the country and the diocese have planned Eucharistic processions on Corpus Christi Sunday, including large-scale events in the Archdioceses of Detroit and Los Angeles. Check your parish or a nearby parish for a schedule of events.

The culmination of the bishops' three-year plan, which was approved at their semiannual general assembly in November 2021, is a National Eucharistic Congress on July 17-21, 2024 in Indianapolis. The first one of its kind in almost 50 years in the United States is expected to attract more than 80,000 Catholics.

"We are really aware in these times that we live that the Church needs to become more missionary. The culture itself doesn't support what we do anymore as

Catholics," said Bishop Andrew Cozzens, chairman of the Board of the National Eucharistic Congress and the bishop of the Diocese of Crookston, Minnesota, in a statement.

"All Catholics are invited into a renewed encounter with Jesus Christ in the Eucharist, especially those Catholics who don't fully understand the power of the Eucharist."

Year one of the U.S. bishops' Eucharistic revival, from June 2022 to June 2023, is called the "Year of the Diocesan Revival" and focuses on the diocesan level with events, days of formation and reflection, and pastoral training sessions.

The second year (June 2023-June 2024) is called the "Year of Parish Revival." Pastors, staff and parishioners will engage in catechetical formation on the Real Presence of Christ that includes providing opportunities to better understand the Paschal Mystery through the Mass, Adoration and the sacrament of reconciliation.

Year three, designated the "Year of the National Eucharistic Congress and Missionary Sending," begins with the National Eucharistic Congress.

"The Eucharist is the gateway key to the civilization of love that we long to create. Jesus promised that he would be truly present in the sacrament of the altar – but also in the flesh and blood of our neighbors, especially those who are poor and suffering," said Archbishop Jose Gomez of Los Angeles and the president of the USCCB in a statement.

"If we ever hope to end human indifference and social injustice, then we need to revive this sacramental awareness. In every human person we meet – from the infant in the womb to our elderly parents drawing their dying breaths – we must see the image of the living God."

For more information and to sign up for a weekly newsletter, visit www.eucharisticrevival.org.

Official announcement — clergy assignments

The following appointments become effective July 12, 2022, unless otherwise noted:

Reverend Paul J. Brandimarti, from Parochial Vicar, St. Paul the Apostle Church, Westerville to Parochial Vicar, St. Vincent de Paul Church, Mount Vernon and St. Luke Church, Danville.

Reverend Stanley Dailey, from Pastor, Holy Family Church, to services at the Pontifical College Josephinum, continuing as Vicar for Religious for the Diocese of Columbus.

Reverend William Ferguson, from part-time Parochial Vicar, St. Joseph Cathedral, continuing as Parochial Vicar, St. Andrew Church, Columbus.

Reverend Seth Keller, from Parochial Vicar, St. Cecilia Church, Columbus, Chaplain with teaching and ministerial duties at Bishop Ready High School, to Parochial Vicar, St. Mary Church, Marion and Sacred Hearts Church, Cardington.

Reverend Michael Lumpe, from services at the Pontifical College Josephinum, to full time chaplain at Mother Angeline McCrory Manor, part time chaplain at area hospitals and coordinator

of priest hospital coverage, with residence at the Villas at St. Therese.

Reverend Daniel W. Olvera, from Parochial Vicar, St. Vincent de Paul Church, Mount Vernon and St. Luke Church, Danville, to Parochial Vicar, St. Paul the Apostle Church, Westerville.

Reverend Kyle A. Tennant, from Parochial Vicar, St. Mary Church, Marion and Sacred Hearts Church, Cardington, to Parochial Vicar, St. Cecilia Church, Columbus, Chaplain with teaching and ministerial duties at Bishop Ready High School.

Confirming the appointment from the Prior Provincial, Very Rev. Kenneth Lestoile, OP of the Dominican Friars, **Reverend Paul Marich, OP**, from newly ordained, to Parochial Vicar St. Patrick Church, Columbus, effective June 1, 2022.

Confirming the appointment from the Prior Provincial, Very Rev. Kenneth Lestoile, OP of the Dominican Friars, **Reverend Albert Dempsey, OP**, from service outside the diocese, to Parochial Vicar St. Patrick Church, Columbus, effective June 1, 2022.

Launching a Eucharistic revival

By Sister John Paul Maher, OP

On June 19, the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, the Church in the United States begins a three-year preparation for the National Eucharistic Congress.

The bishops of the United States are calling for a Eucharistic revival, much like the call the Church has received for a new evangelization (see www.eucharisticrevival.org). It is an invitation to hear and experience again the joy of the Gospel: that Jesus Christ came down to earth to set us free from sin and restore us, as adopted children of the Father, to a life in the Spirit, eternally.

At the heart of this gift of new life is the gift of Jesus Himself, in the Holy Eucharist.

Jesus, in the most extraordinary humility, gives Himself in the Blessed Sacrament. He presents Himself to us, vulnerable to rejection but relentless in offering His love.

He waits for us, ready to listen to our cares, to heal and comfort, to restore us to ourselves when we fail. He is the most faithful friend we could ever know.

In a world of chaos, noise and the darkness of sin, we need the order, peace and beauty of a loving God to sustain us as pilgrims on the path homeward to heaven. This comes to us through Jesus

in the Eucharist. He revives our souls. This is the revival we all need, daily.

The saints find strength to conquer personal weakness and the errors of their time by turning to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. One example is the patron of the first year of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Eucharistic Revival, Blessed Carlo Acutis (1991-2006). He once said, "The Eucharist is my highway to heaven." (Francesco Occhetta, Carlo Acutis, The Servant of God: Life Beyond the Border, 2018, 20)

In many ways, he was a typical young person of his day, but he was deeply touched by his First Communion, and his devotion grew to a deep love of Jesus and Mary.

He had a clear understanding of our need for the Holy Eucharist and of its power to transform, noting "with each Communion, we come closer to the goal of sanctity." (Occhetta, 23)

It is worth learning more about Blessed Carlo, as he is inspiring to young people in many ways, including his choice to practice the virtue of moderation with technology. He has been named a patron saint of World Youth Day in 2023, along with Pope St. John Paul II, to encourage

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EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL
Bishop Earl Fernandes elevates the host during the consecration at his ordination and installation Mass on May 31 at Westerville St. Paul Church. The U.S. bishops are calling on all Catholics to participate in a three-year initiative to promote belief in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, starting on Corpus Christi Sunday.

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Yvonne Klingler of Bronson, Michigan stands behind her grandchildren (from left) RaeAnna (3), Rogan (7, in chair) and Royce (9) as they venerate the relic of St. Bernadette at Ada Our Lady of Lourdes Church on Friday, June 3.
CT photos by Ken Snow



Bishop Earl Fernandes blesses the crowded Ada Our Lady of Lourdes Church with holy water from Lourdes. The reliquary of St. Bernadette is stationed at the front of the sanctuary.

'Miracle' boy among hundreds drawn to St. Bernadette relic

By Doug Bean
Catholic Times Editor

ADA, Ohio – To the village of Ada in the far northwest corner of the Diocese of Columbus, pilgrims trekked from Indiana, Michigan and all corners of Ohio this month to venerate a relic of St. Bernadette Soubirous.

Other visitors listed their native countries in the guest book from as far away as Germany, Mexico and Japan.

Also among the individuals and groups who came to venerate the relic was a busload of Eastern Rite Chaldean Catholics from the Detroit area.

The St. Bernadette relic, a fragment of a rib bone from the 19th century peasant girl whose visions of the Blessed Virgin Mary led to a shrine being built in her honor in Lourdes, France, resided at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Ada from Thursday, June 2 through Saturday morning, June 4 before being transferred to Lancaster St. Bernadette Church for three days of public veneration ending Monday, June 6.

A host of activities took place in Ada and Lancaster that included Masses with new diocesan Bishop Earl Fernandes, rosaries, Divine Mercy Chaplet, candlelight processions through the streets surrounding the church, confessions and a sprinkling rite with holy water and a virtual pilgrim experience.

It had been a long, long time since the small church on Highland Avenue in Ada had seen such activity surrounding the display, which is supervised by the Sanctuary of Lourdes during its 41 stops from April 7 to Aug. 4 in the United States, including two in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

"I don't think we've ever seen this



Brothers Kane (7) and Noah (18) Ketcham, parishioners at Kenton Immaculate Conception Church, view the relic of St. Bernadette.
CT photo by Ken Snow

many people in our humble little church in Ada, Ohio," Father Ed Shikina, pastor at Our Lady of Lourdes, said on Friday, June 3 at the end of Bishop Fernandes' first Mass outside of Columbus since his installation and ordination on May 31.

An estimated 300 people filled the small sanctuary and spilled over into an adjoining parish hall for the Mass, which was followed by anointing of the sick offered by Father Shikina and Bishop Fernandes, and the continuation of veneration and other devotions.

"It says in St. Matthew's Gospel, 'Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God,'" Bishop Fernandes said in his homily. "And Bernadette was pure of heart. She saw God, Who came to her through the Blessed Virgin Mary.

