The Editor’s Notebook

Making a Beautiful Landscape

By David Garick, Editor

This week, Catholic Times looks at a parish that is marking its sesquicentennial this year – St. Patrick Church in London. This is an example of a Catholic community working in partnership with people of other faiths to do God’s work. As is the case in a number of smaller Ohio communities, the Catholic population is a relatively small portion of the community. However, the impact these Catholics have on the larger Madison County community is far more than their numbers. That is due in large part to their commitment to the work of carrying out Christ’s message of love, service, sacrifice, and redemption to make their community a better place.

God does not call us to blend into the background. We need to stand out in our community. Jesus commands us, “You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.”

Just as each tree and all of the individual leaves on a distant hillside bring their own distinct color to the landscape, our Catholic parishes and all their individual members contribute to the community canvas to create an image of Christ’s presence in the heartland of Ohio. We are all called to be part of God’s spiritual artwork in our own communities. Be colorful!

Kurtz: Political discourse that deems women, religion ‘must change’

By Catholic News Service

Too much of the political discourse during this election year “has demeaned women and marginalized people of faith,” the president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops said on Oct. 14.

“This must change,” said Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, Kentucky. “True to the best hopes of our Founding Fathers, we are confident that we can and will do better as a nation.”

“Politicians, their staffs and volunteers should reflect our best aspirations as citizens,” he said.

The archbishop’s statement came at the end of a week of fallout over controversies involving the presidential campaigns of Republican nominee Donald Trump and Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton.

One controversy involved NBC’s Oct. 9 leaking of a 2005 audio clip of Trump making lewd sexual remarks about women. The other involved an Oct. 11 release by WikiLeaks of what it said was an email chain among top officials from Clinton’s campaign discussing how many powerful conservatives in the U.S. are converts to Catholicism, which one email described as “an amazing bastardization of the faith.”

“At this important time in our nation’s history, I encourage all of us to take a moment to reflect on one of the founding principles of our republic -- the freedom of religion,” Archbishop Kurtz said. “It ensures the right of faith communities to preserve the integrity of their beliefs and proper self-governance.

“There have been recent reports that some may have sought to interfere in the internal life of the church for short-term political gain. If true, this is troubling both for the well-being of faith communities and the good of our country,” he said.

Christ “has given us a precious gift” in the Catholic faith and the Catholic Church, the archbishop said.

“As Catholics, we hold onto our beliefs because they come to us from Jesus, not a consensus forged by contemporary norms. The Gospel is offered for all people for all times,” Archbishop Kurtz said. “It invites us to love our neighbor and live in peace with one another. For this reason, the truth of Christ is never outdated or inaccessible. The Gospel serves the common good, not political agendas.”

He urged Catholics and all people of goodwill in the nation to be “good stewards of the precious rights we have inherited as citizens of this country.”

“We also expect public officials to respect the rights of people to live their faith without interference from the state. When faith communities lose this right, the very idea of what it means to be an American is lost,” he added.
Leaked emails show ‘hostility’ to Catholic Church, some say

By Marnie McAllister
Catholic News Service

When Pope Francis called for “a more incisive female presence” in the church in his 2013 apostolic exhortation The Joy of the Gospel, women in the church took notice.

And a handful of women in southern Indiana took action.

They began organizing a conference focused on female leadership in the church and brought it to fruition from Oct. 7-9. About 250 women and a handful of men gathered for the “Women of the Church” conference at Monastery Immaculate Conception Church in Ferdinand, Indiana. The event was sponsored by the Benedictine Sisters of Ferdinand and the St. Meinrad (Indiana) Seminary and School of Theology.

While participants were interested in fostering female leadership in the church, the focus of the weekend steered clear of female ordination. Instead, the conference buzzed with the notion that leadership need to be fused the way they are.

The conference’s co-chairs -- Benedictine Sister Jeana Visel and Kimberly Baker, both of whom are St. Meinrad faculty members -- pointed to the Second Vatican Council document Lumen Gentium to explain this notion. The document’s fourth chapter, which focuses on the laity, explains that lay faithful “are in their own way made sharers in the priestly, prophetic, and kingly functions of Christ; and they carry out for their own part the mission of the whole Christian people in the church and in the world.”

Pope Francis also discussed this in The Joy of the Gospel (Evangelii Gaudium), in which he points out that the reservation of priesthood to men “can be especially divisive if sacramental power is too closely identified with power in general. It must be remembered that when we speak of sacramental power, we are in the realm of function, not that of dignity or holiness.”

Baker, an associate professor of church history at St. Meinrad, said, “This isn’t new, but the message isn’t out there. It flows very naturally from Vatican II. It’s something the church has been speaking about for a long time. I think Pope Francis has given a fullness to the message.”

Echoing the pope’s message, conference speaker Kathleen Sprows Cummings posed this question: “Do ordination and leadership need to be fused the way they are?”

Cummings, a historian at the University of Notre Dame, was one of three keynote speakers during the conference. She was joined by Carolyn Woo, the outgoing president and chief executive officer of Catholic Relief Services, the international relief and development agency of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. The conference’s final keynote was presented by Sister Mary Catherine Hilkert, a Dominican Sister of Peace who is a theology professor at Notre Dame.

Woo, whose talk centered on her journey as a female leader in the church, noted that she had trouble imagining herself as a church leader because she had few examples to follow. She said she drew strength and inspiration from the Maryknoll sisters who taught her in Hong Kong, where she was a refugee from China.

Sister Mary Catherine repeated the emphasis on the baptismal call and encouraged her listeners to draw strength from the gifts of the Holy Spirit. She noted that throughout Scripture, God entrusted his word to the entire church — men and women. For the church to be whole, she said, all people must be able to share their gifts.

Sister Jeanne said after the conference ended that she and the other organizers “are so grateful for the work women have done (in the church) and the way they have paved the way for us.”

While all of the keynote speakers were female, a handful of men had a voice at the conference. One of the break-out sessions was led by Edward Hahnenberg of John Carroll University in suburban Cleveland. And two prelates took part in a question-and-answer session -- Bishop Charles C. Thompson of Evansville, Indiana, and Cardinal-designate Joseph W. Tobin of Indianapolis. (His appointment to the College of Cardinals had not yet been announced when the conference took place.)

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Conference focuses on fostering church leadership roles for laywomen

By Julie Asher
Catholic News Service

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The emails illustrate “the open anti-Catholic bigotry of her senior advisers, who attack the deeply held beliefs and theology of Catholics,” said Joseph Cella, who is the founder of the National Catholic Prayer Breakfast.

Catholic News Service on Oct. 12 sent an email to the Clinton campaign requesting comment, but there was no immediate reply. A Time magazine story published online late Oct. 12 said Clinton spokesperson Brian Fallon responded to the charges of anti-Catholicism by calling it a “faux controversy” courtesy of a WikiLeaks hack.

