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The Editor's Notebook*Freedom in Unity*

By David Garick, Editor



We live in a world of contradiction. Our planet is filled with diversity in environment, resources, language, culture, and lifestyle. That diversity enriches us. It paints our world in a beautiful pallet of color and texture and deepens our understanding of God's creation.

But that diversity also breeds division. Beliefs and ideas fuel conflict as one group of people seeks to impose its will on the rest of the world. Through this, healthy political debate can turn into ugly denunciations that drive wedges between people and shatter civic life. That is very evident in this election year. The government can turn from being a tool to serve the people into a tool for one part of society to impose its will on other parts of society, denying them the freedom to live in accordance with the teachings of God. For the next two weeks, we will be focusing on that danger as we observe the annual Fortnight for Freedom effort of prayer and action to protect religious freedom in the United States.

Division can lead to the kind of radicalization that has brought about the horrendous acts being carried out by ISIS and related radical Islamic groups and individuals, slaughtering thousands of their Muslim brothers and sisters in the Middle East and Africa along with Christians, Jews and other residents of that part of the world. They have unleashed a flood of refugees desperate to find safety in Europe and America.

But the violent terrorist actions do not stop in the Middle East. This malignant tumor of intolerance spreads everywhere with unspeakable acts of violence in France, Belgium, Germany, England, and, most recently, in Orlando, Florida.

God created diversity in his world. He did not create divisiveness, hatred, and evil.

Christ came into this world not to lead us into domination of one another, but to teach us to love one another. Freedom knows no winners or losers. Speaking through the prophet Isaiah, God says, "I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I will also hold you by the hand and watch over You, And I will appoint You as a covenant to the people, As a light to the nations, To open blind eyes, To bring out prisoners from the dungeon And those who dwell in darkness from the prison."

Jesus calls us to live in love as brothers and sisters. Christ walked this earth in a time of great division. The first Christians were not strangers to religious, political, and social turmoil. They faced enormous challenges in carrying out Christ's message of love in the face of hatred. Many were martyred in the process. But they changed the world and spread faith around the world. That battle continues in every generation. Today we still hear Christ's message, "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father, for he makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust."

That is the challenge that lies before us. It is a daunting task, but we can do that through unity with Christ. In this Sunday's reading, you will hear St. Paul tell the Galatians, "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free person, there is not male and female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus."



Mass and Holy Hour for Religious Freedom at St. Joseph Cathedral

As part of the national Fortnight for Freedom, a special Mass, followed by a Holy Hour for religious freedom, will be celebrated at 5:15 p.m. Wednesday, June 29 in Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St. Msgr. Frank Lane will be the homilist.

The Holy Hour will begin with a rosary for religious freedom and liberty, followed by silent Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and will conclude

with Benediction.

All persons are invited to participate in this special evening of prayer. For more information contact the cathedral at (614) 224-1295 or the diocesan Office of Social Concerns at (614) 241-2540. Elevator access to the cathedral is available via the west entrance (in the courtyard) from East Broad Street.

For more information about the Fortnight for Freedom, visit www.fortnight4freedom.org.

Correction - A story in the June 5 Catholic Times gave an incorrect name for the church from which Father Richard Metzger is retiring as pastor on June 30. It is Groveport St. Mary Church.

Catholic Times is on summer schedule!

Things slow down during the summer, and that includes the *Catholic Times*. During June, July, and August, we will only be publishing every other week. Look for the *Catholic Times* in your mailbox just prior to: **July 3, 17, & 31; August 14 & 28**

We will return to our regular weekly publication schedule in September



Front Page photo:

Columbus St. Ladislav Church was founded in 1908 to serve the city's south side. The current church building was dedicated in 1958.

CT photo by Tim Puet

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Jubilee event at Vatican includes deacons from Diocese of Columbus

BY TIM PUET

Reporter, Catholic Times

Many once-in-a-lifetime moments occurred when a group of deacons and deacon candidates from the Diocese of Columbus visited the Vatican, Rome, and Assisi last month, with the most memorable event being a visit to St. Peter's tomb, said Deacon Frank Iannarino.

"We knew it would be a moving experience, but it was more overwhelming than we could have imagined," said Deacon Iannarino, director of the diocesan Office of the Diaconate.

Nine deacons and three deacon candidates from the diocese made the pilgrimage to Italy as part of the Jubilee for Deacons which took place at the Vatican from Friday, May 27 to Sunday, May 29. The wives of 11 of the 12 men accompanied them on the trip. Deacon Rob Joseph brought his father because he and his wife will return to Italy in the fall with a group from Columbus Our Lady of Victory Church.

The jubilee attracted thousands of deacons and their families from around the world. It included catechesis sessions for various language groups on the first two days of the event and a visit on Saturday, May 28 to the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica, which is open for the Jubilee Year of Mercy. The concluding event was a papal Mass the next day in St. Peter's Square.

"All of us had a chance to carry a Year of Mercy cross when we went to the Holy Door," Deacon Iannarino said. "Our diocesan group went through the door together. It became very emotional as we began walking down the aisle to Peter's tomb" underneath the basilica. "All the guys from the diocese said 'Frank, you take us into the tomb.'"

"To go up the main aisle of



Left photo: Deacon Frank Iannarino, director of the diocesan Office of the Diaconate, was among 2,500 deacons from around the world taking part in a papal Mass in St. Peter's Square on May 29 as part of the Vatican's Jubilee for Deacons. Right photo: Deacons Tim Birie (left) of Mount Vernon St. Vincent de Paul Church and Iannarino at a May 27 Mass in the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls in Rome. The celebrant is a priest from Nigeria.

St. Peter's and carry the cross to the tomb was a very powerful thing. I don't think there was a dry eye among those of us in the group."

Deacons from around the world went to Peter's tomb during a five-hour period. English-speaking deacons were the first group to pray there, and were followed by those speaking Spanish, other languages, and Italian. At the tomb, the portion of Matthew's Gospel which includes Jesus saying "You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church" was read to each group, followed by the Apostles' Creed, and the praying of the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be for the pope's intentions.

The Columbus deacons visited Assisi on Monday, May 30 and prayed at the tomb of St. Francis of Assisi and St. Clare. "Being in Assisi reaffirmed our call to the diaconate through the eyes of St. Francis, who himself was a deacon, and our commitment to be people of justice, charity, and peace. It was a very peaceful experience," Deacon Iannarino said.

The deacons flew from Columbus on the Tuesday and Wednesday leading up to the Vatican event. Their first joint

gathering was a visit on Thursday, May 26 to the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls, where Deacon Tim Birie of Mount Vernon St. Vincent de Paul Church assisted at Mass.

The next day, Friday, they went to the Basilica of St. John Lateran, known as "the pope's cathedral," because it is the cathedral of the Diocese of Rome. Later that day, they had their first catechesis, on the subject "The Deacon: Image of Mercy for the Promotion of the New Evangelization." It was delivered by Deacon James Keating, who received his diaconal formation in the Diocese of Columbus and is director of theological formation for the Institute for Priestly Formation at Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska.

"Deacon Keating emphasized how much the Sacraments of Holy Orders and Matrimony are both sacraments of vocation and how one complements the other, rather than competing against each other," Deacon Iannarino said. "He said a deacon has to be a strong family man and the face of Christianity in the marketplace, especially when helping families. Deacon Keating also said that a properly

formed deacon's wife "will actually fall more in love" with him because he will be converted to a closer relationship with Jesus.

Saturday began with the pilgrimage to the Holy Door, which included three stops – at the Castel Sant'Angelo, near the Church of Santa Maria in Traspontina, and at Bernini's colonnade at St. Peter's Square – before reaching the Holy Door. Prayers said at the stops included Psalms, the prayer for the Jubilee, and the Hail Holy Queen.

This was followed by time for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In the afternoon, Cardinal George Pell of Australia, who leads the Vatican's office on the economy, spoke on "The Deacon: Called to Be a Dispenser of Charity in the Christian Community."

"We asked him a lot of questions about the role of the deacon in the parish and the diocese and working in col-

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Deacon candidate David Lozowski of Dresden St. Ann Church carries a Jubilee Year of Mercy cross on May 28 at the beginning of a pilgrimage to the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica. With him are other deacons of the Diocese of Columbus and their wives.

Photos courtesy Deacon Frank Iannarino

PRACTICAL STEWARDSHIP

By Rick Jeric

Milestones

During the past two weeks, did you pray and discern how much of your time, talent, and treasure you give to your parish and our diocese? I hope it caused all of us to take more positive and generous action. We can say that stewardship is a way of life for us, but it requires action on our part. We are good and faithful stewards of God's gifts because we live our faith that is rooted in Jesus Christ and His Gospel. We make time to serve our families and our community. We use our talents for the good of our parish, our Church, and society. We joyfully give of our treasure in grateful thanksgiving for so many blessings. This is our faith, we maintain hope, and we live our lives in God's love. May we always be known as good and faithful stewards of that love.

From time to time I have written about a very important part of the Diocese of Columbus and the Church in the United States. The Women's Care Centers unconditionally love and serve moms and babies. We are blessed to have two centers here in Columbus. The centers have established and surpassed some real milestones over the years. They provide all services free of charge, including pregnancy testing and counseling, ultrasounds, prenatal education and vitamins, parenting skills classes, adoption education, baby basics and self-sufficiency training, books for children, and a crib club that provides cribs, diapers, and baby items. These centers are 100 percent privately funded and rely on donations and successful fundraising events. One of those events is coming up next Thursday, June 23. Luxury Bingo is a great event and is guaranteed to be one of the most enjoyable events you will ever attend. If you are interested in helping save babies from abortion and helping moms as new parents, please support this event. Call (614) 251-0200 for information. Women's Care Centers are the largest pregnancy resource centers in America, serving more women in more locations than any other. There are 24 centers in eight states. Their unconditionally loving counseling model makes all the difference. Once pregnant clients see their baby on an ultrasound, 97 percent choose life for their babies. But it does not stop there. Parenting and self-sufficiency education is provided after a woman makes a choice for life. This holistic approach provides one-on-one goals, counseling, and support for as long as a young mom might need it. In 2015, our Columbus Women's Care Centers saw an average of 27 women a day. That number is up 19 percent from 2014. Here is the great news – since opening in 2008, more than 1,700 babies have been saved and born because of the centers' work. In Franklin County, one of 12 babies now start with Women's Care Centers. And best of all, abortions in the county have declined 37 percent. Women's Care Center moms are expecting 1,212 babies. We have to continue our support of this miracle of milestones.

