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ON A VOYAGE OF FAITH**

**MONSIGNOR JAMES LE'ROY TONKINSON RUEF
DIED ON MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2015**



Funeral arrangements are pending for Monsignor James Le'Roy Tonkinson Ruef, 75, who died Monday, Jan. 12, at his home in Columbus.

He was born April 28, 1939, in Springfield to William and Anna Marie (Tonkinson) Ruef. Raised as a Lutheran, he was baptized in the Roman Catholic Church in 1958.

He graduated from Springfield High School in 1957, earned a bachelor of arts degree in theater from Ohio Northern University in 1961, a masters of arts degree in drama from Indiana University in 1964, and a law degree from Ohio Northern in 1967. He was employed in the private practice of law in Mansfield before moving to Columbus to work in the office of the Attorney General of Ohio.

He began theological studies in 1975 at the Franciscan Centre in Canterbury England and a year at the Pontifical College Josephinum. He was ordained at St. Joseph Cathedral in 1978 by Bishop Edward Herrmann.

He served as an associate at Columbus St. Catharine for four years after his ordination, then went to Rome to study canon law for three years and was in residence at Columbus St. Matthias for two years and the cathedral for six years. In 1992 he received the title of Monsignor after being named Chaplain to His Holiness by Pope St. John Paul II. He became pastor at Columbus Holy Name in 1993, continuing there for 16 years until retiring from full time ministry. Beginning in 1995 he also served on the diocesan Tribunal and continued those duties after his retirement up until the time of his death.

**FATHER JOHN LOUIS METZGER
DIED ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 2015**



Funeral Mass for Father John Louis Metzger, 86, who died Sunday, Jan. 11, at Mother Angeline McCrory Manor in Columbus, will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 16, at Junction City St. Patrick Church, with Bishop Frederick Campbell as principal celebrant, retired Bishop James Griffin and other diocesan priests concelebrating, and his cousin, Father Richard Metzger, as homilist. Burial will follow immediately in the parish cemetery. Calling hours will be from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15 at the church, followed by a prayer vigil.

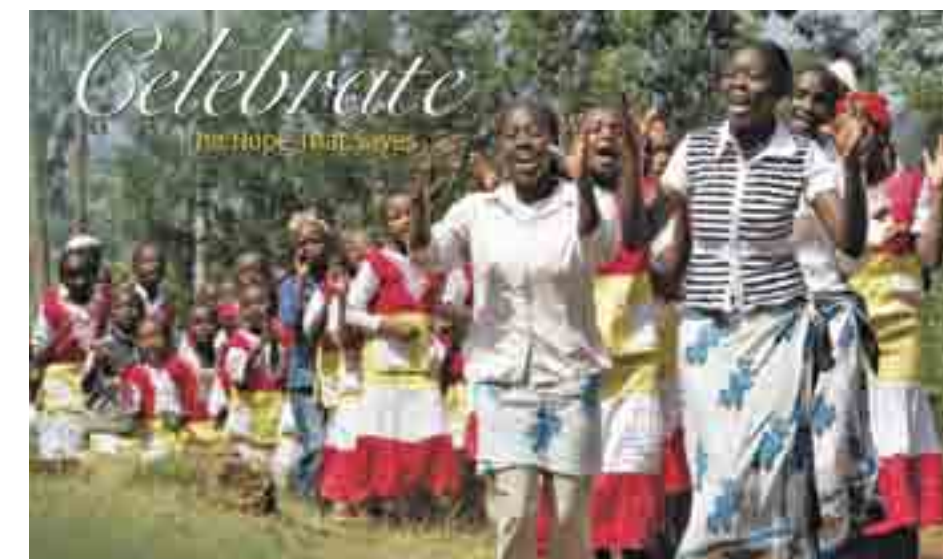
He was born May 5, 1928, in Zanesville to the late John and Alice (Boley) Metzger. He graduated from Columbus Holy Rosary School in 1942 and Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School in 1946, earned a bachelor of science degree in business administration from The Ohio State University in 1950, and was employed by the U.S. Geological Survey (1949-1952), the Farm Bureau Cooperative Association (1952-1959), and H.G. Snyder and Associates (1959-1960).