"Being obedient to the Virgin, Bernadette found a stream of water, which has brought healings to thousands and thousands of people who journey to Lourdes. And today something from Lourdes has come to us. God wants to bring us His healing ... and no matter where you are,



Bishop Fernandes elevates the host at the consecration at Mass during the visit of a St. Bernadette relic to Ada Our Lady of Lourdes Church.
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God has not forgotten about you. ... He wants to be close to you.

"You have all come here on a pilgrimage to receive healing from the Lord. Sometimes it will be in the form of a physical healing, sometimes a spiritual healing and the forgiveness of sins."

Some of those who attended the Mass were parishioners. Some were afflicted with various ailments hoping for healing and spiritual consolation. There were young families and older folks. One gentleman carried holy water from Lourdes that his father had brought back from World War II.

One family drove 2 ½ hours from Bronson, Michigan, which is located near the intersection of the Ohio, Michigan and Indiana borders, to bring a special boy to be close to St. Bernadette.

His name is Rogan. He's 7 years old. He uses a wheelchair, and he's afflicted with spastic quadriplegia cerebral palsy and a multitude of other physical issues. And he's a miracle.

The boy's grandmother, Yvonne

Klingler, brought him to Ada because of a devotion to Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Bernadette.

"He has been a miracle since he was born, and the opportunity to see the relics of St. Bernadette and the Lourdes tour was an opportunity we had to seize since we would never be able to travel to Lourdes, France," Klingler said. "My mom, Sylvia Yearling, found out about the tour, and we decided we were making the journey. It was such a moving experience, very emotional."

Rogan was injured at birth after his mother had a placental abruption three weeks from her due date and one week from a scheduled C-section.

Because there was minimal blood flow and oxygen after the one-hour delivery, Rogan was unresponsive.

"The doctor decided to play God and thought his life wasn't worth saving," Klingler said.

Klingler's mother brought her some water to baptize the child. Immediately after she finished and stepped out of the nursery, he began to respond.

"The doctors asked me what I did, and I told them I just baptized him," she said.

Rogan had severe newborn hypoxic ischemic encephalopathy, which is surface and deep tissue brain damage. He suffered six strokes in utero and after delivery.

Klingler explained that a portion of his brain, the basal ganglia, had died, and he was left with just spinal fluid and basal cysts in that area.

Shortly after birth, he was transported from a local hospital in Coldwater, Michigan to the University of Michigan's C.S. Mott Children's Hospital

Trusting God in tough times can lead to transformation

I looked in the mirror this morning in wonder at the woman I saw. I knew her face and features, but something in her eyes was different, a newness not there before. Ahh, I thought, there you are. You see, this is not the first time I have had this moment, a moment when God allows me to see Him working in me.

I remember when my son Gabriel was born with arthrogryposis. His legs were bent behind his back touching his neck, and his ear was touching his hip. His spine was curved, and his muscles were atrophied. As he was taken from my arms to another hospital, my husband in pursuit, I remember asking the Lord, "How are we going to do this?"

Sixteen years later, I look at the young man he has become through 37 procedures, surgeries and thousands of therapy days, and I am in awe of the transformation. Physically, yes, my son sits tall in his wheelchair, taking his college classes, cheering on his lacrosse team, hanging with friends and teaching chess. But there is more.

His life is a witness to perseverance, and walking that journey with him has formed me as well. I look back at the young woman who 16 years ago cried out to the Lord for guidance, and I can still feel the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, this font of love, hope and courage that has strengthened and formed me into the wife and mother I am today.

I could not have become this woman without having walked these past 16 years. The Lord knew the journey I had to take. It is important to recognize that in our struggles we are being formed more closely into the person God created us to be.

It has been a season over the past couple of years in my home, where I have faced very challenging situations. I pondered how I was going to walk through it. The pragmatic part of me knew that putting one foot in front of the other moves you forward, but wisdom speaks that how we place each foot matters also.

Is it with trust or resentment? Is it with expectation or resignation? The Lord works with what we give

ALL THAT WE HAVE

MaryBeth Eberhard

MaryBeth Eberhard writes about marriage, life experiences of a large family and special needs. She attends Sunbury St. John Neumann Church.



Him, but it's easier to create a meal with a stocked fridge than with the end of the month's rations.

I often speak of "situations" in family life. I love my writing and sharing stories with my readers. When sharing family stories, each member's dignity must be protected, even when that person does not see the value.

Each of us has faced, and are currently facing, "situations" where we are being asked to be stronger than we think we can be. We are being asked to trust the Lord implicitly as we are again in the crucible of drawing closer to His heart. Looking back, I can see the worth of this trust placed in the Lord.

I love to create environments of warmth and security for my family. From family meals and family prayer to snuggling under a blanket and reading books, these warm, tender moments fill my soul and bring comfort to my family. I am so comfortable being this woman. Ahh, but the words of Pope Benedict XVI come upon my heart: "The world offers you comfort. But you were not made for comfort. You were made for greatness."

Greatness for me is becoming that saint of a wife and mother who witnesses Jesus Christ to others in what I think, say and do. Like the Blessed Mother whose fiat changed the trajectory of her life and models for us the path to sanctification, I want to always be ready for transformation.

To do this, like Mother Mary, I must be willing to sacrifice greatly. Sacrifice is a common theme of our faith. Sacrifice means forsaking what I want for a greater good. St. Thomas Aquinas reminds us that love is willing the good of the other. Therefore, sacrificial love is forsaking what I want for the great-

er good of the other.

As Christians, we see the arduous and brutal sacrifice Jesus made for us on the cross, His body given up for us. I am, however, always a woman and a mother, and it is from that lens that I often examine my life.

What a mother we have in Mary, mother of our Lord! We speak of sacrifice and fiats, many times saying "yes" to the Lord. With her yes, she sacrificed for us all. She knew the suffering and the emotional pain she would go through with her yes.

The transformation of the Blessed Mother from the young girl who gave her life's path to Jesus to the woman who is the mother of the Church, constantly beckoning us closer to the heart of her Son, calling us into repentance and love, witnesses such sacrificial love for her children. This is the heart I am being molded to that will carry me to the throne of Jesus.

The messiness of family life, the "situations" that we face, are opportunities for sanctification where we allow ourselves to be changed. While I love the sweet and soft mothering time, I am in a time of needing to be firm and fierce. Gratefully, Mama Mary provides that model as well.

She shows me that a mother's firmness directs the course of her children's lives. She demonstrates that this sacrifice of comfort is worth the saving of souls. She shows me that great love is shown when consequences of sin are shown, when truth is spoken. We look to Fatima to see this example. This firmness, these loving boundaries are necessary to protect, advise and love my family in their next stages of life.

I looked at myself the other day through a different mirror. I sat before Jesus in adoration. I looked upon myself through the lens of His love, and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit swelled within me. I felt my body breathe deeply of the breath that was already within me. Imagine the beautiful reality that we can breathe deeply of the Spirit Who already dwells within us!

My eyes flashed before the Lord, my head rose and I nodded with understanding. This mission of motherhood is my offering. Through my sacrifice, the new way I am being formed to love, I am blooming more fully into the woman He created me to be.

Thank you, Jesus, for your steadfast patience. Thank you, Mother Mary, for your guidance on the path to your Son.

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First confirmation as bishop comes at St. Agnes

Bishop Earl Fernandes administered the sacrament of confirmation in the Diocese of Columbus for the first time on Saturday, June 4 at Columbus St. Agnes Church on the city's west side.

The new bishop also presided over confirmation on Sunday, June 5 at Lancaster St. Bernadette Church and Logan St. John Church.

Three other confirmations – at Columbus Holy Name Church (Parroquia Santa Cruz), Danville St. Luke Church and Columbus St. Stephen the Martyr Church – were on the bishop's schedule during his first full week since he was ordained and installed as the 13th bishop of Columbus on May 31.

In a homily directed to the confirmands during the Mass at St. Agnes, Bishop Fernandes repeated what has already become a familiar theme of his preaching.

"We need you, we need your gifts, and God is calling you not to mediocrity but to greatness," he said. "And I know that with His help, and if you open your heart to Him, you will be great and you will do great things for God."

He also reminded them of the graces received from the sacrament of confirmation.

"Now our Lord will seal each of you with the gift of the Holy Spirit and ask to be His witnesses, to be humble and generous, to make a gift of yourself to our Church, to our world and to one another," he said. "You will be His witnesses to this love."

"Jesus shows His Apostles His

wounds, and they rejoice because they know that there is a love stronger than death. And that love is for you. And that love has a name: The bond of love between the Father and the Son is the Holy Spirit.

"Today you begin a new mission, but you are not alone. You have one another, you have your family members and friends, and you have the whole Church of Columbus, you have two priests who love you, and a bishop now who will love you and support you."

Bishop Fernandes reminded the faithful that Jesus asks each member of His flock to be servants.

"How did the Father send Jesus?" he asked. "In poverty and in humility, to be born not in a palace but in a stable in Bethlehem. Jesus grew up being known not as the son of a doctor or a lawyer but the son of a carpenter.

"Jesus went about preaching Good News to the poor, mostly the materially poor but also to wealthy people who were spiritually poor. Jesus came to bring the Good News that God saves.