The leaked email chain was from 2011 and had as its subject “Conservative Catholicism.” One exchange was between Jennifer Palmieri, a Catholic herself, and a Catholicorrh. Their rich friends are all in the conservative movement and are all Catholic -- many converts. ... It’s an amazing bastardization of the faith,” Halpin wrote in an email to Palmieri and John Podesta, Clinton’s campaign chair-mom, who was chief of staff to President Bill Clinton and has been a counselor to President Barack Obama. “They must be attracted to the systematic thought and severely backwards gender relations and must be totally unaware of Christian democracy.”

Halpin added, “I imagine they think it is the most socially acceptable politically conservative religion. Their rich friends wouldn’t understand if they became evangelicals.”

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Rick Jeric is moving on

Rick Jeric is leaving the Development and Planning Office of the Diocese of Columbus after 13½ years as its director, but he isn’t going very far.

Jeric is joining the staff of the Women’s Care Centers of Columbus and will have an office at its 935 E. Broad St. location, just a few blocks from the diocesan office building downtown. The center also has an office at 3273 E. Main St. More than 3,000 women made nearly 8,000 visits to the two locations in the last year, for an average of about 32 visitors per day.

Ohio Department of Health statistics indicate that the centers served about 10 percent of babies born in Franklin County in that period. Since the East Broad Street location was opened six years ago, they have assisted about 13,000 women. Abortions in Columbus have declined by 37 percent in that time.

“I’m excited by the tremendous growth in providing pregnancy services that’s occurred here and at the 23 other centers in seven other states nationwide who are affiliated with us,” Jeric said. “I’ll be doing development and fundraising work with all the centers, but will be focusing specifically on the Columbus centers and our newest centers in Baltimore and Bloomington, Indiana.”

The centers were founded in South Bend, Indiana, in 1984. They provide free, confidential counseling, support, and education to women facing unplanned pregnancies. “They save moms and babies with a tremendous amount of love and care and professional service,” Jeric said. “They also take care of them with parenting classes and whatever other care and assistance is needed until the kids go to school.”

All the centers’ income comes from individual donations. Jeric has been a member of the board for the Columbus centers since they have been in the city.

“Bishop (Frederick) Campbell (who also is a board member) and I met Bobby Williams, the director of the centers. The bishop asked me to help them out by informing potential donors about the centers’ work, and I became an enthusiastic supporter,” Jeric said.

“I was recently asked if I would be interested in a full-time position with the organization. This led to a series of long conversations with the bishop and the people in charge of the centers, and eventually to my decision to accept the position.

“Being given the opportunity to aid the centers’ mission is really overwhelming. The need for them is so great, and their mission and ministry are so important that I’m honored to have the chance to work with them. I’ve always kind of been in awe of what they do.

“Also, the time is right to make the change. I’ve been with the diocese almost 14 years and have worked with a great staff and great people throughout the diocese. What I’ll miss most about leaving this job is the tremendous relationships I’ve had with so many good people. My new position will allow me to continue working with the bishop and with many of those people,” he said.

Jeric’s last day in charge of the development office was Friday, Oct. 14. A nationwide search is under way for his successor. He was hired to succeed...
Parishioners of Chillicothe St. Peter Church conducted their annual rosary procession on Sunday, Oct. 2. Parishioners, accompanied by a statue of the Virgin Mary, took to the streets of the neighborhood around the parish to publicly recite the rosary. Such processions are a centuries-old tradition to honor the Blessed Mother and to ask for her prayers. Father Michael Hartge, parochial vicar, led the rosary. The procession concluded at the church with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and light refreshments. Members of Knights of Columbus Council 15793 assisted in the procession by carrying the statue.

Photo courtesy St. Peter Church

CHILlicothe rosary procession

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Helmut Naunheimer as diocesan development director by Bishop James Griffin in February 2003, coming to Columbus from Akron, where he had been institutional advancement director for Archbishop Hoban High School since 2001.

“I had known Bishop Griffin when I was working as program director for Community Counselling Service, a nationwide fundraising organization, to help plan a $15 million capital campaign for the Pontifical College Josephinum,” Jeric said. “He remembered me from that, and when he decided to hire a development director, he and Msgr. (Joseph) Hendricks and Msgr. (Stephan) Moloney asked me if I’d be interested in the job.”

Jeric is from the Cleveland area and received a bachelor of arts degree from John Carroll University in 1980. He managed a bowling center and worked in the finance office of a Cleveland-area machinery company for most of the 1980s before becoming a teacher of government and economics classes at Cleveland Central Catholic High School in 1989.

From 1990-94, he taught those subjects and some religion classes at Chardon Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin School. “I also helped out in the school’s development office,” Jeric said. “When its director retired, something pushed me into wondering if development work was something I should do. I’ve been doing it ever since.”

In the Diocese of Columbus, he has been responsible for the Bishop’s Annual Appeal, other capital campaigns, major gifts, strategic planning, stewardship, feasibility studies, pastoral planning, and the annual budget for the 23-county diocese, and for assisting parishes and schools with fundraising efforts. He said that in that time, he has helped raise about $100 million in donations, including about $80 million for the Appeal.

“What’s been most satisfying about this has been watching people grow and be empowered to take on a program and be successful in benefiting their school or parish or the Church as a whole,” he said. “It’s not about me, but about getting people together to be successful with a project, and about the staff I worked with to make this all possible.”

From 2004-06, Jeric also served as executive director of The Catholic Foundation of the diocese. He is a member of several diocesan boards and commissions and of various organizations related to his profession. From 2011-16, he was board chairman of the International Catholic Stewardship Council, which promotes Catholic philanthropy and has members in about 800 dioceses worldwide.

He is a member of Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare Church. He and his wife of 34 years, Theresa, have three children – Richard, 27; Christian, 24; and Maria, 19.

Jeric’s Practical Stewardship column has been a fixture on Page 4 of the Catholic Times since the issue of Nov. 11, 2007. Last week’s column was his 407th and last under that title, but he will continue with a new column on an every-other-issue basis, beginning in November.
Praying too much?
Catholics and same-sex weddings

QUESTION & ANSWER
by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE
Catholic News Service

Q. Lately, I find myself asking quite a bit from God -- perhaps too much. I ask for things for myself, since my own life has fallen a bit off course -- as well as for friends and family members, some of whom have serious health problems. I make sure to thank God for the blessings that I do have, but I am starting to think that I am demanding too much of the Lord and that I should curb my prayer a bit. Do you think it is possible to pray too much? (Albany, New York)

A. I do not think it is possible to pray too much. I take as my guide the story Jesus told in the 11th chapter of Luke’s Gospel -- about someone who went to a friend at midnight to borrow food to feed an unexpected guest. The friend at first didn’t want to be bothered, noting that the door was locked and that his family was already in bed, but because of the caller’s persistence, he finally relented. Jesus says the moral of the story is that we should pray with the same persistence. “Ask and you will receive” is the translation we read at Catholic Masses, “seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.”