Our practical challenge is to support the upcoming Women's Care Center event in Columbus, Luxury Bingo. It will be at 6 p.m. Thursday, June 23 in the Ivory Room on the sixth floor of the Miranova tower downtown. There will be heavy hors d'oeuvres by Cameron Mitchell and an open bar. Table sponsorships are available at a variety of levels, and an individual ticket is \$150. The tower's address is 2 Miranova Place, Columbus, Ohio 43215. If you are unable to attend, you can support the incredible, loving, and life-saving work of Women's Care Centers by mailing a donation to them at 935 E. Broad St., Columbus, Ohio 43205. This is a cause and a case where you can be sure that your gift is directly affecting milestones in our diocese by impacting the greatest commandments of our Lord: To love God completely, and to love our neighbor as ourself. Thank you for your generosity.

Jeric is director of development and planning for the Columbus Diocese.



Two Catholics Receive Living Faith Awards

By Wayne Rapp

Father Vinny McKiernan, CSP, and Sister Shawn Fitzpatrick, OP, were among 12 central Ohio residents receiving Living Faith awards from the Spirituality Network. The ceremony, attended by nearly 300 people from different faith communities, took place Thursday, May 26 at the Jewish Community Center. It was the 25th year the awards have been presented to people whose faith is both "lived" and "alive" in ways that inspire, challenge, and serve the community.

Sister Shawn, a Dominican Sister of Peace, has been an elementary school teacher and principal in Columbus and Pittsburgh during a career in education spanning more than 40 years. Since 2003, she has been director of the Dominican Learning Center in Columbus, which provides one-to-one tutoring to help adults acquire or improve skills in reading, writing, spelling, listening, mathematics, and basic computer use. Sister Shawn also is a member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society and the nonviolence committee of her congregation.

Father McKiernan is a Paulist priest who has served the Ohio State University community at the Columbus St. Thomas More Newman Center since 1990. He was one of five people given special recognition at the awards ceremony, receiving the Hope for Today award. During his 59 years as a priest, he has been involved in ecumenical and interfaith activities in central Ohio, has regularly given retreats, and teaches centering prayer. A man who loves words and their impact, Father McKiernan was editor of the *Lenten Journal* and has published three volumes of *Vin-A-Mins*, compilations of wit and wisdom that appear in Newman Center bulletins.

The Spirituality Network will begin accepting nominations for next year's Living Faith awards in the fall. Parishes are encouraged to nominate people who they believe help create a more hopeful, peaceful, faithful world.

More information on this year's winners is available online at the Spirituality Network website, <http://www.spiritualitynetwork.org>.

Holy Family Alumni Homecoming

The Holy Family Alumni Association's annual homecoming will take place Sunday, June 26. An 11 a.m. alumni Mass will be celebrated at Columbus Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St., followed by refreshments in the church undercroft.

The event will include an opportunity

to tour alumni room displays at the Jubilee Museum and Catholic Cultural Center (the former Holy Family School) and a raffle. The church and its undercroft are accessible by an elevator on the east entrance of the church. For more details, contact Genny (Welker) Temple at (614) 539-4815.



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CORPUS CHRISTI CENTER OF PEACE IS CLOSING

The Corpus Christi Center of Peace will close on Thursday, June 30, because bequests that had paid its coordinator's salary no longer will be available.

However, the restorative justice circles, Women to Women Listening Circle, centering prayer group, and Taize evening prayer gatherings that have been taking place there will continue at Columbus Corpus Christi Church, 1111 E. Stewart Ave.

"I had always hoped that additional funding could be found, but there aren't many grants out there that will cover the cost of salaries and operational expenses," said center coordinator Anita Davidson.

The center was opened in September 2012, fulfilling the dream of Father Rod Damico, who at the time was parochial vicar at the church, to transform its former rectory into a community outreach and spirituality center for the city's south side.

Benefactors provided funding to renovate the first floor. Second-floor rooms were adopted by families and organizations who provided all the material, items, and labor necessary to complete renovation of the building.

For the past four years, the center has offered programs on a variety of subjects, including assertiveness, anger management, centering prayer, and the *Lectio Divina* method of Scripture study.

Among the most popular events have been an annual yarncrafters' retreat, presentations on Archbishop Fulton Sheen and Dorothy Day, a film series on social justice issues, and journaling workshops with *Catholic Times* columnist Mary van Balen.

The most wide-ranging among the center's projects has been its free five-day summer camp for 50 inner-city children, which was first offered last July and will take place again from Monday, June 27 to Friday, July 1. The camp will be the center's last official program.

It will be staffed completely by volunteers and led by Ohio Dominican University student intern Nicole Brown. Each camper will have a chance to enjoy fun and educational activities each day, receive a free lunch provided by local restaurants, and go home each afternoon with a supper provided and put together by volunteers.

Davidson wishes to thank the host of volunteers, donors, and program participants who helped the center, as well as its community partners: the Edgewood Civic Association, Franklin County Juvenile Court, The Spirituality Network, the 11th Precinct patrol officers of the Columbus Police Department, and the people of Corpus Christi and St. Ladislas churches, all of whom were part of its vision to be a center of building peace in the neighborhood.

"I am deeply saddened that the Center of Peace will no longer be providing the kind of programming that you've read about in the *Catholic Times* and have attended over these past four years, and that our peaceful presence in this south-side neighborhood will be lost," she said. "I trust, though, that God is present and hard at work to make all things new, and that, although right now the future isn't clear to us, all will be well."

CSS RECEIVES MUSIC & MEMORY PROGRAM GRANT

Catholic Social Services has received a \$6,480 state grant for a program known as Music & Memory, which uses iPod digital music players to help dementia patients reconnect with the world at large.

The program already is in use in hundreds of care facilities. It trains elder care professionals and family caregivers in creating personalized music playlists for people dealing with dementia. Many studies have shown that music will help such people's problems with long-term memory when all else fails.

The program is being expanded to individuals in their homes, with the Ohio Department of Aging testing it as a community-based project through CSS and four other Ohio agencies which are certified Music & Memory providers.

CSS hopes to provide the program for 70 people by Sept. 29 through its Senior Companion program. Senior companions are people aged 55 and older who are in good health and make scheduled visits to people 60 and older who find it difficult to remain independent, or who are residents of a facility for the developmentally disabled in Franklin, Licking, or Delaware counties.

Companions work on a set schedule of 20 to 40 hours per week and must have an income of no

more than 200 percent of the federal poverty level (\$23,760 for a single-person household). They are paid \$2.65 per hour, are reimbursed for mileage or bus travel to clients, and are allowed to take paid vacation and personal time. Their hours are limited to the period between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays.

The CSS Senior Companion program serves about 450 people. Companions visit clients in their homes, take them out for social or medical activities, run errands with or for them, and provide other non-medical assistance so they can remain in their homes.

Companions chosen to bring Music & Memory to selected clients are being trained to create iPod playlists reflecting a person's music preferences.

CSS needs donations to sustain it and to build a music library. Needs include iTunes gift cards; original CDs, which CSS must keep; iPod Shuffles (not MP3 players); wall chargers for iPods; and cash donations to purchase the items listed.

Types of music needed include religious, classical, selections from Broadway and the movies, music in other languages, soft rock, jazz, older rock and roll, and other music from the 1940s through the 1960s.

For more information, contact Mackenzie Burton at mburton@colscss.org or (614) 857-1254.

Actions on global warming; Confusion over Ascension



QUESTION & ANSWER
by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE
Catholic News Service

Q. Pope Francis published his encyclical on global warming in June 2015. What actions has the church initiated to put his recommendations into effect? Are we waiting for more guidance from the Holy Father, or should we be looking for something from our bishops and priests? (Centertown, Missouri)

A. Pope Francis did, as you say, address the issue of global warming in his encyclical *Laudato Si'*, and the document (perhaps better appreciated under its English title "On Care for Our Common Home") speaks of a variety of environmental challenges, urges a broad dialogue on how we are to shape the future of our planet, and notes that "a very solid scientific consensus indicates that we are presently witnessing a disturbing warming of the climatic system. ... Humanity is called to recognize the need for changes of lifestyle, production and consumption, in order to combat this warming or at least the human causes that produce or aggravate it."

The pope returned to the topic in remarks during his September 2015 White House visit, saying that "climate change is a problem that can no longer be left to a future generation."

Far from waiting for further guidance, there are steps that can be taken immediately, and the pope mentions some of them in the encyclical: "There is a nobility in the duty to care for creation through little daily actions ... avoiding the use of plastic and paper, reducing water consumption, separating refuse, cooking only what can reasonably be consumed ... using public transport or carpooling, planting trees, turning off unnecessary lights."

A good resource is the Global Catholic Climate Movement, which includes on its website a list of "nine things a parish can do to help stop climate change (with no budget and no special expertise)."

Likewise, the Archdiocese of Ottawa, Canada, publishes a document titled *Care for God's Creation: A Guide for Parishes*, which suggests that a parish form a "green team" responsible for environmental stewardship in the parish, that Catholic teaching on the envi-

ronment be incorporated into homilies and bulletin inserts, and that the parish consider such measures as an energy retrofit program and an investment in solar panels.

Q. If we are a universal church, why are holy day Mass requirements so different? Even in the U.S., most dioceses have transferred Ascension Thursday to a Sunday. Why not all? (Northampton, Pennsylvania)

A. My answer is that your question is a good one. Part of the current state of the law makes sense to me and part does not. Canon law lists 10 holy days of obligation, but (with the permission of the Vatican) bishops' conferences within a nation may suppress some of them or move them to the nearest Sunday.

The result is that there is wide variety from nation to nation. Many countries, like our own, have six non-Sunday holy days of obligation; Australia and the Netherlands have two. I can appreciate why certain days might be especially celebrated in certain places. In Italy on Jan. 6, the Feast of the Epiphany, Mass is obligatory. Italians traditionally celebrate Epiphany with gift-giving, much as we do on Christmas. In Ireland, March 17 marks the Feast of St. Patrick, that nation's patron, and is a holy day of obligation.

Ascension Thursday is a story in itself. Back in the late 1990s, bishops in the United States took notice that Mass attendance on Ascension Thursday had been dropping for a number of years. (Since the feast occurs on the 40th day after Easter, it can fall anywhere from early May to early June, so people don't have it fixed in their mental calendars.)

As a result, wishing to highlight the importance of the Ascension, most of the ecclesiastical provinces in the U.S. transferred the celebration of the feast (and the obligation of attending Mass) to the nearest Sunday. However, the bishops of New England, some mid-Atlantic states, and Nebraska kept the Thursday date.

The result is a fair amount of confusion. (And I won't even go into the universal bewilderment as to which feasts "don't count" if they fall on a Saturday or a Monday.)

Like you, I would look -- some day in the future -- for a bit more standardization and a bit less befuddlement.

Questions may be sent to Father Kenneth Doyle at askfatherdoyle@gmail.com and 40 Hopewell St., Albany NY 12208.