"How did Jesus come? Again, in humility. At the Last Supper, He washed the Apostles' feet.

"How did Jesus live and die? In humility. He humbled himself, becoming obedient even unto death.

"As the Father has sent me, so I send you. And how was Jesus sent? Not only in humility, but with a spirit of generosity. He gave himself over to His mission and to His people."



Alison Calvillo (second from left) is anointed with holy oil by Bishop Earl Fernandes as he confers the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, June 4 at Columbus St. Agnes Church. *CT photos by Ken Snow*



Bishop Earl Fernandes (walking with his crozier and wearing his mitre) processes to the altar at Columbus St. Agnes Church to begin a Confirmation Mass on Saturday, June 4.

Mosaic artwork meant to show gratitude to hospital workers

By Jenna Mar

Terri Albanese, a parishioner at Columbus Our Lady of Victory Church, is an artist specializing in glass mosaics. During the pandemic, Albanese created a collection of garden-themed glass mosaics titled "A Garden of Gratitude." The exhibit serves as a thank-you to front-line workers – particularly those in hospitals.

Albanese is a graduate of the Columbus College of Art and Design (CCAD). Though she studied mosaics at CCAD, the art form did not speak to her until she traveled to Italy with her husband. There, she saw dozens of classical glass mosaics in churches, cathedrals, even storefronts and fell in love with the colorful creations.

"I was moved spiritually, mentally, emotionally. Every way possible," she said.

Upon returning home, Albanese set

out to create classical glass mosaics. She ended up in Miami to learn the fundamentals from a woman who had studied under master mosaicists in the Vatican. However, Albanese's style was entirely her own.

She was inspired to create "A Garden of Gratitude" by the hospital workers carrying out their duties during the pandemic.

"As an artist, I isolate a lot. We work alone. And I couldn't stop thinking about our hospital workers who were going into this environment that was deadly. They had the courage to walk in, day after day after day, and care for our loved ones," Albanese said.

Initially, Albanese created a glass painting called "Interwoven." She printed the image onto cards and distributed them to hospitals throughout Columbus to be given to their workers. Eventually, word spread about the cards, and nearly

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Bishop reminds senior citizens they have much to offer

By Tim Puet
For The Catholic Times

Bishop Earl Fernandes told senior citizens at the diocese's annual celebration honoring them that they must recognize the gift they can present to their children and grandchildren through the life experience they have acquired.

"You may wonder, 'What do I have to offer people as I become older?'" the bishop said at a Mass that started the event. "In fact, you have an abundance of things to offer, and these are things money can't buy – the wisdom, the faith you've acquired as you've grown, and the knowledge you've gained on how to confront challenges younger people have yet to face."

About 200 people attended the 43rd diocesan Senior Citizens Day celebration on Tuesday, June 7 at Reynoldsburg St. Pius X Church, sponsored by the diocesan Office for Social Concerns. Because of cancellations caused by COVID-19, this was the first such event since 2019 for the diocese. It also was one of the first diocesan activities for Bishop Fernandes, who was installed as bishop one week earlier.

The day's Old Testament reading told of how the widow of Zarephath and her



Bishop Earl Fernandes enjoys a conversation during the diocese's annual Senior Citizens Day observance at Reynoldsburg St. Pius X Church.

son survived a year of famine because they shared the little bit of flour and oil they had with the prophet Elijah.

"They trusted in God, and He provided for them so Elijah could carry out his ministry of conversion," the bishop said. "She responded to the question, 'What do I have to offer?' with what she had, and the response was remarkable. It can be that way with all of us if we just respond."

The Gospel reading for the day contained Jesus' words on salt and light from the Sermon on the Mount. "Many



Seniors chat with Bishop Earl Fernandes on Tuesday, June 7, which was the one-week anniversary of his installation and ordination.

people look to the elderly for the kind of advice which you can uniquely give through the light of your faith and which the Gospel light of Jesus reveals to us," Bishop Fernandes said.

"People need the guidance you can provide as true and credible witnesses of the faith. You are the salt of the earth and the light of the world. As salt, you are able to add the flavor of the Gospel to our culture at a time when it has gone stale. As your new bishop, I have a simple message. I ask that you go out and let



Bishop Earl Fernandes celebrates Mass during the diocesan Senior Citizens Day event at Reynoldsburg St. Pius X Church.

Photos courtesy John Rees

your light shine to give glory to God."

The Mass was followed by a luncheon with talks by Steve Nasdeo, information technology director for the diocese, on elder fraud, and Loren Brown, president and chief executive officer of The Catholic Foundation, on the foundation's work.

Meals were provided by Freedom a la Cart, which empowers survivors of human trafficking to build lives of freedom and self-sufficiency through work in the food service industry.



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Catholic ministry offers morning event for those struggling with infertility

The Columbus diocese and Springs in the Desert Catholic ministry are partnering to support couples carrying the cross of infertility with a free event on Saturday, June 25 at 8:30 a.m. at Gahanna St. Matthew Church.

The mini-retreat will begin with Mass, followed by a light breakfast and short, inspiring reflections.

Springs in the Desert accompanies those struggling with infertility by offering a place of respite and solidarity where they can know God's love and discover His unique call to fruitfulness. The ministry was co-founded by Dr. Kimberly Henkel, a parishioner of Mount Vernon St. Vincent de Paul Church, and Ann Koshute.

"I never would have expected the beautiful path God had prepared for my husband and me when we first found ourselves struggling with infertility," Henkel said. "We had gotten married a little later in life and were hoping to have a large family. So, it came as a shock to discover that we were unable to conceive."

The grief of being unable to have a child can be compounded by the feeling of isolation. Henkel felt blessed to find a friend who shared that she, too, was experiencing infertility.

"Ann (Koshute) and I had both attended graduate school at the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage & Family and had devoted our lives to serving God. It was very difficult reconciling our faith in a God of miracles with our personal struggles with infertility. We talked about how we wished there was some spiritual support and community for us offered by the Church."

Through their conversations, Henkel and Koshute discovered that they both were experiencing isolation and stress on their marriages, as well as feelings of being forgotten by God. When they were asked in 2018 to write an article on infertility for the online journal

Humanum, they recognized the call of the Holy Spirit to walk with other women like them. They founded Springs in the Desert to be a place of accompaniment and community for women and men.

"Infertility is a very isolating experience, because those struggling with it can feel ashamed of being childless when they see their friends and loved ones having children," Koshute said. This isolation extends to their parish families, too. It can be very difficult for a couple to come to church week after week, surrounded by families with children. The sadness and helplessness the couple experience can also stress their marriage.

"Like many other challenges couples face, infertility has the capability to strain marriages, in some cases to a breaking point," said Edward Luersman, a licensed professional counselor and parishioner of Worthington St. Michael Church.

"Infertility can create or increase depressed mood, anxiety and irritability in couples and can lead them to feel isolated from, or unsupported by, each other; however, infertility also has the potential to unite couples if they face the issue together."

"In my own personal story, my husband and I began discerning a call to adopt, so we signed up with the local Children's Services to foster to adopt," Henkel said. After some time, they received their first placement, a newborn boy, whom they adopted.

Soon after, they adopted twin baby girls, who were just five months younger than their son. A few years later, they fostered, then adopted, another newborn son.

"Our infertility caused us so much pain. We thought all our dreams for our life together as a family were broken. Instead, God fulfilled them in ways we never expected but have blessed us so abundantly," Henkel said.

"Some people may fear that they might not be able to love an adopted child as much as a biological child. We cannot imagine loving our children any more than we do! Adopting has revealed to us how every child belongs to God. We get the privilege of raising our children, but all of them are first and foremost God's children."

While not every couple struggling with infertility will be called to adopt, Springs in the Desert hopes to inspire couples to find the fruitfulness that God has planned for them. Henkel said, "So many couples worry that God is punishing them, but we want to affirm that God loves them and has a plan to bring fruitfulness to their marriage."

Koshute agreed and said that, for couples struggling with infertility, being part of a community of support can help them to discover the many unique ways God is bringing about new life through them.

"Being able to share my struggle with Kimberly helped me to process my infertility. Now, God is giving my husband and me more opportunities to be fruitful than we could have ever hoped possible. This is the hope we want others who are struggling to be able to find. There is hope, healing and fruitfulness in Christ!"

"Our Springs in the Desert team is excited to host this mini-retreat in Columbus," Henkel said. "We are hoping it will provide the opportunity for those who are struggling with infertility to be uplifted, to help discover the fruitfulness that God has for them right now and to find friendship with others on this same path."

For more information and to register, visit springinthedesert.org/columbus. Questions? Email info@springinthedesert.org.

My year in review (which starts in the spring)

I review my "year" in the spring. Maybe it's because spring is a time of new beginnings. Trees become multiple shades of green, yellow and red. Flowers brighten yards and neighborhoods. I don't have a green thumb, but I have had a single crocus bloom every spring for more than 15 years. (Another of God's miracles!)

I particularly like to remember the good things that emerged during more difficult times of the year. Top of the list this year is my new great-nephew, who is amazing!