Some scriptural commentators have pointed out that the original Greek text is in the “present imperative” form and that a more precise rendering might be, “Keep on asking ... keep on seeking ... keep on knocking.”

At the same time, though, I would mention the need for patience when we pray. God is on his own timetable, not ours, and (knowing, as he does, considerably more than we know) he may even decline our request or grant it in a way we didn’t expect (and don’t even like).

Albert Schweitzer, the great humanitarian, once said, “The most difficult thing I have ever had to do is to follow the guidance I prayed for.” Our wisest and safest prayer comes from the words of the Our Father: “Thy will be done.”

I like the fact that you take time to thank the Lord for blessings in your life. Praise and gratitude are noble forms of prayer, and they sometimes disappear in a torrent of petitions, as though God were a vending machine and we needed only to pull the right handle for the proper favor to pop out.

Prayer, we learned as children, is “lifting our minds and hearts to the Lord,” and when Paul says in First Thessalonians that we should “pray without ceasing,” he is inviting us to an abiding awareness that the Lord is listening to us and that he cares.

Q. Our family consists of a mixture of Catholic and Protestant Christians. One family member, who is gay, is contemplating marriage to a same-sex partner. My husband and I do not plan to attend the ceremony, in deference to our Catholic faith. (I assume that the church would not want us there to witness and seem to approve such a union.)

Over the years, we have worked hard to promote cohesiveness in a family where everyone is loved and accepted. Several family members do not seem to have a problem in attending this “commitment service,” and I fear that our absence will create a major rift.

We do expect to continue to welcome both this family member and the partner into our home, as it is not our place to pass judgment, but we are concerned that after this “hurtful snub,” they will not want to come and that other family members may disown us as well. We continue to pray for spiritual guidance and hope that you might address this issue in your column, both for our own benefit and for those in similar situations. Please advise us as to how to be true to our beliefs while also keeping our family intact. (Ohio)

A. In 2013, when the state of Rhode Island was debating whether to approve same-sex marriage, Bishop Thomas J. Tobin of Providence advised Catholics that they should “examine their consciences very carefully” before deciding to attend a same-sex ceremony, lest their presence be taken as a sign of approval. Two years later, Bishop C. Michael Jarrell of Lafayette, Louisiana, was even more direct, saying, “All Catholics are urged not to attend same-sex marriage ceremonies.”

So although there is no absolute canonical prohibition against attending, church leaders would likely advise you not to go. The consistent teaching of the Catholic Church over the centuries, based on biblical texts (and recently reaffirmed by Pope Francis in his 2016 apostolic exhortation Amoris Laetitia), is that marriage is a lifelong commitment between one man and one woman -- and Catholics in their daily decision-making are asked to give witness to that teaching.

At the same time, I recognize and admire your deep desire to maintain harmony in the family and to keep the bonds of love unbroken. Perhaps it would be good for you to sit down (over coffee or lunch) with the family member in question; in that setting, you could describe your inner conflict about whether to attend, as well as pledge your continuing love and support.

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

Youth Conference

All Catholic teens in the Diocese of Columbus are invited to a weekend of music, inspiration, making new friends, and celebration of the Catholic faith with Bishop Frederick Campbell at the Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference.

The conference, with a theme of “Blessed Are the Merciful,” will take place Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 12 and 13 at Westerville St. Paul Church, 313 N. State St. It will feature inspirational speaker and Christian musician Steve Angrisano, who has been a master of ceremonies, keynote speaker, and workshop presenter at the National Catholic Youth Conference.

There also will be workshops covering topics including mercy, the Eucharist, maintaining healthy relationships, the lives of the saints, and deepening your prayer life, as well as small-group discussion with Bishop Campbell. In addition, there will be a workshop for adult leaders on how to cultivate merciful teens. Parents and families are invited to a session with Angrisano at 2 p.m. Sunday and the closing Mass at 2:45.

Those interested in participating should ask their parish youth minister, religious education teacher, parochial school teacher, or pastor for more information, or go to www.ceduction.org/DCYC.

Advance registration is required. Interested high-school students should register through their parish youth ministry leader. The cost is $70 for both days and includes two lunches, a dinner, and a T-shirt.

Providing Christmas Memories

The Bishop Griffin Center, 2777 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus, again will offer a Santa shop.

Last year, the center provided items to more than 600 children who otherwise would not have received a new toy or gift for Christmas.

Parents or guardians are thrilled to be able to pick out two new toys for each of their children, aged two to 16. But it is always challenging for the center to provide so many toys, and it greatly depends on generous donors.

Those dropping off donations may leave them at the center on Wednesday mornings or Friday afternoons. Toys R Us gift cards, which may be picked up at Kroger or Giant Eagle, also are welcome. The center will collect all these items through Dec. 20.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend in the Columbus area will take place from 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 11 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 13 at the Holiday Inn, 7007 N. High St., Worthington.

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Columbus Catholic Renewal Mass

Justin Yglesias, who is youth minister at Powell St. Joan of Arc Church, will lead praise adoration at the Columbus Catholic Renewal’s monthly Mass and social on Wednesday, Oct. 26 at Columbus St. Matthias Church, 1582 Ferris Road.

The evening will begin with the rosary at 6 p.m., followed by praise adoration, when trained prayer teams will be available for individual prayer. Mass begins at 7:30, with Father Justin Reis as celebrant.

Father Reis was Bishop Frederick Campbell’s former liaison for the Catholic Charismatic Renewal, Inc., now also known as Columbus Catholic Renewal, a position now held by Father Dean Mathewson.

The evening will end with fellowship in the parish hall. Participants are welcome to bring finger food to share. For more information, go to www.ccr-columbus.org or call (614) 500-8115.

Lancaster St. Bernadette School students earned more than 600 literacy links during September for literacy tasks they completed. Their achievements were celebrated by displaying the links during a family lunch that concluded Catholic Schools Week. Pictured with some of the links are (from left) fourth-grade student Daschel Neighbor and second-graders Deaglan Neighbor, Erica Sharp, and Zoe DeLeon.

Photo courtesy St. Bernadette School

Marriage and Family Life director appointed

Stephanie Rapp has been hired as director of the diocesan Office of Marriage & Family Life. She replaces Daniel Thimons, who was the office’s director for four years and has taken a similar position with the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

She has been a family coordinator for The Buckeye Ranch in Columbus, which provides emotional, behavioral, and mental health services for children and families, since March 2012.