Chillicothe Knight of the Year

Father Charles Griffin Council 15793 of the Knights of Columbus in Chillicothe recognized several people at its annual Knight of the Year banquet for outstanding service and example to the parish community. The Knight of the Year was Joe Zupi, the Family of the Year was the Pat and Diane Corcoran family, and the Youth of the Year was Michaela Maimone. Pictured are (from left) Father Michael Hartge, council chaplain; Pat Corcoran; Joe and Maureen Zupi; and Bob French, grand knight. Photo courtesy K of C Council 15793

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legality with bishops and priests," Deacon Iannarino said. "Deacons are unique in the church because they live with and among laypersons, but are members of the clergy because they have received the Sacrament of Holy Orders, giving them an opportunity to balance the life of the laity and that of the clergy."

"There were 2,500 deacons at the Sunday Mass with the pope, and we all had the opportunity to wear our vestments," he said. "In his homily (delivered in Italian with simultaneous translation), the pope was adamant that the deacon is the face of Jesus. He was very direct, saying you must be strong ministers. What impressed me was how unbelievably lively he was while speaking to us, and how graciously he shook our hands after Mass and thanked us for accepting our calling."

The day after the papal Mass,

the Columbus deacons visited the Basilica of St. Mary Major, the Sistine Chapel, and the Vatican Museum before traveling to Assisi. Some went home the next day, while others extended their visit for a few days.

"This was my first time in Italy, the land of my heritage, so this was a very important trip for me," Deacon Iannarino said. "I could feel the presence of my ancestors throughout my stay."

"Last September, I was among several deacons from the Diocese of Columbus who distributed the Eucharist at the pope's Mass for the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia. Eight months later, the cycle was completed by visiting the pope in his diocese. It's been an amazing period in my life -- one that I'll never forget and is not likely to be duplicated."



LaNicca Scholarship Winner

The winner of the 2016 George M. LaNicca IV community service scholarship is Columbus St. Andrew School eighth-grade student Eirann McClatchy. With her are St. Andrew Church religious education director Suzie Emsweller and school principal Joel Wichtman. The scholarship pays a St. Andrew student \$500 toward the cost of tuition at a Catholic high school. McClatchy will attend Columbus Bishop Watterson High School in the fall.

Photo courtesy St. Andrew School

Flaget Spelling Champ

Chillicothe Bishop Flaget School student Nilla Rajan finished 46th out of 295 students competing in the National Spelling Bee in Washington last month. She spelled correctly in the two oral preliminary rounds, but was six points short of making it to the finals on the written spelling and vocabulary test. Rajan, who won the regional spelling bee in Athens in March, is the first student from the Chillicothe area to qualify and compete in the national contest. She will enter sixth grade in the fall and was in Carrie Hill's fifth-grade class during the 2015-16 school year. This was the second year for her to participate in the regional bee in Athens.

Photo courtesy Bishop Flaget School



Answering God's Call

100-YEAR-OLD SISTER SAYS THIS IS BEST TIME OF HER LIFE



Sr. Mary Franz, OSF

by Tim Puet

When Sister Mary Franz, OSF, was asked to describe the most memorable period of her 100 years of life, she quickly responded, "It's right now."

"That's the way I've always felt about whatever I was doing," the Columbus native said. "When I taught, I worked hard, and I enjoyed teaching. Then I was a pastoral minister, and that also brought me great joy. Now I'm retired, in an assisted-living facility, I have people who take care of my needs, and I still walk around with a small walker."

"I'm in good health and my brain is still in good working order. Now it's very satisfying to walk to the dining room and visit with people who are very sick. I've been doing this for the last three years where I now live (Our Lady of the Angels Home in Joliet, Illinois). It's not as active as my other ministries – mostly sitting and talking – but it's still an important ministry."

Sister Mary turned 100 on May 23 and is the oldest member of the Sisters of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate, based in Joliet. She was honored on her birthday with a party at the home that culminated four days of visits by friends, Bishop R. Daniel Conlon of the Joliet Diocese, and local political figures.

"I had expected there might be some sort of celebration, but I really was surprised at all this," she said a few days after her birthday. "I think I'm still recovering from everything."

Sister Mary was born on May 23, 1916, in what was then called the South End neighborhood of Columbus and now is known as German Village. Her family had moved there from the Ohio River community of Pomeroy following the devastating 1913 flood there.

"The downtown runs right along the river, and my father had a grocery store there on Front Street," she said. "The flood ruined everything. So he moved to Columbus and opened a store at Fifth and Frankfort streets." Sister Mary was the seventh of 10 children – five of each gender – born to Joseph and Rosa (Miller) Franz, and the first to be born in Columbus. Two died as infants. The others are also deceased.

"We attended St. Mary Church in German Village, and I went to school at St. Mary's for 10 years before going to Joliet to finish high school," she said. "One of the things I remember best about St. Mary's is the picnics we had toward the end of the school year at Washington (now Schiller) Park. We'd all walk there behind a band. We could get lemonade whenever we wanted, which was a big treat."

"I began to think seriously about becoming a sister in my sophomore year in high school. The sisters who taught at St. Mary's then were Joliet Franciscans, so that's the order I was interested in. I think the high school had only one lay teacher then," Sister Mary said. "One of the sisters took a liking to me and gave me books about sisters, and I remember reading them and wanting to become a missionary."

"I entered the order on Sept. 8, 1932, received the habit on Aug. 12, 1933, and took my first and final vows on the same day in 1935 and 1938 respectively," she said. When she became a novice, she was given the name Sister Ursuline, by which she was known until her congregation and many others decided after the Second Vatican Council to permit sisters to be known by their baptismal names.

She finished high school at St. Francis Academy in Joliet and began teaching sixth- and seventh-graders at St. Bernard School in that community in 1935, when she was 19 and still in college – a fairly common practice for sisters at that time. "I didn't come from a teaching background and felt I was struggling to stay

ahead of my students," she said. "I owe any success as a teacher I've had to the help I received that year from the school's eighth-grade teacher, Sister Charles Marie. I'd learn something from her one day and teach it the next."

"We still had periods of congregational silence in those days. We were all in a big common room, silently correcting papers one day, and some of the mistakes we found in English composition papers were so funny that we got the giggles. The superior was pretty stern and tried to shush us all up, but she couldn't keep us still. We couldn't help it, for we were so young ourselves," she said.

Sister Mary received a bachelor's degree from the College (now University) of St. Francis in Joliet in 1939 and later earned a master's degree in mathematics at DePaul University in Chicago, with additional course work at other institutions. She taught high-school math, science, and religion in Joliet and Chicago for 20 years until being assigned to her alma mater, Columbus St. Mary High School, in 1959.

The pastor there, Msgr. Edmund Burkley, was the same pastor the church had when she left Columbus. He served at St. Mary's from 1905 until his death in 1972 and was pastor from 1924-69.

After a year at St. Mary's, she returned to Joliet, where she was director of postulants for the congregation for seven years. She came back to Columbus in 1967, was superior of the convent at Bishop Ready High School for one year, taught there for a year, then ended her career as an educator with two years as principal at St. Mary Elementary School. Msgr. Burkley was still there, serving as pastor emeritus. Sister Mary said he had lost most of his sight, but could say the Mass by memory.

She had no administrative training and replaced a principal who had recently died. "I made it through two years as principal thanks to a wonderful secretary, Mrs. Esselstein," she said. Summing her up her years in education, Sister Mary said, "I loved the young people very much. It's still a pleasant memory to recall how I would enter a classroom, and everyone would look up at me and smile."

She was assigned to work at the congregational offices in 1971 and remained there until 1975. During that time, as priorities for her congregation and others shifted away from teaching, she decided to enter pastoral ministry. After a year of working with the sick and aged at a parish in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, she realized she needed more training and spent a year at a hospital in Des Moines, Iowa, in a Clinical Pastoral Education course.

She returned to the Diocese of Columbus in 1977 to serve as pastoral minister at Marion St. Mary Church, where she remained until 1985. She was in a similar position at Columbus St. Christopher Church for 10 years, then continued her work in a volunteer role at Logan St. John Church for a year and at Columbus St. Elizabeth Church until her retirement from active ministry in 2004. She stayed in Columbus until returning to Joliet in 2010.

"I loved every one of the churches I served," she said. "I started the RCIA programs at Marion and St. Christopher's, and that brought me much satisfaction. I especially remember one instance during those years. It was at St. Christopher's, when I was given the name of a woman to contact. She told me that I was the first person who ever asked her to do something for the church. She had just been waiting to hear from someone, and became very involved in parish life. This is such an important lesson: Just ask, and people will respond."

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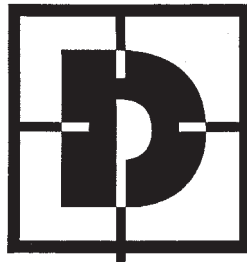
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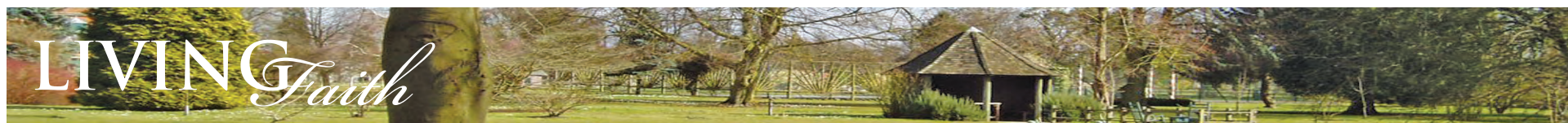
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Lessons from Paris befriending holy leisure

I recently returned from a wonderful vacation of almost a month in Paris with two of my daughters, one of whom is doing research at the National Natural History Museum there—a perfect reason to visit. Spending so much time with adult daughters is a gift in itself. Doing it in Paris? That made it extraordinary.

We did the usual tourist things, visiting museums and landmarks, enjoying Parisian baguettes smeared with butter or jam, and drinking lots of *cafe*. A highlight was making the short trip to spend a day at Giverny in Monet's garden, a lifelong dream of my youngest.

Standing in the oval rooms of the *Musee de l'Orangerie* surrounded by the giant water lily canvasses was breathtaking. I don't think it makes any difference which you do first—visit the garden or feast on Monet's paintings—the experiences enrich one another. The museum required two visits.

Art and music are everywhere in France, not only in museums, but also in shops, cathedrals, and along the streets. Beauty heals, whether in a painting or in the care taken with displays of pastries and breads for sale. Once, on our way to an evening concert, we were surprised by a woman singing an aria. Speakers provided the music, and her powerful voice poured through the small street. A trio on military patrol, heart-stirred by the song like the rest of us, paused, and one lifted his iPhone to record the sound.

We became accustomed to hearing a classical pianist playing Chopin on Pont Saint-Louis near Notre Dame, someone playing accordion along a strip of small restaurants, or jazz groups entertaining on street corners. In every case, people stopped to listen,



Grace in the Moment
Mary van Balen

sometimes to dance. Music always stirs the soul.