I've also seen folks help one another with big and small things. More than once a young person going into the grocery store has offered to load my groceries into my car. (I buy in bulk!) People smile and nod, many of them wave when you let them in line at a traffic light. The list could go on.

Every day, I look for something that will make me smile or laugh out loud. This week it was a young lad walking with his grandmother. He stopped mid-block to stare in awe of the giant cement truck that had stopped next to him. His face reflected sheer joy!

Finding those fun and encouraging things gives me the strength I need to continue to address the flip sides of those coins: poverty, gun violence, abortion, racism – unfortunately, that list can go on, too.

The Ohio Department of Health's mortality data reports that 5,083 Ohio residents died of accidental drug overdoses in 2021. That breaks the previous record of 5,017 deaths in 2020. The worst year before the

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COVID pandemic had been 2017, when 4,854 Ohioans died.

Substance abuse not only negatively impacts the health and well-being of those who abuse substances and their families, but also leads to high societal costs. The National Institute on Drug Abuse estimates that abuse of tobacco, alcohol and illicit drugs costs the United States more than \$740 billion annually through costs related to crime, lost work productivity and health care. (<https://www.drugabuse.gov/drug-topics/trends-statistics/costs-substance-abuse>)

Today, Ohio has fewer drug users than a decade ago – but exponentially higher rates and numbers of drug deaths.

Yet, there is good news. There are solutions that not only benefit the health and well-being of those struggling with drug abuse and addiction but also lower public costs. One such program is The Refuge. Its four-phase, 13-month residential addiction recovery program has had amazing results.

Founded in 1999 as a residential ministry in rural Vinton County, The Refuge continues to expand to

serve not only the 75+ men in locations across central Ohio, but their families, churches and communities as well. There is no cost and no insurance needed to be a part of this ministry. Learn more at <https://therefugeohio.org>.

If you know someone who is struggling to reclaim his life, contact The Refuge.

I have worked with The Refuge for years and support its mission whole-heartedly. This Christ-centered program inspires transformation. The staff members are highly effective in assisting participants to successfully address the key social determinants of health including continuous employment, housing stability, reliable transportation, reducing the use of emergency rooms for substance-related reasons and reducing involvement in the justice system.

Will some people still struggle with drugs? Yes. However, with support from programs such as The Refuge, more children will have parents, more mothers will have sons, more people will show up for work, fewer people will be handcuffed and jailed, fewer people will be murdered or become homeless. Imagine.

PS: The Office for Social Concerns thanks those at Reynoldsburg St. Pius X Church who made our 43rd Senior Citizen Celebration Day Mass and luncheon such a success. Special thanks to Father David Young, Deacon Joe Lemay, Cyndi Williams, Michelle Carey, John Pottkotter, Tom Holliday and the youth and adult volunteers. God bless!

Wise use of time lets us serve God, others better

How we spend time is important, and evaluating our activities and how they help us become fruitful, balanced and available to serve God and others is a worthy endeavor.

I did this recently and realized that I could gain almost five morning hours per week if I combined my two exercise groups at an earlier hour. I often feel time-crunched in the mornings, not having enough prayer time, and I had to give up my own training time and exercise along with my students to gain this time.

So far it has been wonderful to have more time to pray and be more available to serve my family and ministries. It has also been fun and humbling to train alongside my students.

Evaluating how we spend our time and asking the Holy Spirit to guide us in how we use our time can be important in our walk with Jesus. Having a more “eternal perspective” on time can help us see it as a treasure and to seek to be good stewards of our time to better serve God and the people He places in our lives.

Sometimes looking at our time this way leads us to adjust our schedules to permit ourselves to have more unscheduled time to spend with God and our family and friends. Other times, and in different seasons of our lives, we might feel called to spend more time in more formal ways, such as joining a weekly Bible study group, going on a week- or month-long retreat or volunteering to lead or assist a ministry.

I often hear people say they don’t have time to both exercise and pray – especially if they are working full-time and/or raising a young family. Sometimes adjusting our expectations can help us to fit both in, strengthening us physically and spiritually.

We might consider walking and praying or stretch-

HOLY AND HEALTHY

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ing and praying a few minutes in the morning. Maybe we are praying in the car on the way to work and at night. Maybe it’s spending more time in prayer and exercising on days we have more time and less on those days we are busy serving others (serving is prayer!)

My prayer life and physical life are constantly changing due to the ebbs and flows of activities and family and work commitments. Praying and asking the Holy Spirit to guide me can often yield surprisingly results – I can sometimes fit in way more than I ever thought possible on the days when I turn my schedule over to God.

Even when I’m busier than I like to be, I try to look at it as “my cup is full” and consider it a blessing – with the hope and prayer of returning to more balance in the future.

Every now and then, God calls us to do big and hard things that might move our time into an uncomfortable zone, such as when we care for a sick family member, prepare to move, change jobs, train for a marathon, go back to school, write a book, manage our own illness or infirmity, and so on.

These can be beautiful and holy times, filled with extraordinary grace and spiritual growth when we approach these activities with an eternal perspective.

There is much wisdom in Scripture about using our time well. From Ephesians 5:15-17: “So, then,

be careful how you live. Do not be unwise but wise, making the best use of your time because the times are evil. Therefore, do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord’s will is.”

We read in Colossians 4:5: “Behave wisely toward outsiders, making the best use of your time.”

Ecclesiastes 3:11 challenges us to have an eternal perspective on time: “Yet God has made everything beautiful for its own time. He has planted eternity in the human heart, but even so, people cannot see the whole scope of God’s work from beginning to end.”

In praying about this and reflecting on how to have a more eternal perspective about time, the word that came into my heart was “fruitfulness” and many questions to consider.

Is how I am spending my time helping me to be a better daughter of God, wife, mother, family member, friend and evangelist? How can I refresh and renew my body and soul to be my best for others? Am I honoring the Sabbath and keeping it a time of simplicity, rest and refreshment with family and friends? Are the activities that I pursue helping me to learn, grow and play in holy and healthy ways? Is there good fruit being produced from the varied activities in my life?

The saints also offer an eternal perspective on time.

St. Gerard Magella said, “Consider the shortness of time, the length of eternity and reflect how everything here below comes to an end and passes by. Of what use is it to lean upon that which cannot give support?”

Blessed Charles de Foucauld said, “The best used hour in our lives is that in which we love Jesus the most.”

Let us give thanks for the gift of time to develop into the person God created us to be.

Demythologizing conclaves

Pope Francis’ recent announcement that he will create 21 new cardinals on August 27, 16 of whom would vote in a conclave held after that date, set off the usual flurry of speculations about the shape of the next papal election. Much of that crystal ball-gazing was less than useful, based as it was on numerous myths about conclaves. Demythologizing those tropes will, I hope, function as a stabilizer, as the waters surrounding the Barque of Peter will likely get more turbulent before the next conclave meets in the Sistine Chapel beneath the stern gaze of Christ the Judge.

Myth #1: A pope who names a significant percentage of the cardinals who elect his successor thereby determines the succession. Not true.

In 1878, the cardinal-electors were all nominees of either Gregory XVI or Pius IX; they elected Vincenzo Gioacchino Pecci who, as Leo XIII, took the Church in a very different direction than his two immediate predecessors. In 1903, 61 of the 62 cardinal-electors who chose Pope Leo’s successor had been named by the man who, over 25 years, launched the Leonine Revolution and Catholicism’s engagement with modern culture and politics — cardinals who might have been expected to elect a man in Leo XIII’s image. Instead, after an interfering veto cast by that paladin of contemporary Catholic integralists, the Habsburg emperor, they elected Giuseppe Melchior Sarto, who as Pius X firmly applied the brakes to Leo’s bolder initiatives.

In 1958, the cardinal-electors were all nominees of Pius XI and Pius XII, and it was widely assumed that the next pope would be in that line (Pius XII, as Eugenio Pacelli, having been Pius XI’s Secretary of State). Instead, the cardinal-electors chose an elderly placeholder, Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli. As John

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XXIII, he led the Church into an ecumenical council that both Pius XI and Pius XII had considered summoning before rejecting the idea; the rest is the history of our Catholic moment.

In 2013, the overwhelming majority of electors had been created cardinals by John Paul II and Benedict XVI. The man they chose, who took the unprecedented papal name Francis, has quietly but determinedly dismantled the legacy of John Paul II and Benedict XVI in numerous respects.

Myth #2: He who enters the conclave a pope leaves the conclave a cardinal. Not true.

In 1878, Leo XIII was chosen quickly, which suggests that he must have been very *papabile* before the conclave. Giacomo Della Chiesa, the cardinal-archbishop of Bologna and a veteran papal diplomat, was certainly *papabile* entering the wartime conclave of 1914, although it took a bruising struggle to get him elected. Just about everyone who knew anything expected Eugenio Pacelli to succeed Pius XI (including Pius XI), and he was indeed rapidly chosen. Giovanni Battista Montini was certainly very *papabile* in 1963, in part because many cardinal-electors had regarded him as the logical successor to Pius XII in 1958; but for some yet-unexplained reason, Montini, though archbishop of Milan, was not a cardinal when Pius XII died.