She previously was an anti-human traffic specialist for The Salvation Army in Columbus (2010-12), worked for Dungarvin Ohio, a privately owned provider of family support services (2009), was a case manager for the Devereux behavioral health program in Tampa, Florida (2007-08), and was a children’s activities assistant for Metropolitan Ministries in Tampa (2006-07).

Rapp, 31, also has served as a volunteer Fair Trade ambassador for Catholic Relief Services for two years and is on the leadership team of the Columbus Catholic Women’s Conference and a member of the St. Martha Giving Circle of The Catholic Foundation.

She is a Licensed Independent Social Worker and a Licensed Independent Chemical Dependency Counselor, and a member of the Phi Kappa Phi honor society and the Alpha Delta Mu social work honor society.

She is a Newport Beach, California, native and graduated from Governor Livingston High School in Berkeley Heights, New Jersey in 1999. She received a bachelor of arts degree in psychology from the University of South Florida in 2007 and degrees of master of social work and master of arts in public policy and management from The Ohio State University, both in 2011.

She and her husband, Craig, are members of Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church. They have two children – Lilyana, 2, and Liam, three months.
Reading Visit to St. Anthony School

Dr. Joseph Brettnacher, diocesan superintendent of schools, recently visited Columbus St. Anthony School to read his favorite children’s book, “The Giant Jam Sandwich,” to a group of first-grade students. Also taking part in reading visits at the school have been Bishop Frederick Campbell, school principal Chris Iaconis, and Father Thomas Petry, St. Anthony Church pastor. Pictured with Brettnacher and students is first-grade teacher Amy Kish.

Coshocton Essay, Drawing Contest Winners

The Fatherhood Initiative of Coshocton County recently conducted an essay and drawing contest asking kindergarten through sixth-grade students from Coshocton Sacred Heart School and the county’s other private and public schools to describe why their dad is their hero. Students in kindergarten through second grade were asked to draw a picture, and the older students were asked to write an essay of 50 words or less on the theme. Contest prizewinners from Sacred Heart were (from left): first row, Drew Duren (grand prize), Brylee Unger, Lamvi Harmon, and Kelly Corbett; second row, Jonathan Vu, Collin Ladrach, Mattalyn Kiser, and Aidan Stevens-Woolery.

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Have you ever held something or someone to whom you seemed to have an instant connection? Was this feeling happy or sad or indifferent? Was this just a fleeting moment, or did it last a while, long enough to make an impact?

Holding a baby in your arms or holding an object or memento that is precious to you can bring about such an emotion. It is amazing to me that in our lives, we can still hold a special place in our hearts that wants to become closer to another person or to an object. We need this as we need the air to breathe. Jesus instills in us this communal spirit.

There is a difference between touching and just thinking. Holding on to an object has more sentimental power than we can believe. With childlike thoughts, we see the purity in the notion that all life is precious. When we were young, we tended to gravitate toward what we could see and feel, rather than to what we could not comprehend. When we grew older, we held on to memories and wished for simpler times to return.

We all look to the feminine when we seek justice and redemption, because we know it is here that we find the greatest understanding and forgiveness. My mother and our Holy Mother both remain present and keep us grounded and our lives in perspective. Do me one favor: Hold a rosary in your hand. What do you feel? How do you feel? Is there a warmth in its embrace?

As I recite the prayers of this wonderful devotion, I am drawn back to the time when I would play outside all day until returning home at night for supper. There were no world issues to discuss or claims to lay out. We sat around the table and talked about our experiences and what we did to make the day extra special. Later, after saying our evening prayers, we would dream about faraway places and awaken to another simple day.

Such is the life of a child, as it should be. Children never should bear the burden of our world as long as we, as parents and relatives, can make most of that sting lighter. We should take an example from them and be young at heart for as long as we can be. St. Therese of Lisieux once said that we should “miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word; always doing the smallest right and doing it all for love.”

If we instill in children the need to be prayerful and thankful for every day, and if we as adults can act with such innocence and put aside our differences, the world could be a better place. Do not forget that we are all children of God and are sheltered by Him through the majesty of His grace and kindness. He gives us such a gift in the rosary. Use this gift and remain this way throughout your life, counting your blessings and not your shortcomings. and you too can remain, in heart and in mind, forever young.

May the wind be at your backs, may we learn to be more kind to one another, and may His peace be with you always.

Joseph Thomas, a member of Gahanna St. Matthew Church, is a freelance writer and is active in many diocesan and church activities.

St. Charles Open House

Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School, 2010 E. Broad St., will host its annual open house for all eighth-grade boys and their parents on Sunday, Nov. 6.

The main program will begin at 1 p.m. in the school’s Robert C. Walter Student Commons. Afterward, there will be an opportunity to speak with faculty members, coaches, students, alumni, and advisory board members. School and campus tours will be conducted and refreshments will be served.

If you would like more information about the open house or to have your name placed on the school’s “prospective student” mailing/email lists, you are invited to call the school’s main office at (614) 252-6714.
It’s been a busy year for London St. Patrick Church, which has been celebrating the 150th anniversary of both the parish and the church building.

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For the current year, the school is offering a pork sandwich sale, a rummage sale, a walkathon which took place earlier this month, and sales of poinsettias. Students of the school and the PSR are encouraged to dress in red and have a special Mass at the school the day after Christmas.

The elementary school has a house system, which includes planned activities such as helping at a local food pantry, or the Holy Family Soup Kichen in Columbus and taking part in the Madison County Right to Life March.

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“I feel there’s a re-emerging sense of spirituality in the parish,” said parishioner Norma Freeman. “The Alpha course is one example. Some others are Father Ghiloni’s talks on ‘Longing for the Faith’ and our participation in the Amazing Parish conference.”

The “Longing for the Faith” series of talks was based on a book by Father Ron Rolheiser, OMI, titled The Holy Longing, which explores the hunger most people have, whether they know it or not, to become closer to God.

The Amazing Parish movement is designed to revitalize parishes through a reliance on prayer and the Sacraments, a commitment to a healthy organization, and a passion for evangelization and discipleship. Father Ghiloni and several parishioners attended a 2016 Amazing Parish conference in Detroit and followed that with St. Patrick’s

own version of the event in August, attended by 48 people.

“The parish conference resulted in greater awareness of the call for all of us as Christians to live our faith and to play a more active role as laypersons,” said Walker, the parish secretary.

“The Amazing Parish program encourages people to become what it calls ‘intentional disciples,’ and we’re seeing more of that here,” Father Ghiloni said. “One way in which this is evident has been through our Building the Kingdom of God offertory commitment program. We’re continuing it because collections have been up more than 15 percent since we started it last year.”