I was grateful for the length of our stay. A friend commented on one of my posts, saying he was glad I had time to spend enjoying “holy leisure.” A sense of the importance of befriending “holy leisure” is wisdom that came home with me. The temptation, vacation or not, is to try to do too much. In Paris, there was always another amazing museum to visit or landmark to see. What would friends say when you returned if you told them you didn't visit the Louvre?

We could pack every day, allowing vacation to become a checklist. We chose otherwise. While our list of things to see and do was long enough, we gave ourselves days to do nothing special and simply be present to the gifts of the moment and each other.

My daughter made time to paint. Sometimes, we walked to a park and she set up her brushes on a bench. On other days, the dining room table worked. I journaled, wrote blog posts, and finally figured out how to sketch the lovely green table umbrellas at Luxembourg Garden. We wended our way to our favorite street, Rue Mouffetard, sat in a cafe, and enjoyed starting (or ending) a day slowly. Some of the best times were sitting or walking wherever, all

three of us, enjoying each other's company.

Back home, events and places are different, but schedules and expectations can be as demanding. There is work to do, family and friends to see, events to attend. But I returned determined to enjoy little things, listen to more music, and be attentive to Spirit movements in my heart.

One afternoon, after preparing dinners for the week to come and catching up on vacation laundry, I walked outside and tossed cans and jars into the recycling bin. The air was particularly clear after a rain, and as anyone in central Ohio with asthma knows, that is something to celebrate. Back in the kitchen, I started to wash up the dishes, then remembered Paris. “No,” I thought, responding to the lift I had felt, “Enjoy.”

I poured a glass of iced tea and sat in the plastic lawn chair on my porch. That's it. I sat and looked and breathed air that felt good in my lungs. A hummingbird buzzed in over my shoulders and headed toward a green patch of ground cover looking for blooms. A sparrow hopped out from underneath a bush with a huge piece of fuzzy fluff in its beak. The breeze picked up, and leaves on the trees across the street danced.

A short prayer of thanksgiving. Some quiet moments of remembering that I live in God's presence.

The truth that we meet God in the present is nothing new, but deceptively simple. In Paris, at home, anywhere.

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Strength

Variations of the word “strength” appear hundreds of times in the bible. I am especially moved when I read Scripture or hear the word “strength” mentioned during the readings at Mass. References to strength move me to go deeper into prayer and reflection.

Psalm 28:7: “The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him and he helps me.”

The type of strength that I teach at the gym is physical strength, which is fleeting. I know that the strength that matters is the strength we receive in our relationship with God. Allowing His strength, which is love, to fill us up and then flow out of us in service to others is what we are called to do as Christians.

How many times a day do we remind ourselves that God is our true strength and that we can rely on Him in everything? We may know intellectually that His strength is always there for us, but how often do we actually ask for it?

Sometimes it's difficult to discern when we are

relying on God's strength, by cooperating with His grace, and when we are relying on our own strength. Since we are free to cooperate (or not) with God's will, there are probably times when we miss the signs that point in the direction God desires for us. His generous love for us means that even in our missteps, He is still there offering us His strength and guidance.

References to God's strength in Scripture sometimes sound like we are preparing for battle—which we are: the battle for souls, the battle against evil, the battle to stay on our daily walk with Him.

Psalm 18:32: “It is God who arms me with strength and keeps my way secure.”

St. Paul the Apostle gained his spiritual strength from God. *Philippians 4:13: “I can do all things through him who gives me strength.”*

St. Paul also reminds us that we need our brothers and sisters in Christ on this journey. For St. Paul, it was Sts.



Holy and Healthy
Lori Crock

Timothy and Titus.

Who is it in your life? Maybe this is a good time to reconnect and strengthen friendships with other Christians who rely on God's strength in their daily lives so you can help each other.

In closing, I offer you St. Paul's encouraging words. *1 Corinthians 16:13: “Be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong.”*

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Columbus St. Ladislus Church is serving a new generation of immigrants



BY TIM PUET

Reporter, Catholic Times

For more than 100 years, Columbus St. Ladislus Church has served as a spiritual home for immigrants.

It was founded in 1908 by 11 men of Hungarian descent who wanted to build a national parish for their fellow migrants on the city's south side. Its early members were mainly Hungarian, Italian, and Irish families who had left Europe, as well as African Americans from around New Orleans. Last names such as Kish, Kozma, Mohai, Tarro, and Zmeko were prominent in early records.

Today, a look at this year's combined first Communion class of 30 children for St. Ladislus and nearby Corpus Christi Church shows there's a new generation of immigrants in the south side. That group includes families with last names such as of Mendoza, Sanchez-Madrigal, De Jesus

From top: Father Nicholas Droll, parochial vicar, and Father Kevin Lutz, pastor; centennial marker; church interior. Photos: St. Ladislus (top); Tim Puet



Reyes, and Henriquez-Ortiz, all of Latino origin. In addition, many Vietnamese and Laotian Catholics have become part of the parish in the past two decades.

The immigrants of a century ago came to St. Ladislus to work at the nearby Federal Glass and Buckeye Steel (now Columbus Castings) plants. The glass plant has closed and the steel plant's future is uncertain, but the shipping and distribution jobs provided at the former Air Force base known as Rickenbacker Global Logistics Park are providing a new economic base for today's immigrants and for longtime residents of the neighborhood.

Father Nicholas Droll is concluding his first year as parochial vicar for St. Ladislus, Corpus Christi, and Columbus St. Mary, Mother of God churches, which have been part of a parish cluster since 2013. Father Kevin Lutz is pastor of all three parishes, with both priests involved in decision making for the cluster.

Before formation of the cluster, St. Ladislus and Corpus Christi had been jointly administered since 1998. The two parishes have a combined office at St. Ladislus. Staff members serving both parishes include Deacon Jerry Butts, Kathy Zimmermann, administrative assistant; Kathy Schlueb, youth group coordinator; Jeff Adair, religious formation coordinator; Edith Monroy, Latino ministry director; Michael Gray, stewardship coordinator; and Paula Banks, bookkeeper.

"It's an exciting time at St. Ladislus and all over the south end," Father Droll said. "After years on a downward trend because the population of the neighborhood was declining and getting older, Mass attendance is growing and we've had a lot of baptisms, mostly because so many Latino families are moving here." He said combined attendance for the St. Ladislus weekend Masses at 4 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. Sunday is about 250. The parish's other regularly scheduled Masses are at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday and 8:30 a.m. Friday.

Masses on the second and fourth Sundays of the month are in English and Spanish. Father Droll said his Spanish-language skills are minimal, but "I do my best." At the bilingual Masses, he preaches in both languages, and the Liturgy of the Word, one of the two readings, and the Gospel are in Spanish. The Liturgy of the Eucharist is in English.

"St. Ladislus is part of a neighborhood in transition." Father Droll said. "Besides

the influx of new people, another thing that's brought a sense of revitalization to the area has been last fall's opening of the Reeb Avenue Center across the street from the parish."

Located in the former Reeb Avenue Elementary School, the center houses agencies for job training and addiction recovery and new homes for the Boys and Girls Club of Columbus and the South Side Learning and Development Center.

The Mid-Ohio Foodbank runs a new fresh-food market there, and the South Side Roots Cafe offers weekday lunches, Saturday brunches, and a community meal on Tuesday evenings.

"The center has been a very good neighbor," Zimmermann said. We're very pleased with how it has made intentional efforts not to match programs we have been offering to people for years, but instead to cooperate with and add to those programs."

"Our St. Vincent de Paul Society has served the poor and hungry by operating a pantry for decades," she said. "It's open most Wednesdays and every Friday. The Reeb center respected that. Instead of opening a pantry with canned goods and dried foods, which would duplicate what we do, it offers fresh food for purchase at discounted rates. We don't have that.

"All of us are working together to best serve the neighborhood. It's great to see people coming into and out of the old school all day after eight years when it was vacant."

"The center says something valuable about the neighborhood," Father Droll said. "It's a message that the civil authorities are invested in and committed to this neighborhood. It tells the people, 'We're staying here and we're not going anywhere.'"

Gray said the St. Vincent de Paul pantry has been in operation since 1947, with Vernon Myers serving as its operations director for more than 20 years. Last year, it served nearly 8,200 people in nearly 2,100 families.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society also distributes food to homebound parish members and to the homes of needy parishioners. In addition, it has a "trick or treat" program distributing candy to children in front of the church every year at Halloween.

Zimmermann said that the parish and several other churches and neighborhood

organizations annually work in cooperation to host a number of activities at the same time in the late summer, creating a block party atmosphere. St. Ladislus' contribution to the effort is an ice cream social in front of the church.

For many years on Laetare Sunday (the Fourth Sunday of Lent), the parish has hosted a spaghetti dinner. "It's probably the biggest event we have each year," Zimmermann said.

"We serve several hundred dinners, and attendance has been going up as we've had more people coming to church. It's a real labor of love for everyone, with the recipe for the meatballs going back to the church's Hungarian roots."

During the recently concluded school year, Schlueb began a successful effort to form a youth group for all three parishes in the cluster. "All three parishes had youth groups at one time," she said. "They were pretty small. It was felt that one of the best ways to combine the parishes and promote a spirit of unity would be to form a larger youth group with all three.

"I have connections to all three parishes. My children go to St. Mary School. I went to the old Corpus Christi School and am a Corpus Christi parishioner. St. Lad's and Corpus Christi have been together under the same pastor for nearly 20 years, and there was never any real rivalry between them before that. Getting young people together from all three churches just seemed like a natural thing."

The combined youth group sponsored four events during the school year, including a "Saturday Night with Jesus" sleepover at St. Ladislus that included a trip to see the movie *Risen*, and distribution of goodie bags to children ages 2 to 10 after the St. Ladislus Easter Sunday Mass.

During the week of July 18-23, about 15 eighth- to 12th-grade members of the group will spend a week in Detroit at the Shine Catholic Work Camp, where they will perform home repair work for senior citizens in blighted neighborhoods. The trip is being paid for through a grant from The Catholic Foundation and through proceeds from discount cards the young people are selling.

Schlueb said she hopes that when school resumes in the fall, the group will have at least 50 members and will be able to adopt an area for regular cleanup through the neighborhood pride program of the city of Columbus. "But before that, we



Clockwise from left: Parish youth group coordinator Karen Schlueb, pastoral minister Sister Wilma Ross, SCN, and administrative assistant Kathy Zimmermann; a scene from the annual Columbus St. Ladislus Church spaghetti dinner; the parish's Eucharistic adoration chapel.



CT photos by Tim Puet; Photo courtesy St. Ladislus Church (dinner)

need a name – something more memorable than just the youth group," she said. "I'd like our older kids to leave a strong legacy for the younger ones to build on, and I've got lots of ideas."