For those free of prejudices and appropriately skeptical of Italian media fantasies, Joseph Ratzinger entered the conclave of 2005 very *papabile*, and left the conclave as pope after brief balloting. Similarly, in 2013, those with real sources (which usually do not include Italian newspapers) knew that Jorge Mario Bergoglio, SJ, was a prime contender, and his election after a brief conclave was no surprise to them.

Myth #3: A lengthy, contentious conclave leads to a disempowered pontificate. Not true.

Giacomo Della Chiesa, Achille Ratti and Karol Wojtyla were all elected after rather lengthy conclaves; moreover, the conclaves of 1914 and 1922 were rife with contention, as the cardinals continued to battle over the legacy of the Leonine Revolution. Yet Benedict XV, Pius XI and John Paul II were all great popes who made significant contributions to the Church. The lesson? A long conclave can produce a considered, thoughtful result.

Myth #4: The only cardinals who count are the cardinals who actually vote. Not true.

Since Pius VI reformed conclave procedures, only cardinals who have not reached their 80th birthday when the conclave opens can vote. However, all cardinals participate in the General Congregations of cardinals between a pope’s death or abdication and the immurement of the conclave. And they can have a real effect, as Britain’s Cormac Murphy-O’Connor proved by his advocacy of the Bergoglio candidacy in 2013. With over-80 cardinals of great moral authority like Francis Arinze, Wilfred Fox Napier, George Pell, Camillo Ruini and Joseph Zen participating, the discussions in the next General Congregations can be similarly influential.

One last hug, one last 'love you' for dad

By Father Michael J. Lumpe

Father's Day is uniquely special this year as I remember the last time my dad and I hugged and talked.

It was in his hospital room;
his desire to get out of bed just to stand for a moment
but able to get up and stand only with my help,
our arms wrapped around each other for support,
but which turned quickly into a loving embrace
of father and son for the last time.

He began to cry, then me;
tears of love, joy and sadness all intertwined;
we both knew his health was declining.

After a few minutes, dad's legs began to quiver;
he was very weak, so I sat him back down on his bed,
then helped him lie down and get comfortable,
gave him some Kleenex – I took some, too –
pulled the sheet and blankets up to keep him warm,
then held his right hand as we spoke some more.

Dad's eyes were growing heavy,
so I said, "Good night, pop – see you tomorrow – love you."

Looking at me, he said, "Okay, Mikey – thank you – love you."

Those were the last words dad would ever say to me –
words I will forever remember and cherish in my heart.

The next day dad was unresponsive; he would remain that way.
Death was on the horizon, so we moved dad into hospice care.

Our family took turns staying with dad, talking to him;
I administered the last rites again.
Days passed; every minute was precious.

Then came that last evening; we all gathered in his room,
mom kissing dad's forehead and holding his hand,
occasional tears in her eyes knowing dad's time was near,
rosary in his hand, brown scapular around his neck,
when dad breathed his last at 6:49 p.m.,
his loving wife of 64 years at his side,
the "love of his life" he always said,
children and grandchildren surrounding him,
a room filled with love and prayer
as dad went into the loving arms of
our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ
to embrace dad for all eternity.

Thank you, God, for the gift of our dad,
who taught us so much about life and living,
about living a life rooted in the Catholic faith,
and, most important, how to love, care and help one another
in faithful witness to Your Son, Jesus Christ.

As I remember my father today – "pop" – I also thank you,
God, for that one last hug, that one last "love you" from my
dad.

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Devoted father deserves special day

By Michele Williams

Happy Father's Day! I am envisioning that across the diocese, dads are getting cards, gifts, hugs and extra attention from their kids. It's an important day, one that deserves much celebration because of the vital role dads play in families.

Mine will be receiving a card and a special 30-minute phone call from the prison where I've been for 28 Father's Days. It's the best I can do, except for this article. Surprise!

Memories of precious times and conversations are tumbling over one another like waves coming onshore, and I'm so grateful for each one that they must be shared.

When Dad was 5 years old, he was given a baseball card from his cousin that launched a lifelong hobby. This card was his most prized possession until he bought my mom's engagement ring many years later. She's someone pretty special to knock Gil Hodges of the 1949 Dodgers out of first place, and Dad was pretty smart to choose her!

They've been married 56 years, have three kids (Wayne Jr., Kent and me) and five grandkids and live a quiet life in northwest Columbus.

Dad's first career was in accounting. He graduated from Ohio State University, became a CPA and worked for several large corporations in Columbus over the decades.

When I was a kid, I didn't know what an accountant did. I only knew it involved paperwork and math. His home office was next to my room, and I used to fall asleep to the rat-a-tat-tat of the 10-key adding machine as he worked into the night. The sound made me feel safe because I knew he was right there.

My brothers and I had idyllic, carefree and fun childhoods due to our dad's love, faith, provision and devotion to our family. Dad created a sense of security, derived from his upbringing, strong work ethic and his faith.

He worked hard to provide for our family and taught us kids to appreciate and share our blessings. That meant part of our allowance was to be put in the grade school-size "My Sunday Offering" envelope and dropped in the basket at Mass.

He made us feel secure and protected by his consistent presence at home and his bizarre sleeping habits. Unfortunately for me, that meant he knew every time I broke curfew. (Sigh.)

Dad's second career was as a sports cards and memorabilia dealer. Wayne, Kent and I would sort cards at the dining room table to help him make sets. He'd go to shows and sometimes bring us along. He'd work, we'd play, and everyone came home happy. His love of cards has not diminished (despite the popularity of the hobby declining), and he still goes to shows to wheel and deal.

During our family activities, Dad was always trying to teach us kids. He taught me to record baseball stats at Columbus Clippers games. (I later became the statistician for my high school's baseball team.) He taught me the rules of football, courtesy of many Browns and Buckeye games. (I'm a pretty good armchair referee now.)

During one rainy camping trip, he taught us how to play poker by using M&Ms as poker chips! Although euchre is now our family game of choice, M&Ms are still my favorite candy.

When I was 4, I was in a swing set accident. Dad took me to the hospital and kept me from hyperventilating so the doctor could stitch up my forehead. When I was 9, he taught me to ride a bike. Half a dozen years later, he taught me to drive a car and change a flat tire! Best of all, when I was 11, he didn't get upset when he woke up from a nap to find his toenails painted pink! A girl's gotta practice, you know.

My parents have been active members of Columbus St. Andrew Church since 1969. One of my best memories is from the 1970s and '80s when it was my turn to "help" count the collection in the rectory basement after Sunday Mass. I collected and sorted the coins, and then put them in paper wrappers.

A plastic slide sorted them; I just poured them down the chute. It was the noisiest, coolest thing I'd ever played – I mean, worked with! Dad and the other collection counters always thanked me when I was done (or, maybe it was because I was done), and it felt good to be appreciated by grown-ups.

Having been a basketball player in his high school and college years, Dad volunteered as a coach for the St. Andrew Vikings basketball team. He later took his volunteer spirit and skills to the St. Aloysius after-school and summer programs. He helped serve lunches, then taught basketball fundamentals to the kids, with an emphasis on fun!

After he hung up the basketball shoes for good, he would spend summers trimming hedges on the St. Andrew property.

He and Mom supported all our extracurricular activities. They came to my ballet recitals, gymnastics classes and grade school productions. They were in the stands at most of our high school track meets and soccer games to cheer on my brothers, and football games to watch me in the flag corps at halftime. Their encouragement kept us going through endless practices and instilled determination in us to see things through.

Dad's favorite Bible verses are John 1:1 and 5: "In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God" and "The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it."

When this Gospel was read at Christmas Mass, I remember seeing Dad smile like he was just told the secret of life. Maybe it is his secret of life. Those verses seem to give him superior strength to keep fighting the good fight, never giving up and keeping the faith.

That's one of the things I admire most about my dad – his strong, steady faith in God. He is one of the most grounded people I know because his faith is unshakable. Even after the greatest tragedy our family ever experienced, he trusted God implicitly and entirely. Here's my proof:

In the days prior to being sentenced to prison, I was riddled with anxiety and fear. We have an old picture of Jesus the Good Shepherd in our family room. One evening, he took me to the family room, put his arm around me and said, "See that little lamb on Jesus' shoulders? That's you now, and He is going to take care of you."

Body and Blood of Christ Year C

Sharing the Eucharist ensures enough for all

Genesis 14:18–20
Psalm 110:1, 2, 3, 4
1 Corinthians 11:23–26
Luke 9:11b–17

Leftovers are always available when sharing occurs. We live in a time when many leftovers go to waste. Some individuals say, “I don’t eat leftovers.” This becomes a principle for living, and the world is invited to cater to their tastes and “throw away the rest.”

Anyone who grew up in a big family knows that leftovers were the food on the table. Mom had a special meal fairly often that was known as a “casserole.” The recipe was never the same. It was a concoction of whatever was left in the refrigerator that week. Sometimes it was very tasty.

As I ventured into the world, I had some experiences that you might recognize. The first time I was at a home that served steak for dinner, I was surprised to see a whole steak placed on my plate. “This is all for me?” I had the impression growing up that steak was served whole in the middle of the table on one plate and then cut up in “fair pieces” for everyone who would partake.