The parish also is planning to start the Walking with Purpose Bible study program in January and the That Man Is You! Program for men in September.

Parish organizations which help create ‘intentional disciples’ include Knights of Columbus Council 1786, the Altar & Rosary Society, and the St. Vincent de Paul Society. The Knights council, which celebrated its 100th anniversary last year, hosts a full breakfast for the parish once a month and fish fries on the Fridays of Lent. It collects money to help diocesan seminarians, takes part in the Ohio Knights’ annual Measure-Up campaign for the developmentally disabled, recently purchased new vestments for Father Ghiloni’s prison ministry at the London Correctional Institution and the Madison Correctional Institution, presents Bibles to PSR graduates, and hosts an annual breakfast for parishioners graduating from high school or college.

The Altar & Rosary Society purchases candles and altar bread and takes care of other needs when requested by Father Ghiloni. It also provides bereavement meals for families of deceased parishioners, handles receptions for special events, and provides coffee and doughnuts for parishioners once a month. Its one fundraiser is an annual Christmas cookie sale.

Patricia Rayburn of the St. Vincent de Paul Society said it is constantly helping people with utility bills, rent, trans-
The fifth annual Columbus Sacred Heart Congress took place Saturday, Oct. 15 at Gahanna St. Matthew Church. The keynote speaker was Dr. Timothy O’Donnell, president of Christendom College in Front Royal, Virginia.

O’Donnell, author of the book Heart of the Redeemer, a spiritual guide to the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, told the gathering, “Jesus, our Lord, so often said, ‘Children, love one another.’

“We need to love Jesus, and in loving him, we can learn to love one another. In our age, certain people, even some in political office, view that type of love as fanaticism. But Christ has shown us that he is the way, he is the truth, and he is the life,” O’Donnell said. “On this occasion of the Sacred Heart Congress, let us try to re-enkindle by cooperating with his grace, at this moment, at this time, that divine love which has been poured into our hearts, that with the love of Christ we may help cast that face on the earth that he came to cast. That we may approach him, through Mary, ‘O Sacred Heart of Jesus, may thy kingdom come.’”

The spiritual director of Sacred Heart Columns is Father Stash Dailey, administrator of Columbus Holy Family Church. He has taken on a lead role in developing the Sacred Heart Enthronement Network, which has assisted more than 300 local households in the enthronement of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in their homes and their lives.

Father Dailey told the attendees, “In that which we call the enthronement of the home, you set out upon a particular journey through time and you give all of your lives. All of who you are, all of what you have, you give all of that up to the Lord in his Sacred Heart. In doing so, you make the Lord the center of your home, just as he is the center of the Church. And once he is at the center of your home, make sure he is at the center of your life. In so doing, you will satisfy that spiritual poverty that so many of us have within our hearts. For the love the Father shares with us is the treasure that is his Son. And the treasure that is his Son is made easily attainable in the reality of the heart that is offered to us. In the manifestation of the Lord’s Sacred Heart in the home, we pass a visible reminder that God’s love shall never be overwhelmed by the incredible mystery of our condition. God forgives, God heals. He offers us his mercy through the reality of his heart.”

“In an age of tremendous suffering and misery, the Lord makes available to us this incredible opportunity to be forgiven, healed, restored, and strengthened. Through the enthronement of his Sacred Heart, he invites us to share in the triumph of sanctity, love and mercy,” Father Dailey said.

Suicide Prevention Program Scheduled Monday

Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School, 4212 Karl Road, will present a program for parents, sponsored by Nationwide Children’s Hospital, on the signs of suicide at 7 p.m. Oct. 24.

The school and the hospital are providing training for all students on this subject. The Signs of Suicide (SOS) program is designed to prevent and reduce suicidal behavior by expanding the safety net for students experiencing mental and emotional distress.

Parents and students throughout the nation have found it to be a very positive experience. It reduces the stigma of depression and lets students and adults know that they are capable of helping students in need of support.

Abbott Laboratories Generously Gives to Bishop Watterson High School

Worldwide health care company Abbott Laboratories gave Columbus Bishop Watterson High School a shot in the arm this summer, donating equipment worth thousands of dollars to the science department. After re-organizing and updating several of its Columbus laboratories, the company realized it had an excess of benchtop equipment and glassware that no longer was needed. Rather than throwing the items out, Abbott personnel coordinated a day in which Watterson teachers were permitted to look over the inventory and take what they wanted. Abbott staff members helped pack the selections in bubble wrap and boxes. Watterson science teachers Joe Parise (left) and Ralph Nicolosi left Abbott Nutrition in a van filled with equipment worth $5,000 to $6,000. Many of the items will allow the school’s science department to conduct professional-level demonstrations that otherwise would not be possible.
**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle C)**

**Don’t use this parable to justify sitting in back of church**

Either Luke or Jesus (or both) had an incredible sense of humor. One rarely hears commentators speak of this aspect of the gospels, but I do not see how one can keep a straight face in reading Sunday’s Gospel. It is another parable unique to Luke, and Catholics have used it for centuries to justify sitting in the back of churches. Practically, the real reason people sit back there is easy exit, not humility before the Lord.

Those addressed in the parable “who were convinced of their own righteousness and despised everyone else” could have meant Pharisees or Christian disciples. As the parable unfolds, nobody of sane mind would want to be like such characters. People forget this is a parable, which is a story with a point. It is not history, nor is it an account of a real incident. I do not see how the irony could be lost on anyone. The reader is alerted right away that this is about behavior no one wants to be associated with.

The Pharisee stood and spoke his prayer “to himself,” appropriately, since the prayer could not have been addressed to God, even though it began, “O God.” “I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity.” Say what? Nobody would, in good conscience, try to compare one’s own life to anybody else’s in a prayer to the all-knowing God. Well, almost nobody! Yet how many pray in precisely this way? It may take the form of “Well, at least I’m better than her,” or “I at least go to Mass now and then. He sure doesn’t.”

The Pharisee’s attitude about the rest of humanity is particularly jaundiced: “greedy, dishonest, adulterous — or even like this tax collector.” He does not spell out the tax collector’s faults, but modern comparisons come to mind, and there they shall stay. The total negativity of the Pharisee in assessing the rest of the humanity is quite the opposite of the late humorist Will Rogers’ famous quote: “I never met a man I didn’t like.” But then, Rogers died in 1935.

The negative assessment of the Pharisee continues when he notes what he has done himself: “I fast twice a week and pay tithes on my whole income.” If that was meant to gain him points, it failed.

In contrast with him is the tax collector, standing off at a distance, who would not even raise his eyes to heaven, but simply beat his breast and prayed “O God, be merciful to me a sinner.”

Personally, that seems to be the purest form of prayer. It does not compare oneself with anyone. It simply places oneself at the mercy of God without pretending anything. He was the one who went away justified, because of his humility.