Efforts also are being made to have senior citizens groups of the three parishes come together so they can travel in larger groups, enabling them to go more places. The Senior Stars group of St. Ladislus and Corpus Christi meets on the second Sunday of each month at St. Ladislus and hosts a monthly euchre party there on the first Saturday of the month. The group also takes an annual trip to the Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey.

The St. Ladislus complex at 277 Reeb Ave. includes the church, dedicated in 1958 to replace the original church built 50 years earlier, and a convent and former school now being used for other purposes.

For about 15 years, part of the convent has been a chapel for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The building also serves as the residence of Sister Wilma Ross, SCN, who arrived at St. Ladislus School to teach sixth grade in 1963, two years after taking her first vows, and has been at the parish ever since. She now is the parish's pastoral minister.

The chapel is open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays and is accessible only by code. Anyone wishing to be an adoror may call Sister Wilma at (614) 444-2598 for instructions on how to enter.

"When you get here, just sign the book



to show you were here," she said. "You can be here for as long or as short a time as you want. We don't ask that you stay for a Holy Hour, although that is certainly encouraged. Also, what is offered is adoration, not exposition, meaning the Blessed Sacrament is in the tabernacle and not exposed in a monstrance."

She said the number of adorers averages about five or six per day, increasing during Lent and Advent.

The parish had a school from 1917 to 1993, with the current school building dedicated in 1950. That building has been home to the parish's religious education program, the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS), since 1999.

CGS started 60 years ago in Italy and is inspired by the "hand-on" educational principles of Maria Montessori and the work of a Scripture scholar named Sofia Cavaletti and her Montessori collabora-

tor. Gianna Gobbi. Through presentations about the life of Christ and the Gospels, prayer, liturgically inspired activities, and practical life skills, it guides children into a personal encounter with Jesus, the Good Shepherd.

It is divided into three levels. Level I, for three- to six-year-olds, introduces basic concepts of the faith through materials such as wood figures of sheep in a sheepfold, sculpted apostles sitting around a Last Supper table, or a small altar with items used for Mass.

Level II, for six- to nine-year-olds, is more involved with moral formation. Level III, for nine- to 12-year-olds, places its focus on service to others. Its junior-high and high-school levels also are based on service learning.

The room where the program takes

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Student artwork helps Flint residents

Students at Columbus Our Lady of Bethlehem School and Childcare and Columbus St. Mary Magdalene School conducted an art fundraiser to benefit the people of Flint, Michigan, in connection with their ongoing water crisis.

Donors were able to purchase water-themed art by the students in exchange for monetary or supply donations for the residents of Flint during the third annual food truck festival at the Graham Expeditionary Middle School in Columbus.

Students at Our Lady of Bethlehem, from ages 16 months through kindergarten, and St. Mary Magdalene students in kindergarten through grade eight participate weekly in classes led by art educator Annette Lasker. The Our Lady of Bethlehem students worked on ocean backgrounds and sea creatures while discussing the need for clean water for people and animals. Echoing Pope Francis' emphasis on

stewardship in his recent encyclical *Laudato Si'* and this Jubilee Year of Mercy, students later expressed prayer intentions for the people of Flint during visits to their chapel.

St. Mary Magdalene kindergarten and first-grade students illustrated, outlined, and cut out their own sea creatures that were featured in the final artwork, and middle-school students at St. Mary Magdalene helped with the final designs, making the project truly a collaborative effort, involving approximately 155 students. One student from St. Mary Magdalene drew two buildings to be included in the underwater designs.

Through their artwork, students were able to explore the effects of water pollution, learning not only of the need for clean water but also of our own responsibility to help our neighbors in need. The resulting seven pieces of art were



put on display with other student creations from the Columbus area.

The event raised more than \$400 and collected supplies such as hand sanitizer, bottled water, and disposable utensils that will benefit the residents of Flint. Our Lady of Bethlehem is continuing to collect donations, and its

students have expressed a continued interest and desire to discuss ways to help the people of Flint and improve their own stewardship of the earth.

Pictured with the completed artwork are OLB pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students.

Photo courtesy Our Lady of Bethlehem School

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place is known as an atrium, the name of the place where first-century catechumens were prepared for baptism. St. Ladislav has four such rooms. Materials in the atrium are set up in a way that invites children to explore and deepen experiences at their own pace.

The scriptural theme for the week is proclaimed by a catechist who first reads the appropriate biblical passage, then discusses it with the children.

Adair, who took over as its director last fall, said that during the past school year, the CGS program had an enroll-

ment of 123 children ages three to 12. At the junior-high and high-school levels, it is training 29 young people to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in September.

It takes place from 9 to 10:45 a.m. each Sunday during the school year, except during the Christmas and Easter holidays. In addition, several home-schooled children come to St. Ladislav for a weekly session from noon to 3 p.m. Fridays.

Through times of prosperity, decline, and rebirth, St. Ladislav Church has remained a constant

presence on Columbus' south side.

As the neighborhood continues to evolve, Father Droll is looking forward to the future. "Our greatest hope is what lies ahead," he said. "We want to reaffirm our commitment to this neighborhood, this place, to preach the Good News of Jesus Christ. That gives us all great hope."

GROVE CITY MISSIONARY DIES IN CAMBODIA

By Amy McKenzie

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

Funeral Mass for Robert D. “Bob” Owens, who died Sunday, May 29, after being struck by a motorcycle in Siem Reap, Cambodia, was held Wednesday, June 8 in Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church.

He would have turned 75 on May 31. He and his wife, Kim, had left the United States on May 23 for a week’s vacation in Siem Reap, a resort town, with fellow missionaries including their granddaughter, Jayla Owens, Ray and Debbie Sheridan, Travis Runnels, and Melissa Holt.

They then were to spend time working at a family-style children’s home run by Asia’s Hope, a Columbus-based, multi-denominational, grassroots movement

working in Cambodia, Thailand, and India to aid orphaned children.

Bob and Kim had leaned in June 2015 about the efforts of Asia’s Hope to provide quality long-term care for young people at high risk of sexual and economic exploitation. When Bob realized the opportunity to travel on a mission to Cambodia, he said, “This is on my bucket list. I have to go work with those kids.”

Thus began Bob’s and Kim’s odyssey as missionaries, raising funds from their parish and preparing for the trip. Their friends’ and families’ generosity provided for the purchase of several bicycles for younger children and a motor scooter for college students to take to classes. Other money went toward a general fund for the children’s needs.

“Mission outreach is central to who

we are as a parish family,” said Father Dan Millisor, pastor at Our Lady of Perpetual Help. “Our purpose is to form and send intentional missionary disciples of Jesus Christ into the world. These missionaries were sent by us to a place far away yet dear to our hearts.”

“Our missionary outreach is local through St. Vincent de Paul ministries, regional though our help for residents of Laurelville in Hocking County, and international through our missionary effort in Haiti, as well as through Asia’s Hope in Cambodia. These missionaries carried not only our prayers for the children of Asia’s Hope, but also our financial support of the home we are working toward sponsoring.”

After her husband died, many people who would have found themselves in Kim’s situation may have been able only to concentrate on getting home. Kim, however, graciously received the mother and sister of the man whose motorcycle hit Bob and answered their pleas for her forgiveness with hugs, tears, and the pardon they needed.

Kim, Jayla, and the Sheridans arrived

in Columbus on June 5. Runnels and Holt returned on June 7. Several of Kim’s co-workers from Our Lady of Perpetual Help, where she is a finance associate, met her at the airport.

Among them was parish pastoral minister Marti Hurd. “Kim was countercultural in Cambodia when she forgave the motorcyclist’s mother,” she said. “Kim’s acts of love had long-term impact on the man’s family and on the Cambodian people. Her mercy changed lives forever.”

“Through his death, Bob continues to serve Asia’s Hope as a missionary,” she added. “All the attention that Asia’s Hope is receiving is drawing people to see the needs of these children.”

Bob served in the Army, then worked for United Parcel Service until retirement. He served the parish as a festival and fish fry volunteer, usher, and extraordinary minister of the Eucharist.

Besides Kim and Jayla, he is survived by a son, Jay; stepmother, Juanita; brother, Wayne (Willa); sister, Scarlet Hughes; and grandchildren, Falcon and Allison.



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Father
Lawrence L. Hummer

**June 19 -- Zechariah 12:10-11;13:1;
Galatians 3:26-29; Luke 9:18-24**

In the arrangement of prophets, Zechariah comes second to last. In Catholic Bibles, the prophets come immediately before the New Testament. Protestants tend to follow the arrangement found in Hebrew Bibles, with the prophets coming after the books of the Law.

The Catholic arrangement is meant to stress that the prophets ultimately spoke in advance of Christ. Generally, the prophets of the Old Testament speak of the word of God coming to this or that prophet. Because Christians believe that Christ is the “Word made flesh,” Catholics stress that by arranging the prophets to lead into the Gospel accounts of Jesus as the Word, their arrangement is more suitable.

During and after the Reformation, Protestants tended to break away from Roman Catholic tradition. They chose to align their own Bibles with the arrangement found in Hebrew Bibles, where the Prophets come after the Law and before the writings (such as Psalms, Job, Proverbs, etc.).

Zechariah (meaning “the Lord has remembered” in Hebrew) is written after the Babylonian Exile (586-538 BC) had ended. Scholars usually treat Zechariah 1-8 as a unit and Zechariah 9-14 (“Deutero- Zechariah”) as a separate unit. Some even consider chapters 12-14 as Third Zechariah because these chapters are so different from the rest of the work.

In verse 10 of chapter 12, Christians perk up when they hear that “they shall look on him whom they have pierced,” because of its citation in the Passion Narrative of John’s Gospel. However, the Hebrew text says “to **me** whom they have pierced,” which would have meant God, or the prophet himself. Others think it referred to someone unknown to us but known to his

contemporaries, whose death caused the kind of grief that comes when an only child dies. “Mourning of Hadadrimmon” is likely a reference to a religious ritual surrounding the ritual death of Hadad (the storm god in pre-Hebrew religion). Hadad probably means something like the *thundering thunderer* and became Baal in Canaanite religion. The mourning (i.e., the shedding of tears) was in imitation of the rain provided by the storm god when he finally provided the earth with life-replenishing rains.

Contrary to Canaanite religion, there will be a fountain in Jerusalem for those who worship the Lord (Israel’s God), to purify themselves from sin and uncleanness. In summary, the Lord will pour out for faithful Israel a spirit of grace and petition (not rainwater, as the pagan worshippers of Hadad receive) and a fountain in Jerusalem to help purify them of their sins. In this way, the Lord “has remembered” Israel and provided them a way out of their sins, through the prophet Zechariah.

The Gospel follows the feeding of the five thousand. After Jesus has prayed by himself for a while, he asks the disciples who “the crowds” think he is. They answer either John the Baptist, or Elijah, or one of the ancient prophets. When he asks them who they think he is, Peter answers, “The Christ of God.” Luke says nothing further about this. There is no reaction by Jesus or by the other disciples to this statement by Peter. Commentators note that the question arose out of his prayer, as happens frequently in Luke.