He then began theological studies, earning degrees from Columbus St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in 1963 and Mount St. Mary's Seminary of the West in Norwood in 1967. He was ordained by Bishop Edward Hettinger at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral on May 27, 1967.

He was pastor of Mount Vernon St. Vincent de Paul (1976-81) and Corning St. Bernard (1995-98) churches and associate pastor of Columbus St. Augustine (1967-69), Columbus St. Philip (1969-72), Columbus Corpus Christi (1972-76), Lancaster St. Mary (1981-86), and Zanesville St. Nicholas (1986-90) churches, and of the Perry County Consortium of Parishes, consisting of New Lexington St. Rose, Junction City St. Patrick, and Corning St. Bernard churches and the Church of the Atonement in Crooksville (1990-94). He also was a teacher at Columbus St. Francis DeSales (1967-69) and Columbus Bishop Hartley (1969-72) high schools and was moderator of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (1976-78).

After his retirement in 1998, he continued to serve the Perry County Consortium, drove twice a month to help minister to parishioners at Dover St. Joseph Church, and assisted at other parishes when called upon.

He is survived by a sister, Sister Mary Alice Metzger, OSF; and a brother, Brice. Other survivors include three cousins – Msgr. Robert and Fathers Richard and Stephen Metzger – who are priests of the Diocese of Columbus. Another cousin, Father William J. Metzger, died on Nov. 4, 2014.



*Society for the Propagation of the Faith:
Spreading the Light of Christ*

By Leandro M. Tapay
Diocesan Missions Director

The Gospel is God's vision of a redeemed people, challenging and transforming the prevailing values and practices of our world. Christ called the resulting new world order the "Kingdom of God." This Kingdom, characteristics of which are captured in the Beatitudes, is to turn the existing world order upside down. It is to make all things new.

It is a Kingdom where the poor, the sick, the grieving, cripples, slaves, women, children, widows, orphans, lepers, and aliens – "the least of these" – are to be lifted up and be embraced by God, through Christ's followers.

It is a Kingdom where justice is to become a reality, first in the hearts and minds of His followers and then in the wider society, through their influence. Christ's disciples are to be the "salt and the light" to the world. They are to be the "yeast" that

leavens the whole loaf of bread. God's Kingdom is not intended to be a far-off and distant place to be experienced only in the afterlife. Rather, it is a redeemed world to be populated by redeemed people – now. So that when He returns at the end of time, He will complete what we Christians have started in His name.

To be Christ's disciple is more than believing that Christ is the Son of God. To be Christ's disciple is to commit and embrace radically different standards – to love our neighbors and our enemies, to forgive those who wronged us, to lift up the poor and the downtrodden, to share what we have with those who have little.

Christ likened the effect of our Christian lives and deeds on the world around us to that which light has on darkness. Light dispels darkness. Light reverses darkness. Likewise, truth dispels falsehood and goodness reverses evil.

To follow Christ is to commit to living



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
Through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, we partake in the Church's mission to bring the message of God's Kingdom of love, mercy, and forgiveness "even to the ends of the earth."

On the weekend of Jan. 17 and 18, we will celebrate the society's Membership Sunday. With our membership, we make a special commitment to the Church's mission "to all peoples and nations" by pledging daily prayer and financial help to the society.

In more than 1,150 mission dioceses worldwide, priests, religious brothers and sisters, and lay catechists rely on the prayers and financial assistance of the members of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

The missionaries count on this support as they help young people search for the meaning of life, comfort refugees in their spiritual and material needs, minister to the sick, teach children, prepare adults for baptism, or bring help to the suffering in times of war and natural disasters.

On Membership Sunday, let us pray for missionaries everywhere, especially the 12 men and women from the Diocese of Columbus who are sharing Christ's Gospel message around the globe.

I am most grateful for your continuing generosity and support for the most important task of the Church – evangelization.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Rev. Frederick F. Campbell, DD, PhD
Bishop of Columbus

our lives in such a way that the watching world catches a glimpse of God's character – His love, His justice, and His mercy – through our words and through our behavior. Thus, living our faith is a public matter. Living our faith privately was never meant to be an option.