The lesson should be clear: that exalting oneself before God is never going to turn out well. The only question is whether the parable was created to illustrate the saying about humbling/exalting, or whether the parable existed and the saying was added to give it punch. The saying in verse 14 is virtually identical to Luke 14:11, which involved where guests invited to a wedding banquet ought to sit. Since Luke used it twice in this gospel, we have to think he saw it as important enough to stress to Christian disciples in every age.

We are left to ponder our own attitude and to examine our own attempts at prayer. Expecting God to listen to our limited record of good deeds as compared with those of our neighbor is a non-starter. We might also think about Paul’s description of his record and hope we can say something similar of ourselves one day: “I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith.”

Father Lawrence L. Hummer, pastor of Chillicothe St. Mary Church, may be reached at hummerl@stmarychillicothe.com.

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**Men’s Luncheon Club**

The Catholic Men’s Luncheon Club meeting on Friday, Nov. 4 will feature a talk on prison ministry by John Howard of Gahanna St. Matthew Church, a former recipient of the club’s Catholic Man of the Year award.

The meeting will follow the 11:45 a.m. Mass at Columbus St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., and will end no later than 1 p.m. No reservations are necessary. A donation of $10 is requested to cover lunch and meeting costs.

For information on Catholic men’s luncheons, visit www.ColumbusCatholicMen.com or contact Tim Merkle, CMLC president, at htmdx@ejhlaw.com.

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**Dominican Center Tutors**

The Dominican Learning Center, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus, is sponsoring a tutor training workshop from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19.

Volunteer tutors are needed to teach adults seeking basic education skills, high-school equivalency diploma test readiness, or English as a Second Language. To register, call (614) 444-7330.

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**DeSales Open House**

Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School, 4212 Karl Road, is sponsoring an open house from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 6. Interested students and their families are invited to experience the “DeSales Difference” by meeting faculty members, coaches, club advisers, and current students and parents, and learning more about the school.

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**The Weekday Bible Readings**

**MONDAY**

Ephesians 4:32-5:8
Psalm 1:1-4,6
Luke 13:10-17

**TUESDAY**

Ephesians 5:21-33 or 5:2a,25-32
Psalm 128:1-5
Luke 13:18-21

**WEDNESDAY**

Ephesians 6:1-9
Ps 145:10-14

**THURSDAY**

Ephesians 6:30-20
Psalm 144:1b,2,9-10

**FRIDAY**

Ephesians 2:19-22
Psalm 19:2-5
Luke 6:12-16

**SATURDAY**

Philippians 1:18b-26
Psalm 42:2-3,5cdef
Luke 14:1,7-11

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**DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE WEEK OF OCTOBER 23, 2016**

**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 (Time Warner 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).

**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 II, Seasonal Proper of the Liturgy of the Hours
Sometimes in life, you can ignore the obvious for only so long before it just reaches out and grabs you. The Roman Empire ignored the rot within its culture until the barbarians were literally at the gate, ushering in hundreds of years of cultural decline. A quick read of St. Augustine’s City of God, written while the collapse was happening, will give you some insight.

Many people wonder what has led the United States to the point where the two major-party presidential candidates, Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump, are, as many polls have indicated, such unpopular people. Are they just a reflection of our secular, narcissistic society? Why should anyone be shocked with these two after what we have seen our culture become in recent times?

Think about it: vulgar language, bullying, bragging, secret emails, sordid behavior, late-term abortion access—the list could go on and on. For more than a few decades, we have been subjected to a “hear no evil, see no evil” culture. You don’t have to be old and gray to remember a time when lying and cheating were not tolerated, when you didn’t often hear foul language in public or on television during hours when children were likely to be watching. Rare was the time when you saw clothing worn in public that might pass for an outfit best suited for a place you knew you shouldn’t be.

Archbishop Charles Chaput of Philadelphia recently lamented in First Things about the race to the bottom for our culture and the two major presidential candidates. He was also upset about the WikiLeaks revelation of the disdain some members of the Clinton campaign have for Catholics who believe in the Church’s teachings. One of those revelations was that Hillary Clinton’s campaign manager, John Podesta, helped set up a group known as Catholics in Alliance for the Common Good to organize on behalf of positions opposed to the Church’s teaching on contraception and other moral issues.

Podesta is Catholic, and those who support the group say they are just trying to make the Church more popular. But when humans think they know better than what was divinely ordered, it never works. How many Catholics say that they love Pope Francis, and yet, when the Holy Father reaches out to all of us in mercy and implores us to go to Mass and confession, claim they don’t need to do so or will do it at a time of their choosing.

I know I am a sinner who has many faults—too many to be mentioned in this column. I need the Church, her teachings, her mercy, and her sacraments, especially the Eucharist and confession, for without them, I could be part of the same mentality that thinks all is well with me and the world.

As followers of Christ, we are called to be a light to the world. We can’t be bitter, negative people on one extreme, or “I’m OK, you’re OK” types on the other.

I am an optimist by nature. Here’s an example I take to be providential. A few weeks ago, I went to a Notre Dame football game. As I often do when I am on campus, I went to the grotto for Mass before that evening’s game. The basilica was full, so the ushers directed the overflow crowd to the crypt church underneath the basilica for another Mass.

Suddenly, I noticed six drunken fans of the opposing team, who appeared to be in their late 20s or early 30s, hiding their 12-packs of beer in the shrubs and laughing as they entered the crypt church. They appeared to be acting as if they were on a dare. I overheard one young woman say to one young man, “I haven’t been to Mass since high school,” and they all giggled. But they weren’t giggling for long, as the deacon giving the homily wonderfully explained the teachings of the Church, using an example from the British writer G.K. Chesterton. By the time the homily was finished, these six young people had their heads in their hands, and they even stayed afterward, praying. The giggling had ceased.

What a fitting metaphor and image for our world. As the title of this column states, “How did we get here?” We got here because too many of us thought too much of ourselves and too little of God. There is time to change, but will we listen?

Hartline is the author of “The Tide is Turning Toward Catholicism” and a former teacher and administrator for the diocese.
**Sister Nancy Caroccia, OP**

Funeral Mass for Sister Nancy Caroccia, OP, 87, who died Friday, Oct. 14, was held Thursday, Oct. 20 at the Motherhouse of the Dominican Sisters of Peace. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus.

She was born on Oct. 9, 1929, in East Pittsburgh to the late Michael and Maria (de Paolo) Caroccia.

She was a graduate of East Pittsburgh High School and earned an associate degree in food service from Columbus Technical Institute (now Columbus State Community College) in 1971.

She entered the congregation of the Dominican Sisters of St. Mary of the Springs (now the Dominican Sisters of Peace) in 1955 and made her profession of vows on July 9, 1958, taking the name Sister Ralph.