Jesus then “rebuked them and directed them not to tell this to anyone.” This seems to be an odd reaction to Peter’s confession, but it borrows this theme of demanding silence after a confession of this sort from Mark’s Gospel. Mark had used this so-called “messianic secret” to build up the tension before Jesus’ full revelation of himself as the Messiah. Luke simply follows Mark in this.

Paul’s reminder to the Galatians that in Christ there “is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ” is timely in every age, not just in 54 AD, when the letter was written.

Father Hummer may be reached at hummerl@stmarychillicothe.com.

New Home for Catholic Youth Summer Camp Is Open

The Damascus Catholic Mission Campus, the new home of Catholic Youth Summer Camp, is now open.

Campers arrived on Sunday, June 12 for the first weeklong session. Additional sessions will take place for the next seven weeks, ending on Friday, Aug. 5.

Camp directors Aaron Richards and Dan DeMatte invite anyone interested to attend one of eight Friday afternoon Masses during the camp sessions. All the Masses will be at 1 p.m. The first will be on June 17, with Archbishop Dennis Schnurr of Cincinnati as celebrant. Bishop Daniel Thomas of Toledo will celebrate the July 22 Mass.

The Masses will be followed by ceremonies at 2 p.m. and tours of the campus at 2:30. No RSVP is neces-

sary. Tours also are available on request throughout the summer.

The Damascus campus is a 500-acre property on rolling woods and fields in Knox County, complete with a private 30-acre freshwater lake. Camper cabins with lodging for 180 people, and a 25,000-square-foot conference center and lodge will be part of the campus. The land is located just off U.S. 36, about five to 10 minutes north of Centerburg and 20 minutes east of the U.S. 36/Ohio 37 exit of Interstate 71. It is 50 minutes from downtown Columbus and within approximately two hours of all major Ohio cities.

To learn more, go to www.DamascusCampus.com or contact DeMatte via email at Dan@cysc.com.

The Weekday Bible Readings

6/20-6/25

MONDAY

2 Kings 17:5-8,13-15a,18
Psalm 60:3-5,12-13
Matthew 7:1-5

TUESDAY

2 Kings 19:9b-11,
14-21,31-35a,36
Psalm 48:2-4,10-11
Matthew 7:6,12-14

WEDNESDAY

2 Kings 22:8-13;23:1-3
Psalm 119:33-37,40
Matthew 7:15-20

THURSDAY

2 Kings 24:8-17
Psalm 79:1b-5,8-9
Matthew 7:21-29

FRIDAY

Isaiah 49:1-6
Psalm 139:1b-3,13-15
Acts 13:22-26
Luke 1:57-66,80

SATURDAY

Lamentations 2:2,10-14,18-19
Psalm 74:1b-7,20-21
Matthew 8:5-17

6/27-7/2

MONDAY

Amos 2:6-10,13-16
Psalm 50:16bc-23
Matthew 8:18-22

TUESDAY

Amos 3:1-8;4:11-12
Psalm 5:4b-8
Matthew 8:23-27

WEDNESDAY

Acts 12:1-11
Psalm 34:2-9
2 Timothy 4:6-8,17-18
Matthew 16:13-19

THURSDAY

Amos 7:10-17
Psalm 19:8-11
Matthew 9:1-8

FRIDAY

Amos 8:4-6,9-12
Psalm 119:2,10,20,30,40,131
Matthew 9:9-13

SATURDAY

Amos 9:11-15
Psalm 85:9ab,10-14
Matthew 9:14-17

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE WEEKS OF JUNE 19 AND 26, 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 Weeks IV and I, Seasonal Proper of the Liturgy of the Hours

Even in pleasant conversation with strangers, we can move mountains

Sometimes we can move mountains in the most basic of conversations, even by exchanging pleasantries. I will start off with a true story about a young man named Justin who was walking on the beach one day. It seems Justin encountered an older man who was looking for family and friends he had planned to meet.

In conversation, the older man surmised that Justin was quite a learned, well-traveled young man who was well-versed in all the major philosophies of the day. The older man told Justin that if he was looking for the truth, it had been revealed by God, not the multiple pagan deities of Greece and Rome. Justin said he respected Jews and Christians, but wondered if their God could really hold the truth. The conversation spurred the young man to find out.

Do you think this true story happened this year in, say, Hilton Head, the Outer Banks, or maybe Siesta Key? No it didn't happen in 2016. It happened 1,900 years earlier – in 116, in the area around Caesarea (modern day Tel Aviv), Israel. Justin went on to become St. Justin the Martyr, one of the Western world's most learned men, one of the earliest Church Fathers, a true light in an age of darkness. He gladly died for the faith, telling others about the truth of Christ. He wrote volumes about Christianity, and he reached many learned Romans who were impressed with his knowledge of the Roman gods and the Greek and Roman philosophers of the day.



**THE TIDE IS TURNING
TOWARD CATHOLICISM**
David Hartline

Justin also gives us a detailed eyewitness account of the Mass in that era, which was celebrated pretty much as it is today. You might want to relay this to a militant atheist or fundamentalist (they're often cut from the same cloth) the next time such a person tells you the Mass somehow came into existence a few hundred years ago. Remember, Justin lived in a time when some people who personally met the Apostles were still alive, and those people relayed their knowledge to Justin!

Justin was not Jewish. His father was a Roman administrative official sent to help govern conquered Israel. His parents were most likely well-educated, well-traveled people. Like most wealthy young men of the Roman Empire, he probably had engaged in all sorts of activities, none of which made him any happier than he was. Even at a young age, Justin was in search of the truth.

The man who challenged Justin knew the truth needed to be proclaimed, even if on a subtle level. Think about it: Where would we be without him and his courage to speak to a young man hungry for the truth?

Today, there are many people, especially young people, who long for the truth. They get involved in all sorts of movements or political campaigns while trying to find the truth. When they do find faith, their first question often is "Why didn't any believers ever sit down with me to explain the faith?"

We have to remember that far too many young people are being raised with little or no faith in their households today. It is quite easy for them to get wrapped up in all kinds of movements, lifestyles, and philosophies while trying to find their way in life.

After Jesus told Pontius Pilate about being a witness to the truth, the pompous Pilate asked Jesus, "What is truth?" The same words easily could be voiced today by many in our society who mock the faithful.

Justin became obsessed with finding the truth. We could use more people like St. Justin the Martyr in today's world, which is obsessed with validating feelings and moral relativism.

We don't have to be theologians or hit anyone over the head with our faith. We can simply do what one man did on the beach with Justin. Because of that man, Justin became one of the greatest saints of the early Church. Do we have the same courage as that man? That question is something we should all ponder this summer.

Hartline is the author of "The Tide is Turning Toward Catholicism" and a former teacher and administrator for the diocese.

St. Andrew Essay Scholarship Winners



Winners of the Columbus St. Andrew Church Women's Club's eighth-grade essay scholarship are Cate Monnin and Michael Terveer, pictured with Suzie Emsweller, the church's religious education director, and Joel Wichtman, St. Andrew School principal. A total of \$1,500 will be applied to the cost of each student's high-school tuition. Monnin will attend Columbus Bishop Watterson High School and Terveer will attend Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School.

Photo courtesy St. Andrew School

Catholic leaders urge prayer after horrific Orlando shooting

ORLANDO, Fla. (CNA) -- Following this past weekend's shooting that killed 50 people at an Orlando nightclub, Catholic leaders from across the nation are offering prayers for the victims and their families.

"Waking up to the unspeakable violence in Orlando reminds us of how precious human life is," said Archbishop Joseph Kurtz of Louisville, Kentucky, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. "Our prayers are with the victims, their families, and all those affected by this terrible act."

In the early hours of Sunday, June 12, a gunman identified as 29-year-old Omar Mateen exchanged fire with a police officer working at the Pulse nightclub, which has a predominantly gay clientele.

Mateen, who was from Florida and was of Afghan descent, took hostages for as long as three hours, and was shot to death by SWAT officers. Though the mass violence is thought to be ideologically motivated, he was not known to have links to any terrorist groups.

The shooting also injured 53 persons. The death toll makes it the worst in the nation's history.

"We pray for victims of the mass shooting in Orlando this morning, their families & our first responders. May the Lord's Mercy be upon us," Bishop John Noonan of Orlando tweeted. Bishop Noonan was joined in mourning and prayer by Bishop James Conley of Lincoln, Nebraska, who tweeted, "Please join

me in praying for the victims of violence, and their families and loved ones, in Orlando." Archbishop William Lori of Baltimore also voiced his grief over the shooting in a tweet sent from his archdiocese, asking as well for prayers for the victims.

Archbishop Kurtz wrote that the "merciful love of Christ calls us to solidarity with the suffering and to ever greater resolve in protecting the life and dignity of every person."

Pope Francis has offered his prayers and compassion for those affected by the shooting. In a June 12 statement, Father Federico Lombardi, the Holy See's press officer, said the "terrible massacre," which has left a "dreadfully high number of innocent victims, has caused in Pope Francis, and in all of us, the deepest feelings of horror and condemnation, of pain and turmoil before this new manifestation of homicidal folly and senseless hatred."

"Pope Francis joins the families of the victims and all of the injured in prayer and in compassion," the statement reads. "Sharing in their indescribable suffering, he entrusts them to the Lord so they may find comfort."

"We all hope that ways may be found, as soon as possible, to effectively identify and contrast the causes of such terrible and absurd violence which so deeply upsets the desire for peace of the American people and of the whole of humanity."