The Lord's Prayer contains the phrase "Thy Kingdom come." What would happen if we truly believe in what we say?

Wouldn't it be great if we Christians took our faith to the next level, if we truly embraced the Gospel, which is God's vision of transforming the world around us? Wouldn't it be great if we would make the world new by living truly Christian lives, as outlined in the Beatitudes? A bit more than 2,000 years ago, the world was changed forever by just 12 men.

The weekend of Jan. 17 and 18 is renewal weekend for membership in the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

To join the society, use your collection envelope for Membership Sunday, included in your parish's January collection envelope packet.

Members of the society receive the graces of 15,000 Masses celebrated each day by missionaries around the world for members – living or deceased. Mass also is celebrated daily for members at St. Pe-

ter's Basilica in Rome. The Society for the Propagation of the Faith is one of four pontifical mission societies. It was founded by a young French girl named Pauline Jaricot, who wished to support the missions.

Her plan was to form groups of 10 people into "circles," each of which would organize another group of 10. These groups would be formed into units of 100 and the hundreds into thousands, each with its own leader. Every member was expected to make a weekly offering and pray daily for the missions. This became known as the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

Its first collection, in 1822 was sent to the missions in China, Kentucky, and the Diocese of Louisiana, which included all of the territory from the Florida Keys to Canada.

The United States continued to receive funds from the pontifical mission societies until 1908, when it became mission-independent.

On behalf of Bishop Campbell and Father Andrew Small, OMI, national director of the pontifical mission societies in the United States, I would like to thank you again for all you do for the mission work of the Church, so that the light of the Gospel may be spread even to the ends of the earth.



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Hilliard St. Brendan the Navigator Church was dedicated in 1981. The parish was founded in 1957, with Masses being celebrated in the rectory and the school until a church was built. Photo courtesy St. Brendan the Navigator Church



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**Catholic Consumerism:
Conventional Trade Vs. Fair Trade**
By Stephanie Rapp
Catholic Relief Services Fair Trade Ambassador

Now that we have looked at Fair Trade as it relates to Catholic social teaching, we will focus on what Fair Trade is and how it differs from conventional trade. First, we need to understand that "we live in an era of unprecedented economic interdependence. The decisions we make here in the United States about what we eat, drink, wear, and buy affect the lives of people overseas we may never meet. Under the conventional or free-trade system in place today, we often have no way to know how our consumer choices affect our brothers and sisters around the world, from the textile workers in Asia to farmers in Africa to artisans in Latin America. Fair Trade, however, seeks to change that and many other ways in which conventional trade often leaves behind the most vulnerable people" (Catholic Relief Services). Over the next few weeks, I will explain the differences between conventional trade and Fair Trade, demonstrating how we can affect others' lives for the better!

PRACTICAL STEWARDSHIP

By Rick Jeric

Philadelphia



Did you ponder how the world might prepare for the World Meeting of Families (WMOF) in September? Better yet, have you considered what you can do as an individual, and what our families can do together? Like so many things in life, how well we prepare makes a huge difference for a big or small event, a project, our work, an exam, a career, a presentation, or our vacation. We can be sure that the leaders of our Church, from Pope Francis on down, will continue their good preparation, as indicated by the discussions at last year's synod on marriage and the family. The entire community of greater Philadelphia will be set and ready. The various committees and groups working together are a great example of how the Body of Christ works together – clergy and laity alike. The prayer for the World Meeting of Families is an easy way we can all help prepare, both practically and powerfully. Prayer works. Let us work hard and pray hard.