Another “meaty experience” was having meatloaf as a main course. The first time I had it in the home of a small family, I noted that the meatloaf tasted rather meaty. I asked about the recipe. It did not seem to include what I always thought of as the surprise ingredient: breadcrumbs, cracker crumbs or rice.

Comparing that to the experience of the steak, I came to a realization. I was happy to tell my mother that I had figured out that the extra ingredient was “filler” to stretch the meat to cover a meal for a family with eight children. It was truly “hamburger helper” that allowed us all to get a taste of the meat.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Father Timothy Hayes

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Not so, my Mom insisted. It was the way her mother had made it. (Mom’s clan had seven children – so the principle was the same; my Mom just never realized it was so.)

The Apostles were concerned about feeding the multitude but suggested to the Lord that He send the members of the crowd on their way to fend for themselves. Jesus invited them, and He continues to invite us to address the problem more personally. “Give them some food yourselves.”

We are called to recognize Jesus, the risen Lord, in the “breaking of the bread,” that is, in the very action of Eucharist. Paul points out the tradition of the Last Supper: Jesus took the bread, gave thanks, broke it, and saying the words of self-giving consecration, gave it to His disciples, charging them to live as He did.

He did the same with the chalice of wine, identifying it with the blood He would pour out on the cross. “For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes.”

In our time, sadly, many do not grasp the depth of the meaning of the gift of Eucharist. Words and explanations do not convince. Something more is needed. Our lives are meant to bring the Eucharist, Jesus Himself, to the world.

May the Spirit enliven in us true faith in the Living Bread. If we share what is at our table and are truly witnesses to our own belief in the Eucharist by our love, there will be more than enough food.

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Journey of discipleship requires commitment to goal

1 Kings 19:16b, 19–21
Psalm 16:1–2, 5, 7–8, 9–10, 11
Galatians 5:1, 13–18
Luke 9:51–62

Discipleship is a living relationship. Both the disciple and the mentor are learning how to move forward in their relationship and in the story that will unfold as the fruit of their relationship. As we return to the Gospel of Luke and the readings assigned to Ordinary Time, we are invited to learn the meaning of discipleship.

The Gospel throws us into an intense time for Jesus and His disciples. “When the days for Jesus’ being taken up were fulfilled, he resolutely determined to journey to Jerusalem.” Luke echoes the text of the servant in Isaiah, telling us that Jesus “set His face like flint” toward the goal of His journey. The encounters along the way emphasize the need for the disciple who is following to have a similar attitude.

The “sons of thunder” show zeal in their enthusiasm to seek revenge on the Samaritans who do not welcome their

THE WEEKDAY BIBLE READINGS		
6/20-6/25	FRIDAY	WEDNESDAY
MONDAY	Ezekiel 34:11-16 Psalm 23:1-6 Romans 5:5b-11 Luke 15:3-7	Acts 12:1-11 Psalm 34:2-9 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18 Matthew 16:13-19
2 Kings 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18 Psalm 60:3-5, 12-13 Matthew 7:1-5	SATURDAY	THURSDAY
TUESDAY	Lamentations 2:2,10-14, 18-19 Psalm 74:1b-7, 20-21 Luke 2:41-51	Amos 7:10-17 Psalm 19:8-11 Matthew 9:1-8
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THURSDAY	TUESDAY	Amos 9:11-15 Psalm 85:9ab, 10-14 Matthew 9:14-17
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DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION

MASS SCHEDULE: WEEKS OF JUNE 19 & 26

SUNDAY MASS

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

10:30 a.m. Mass from Portsmouth St. Mary Church on St. Gabriel Radio (FM 88.3), Portsmouth.

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

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

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

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

DAILY MASS

8 a.m., Our Lady of the Angels Monastery in Birmingham, Ala. (Encores at noon, 7 p.m. and midnight). See EWTN above; and on I-Lifetv (Channel 113, Ada, Logan, Millersburg, Murray City, Washington C.H.; Channel 125, Marion, Newark, Newcomerstown and New Philadelphia; Channel 207, Zanesville); 8 p.m., St. Gabriel Radio (AM 820), Columbus, and at www.stgabrielradio.com.

12:05 p.m. weekdays, 8 a.m. Saturdays, Mass from Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral on St. Gabriel Radio (AM 820), Columbus, and at www.stgabrielradio.com and diocesan website, www.columbuscatholic.org. (Saturdays on radio only).

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We pray Weeks IV and I of the Liturgy of the Hours.

There will be leftovers, and everyone will have a taste. “Give them some food yourselves.”

May the love that is evident among us be a sign to the world of the truth of the Eucharist and of the One Who gives

us Himself as the Bread of Life and the Chalice of Salvation.

O Sacrament, Most Holy, O Sacrament Divine: All praise and all thanksgiving be every moment Thine!

“setting our faces like flint” is required.

The call of the prophet Elisha as successor to Elijah is narrated in the first reading. We should recall that God Himself told Elijah to identify his successor when Elijah experienced the “still small voice” at Mount Horeb. At a moment when the prophet was in great distress in spite of his success in the battle with the prophets of Baal and in calling for rain after the time of drought, God charged him to get

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back in the game and to ensure continuity in the prophetic ministry. We see in this short account that Elijah follows through. Now, it is his turn to charge Elisha to respond fully to his call.

There are many obstacles in our own journey of discipleship. Some come from the world around us, expectations placed upon us by others. But the greatest challenge is from within. We can be fearful of losses. Our attachment to our understanding of ourselves and our own manner of doing things can keep us from committing ourselves fully.

Three questions can assist us to become true disciples. Do we have our eyes set on the goal established by Lord Himself? Is our heart invested first in the relationship we have with Jesus? Are we willing to pay the price for remaining as disciples of the Lord in spite of what others might choose?

The destination is Jerusalem. It is the Paschal Mystery, the share in the suffering, death and resurrection of the Lord that is tailored for us personally.

The relationship that is central is our relationship to the person of Jesus Christ on His own terms. We might think we have figured Him out, but we cannot “tame” Him. This relationship will always be more costly than we might imagine. Full investment in the relationship will cause us to wonder.

Letting go of attachments is an intensely personal experience. As we journey with Jesus toward Jerusalem, we will find that some companions we relied upon will not be with us. Ideas we had about what the journey would be will change. What we might consider personally valuable will be lost along the way.

We are free. The Lord calls us to be disciples. It falls to us to make the decision. Will we join the Lord and “set our face like flint” toward Jerusalem?

“You will show me the path to life, fullness of joys in your presence, the delights at your right hand forever.”

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His simple statement of faith left me in tears. Him, too. I still hold on to that almost three decades later, because with those words, he was telling me that, despite the inevitable and inconvincible struggles waiting for me in prison, I would never be alone. Jesus would be right there, carrying me on his shoulders and eventually bringing me home.

In the meantime, Dad has passed through the prison gates more than 575 times to visit me. The only thing that kept him away was COVID closing the visiting hall for almost two years.

We continue to strengthen our bond by talking over games of euchre and M&Ms. Sometimes we have tough, emotional con-

versations, but mostly he makes me laugh. He wants to make my situation better, and, for a few precious hours, less prison-y. It is his self-appointed job, and he does it well.

My most sincere and desperate prayer is for us to play cards and laugh at home, around the kitchen table someday, which would be my best Father’s Day gift ever.

Michele Williams is an inmate at the Ohio Reformatory for Women.

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St. John XXIII Church, Canal Winchester

DAWSON, Michael W., 63, May 29
Our Mother of Sorrows Chapel, Columbus

DOTTS, Gerald, 84, June 2
St. Joseph Church, Dover

FRENCH, Jerome L., 70, May 28
St. Mary Church, Groveport

GAUERKE, Elizabeth Ann, 89, May 27
Sacred Heart Church, Coshocton

GROTENRATH, Mary J., 88, May 26
Our Lady of Victory Church, Columbus

HESS, Lester V., 67, June 4
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

HONDROS, John G., 78, May 28
Church of the Resurrection, New Albany

JENNINGS, Harry, 74, May 25
St. Dominic Church, Columbus

KING, Mary Jane, 79, June 6
St. Leonard Church, Heath

KOONCE, Gary W., 75, June 2
St. Paul Church, Westerville

LEITE, James E., 61, May 20
Our Lady of Peace Church, Columbus

LINDSEY, Clarence R. Jr., 91, May 17
St. Agatha Church, Columbus

MURRAY, Mary E., 61, May 26
St. Brendan Church, Hilliard

NELSON, Maria E. (Bellisari), 79, June 5
St. Mary, Mother of God Church, Columbus

PATTERSON, Beverly (Fanti), 80, May 26
St. Joseph Church, Dover

PEASE, Jane F. (Koebel), 86, June 3
St. Pius X Church, Reynoldsburg

PERRY, Diana C. (Verbance), 84, May 27
St. Patrick Church, Columbus

POLICARO, Anita M. (Amicon), 85, June 6
Our Mother of Sorrows Chapel, Columbus

RAMBO, Phyllis A. (Folk) 84, May 27
St. Rose of Lima, New Lexington

RANDOLPH, Matthew C., 26, May 17
Holy Family Church, Columbus

SEIFFERT, Ronald J., 65, May 24
St. Brigid of Kildare Church, Dublin

SHELDON, Robert, 77, formerly of Colum-
bus, June 7
St. Anthony of Padua Church, Morris, Ind.