In the Diocese of Columbus, she was involved in patient care at the Mohun Health Care Center in Columbus (1961-62), was kitchen manager at St. Joseph Priory in Somerset (1964-68), ministered to the elderly at Nazareth Towers in Columbus (1989-2000), and was manager of Dominican Acres in Blacklick (1993-2010). She also served in various ministries in the Diocese of Steubenville and the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and in Texas, New York, and Connecticut. She retired to a ministry of prayer and presence in the Motherhouse in 2010 and has been a resident of the Mohun center since 2014.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Michael. She is survived by a niece and nephews.

**Sister Lelia Horkans, OP**

Funeral Mass for Sister Lelia Horkans, OP, 88, who died Monday, Oct. 10, was held Saturday, Oct. 15 at the Motherhouse of the Dominican Sisters of Peace. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus.

She was born Lillian Horkans on Sept. 12, 1928 in Philadelphia to the late William and Anna (Burns) Horkans.

She earned degrees from the College of St. Mary of the Springs (now Ohio Dominican University) and Duquesne University.

She entered the congregation of the Dominican Sisters of St. Mary of the Springs (now the Dominican Sisters of Peace) in 1946 and made her profession of vows on July 9, 1948.

In the Diocese of Columbus, she was a teacher at Columbus Holy Name (1963-64), St. Francis of Assisi (1967-71), and Our Lady of Peace (1971-76) schools. She also taught in schools in the Diocese of Steubenville and in Connecticut, New York, and Pennsylvania.

She was a speech therapist for the Diocese of Brooklyn, New York, from 1982-92, and was on the faculty of the City College of New York as a speech pathologist from 1992 until her retirement in 2010, when she began a ministry of prayer and service in the Motherhouse. She had been a resident of the Mohun Health Care Center in Columbus since 2011. She is survived by a sister, Eleanor Slattery.
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20, THURSDAY
Canecle 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. Listings cannot be taken by phone. Call David Garick at 614-224-5195.

21, FRIDAY
Shepherd’s Corner Ecology Center Open House
10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Shepherd’s Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. Center, a ministry of the Dominican Sisters of Peace, will be open, weather permitting.
614-866-4502

21-22 FRIDAY-SUNDAY
Columbus Catholic Renewal Women’s Retreat
St. Therese’s Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus. Annually women’s retreat sponsored by Columbus Catholic Renewal, led by Father Josh Wagner, pastor of Columbus St. Dominic and Holy Rosary-St. John churches. Theme: “Mary and the Holy Spirit.” $114 with accommodations; $93.50 for commuters. Meals included.
614-582-1721

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

23, SUNDAY
St. Agatha Adult Education
9:30 a.m., St. Agatha Church, 1860 Northam Road, Columbus. Third of four talks with Father Edmund Hussey on basic questions about our faith. Topic: “Why Do We belong to the Church?”
614-488-6149

St. Christopher Adult Religious Education
10 to 12:00 a.m., Library, Trinity Catholic School, 1440 Grandview Ave., Columbus. “The Earliest Visual Images of Jesus” with David Brake of The Ohio State University, professor of the history of Christianity.

St. Catherine of Bologna Sector Franciscans
2 to 4:30 p.m., St. Francis of Assisi Church, 386 Battles Ave., Columbus. Meet in church for prayer, followed by general meeting, ongoing formation, and fellowship. Visitors welcome.
614-895-7792

*Wild Goose* Video Series at Christ the King
5 p.m., Christ the King Church, 2777 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus. Parish prayer group and Columbus Catholic Renewal present weekly Session 5 of seven-week “The Wild Goose” video series about the Holy Spirit, with Father Dave Pivonka, TOR.
614-861-1242

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

Celebration of Mercy at St. Paul
7 p.m., St. Paul Church, 313 N. State St., Westerville. “Welcome to the Light of God’s Mercy,” a prayerful celebration of reuniting and renewing in the spirit of Mother Teresa. Those who may no longer feel welcome in the Catholic Church are especially invited.
614-882-2009

24, MONDAY
Benedicta Post-Abortion Healing Ministry
6:30 p.m., support group meeting, 2744 Dower Road, Columbus (Christ the King convent, first building west of the church).

Suicide Prevention Program at DeSales
7 p.m., St. Francis DeSales High School, 4322 Karl Road, Columbus. Program for parents on signs of suicide, sponsored by Nationwide Children’s Hospital.
614-267-7088

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

25, TUESDAY
Padre Pio Prayer Group at St. John the Baptist
12:30 p.m., St. John the Baptist Church, 118 E. Lincoln Ave., Columbus. Padre Pio Prayer Group meeting, including rosary, devotions, and 1 p.m. Mass.
614-294-5319

Archbishop Kurtz Speaks at Josephinium
7 p.m., Jeser Center, Pontifical College Josephinium, 7625 N. High St., Columbus. Lecture by Archbishop Joseph Kurtz of Louisville, Kentucky, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, on “Amoris Laetitia: Moved by Grace from Self-Assertion to Self-Gift in Community.” Free; no reservations necessary.
614-985-2274

Prayer Group Meeting at St. Mark
7:30 p.m., St. Raymond Room, St. Mark Center, 324 Gay St., Lancaster. Light of Life prayer group meeting.
740-654-6928

26, WEDNESDAY
Annual Marian Dinner at Bryce Eck Center
6 p.m., Bryce Eck Center, St. Andrew Church, 3880 Reed Road, Columbus. Annual Marian Dinner sponsored by diocesan Vocations Office, an evening of prayer, friendship, learning, and discerning about vocations for women, with presentations by Bishop Frederick Campbell and Sister Sharen Baldy, SCJ, of the Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs.
614-224-2251

27, THURSDAY
ODU “What Does It Mean to Be Human?” Program
3:30 p.m., Colonnial Room, Sansbury Hall, Ohio Dominican University, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Dr. Stephen Thomas, ODU adjunct political science professor, speaks on “Looking Back and Looking Forward” at last of four talks in Center for Dominican Studies series on what it means to be human.
614-251-4722

Saint Paul’s Outreach Banquet at Ohio Union
6 p.m., Ohio Union, The Ohio State University, 1739 N. High St., Columbus. Annual banquet of Saint Paul’s Outreach college ministry, featuring talks by Bishop Frederick Campbell and SPO students.
614-506-0753

Columbus Catholic Renewal Monthly Mass and Social
6 p.m., St. Matthias Church, 1852, Ferris Road, Columbus. Columbus Catholic Renewal monthly mass and social, with rosary, followed by praise adoration at 6:30 led by Justin Yglesias, youth minister at Powell St. Joan of Arc Church, and Mass at 7:30 celebrated by Father Justin Reis. Individual prayer available during adoration. Bring finger food for social.
614-500-8115

Cenacle at Holy Name
6 p.m., Holy Name Church, 154 E. Patterson Ave., Columbus. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, with prayers in the Cenacle format of the Marian Movement of Priests.