To continue our 10 items upon which the World Meeting of Families will function in Philadelphia, we have: 2) The Mission of Love. "God works through us. We have a mission. We are in the world for a purpose – to receive God's love and to show God's love to others. God seeks to heal a broken universe. He asks us to be His witnesses and helpers in that work." 3) The Meaning of Human Sexuality. "The tangible, earthly, corporeal (pertaining to the flesh/body) world is more than inert matter or modeling clay for the human will. Creation is sacred. It has sacramental meaning. It reflects God's glory. That includes our bodies. Our sexuality has the power to procreate, and shares in the dignity of being created in the image of God. We need to live accordingly." 4) Two Become One. "We are not made to be alone. Human beings need and complete each other. Friendship and community satisfy that longing with bonds of common interest and love. Marriage is a uniquely intimate form of friendship that calls a man and a woman to love each other in the manner of God's covenant. Marriage is a sacrament. Married love is fruitful and offered without reservation. This love is in the image of Jesus' faithfulness to the Church." 5) Creating the Future. "Marriage is meant to be fertile and welcome new life. Children shape the future, just as they themselves are shaped in their families. Without children, there can be no future. Children reared with love and guidance are the foundation for a loving future. Wounded children portend a wounded future. Families are the bedrock for all larger communities. Families are domestic churches, places where parents help children discover that God loves them and has a plan for each child's life." More to come next week.

Our practical challenge this week is twofold. First, continue to pray the World Meeting of Families prayer each day. It will take another minute out of our day, and the powerful impact will enhance the preparation. Second, reflect upon your own life at this point. The 10 items which we are pondering are truthful guidelines and a solid foundation for our lives on earth. We can all handle these truths. It takes much hard work, and that work is never complete. Let us make a renewed daily effort to lift up our families by way of our own marriage or vocation. We are the Body of Christ.

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

Martin Luther King day celebration

The annual Martin Luther King Day celebration of the Community of Holy Rosary and St. John the Evangelist will take place at noon Monday, Jan. 19 at Holy Rosary-St. John Church, 660 S. Ohio Ave., Columbus. The guest speaker will be Sister Patricia Dual, OP. The event also will include an exhibition of art by parishioners and other artists from the neighborhood.

Sister Patricia was born and raised in Norfolk, Virginia. The oldest of five children, and a lifelong Catholic, she received a bachelor of arts degree in religious studies from St. Leo University in Florida and has taken graduate theology courses at the Aquinas Institute in Missouri, Ohio Dominican University, and Mount St. Joseph University in Cincinnati.

She became a member of the Domini-

can Sisters of St. Mary of the Springs, now the Dominican Sisters of Peace, in 2005 and professed perpetual vows in December 2011. Before becoming a Dominican sister, she was employed with the finance department of a large health care corporation.

She has been pastoral associate at Columbus St. James the Less Church since 2005 and a member of the Dominican Sisters of Peace ministry of welcome-vocation team since 2012. She is a grandmother and the mother of two adult sons.

Holy Rosary-St. John Church has been celebrating Martin Luther King Day every year since 1986, the first year the holiday was observed, making its annual program one of the oldest Martin Luther King Day events in Columbus. The event will be telecast live at noon on Jan. 19 at fatherwagner.com/live.

Pilgrimage to Europe

Father Timothy Hayes, pastor of Columbus St. Timothy Church, will lead a pilgrimage to Europe in May which will end with a stop in Turin, Italy, where pilgrims will have the opportunity to view the Shroud of Turin, which is said to be the burial cloth of Christ.

The pilgrimage will take place from May 4 to 15. It will begin in Portugal with a visit to Fatima to see the site of Our Lady's apparitions there to three peasant children. After visiting historic churches and shrines in Portugal and Spain, the pilgrims will go to France

to see the famed apparition grotto of Lourdes.

The pilgrimage will continue through the south of France and Monaco and into Italy, where the Shroud is being displayed this year at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Turin.

An informational meeting for those interested in the pilgrimage will take place Sunday, Jan. 25 at St. Timothy Church, 1088 Thomas Lane, following the noon Mass. For a brochure, contact Judy Lorms at (614) 670-8626 or email judylorms@gmail.com.

Columbus Theology on Tap

The next Columbus Theology on Tap meeting will feature Father Matthew Morris, parochial vicar at Worthington St. Michael Church, speaking on "Temptation and Reconciliation."

The meeting will be from 7 to 9 p.m. Feb. 12, at El Vaquero restaurant, 3230 Olentangy River Road, Columbus.