Pray for our dead

ANDREWS, Sally J., 82, May 28
St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Zanesville

BASELETTI, Maxine, 88, June 3
St. Joseph Church, Dover

BIGLER, Edith, 97, May 8
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

BINKLEY, Aila M., 1 day, May 28
St. Patrick Church, Junction City

BLUBAUGH, Thomas J., May 30
St. Matthew Church, Gahanna

BOBIK, Emil, 81, April 29
St. Patrick Church, Junction City

CAMPBELL, Theodore D., 89, May 31
Immaculate Conception Church, Columbus

CASSEL, Forrest J., 83, May 27
Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, Columbus

CATON, Anthony "Yank," 88, June 1
St. Patrick Church, Junction City

CLEMENS, Charles J., 77, May 26
St. Mary Church, Marion

COLLINS, John P., 52, June 8
St. Elizabeth Church, Columbus

CONNELL, Marjorie R., 82, June 7
St. Nicholas Church, Zanesville

CONNOLLY, Mary H., 87, June 6
St. Matthew Church, Gahanna

DALTON, Helem W., 78, June 4
St. Peter Church, Columbus

DATRES, Thomas C., 89, May 30
Holy Spirit Church, Columbus

DENNING, Richard, 87, formerly of Columbus, June 5
St. Xavier Church, Cincinnati

EICKHOLT, Kathleen A., 77, June 1
St. Anthony Church, Columbus

EING, Rosalie, 85, May 19
St. Bernard Church, Corning

EISERT, Richard, 83, June 6
Our Lady of Victory Church, Columbus

GARDINA, Jane, 87, June 2
Immaculate Conception Church, Dennison

GERACE, Thomas K., 79, June 1
St. Peter Church, Columbus

HARDY, Homer D. "Danny," 89, May 31
St. Ladislav Church, Columbus

JONES, Lola R., stillborn, May 25
St. Patrick Church, Junction City

KELLER, Phyllis, 71, June 10
St. Brendan Church, Hilliard

KELLEY, Donald, 83, June 7
St. Joseph Church, Dover

KREBS, Helen M., 90, June 7
St. Paul Church, Westerville

LABRADOR, Dominador, 60, June 5
St. Aloysius Church, Columbus

LABRADOR, Marialourdes, 52, June 5
St. Aloysius Church, Columbus

LAUVRAY, Laura E., 99, May 27
Sacred Heart Church, Coshocton

LOMBARDO, James S., 70, May 27
Holy Cross Church, Columbus

McGRATH, Tom, 83, May 27
St. Peter Church, Columbus

MERCURI, Joann, 92, June 3
St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark

MILLER, Rosemary, 98, June 9
Immaculate Conception Church, Columbus

MONJARRO, Alberto, 85, June 7
Christ the King Church, Columbus

MULLENNIEX, Jess A., 83, May 28
St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark

NOE, Patrick C., 52, June 4
St. Nicholas Church, Zanesville

PARKHILL, Gilbert, 80, May 2
Sacred Heart Church, Coshocton

PRICE, Marjorie H., 88, June 3
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Grove City

PROBASCO, Madeline E., 92, May 30
St. Mary Church, Lancaster

PROMEN, Barbara A., 97, June 3
Church of the Resurrection, New Albany

SANDOR, Louis J., 96, June 4
St. Mary Church, Lancaster

STRIMBU, Emma, 94, May 29
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

VALENTINE, Gene, 78, May 16
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

VALENTINE, Martha, 97, May 27
Immaculate Conception Church, Dennison

WICKHAM, Jeanne, 60, June 6
Christ the King Church, Columbus

WILLIAMS, Mona C., 83, June 9
Our Lady of Victory Church, Columbus

WOEHRLE, Timothy P., 58, June 5
St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark

George V. Voinovich

Funeral Mass for former Ohio governor and U.S. senator George V. Voinovich, 79, who died Sunday, June 12, was held Friday, June 17, at Euclid Our Lady of the Lake Church. Burial was at All Souls Cemetery, Chardon.

Voinovich, the first Republican Catholic to be elected Ohio governor, served almost continuously in public office from 1967 to 2011, winning 28 of 30 elections, including primaries. He served two terms as governor from 1991 to the end of 1998 and two terms as senator from 1999 to the beginning of 2011. He also was a member of the Ohio House from 1967-71, Cuyahoga County auditor from 1971-

76, Cuyahoga County commissioner from 1977-78, lieutenant governor of Ohio in 1979, and mayor of Cleveland from 1980-89.

He was born July 15, 1936 in Cleveland to George and Josephine (Bernot) Voinovich. He graduated from Cleveland Collinwood High School in 1954 and received a bachelor of arts degree from Ohio University in 1958 and a law degree from The Ohio State University in 1961.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a daughter, Molly. Survivors include his wife of 53 years, Janet (Allan); sons, George and Peter; daughter, Betsy; and seven grandchildren.

Debbie Reichelderfer

Funeral Mass for Debbie Reichelderfer, 67, who died Wednesday, June 1, was held Thursday, June 9 at Columbus St. Agatha Church.

She was born Sept. 26, 1948, in Temperance, Michigan, to Carlton and Tammy Schalitz.

She became a second-grade teacher at St. Agatha School in the fall of 2015 and previously taught at Beacon Elementary School in Hilliard, where she

concluded a 36-year career as a public-school teacher. She was a member of Hilliard St. Brendan Church and was active in many professional organizations and the Garden Club of Dublin.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Greg. Survivors include her husband, Tom; son, Thom (Heidi); daughter, Julie (Brett) Rider; and five grandchildren.

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JUNE

16, THURSDAY

Cenacle at Holy Name

6 p.m., Holy Name Church, 154 E. Patterson Ave., Columbus. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, with prayers in the Cenacle format of the Marian Movement of Priests. Also on June 23.

Abortion Recovery Network Group

7 to 8 p.m., Gateway Center, 2670 N. Columbus St., Lancaster. Abortion recovery network group meeting for anyone recovering from abortion or who has been through a recovery program. 614-721-2100

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. Also on June 23. 614-372-5249

17, FRIDAY

Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center Open House

10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center, 987

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."

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N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. Center, a ministry of the Dominican Sisters of Peace, will be open, weather permitting. Also on June 24. 614-866-4302

Mass, Tours at Damascus Mission Campus

1 p.m., Damascus Catholic Mission Campus, Township Road 200, Centerburg. Mass celebrated by Cincinnati Archbishop Dennis Schnurr at new home of Catholic Youth Summer Camp to end first week of camp, followed by ceremony at 2 and tours at 2:30. 614-302-0339

18, SATURDAY

Life and Mercy Mass in Plain City

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

Centering Prayer Group Meeting at Corpus Christi

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

Shepherd's Corner Labyrinth Walk

7 to 8:30 p.m., Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. Labyrinth walk led by Shawn Scott and Nancy Cameron. Theme: "The Ascendance of the Light." Suggested donation \$5. Registration deadline June 16. 614-866-4302

19, SUNDAY

Blessing of St. Gerard Majella at Holy Family

After 11 a.m. Mass, Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St., Columbus. Blessing of St. Gerard Majella, patron of expectant mothers, for all women who are pregnant or wish to become pregnant. 614-221-1890

Father Sullivan's 25th Anniversary at Newark St. Francis
Noon, St. Francis de Sales Church, 40 Granville St., Newark. Mass, followed by reception, celebrating the 25th anniversary of the ordination of Father Jan C.P. Sullivan, pastor. 740-345-9874

Angelic Warfare Confraternity at Columbus St. Patrick
Following noon Mass, St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Monthly meeting of Angelic Warfare Confraternity, with talk on chastity-related issues followed by Holy Hour. 614-224-9522

St. Padre Pio Secular Franciscans

1:30 to 5 p.m., St. John the Baptist Church, 720 Hamlet St., Columbus. Fellowship and ongoing formation followed by adoration and prayer, Liturgy of the Hours, and initial formation with visitors. 614-282-4676

Taize Evening Prayer at Corpus Christi

4 to 5 p.m., Corpus Christi Center of Peace, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus. Evening Prayer in the style and spirit of the Taize monastic community, with song, silence, and reflection. 614-512-3731

Prayer Group Meeting at Christ the King

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

Spanish Mass at Columbus St. Peter

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

21, TUESDAY

Rosary for Life at St. Joan of Arc

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

St. Mary Magdalene Speaker Series

7 p.m., St. Mary Magdalene Church, 473 S. Roys Ave., Co-

lumbus. Parish Year of Mercy series continues with deserts potluck, with Angela Johnston, director of diocesan Latino ministry, speaking on "Welcome the Stranger." RSVP to 614-274-1121, extension 13.

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

22, WEDNESDAY

LIMEX Information Night at Catholic Center

7 to 8:30 p.m., Catholic Center, 197 E. Gay St., Columbus. Information night for Loyola Institute of Ministry Extension (LIMEX) master's degree program for religious educators, sponsored by diocesan Office of Religious Education and Catechesis. 614-221-4633

24, FRIDAY

Mass, Tours at Damascus Mission Campus

1 p.m., Damascus Catholic Mission Campus, Township Road 200, Centerburg. Mass at new home of Catholic Youth Summer Camp to end camping week, followed by ceremony at 2 and tours at 2:30. 614-302-0339

25, SATURDAY

Father Mitch Pacwa at St. Agatha

8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Msgr. Kennedy Hall, St. Agatha Church, 1860 Northam Road, Columbus. Retreat and lecture program with Father Mitch Pacwa, SJ, Scripture scholar, author, and EWTN program host. Topic: "The Scriptures in Worship: Understanding God's Word in the Life of the Church." Program includes Morning and Day Prayer, Holy Hour, vigil Mass for Sunday. Cost \$20, including continental breakfast, lunch, snacks. Sponsored by diocesan Office for Divine Worship. 614-221-4640

DeSales Lennon Loop 5K-10K Run

8 a.m., Alum Creek Park North, 211 W. Main St., Westerville. Third annual Lennon Loop Run, benefiting Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School Bob Lennon Memorial Scholarship Fund. Choose from mile, 5K, or 10K distances. Information at www.lennonloop.com.

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.

Cyber Security Workshop at de Porres Center

10 a.m. to noon, Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus. Workshop on how to establish a positive online presence and help students think critically about online engagement. \$10 suggested donation. Registration deadline June 22. 614-416-1910

26, SUNDAY

Father Gideon's 40th Anniversary at St. Mark

10:30 a.m., St. Mark Church, 324 Gay St., Lancaster. Mass, followed by reception, celebrating the 40th anniversary of the ordination of Father Peter M. Gideon, pastor. 740-653-1229

Holy Family Alumni Association Reunion

11 a.m., Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St., Columbus. Annual Holy Family Alumni Association Mass and homecoming, followed by refreshments and tour of displays in alumni room in church undercroft. 614-539-4815

St. Catherine of Bologna Secular Franciscans

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

'Poverty Inc.' Film at de Porres Center

2 to 5 p.m., Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Drive,

Columbus. Viewing of "Poverty Inc.," a documentary examining the rise of charity as a multibillion-dollar poverty industry, followed by discussion and refreshments. 614-416-1910

Diocesan Jubilee of Anniversaries at St. Andrew

2:30 p.m., St. Andrew Church, 1899 McCoy Road, Columbus. Bishop Frederick Campbell celebrates Mass honoring married couples celebrating 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, 55th, 60th and subsequent anniversaries, with reception following. Sponsored by diocesan Office of Marriage and Family Life. 614-241-2560

Father Machnik's 25th Anniversary at Circleville

4 p.m., St. Joseph Church, 134 W. Mound St., Circleville. Mass celebrating the 25th anniversary of the ordination of Father Theodore F. Machnik, pastor, followed by reception at Knights of Columbus Hall, 2489 N. Court St. 740-477-2549

Father Buffer's 25th Anniversary at Marion St. Mary

4 p.m., St. Mary Church, 251 N. Main St., Marion. Reception honoring 25th anniversary of the ordination of Father Thomas J. Buffer, pastor. 740-382-2118

Prayer Group Meeting at Christ the King

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

Ultimate Frisbee Tournament at Resurrection

5:30 to 10 p.m., Church of the Resurrection, 6300 E. Dublin-Granville Road, New Albany. Ultimate Frisbee tournament for parish youth groups. Cost \$2 per teen to cover ice cream. Participants may bring other drinks or snacks for their groups. Adults are free. Registration deadline June 24. 614-390-8653

Spanish Mass at Columbus St. Peter

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

27, MONDAY

Bethesda Post-Abortion Healing Ministry

6:30 p.m., support group meeting, 2744 Dover Road, Columbus (Christ the King convent, first building west of the church). 614-718-0277, 614-309-2651, 614-309-0157

Our Lady of Peace Men's Bible Study

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

27-JULY 1, MONDAY-FRIDAY

Summer Camp at Corpus Christi Center of Peace

Corpus Christi Center of Peace, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus. Summer day camp for 50 children ages 6 to 10 living in 43206 or 43207 ZIP codes. Many volunteer and donation opportunities available. 614-512-3731

28, TUESDAY

Padre Pio Prayer Group at St. John the Baptist

12:30 p.m., St. John the Baptist Church, 168 E. Lincoln Ave., Columbus. Padre Pio Prayer Group meeting, including rosary, devotions, and 1 p.m. Mass. 614-294-5319

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

29, WEDNESDAY

Mass, Holy Hour for Religious Freedom at Cathedral

5:15 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Mass and Holy Hour for religious freedom. Part of U.S. bishops' national Fortnight for Freedom celebration.