Holy Hour of Reparation at Columbus Sacred Heart
7 to 8 p.m., Sacred Heart Church, 893 Hamlet St., Columbus. Eucharistic Holy Hour following Holy Hour of Reparation prayer format, concluding with Benediction and social period.
614-372-5249

Frassati Society Meeting at Columbus St. Patrick
7 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, with prayers in the Cenacle format of the Marian Movement of Priests.
614-882-2009

28, FRIDAY
Shepherd’s Corner Ecology Center Open House
10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Shepherd’s Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. Center, a ministry of the Dominican Sisters of Peace, will be open, weather permitting.
614-866-4502

28-30, FRIDAY-SUNDAY
Retrouvaille Weekend at St. Therese’s
St. Therese’s Retreat Center, 5777 E. Broad St., Columbus. Retrouvaille weekend for couples desiring to rebuild troubled marriages. $250 per couple.
614-288-0597

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

30, SUNDAY
St. Agatha Adult Education
9:30 a.m., St. Agatha Church, 1860 Northam Road, Columbus. Last of four talks with Father Edmund Hussey on basic questions about our faith. Topic: “Why Do We go to Sunday Mass?”
614-488-6149

St. Christopher Adult Religious Education
10 to 1120 a.m., Library, Trinity Catholic School, 1440 Grandview Ave., Columbus. “Faithful Citizenship and the 2016 Election” with Jerry Freewalt of the diocesan Office for Social Concerns.

150th Anniversary Mass at London St. Patrick
10:30 a.m., St. Patrick Church. 61 S. Union St., London. Bishop Frederick Campbell celebrates Mass concluding parish’s 150th anniversary celebration.
614-852-0942

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

Grief Support Group at Worthington St. Michael
2:30 to 4 p.m., St. Michael Church, 5750 N. High St., Worthington. First meeting of six-week support group for anyone grieving the loss of a loved one.
614-846-2361

*Wild Goose* Video Series at Christ the King
5 p.m., St. Christ the King Church, 2777 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus. Week 6 of seven-week “The Wild Goose” video series about the Holy Spirit.
614-861-1242

All fund-raising events (festivals, bazaars, spaghetti dinners, fish fries, bake sales, pizza/sub sales, candy sales, etc.) will be placed in the “Fund-Raising Guide.” An entry into the Guide will be $18.50 for the first six lines, and $2.65 for each additional line. For more information, call David Garick at 614-224-5195.

*Happenings* submissions
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The Columbus Bishop Hartley High School drama department will present *The Crucible*, by Arthur Miller, at the Van Fleet Theater of the Columbus Performing Arts Center, 549 Franklin Ave., at 7:30 p.m. Thursday to Saturday, Oct. 27 to 29 and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 30. Tickets are $7 and will be sold at the door only, beginning one hour before each performance.

Pictured are Rachael Staley as Abigail Williams, Christian Craig as John Proctor, and Betsy Huggins as Elizabeth Proctor. Also in the cast are Abigail Allwein, John Amland, Greta Bedell, Sarah Buckingham, Braeden Craig, Josh Duffy Cooper, Teryn Scott Fitzgerald, Sergio Mariscal, Josh Martin, Genevieve Pfister, David Rees, Amber Schaile, Joseph Sheridan, Ben Smallwood, Joseph Supino, Abbi Vina, and Valerie Zaino.

Ohio Dominican University will host author Jonathan Gottschall to discuss his book, *The Storytelling Animal: How Stories Make Us Human*, at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10 in Alumni Hall, 1216 Sunbury Road. Admission is free, but seating is limited. To reserve your seat, visit ohio-dominican.edu/Animal.

*The Storytelling Animal* draws on the latest research in neuroscience, psychology, and biology to show how storytelling has evolved as a fundamental human instinct. The book was a *New York Times* editor’s choice selection and a finalist for the *Los Angeles Times* book prize.

Gottschall is a distinguished research fellow in the English department at Washington & Jefferson College in Washington, Pennsylvania. His research on the intersection of science and art has been covered by media outlets that include *The New York Times*, *Scientific American*, *The New Yorker*, *The Atlantic*, *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, *Nature*, and NPR. He is the author or editor of seven books, including his latest book, *The Professor in the Cage: Why Men Fight and Why We Like to Watch*.

Attendees may purchase copies of *The Storytelling Animal* in the ODU bookstore before and during the event. A book signing will take place in the Bishop Griffin Student Center following the discussion.
The Blessed Mother with her court at Family Rosary Day on Oct. 9 at St. Joseph Cathedral.

Emily Leddy, 11, a student at Columbus St. Cecilia School, places the crown on the statue of Our Lady. On the left is Chris Yakkel, master of ceremonies and a seminarian at the Pontifical College Josephinum. CT photos by Ken Snow

FAMILY
ROSARY DAY
CELEBRATION

Above left: Bishop Frederick Campbell, homilist. Above right: Roberto Garcia (foreground) and another young man pray. Below right: The Vidal family of Westerville (from left): Daniel, 13, partly hidden by father, Henry; Gabriel, 15; David, 13; and mother, Ana.
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CEMETERY SUNDAY
November 6, 2016

ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY
2:00 p.m. Prayer Service
OUR MOTHER OF SORROWS CHAPEL
6440 S. High St./U.S. Rt. 23 S.
Lockbourne, Ohio 43137
614-491-2751

Fr. Michael Hinterschied
Pastor
St. Joseph Cathedral

MT. CALVARY CEMETERY
2:00 p.m. Prayer Service
PRIEST CIRCLE
Mt. Calvary at W. Mound St.
Columbus, Ohio 43223
614-491-2751

Fr. Stash Dailey
Pastor
Holy Family Church

HOLY CROSS CEMETERY
2:00 p.m. Prayer Service
CHAPEL MAUSOLEUM
11539 National Rd. S.W./U.S. 40 Rt. E.
Pataskala, Ohio 43062
740-927-4442

Fr. James Klima
Pastor
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

RESURRECTION CEMETERY
2:00 p.m. Prayer Service
CHAPEL MAUSOLEUM
9571 N. High St./U.S. Rt. 23 N.
Lewis Center, Ohio 43035
614-888-1805

Fr. Mark Summers
Pastor
St. Peter Church

Special Sunday Office Hours
St. Joseph Cemetery ~ Noon to 4 p.m.
Resurrection Cemetery ~ Noon to 4 p.m.
Holy Cross Cemetery ~ Noon to 4 p.m.