SILLECK, Ralph E., May 29
St. Mary Church, Delaware

TREITMAIER, Joseph, 85, May 19
St. Bernadette Church, Lancaster

WATREN, Jean K., 89, June 2
St. Peter Church, Columbus

A private funeral Mass was celebrated at the New Albany Church of the Resurrection for retired Franklin County Municipal Judge Steven B. Hayes, 76, who died Friday, May 27.

He was born in New Philadelphia on Oct. 22, 1945 in New Philadelphia to retired Ohio State University football coach Wayne Woodrow Hayes and Anne (Gross) Hayes.

He was a graduate of Upper Arlington High School, received a Bachelor of Arts degree in international studies from Ohio State and graduated from its law school in 1970, the year he was admitted to the

state bar as a lawyer.

He clerked for Ohio Supreme Court Justice Robert Leach, was an assistant Franklin County prosecutor for eight years and was appointed by Gov. James Rhodes as a judge of the county's Municipal Court in 1980. He served in that position for 25 years until retirement, then was magistrate in the Upper Arlington Mayor's Court from 2005 to 2020.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his wife, Kathleen (Bidlack); son, Philip; daughter, Laura, and one granddaughter.

Timothy V. Luckhaupt

Funeral Mass for Timothy V. Luckhaupt, 78, who died Monday, June 6, was celebrated Monday, June 13 at Columbus St. Patrick Church. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus.

He was born July 29, 1943 to John and Helen (Rappold) Luckhaupt. He served the Catholic Conference of Ohio as government programs director from 1974 to 1988 and as executive director from 1988

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young people with a modern example of following Christ.

Blessed Carlo reminds us that the Eucharist is a true Presence we need, more than we realize. As baptized children of God, we come to know and love God by being in His Presence and listening to His word in the Scriptures.

As adopted children of the Father, we know that the "free gift of adoption requires on our part continual conversion and new life." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, CCC, 2784)

The Catechism encourages us to turn to the Father in prayer, so that "two fundamental dispositions" can develop within us. The first is "the desire to become like him: though created in his image, we are restored to his likeness by grace; and we must respond to this grace." Second, we should pray to develop a "humble and trusting heart." (CCC, 2785)

These dispositions are accomplished "by the contemplation of God alone, and by the warmth of love, through

to 2007. He also was a former teacher and principal and was manager of the Ohio RV and Boat Show for 42 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters Mary Ellen Murtha and Joan Mercer; and a granddaughter. Survivors include his wife, Karen (Murnane); sons, Kevin (Jennifer) and Kris (Jenn); daughter, Erin; brother, David; sister, Kathy Power; and six grandchildren.

which the soul, molded and directed to love him, speaks very familiarly to God as to its own Father with special devotion." (CCC, 2785)

Being in the Presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament draws us to the Father.

Pope Francis recently encouraged us to "invoke" the Holy Spirit "each day, so that he can remind us to make God's gaze upon us our starting point, to make decisions by listening to his voice." (June 5, 2022) We can do this especially by gazing on Jesus in the Eucharist.

As we celebrate Corpus Christi on June 19, let us pray that all may know Jesus more deeply through the Holy Eucharist. Let the Eucharistic Revival begin!

Learn more at www.usccb.org/resources/welcome-national-eucharistic-revival.

Sister John Paul Maher, OP, is principal of Worthington St. Michael School and a member of the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist.



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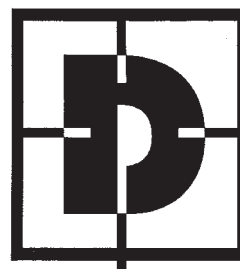
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Local news and events

Turban Project is 10 years old

The Turban Project is 10 years old and has become a worldwide organization that has donated 190,000 items of handmade headwear blessed by a priest to people who have lost their hair because of a medical condition, usually from cancer treatment.

It was started in 2012 by women of Knights of Columbus Council 10820 in Dresden and now has volunteers from all faiths, with sewing groups in every state and 13 other nations.

The local Turban Project organization does presentations to groups and is looking for new volunteers who sew or want to perform other needed tasks. All Turban Project items are free for the recipient. Besides the gift of time, donations of gift cards to Joann Fabrics or Hobby Lobby, novelty fabric and monetary donations are appreciated.

If you have questions, want to make a donation or volunteer, email turbanproject@outlook.com; visit www.turbanproject.com; mail The Turban Project at 7871 Ridge Road, Frazeyburg OH 43822; or call Kathy Braidich at (740) 504-6133.

Ann Arbor Dominican sisters celebrating 25th anniversary

The Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, who are teachers at Worthington St. Michael School, are celebrating their 25th anniversary this year.

To mark the occasion, they are sponsoring an event, "Radiance of Truth," from 1 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday, July 30 at the convocation center of Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti.

The program will include Eucharistic Adoration, dinner, talks, games and activities for all ages. Bishop Earl Boyea of Lansing, Michigan, a former rector/president of the Pontifical College Josephinum, will celebrate a Sunday vigil Mass at 4 p.m.

For more information or to register, go to www.sistersofmary.org/anniversary-event.

Biking for Babies riders starting in Columbus

Two groups of bicycle riders will be starting from Columbus on a six-day ride to earn money and raise awareness for pregnancy resource centers.

The riders will be among six groups of college students and young adults, totaling 56 people, traveling six routes

averaging 100 miles per day from Monday, July 11 to Saturday, July 16. Besides the two routes starting in Columbus, others will begin in Minneapolis; Green Bay, Wisconsin; Natchez, Mississippi; and Dodge City, Kansas.

Five of the routes, including one that will begin in Columbus, will converge in St. Louis. The other route starting in Columbus will end in Washington, with celebrations of life taking place at the close of the rides in both cities. This will be the first time for Washington to host such an event.

The goal of the 13th annual Biking for Babies ride is to raise \$250,000 for 56 pregnancy resource centers nationwide. Last year's ride collected about \$200,000 for 42 centers, with 49 riders taking part.

For more information, go to www.bikingforbabies.com.

DeSales claims third state title in boys lacrosse

For the third time since 2012, Columbus St. Francis DeSales brought home a state championship trophy in boys lacrosse.

The Stallions cruised to a 20-6 victory over Chagrin Falls in the Division II final on Saturday, June 4 at Historic Crew Stadium in Columbus, breaking a championship-game record for goals and adding a title to those the school previously won in 2012 and 2018.

Senior David Chintala scored seven of his nine goals, a state title-game record, in the first half to help DeSales avenge a 10-9 regular-season loss on April 2 to Chagrin Falls.

The Stallions finished the season with a 16-4 record. Chintala led the team with a season-best 87 goals.

"Being able to come together at the right time, that was the biggest thing, and really rely on each other and trust each other," DeSales coach Matt Triplet said. "We saw that happen at the beginning of the tournament, and we rode that wave as the tournament progressed."

Also contributing in the title game were junior midfielder Liam Harmon with three goals and senior midfielder Jackson Carawan, sophomore attacker Ty Hampton and sophomore midfielder Blake Carawan with two goals each.

DeSales won 19 of 30 faceoffs against Chagrin Falls, and senior Will Jordan had 18 of those. Jordan had been hampered by a hamstring injury for much of the season.

"Being able to win the draws was obviously very key," Triplet said. "For the first time during the tournament, he (Jordan) was 100 percent healthy. And Jackson Carawan was a big key on offense as well as David Chintala."



Columbus St. Francis DeSales High school lacrosse players, coaches and staff members gather for a team photo after winning the Division II state championship on Saturday, June 4 with a 20-6 victory over Chagrin Falls. Photo courtesy St. Francis DeSales HS

Jackson Carawan was named first-team all-state after finishing the season with 58 goals, and sophomore defender Cooper Simpson also made first-team all-state. Jordan and Chintala were first- and second-team all-region, respectively.

Simpson was one of seven sophomores who started this season for the Stallions, as the team blended the younger players with the upperclassmen to ultimately bring home a state championship.

"Throughout the season, the captains had the boys go to Mass every Sunday," Triplet said. "And that was an initiative they took upon themselves to go ahead and do, and that was a big part of it. And certainly the support of the school was a huge thing to have."

In girls lacrosse, Columbus Bishop Watterson advanced to the state semifinals in Division II before falling 19-11 to Cincinnati Mariemont on June 1 at Alumni Stadium in Centerville.

In the state track and field championships last weekend at Ohio State University's Jesse Owens Memorial Stadium, three individuals and two relay teams from diocesan schools finished among the top eight in their events.

Columbus Cristo Rey senior Noah Carmichael placed third in the boys 400 meters in Division III with a time of 49.06 seconds.

In Division I girls competition, Bishop Watterson junior Sydney Workman finished eighth in the 200 meters in 24.74 seconds, and Watterson junior Erin Karas took eighth in the 1,600 in

5:03.07. Columbus Bishop Hartley's 4x100-meter relay team claimed fourth place in 48.19 seconds, and Watterson's 4x400 relay was seventh in 3:58.75.