FOURTEEN BISHOP HARTLEY ATHLETES SIGN LETTERS OF INTENT



Fourteen Columbus Bishop Hartley High School seniors recently signed letters of intent to play sports at the collegiate level. They are (from left): first row, Hayley Elizondo (swimming, Marymount); Bethany Matuska (volleyball, Mount Union); Bailey Sweeney (softball, Wilmington); Justine Morrison (softball, Ohio University-Zanesville); Autumn Eckstein (softball, Ohio Wesleyan); Jennifer Schrader (softball, Muskingum); second row, Rian Anderson and Richard Jones III (football, Ashland); Jared Crosswell (wrestling, Muskingum); Jill Rhodes (track, Capital); Michael Morgan (basketball, Wittenberg); Madeleine McDonald (tennis, Rhodes University); Samantha Skelly (lacrosse, Wittenberg); VaShawn Walker (football, Wittenberg).

Photo courtesy Bishop Hartley High School

WESTERVILLE ST. PAUL HAS 28 STUDENTS IN DISTRICT SCIENCE FAIR



Twenty-eight Westerville St. Paul School students took part in District Science Day, with the school being one of six receiving a trophy for having five or more students attending and having their combined average project score range from 36 to 40 points, the benchmark for a superior rating. Pictured are (from left): fourth row, Cole Potts, Frankie Bonte, Katie Schuler, Grace Klima, Bella D'Amico, Finn O'Reilly; third row, John Protz, Evelyn Sarle, Luke Weithman, Morgan Gehrlich, Jason Zehala, Alanna Jordan; second row, Kendall Gonya, Kevin Heil, Donovan Slattery, Bridget Javitch, Madelyn Nagel, Haley Weis; first row, Emily Lawless, Lily Carlos, Megan Kelleher, Lauren Mitovski. Missing are Maura Donnelly, Grace Gummer, Nick Lusky, Morgan Orzechowski, William Ruff, and Isabella Pieroni. They were among 99 students who took part in the school's science fair. Ten of them qualified for State Science Day, where Carlos, Weis, Zehala, O'Reilly, Gehrlich, and Pieroni received superior ratings, and Heile, Jordan, Sarle, and Ruff had projects rated as excellent. Zehala and Sarle also won sponsored awards.

Photo courtesy St. Paul School

TRINITY SCHOOL RECEIVES DIOCESAN SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

At Catholic Family Night with the Columbus Clippers, the Diocesan Recreation Association awarded the Joe Sestito-Kathryn Buckerfield Sportsmanship Award to Columbus Trinity Elementary School. The honor includes a \$500 tuition grant for a Trinity student. A ceremonial first pitch before the game was thrown by Trinity student Brendan Kelby.

The DRA sponsors soccer, volleyball, football, basketball, baseball, softball, and track and field programs for grades four through eight in diocesan schools. Approximately 10,000 young people participate annually in these activities. Sestito and Buckerfield were longtime DRA coaches and directors.

Trinity School includes students from Columbus St. Margaret of Cortona, Our Lady of Victory, St. Christopher, and St. Francis of Assisi churches.



Photo (from left): Clippers mascot Krash; Brendan Kelby; his parents, Jeanine and Mark, and sister, Sarah; Jamie Lee Bishop, a friend of Sarah's; Jeff Martin, Marty Raines

and Julius Palazzo of the DRA; Jim Silcott, Trinity principal; Joe Pelgrino, Trinity athletic director; and Clippers mascot Lou Seal. Photo courtesy Diocesan Recreation Association

Diocesan religious education director receives national honor

Barbara Romanello-Wichtman, director of the Office of Religious Education and Catechesis for the Diocese of Columbus, received the distinguished service award of the National Conference for Catechetical Leadership at the NCCL's 80th annual conference last month in Jacksonville, Florida.

The association presents the award to one catechist nationwide each year.

Its inscription, personalized for Romanello-Wichtman, said she received the honor "in recognition of your dedicated service to the Church through the catechetical ministry of 'echoing' the Gospel and of inspiring others in the mission of Christ."

Her colleagues in the religious education office nominated her for the award,

whose recipient is not revealed until the time of its presentation.

When her name was announced as the honoree, "I was stunned," Romanello-Wichtman said.

"Before the award winner was announced, there was a little skit. They talked about the winner being 'a systems thinker.' And I like to connect all the dots and to think about how organizations work.

"Then there was a comment about the winner always carrying a briefcase, and that describes me. But I still never thought it was me until my name was announced. Then, all I could think of was 'What am I supposed to do?'"

Judi Engel of the religious education office wrote the nomination letter

Barbara Romanello-Wichtman, diocesan religious education director (center), and staff members (from left) Martha Choroco, Jenny Berryhill, Sue Reihing, and Judi Engel. (CT photo by Tim Puet)



for Romanello-Wichtman, with letters of support coming from others including Mark Butler and Mary Fran Cassidy, religious education directors at Columbus Holy Spirit and Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare churches respectively.

Engel said that when she was reading about the criteria for the award in February or March, "I thought, 'This is Barbara,' and everyone else in the office agreed."

Engel's letter said Romanello-Wichtman "has a broad vision of catechesis for the Church, going well beyond the confines of Columbus, Ohio. Barbara constantly 'connects the dots,' brings together ideas in new, creative insights and works endless hours to bring these ideas to fruition. She is very much a team person and draws the best out of our staff."

Romanello-Wichtman has been in her current position since 1997 and has been employed by the Diocese of Columbus since 1996.

She oversees the diocese's parish religious education and faith formation programs, and provides catechist formation, certification, and professional development for parish catechetical leaders.

"My vision as diocesan religious director is to have people in learning

communities everywhere, and to have the people the office serves see me and my colleagues as people who can help them," she said.

"We have been especially active in trying to promote catechesis for people with special needs and for Spanish-speaking people. That made it especially gratifying to have representatives from the National Association of People with Disabilities and the Federation for Catechesis with Hispanics tell me after I received the award that they felt as though I were one of them."

Romanello-Wichtman is a Cincinnati native and was a high-school teacher and parish religious education director in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and a leadership consultant at the University of Dayton before coming to Columbus.

She has earned a bachelor's degree from that university, a master's degree from The Athenaeum of Ohio in Cincinnati, and a doctor of ministry from McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago.

She has one son, two daughters, and five grandchildren. Her husband, James, is deceased.

Sisters Celebrate Jubilees



Bishop Frederick Campbell honored religious sisters in the Diocese of Columbus who are celebrating significant anniversaries during a special Mass on Saturday, June 4 at Columbus St. John the Baptist Church. Pictured are (left to right): first row, Sister Mary Edmund Gibson, OP (65 years), Sister Bernadita Abeyta, OP (60 years), Sister Ruth Schirtzinger, OP (50 years), Sister Cathleen Ryan, OP (60 years), Sister Jeanne Conrad, OP (50 years), Sister Ruth Ann Heider, OSF (60 years), Sister Nancy Miller, OSF (50 years), and Sister Barbara Holtzinger, OSF (74 years); second row, Sister Loretta Sullivan, OP (60 years), Bishop Campbell, and Sister Alberta Wilkes, OSF (40 years).

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Proceeds from this collection fund the Pope's emergency relief programs throughout the world. The programs help suffering victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. The collection, which helps more than one billion Catholics around the world, is

an expression of Christ's love for the poor.

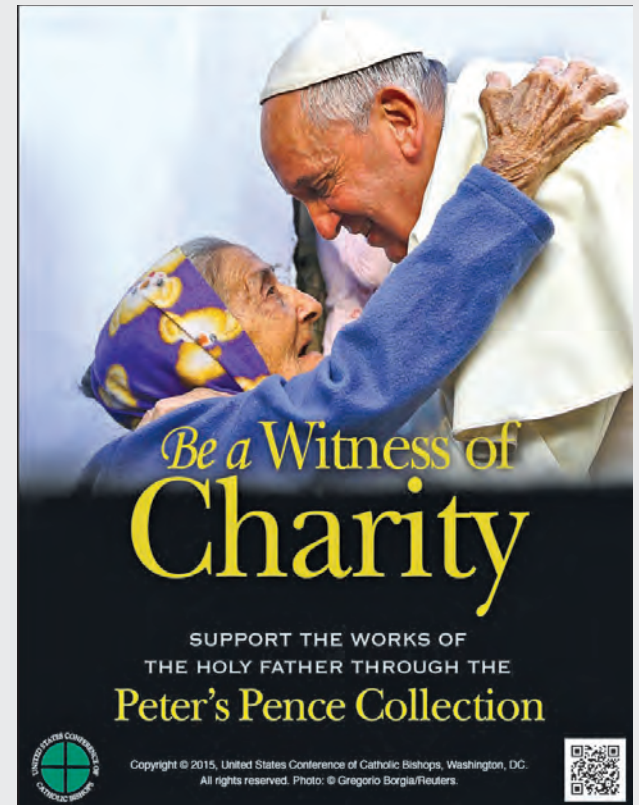
Through works of charity, the Church provides a powerful witness of love and deeds to empower the weak, the defenseless, and the voiceless. The Church sustains those who suffer.

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. We join with Catholics worldwide in a loving expression of solidarity.

I ask you to contribute generously to the collection this year, and I am grateful for your generosity. Together, let us ask the Lord to bless the Holy Father and us, as well as those in need throughout the world.

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