Two diocesan teams advanced to the state baseball semifinals last week at Akron's Canal Park before being knocked out of the tournament with close losses.

Newark Catholic (25-7) gave up four runs in the fourth inning of a Division IV semifinal and ended up falling 4-3 to eventual champion Russia (25-6) on Thursday, June 9.

Columbus Bishop Hartley (19-8) suffered a similar fate, losing 6-5 to eventual Division II champion Chardon (24-9) on Friday night, June 10.

In Newark Catholic's loss, the Green Wave scored a run in the third inning and two in the fourth to take a 3-0 lead, before Russia scored four times in the bottom of the fourth in a rally aided by four of its five hits in the game and several Newark Catholic miscues.

The Green Wave managed just two hits in the game, one each by Mason Hackett and Shae Mummey.

Bishop Hartley and Chardon were tied 1-1 heading into the sixth inning of their semifinal matchup before the Hill-toppers scored five times to open a 6-1 lead.

The Hawks responded with four runs in the bottom of the sixth to close to 6-5 on an RBI single by Rory Ralston, two errors and a wild pitch, but a groundout ended their rally.

In the seventh, Hartley went down in order and Chardon advanced to defeat defending champion Akron Hoban 8-5 in the final to claim the school's first state baseball title.

Peter's Pence Collection: Join with pope, be a sign of mercy

By Sister Zephрина Mary Gracykutty, FIH
Director, Diocesan Missions Office

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 The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, along with other bishops' conferences throughout the world, have designated one annual collection to provide Pope Francis with funding to help the victims of war, natural disasters and disease worldwide.

In 2021, the Diocese of Columbus contributed \$ 49,877.09 to this special collection, the Peter's Pence Collection. On behalf of Bishop Earl Fernandes, I thank you for your generosity. In our diocese, the collection will be taken up on Saturday and Sunday, June 25 and 26.

The collection has both a symbolic and a practical value. It is a sign of our communion with the Holy Father, and it is also an opportunity for us to help those in need as Christ commands.

The pope, as pastor of the Church, is concerned with evangelization. Pope Francis said, "The Eucharist and the poor, the fixed tabernacle and the mo-

bile tabernacles: It is there that we remain in love and absorb the mentality of bread broken, that is of Jesus, who gives himself in the Eucharist." (May 23, 2019)

The exercise of his universal mission includes financing many service activities, such as formation and education of the clergy and seminarians, special aid to bishops and to poor dioceses in need.

When we learn that our sacrifices are given to the Holy Father, who cares for all the missions of the Church, we can never be the same. In fact, with many pandemic advisories relaxed, we can see the tired faces of our fellow men and women who need our attention and help.

The offerings of the faithful are intended to support the activities of the Holy Father for the universal Church. Education and formation of seminarians are very important. Pope St. John XXXIII said to the seminarians, "You embody the hope and certainty of the future. The Church loves you, and to you who know neither fatigue nor old age she entrusts the anxieties and pre-

occupations of her future. You are the flower-scented spring of tomorrow, which, with confident heart, we visualize as rich in holy affirmations for the Church of God, while Our hands are raised in a gesture of encouragement and benediction." (Jan. 28, 1960)

Forming of future priests requires funding. As we know, after ordination they become the channel for bringing us to the Eucharist; preside over marriages, baptisms and funerals; and lead worship for tens of thousands of us.

Bishop Edward C. Malesic, in his address to seminarians, said, "Go with the zeal of the first disciple of Jesus, armed with all the knowledge you need and more about the Trinity. Epistemology, the hypostatic union and social teaching of the Church and those other subjects related to your field. Use your spiritual human pastoral formation here to do good. Become men of service. Use it all for God's people, especially for those on the fringes of faith. In fact, go and announce the Gospel of the Lord." (Leaven, Fall 2021)

God delights in His children who show mercy to their fellow men, even if we do the smallest deeds of kindness toward the needy, homeless, orphans, widows and poor.

Speaking from a window overlooking St. Peter's Square on Aug. 23, Pope Francis said, "Christian charity is not simple philanthropy, but, on the one hand, it is looking at others through the eyes of Jesus Himself and, on the other hand, seeing Jesus in the face of the poor."

"We will be helped by staying before the tabernacle and before the many living tabernacles who are the poor. 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.' (John 3:16) 'God loves you and me without any distinctions.'"

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This collection helps support the Holy Father's relief programs, which assist victims of war, oppression and natural disasters around the world. These programs, which are an expression of Christ's love for the poor, help more than one billion Catholics worldwide.

Through works of charity, the Church provides a powerful witness of love and deeds to empower the weak, the defenseless and the voiceless. The Church sustains those who suffer.

By participating in the appeal, we share in the concern of the successor of Peter for the many different needs of the universal Church and for the relief of those most in need around the globe. We join with other Catholics in a loving expression of solidarity. Your contributions support the works of Pope Francis to fulfill his prayer that the Church will reach out with acts of mercy.

I invite you to contribute generously to this collection, and I am grateful for your generosity. Together, with Holy Father, let us help those in need throughout the world.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Earl Fernandes
 Bishop of Columbus

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Brandon Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) about 1 ½ hours away for additional treatment.

The family was told that Rogan would not leave the NICU. Three-and-a-half weeks later, Rogan came home.

Since then, life has been anything but easy for Rogan and his family.

In late September 2019, Rogan returned to the University of Michigan children's hospital with pneumonia and spent the next 6 1/2 months there.

He suffered numerous complications from acute sepsis, including life-threatening seizures from a medication, severe reactions to three different antibiotics, and anaphylaxis, which is a potentially fatal allergic reaction.

"I stayed with him for most of his long stay and began a very long devotion to Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Bernadette because the doctors didn't know what was causing the seizures," Klingler said. "They didn't know what to do for him or where to go."

"So, in December, I ordered some vials of water from Lourdes to give to Rogan as I prayed to Our Lady. And I gave him the Lourdes water, and I bless him with it every night still."

"She revealed to me it was the medication that was causing this, and I searched the web and found a medical journal ar-



Bishop Fernandes offers a blessing in the parish hall adjoining the sanctuary at Ada Our Lady of Lourdes Church during the visit of a St. Bernadette relic on June 4.

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Findlay St. Michael the Archangel parishioner Cynthia Ferguson crosses herself as she venerates the relic of St. Bernadette at Ada Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

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ticle about the severe side effect for children with Rogan's seizure disorder from a common drug, Baclofen."

Yvonne presented the information to Rogan's physician, Dr. Tsovinar Sorokin, and her grandson's treatment team removed him from the medication. She credited the doctor and this discovery as instrumental in Rogan's recovery.

At that point, he was put on a ventilator due to lung problems and tracheomalacia, a condition caused by weak cartilage surrounding the trachea. The

doctors advised the family that Rogan, now age 5, needed a permanent tracheostomy, a hole created in the front of the neck to aid breathing.

On April 14, 2020, Rogan went home from the hospital. He weighed 35 pounds and was 42 inches tall.

Two years later, Yvonne said he has thrived while growing to 75 pounds and 52 inches tall.

"We are so blessed and thankful for

the gift Rogan is for our family," Yvonne said. "He is a sweet and special boy."

Bishop Fernandes blessed Rogan after the Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes.

"It was a truly humbling experience, from the holy presence of St. Bernadette's beautiful reliquary, the people that were so kind to us, the beautiful holy Mass that Bishop Fernandes offered for us all, and Father Ed Shikina, and the help from such a beautiful parish community," Yvonne said. "We cannot express our gratitude for this experience and the blessings that we received from so many people and Our Lady and St. Bernadette."

"Rogan is our little saint, a victim soul."

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Terri Albanese's 'A Garden of Gratitude' exhibit is being displayed at hospitals in Ohio and Kentucky as a thank you to front-line workers during the pandemic.

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convey in her art: grace and the healing touch, resilience, compassion, courage, inner strength, inner beauty, inner peace, dedication, devotion, perseverance, self-sacrifice, selflessness, thoughtfulness, patience, gratitude and hope.

"One of the things that's important is the connection between art and healing. I created 'A Garden of Gratitude' to kind of be a place for health-care workers to come, get away and connect with something positive, something beautiful, something that will lift them up, even if it's just for a moment," Albanese explained.

"There is a real connection between art and healing, and I think it's important that we share that connection and help people heal."

"A Garden of Gratitude" is touring hospitals in Ohio and the University of Kentucky Medical Center as a part of Albanese's mission to provide peace and light.

For more information on the exhibit visit terrialbanese.com.

Jenna Mar is a Columbus Bishop Watterson High School and Kent State University graduate.

30,000 were sent to front-line workers nationwide — to hospital staff members, police officers, priests and nuns, military veterans, and others.

"I received such positive feedback from that and thought, 'Well, I have to do more!'" Albanese said.

Albanese set out to create her exhibit, focusing on a garden theme and choosing flowers that symbolized the positive attributes of front-line workers. For example, one piece depicts white tulips, which represent hope.

Albanese identified different traits of front-line workers that she wanted to

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