Theology on Tap is an invitation for

young adults to learn more about their faith and to share in their Catholic community. For more information, join Columbus Theology on Tap's Facebook group at www.facebook.com/groups/ColumbusTheologyonTap, send an email message to cbustheologyontap@gmail.com, or call Holly Monnier at (614) 390-8653.

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9 Days for Life Unites Faithful in Prayer, Action Around Anniversary of Roe v. Wade

A period of prayer, penance, and pilgrimage from Saturday, Jan.17 to Sunday, Jan. 25 will mark the anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's 1973 *Roe v. Wade* decision, which legalized abortion throughout pregnancy. The "Nine Days for Life" novena encourages nationwide solidarity in prayer for daily intentions, including for couples experiencing infertility, for those mourning the loss of a child through abortion, for children in need of adoptive homes, and for an end to abortion and use of the death penalty. Resources for the novena are available in many ways, including an app.

The initiative is part of the 2014-15 Respect Life program of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. The program's theme, "Each of Us Is a

Masterpiece of God's Creation," is adapted from the words of Pope Francis' 2013 Day for Life greeting. In addition to the prayer intentions, each day of the program will raise awareness of issues such as domestic violence, postabortion healing, pornography addiction, and end-of-life matters.

"Pope Francis reminds us constantly of the loving concern Christians have for all people at any stage of life who have been cast aside or forgotten by society," said Cardinal Sean O'Malley, archbishop of Boston and chairman of the USCCB committee on pro-life activities. "The Nine Days for Life novena offers a chance to join in prayer and solidarity with the unborn, victims of violence, those suffering from addiction,

and those whose hearts ache to be part of a family."

There are four ways to participate in the program for both English and Spanish speakers: subscriptions to daily content through email or text messages; the "9Days for Life" app; and downloadable print materials. Content also will be shared via a Facebook event (accessible from www.facebook.com/peopleoflife) and other social media with the hashtags #9daysforlife and #9diasporlavid.

Catholics also are encouraged to participate in local events such as Masses, blessings for pro-life pilgrims, or a parish holy hour for reparation and healing for all affected by abortion.

More information is available at www.9daysforlife.com and www.usccb.org/respectlife.

Advance Directives and End-Of-Life Decisions

Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Grove City, in partnership with The Catholic Foundation, will continue its "Faith, Family, Future" series on Tuesday, Jan. 20, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the parish life center, 3730 Broadway.

The evening will focus on awareness and education on ad-

vance directives and end-of-life decisions from a Catholic perspective, presented by attorney Peggy Wolock, who is former general counsel for Heartbeat International and serves as coordinator for the Columbus chapter of Legatus, a group of Catholic business leaders.

Loren Brown, president and

chief executive officer of The Catholic Foundation, will address the theme "Stewardship Through Endowments for a Parish's Future" as part of the program.

For more information, contact Kim Owens at (614) 875-3322 or kowens@OurLadyOfPerpetual-Help.net.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help School Open House

Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help School, 3752 Broadway, will host an open house for prospective students and parents on Thursday, Jan. 22, with a morning session from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. and an evening session from 6 to 7:30 p.m. In addition, students will entertain families with children

already enrolled at the school with a talent show at 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. .

The open house will be for both the preschool and elementary programs. The school, established in 1960, offers preschool through eighth-grade classes and has twice won the presidential Blue Ribbon Schools award. All-day,

every-day options are available in its preschool and kindergarten programs, and it has a before- and after-school enrichment program for families who need extended coverage for their children during the work week.

Guests may call the school at (614) 875-6779 for more information or to prearrange a tour.

St. Michael School Open House

Worthington St. Michael School, 64 Selby Blvd., will host an open house from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29.

Parents of prospective pre-

kindergarten to eighth-grade students are invited to learn about the school's academic programs and curriculum and its virtues-based faith formation program of

sacramental preparation and service from the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, and other faculty and staff members.

Comment on applause; Annuling non-Catholic marriages



QUESTION & ANSWER

by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE
Catholic News Service

Recently, in answer to a reader's question, you suggested that applause for a musical performance during the Mass is inappropriate and breaks the flow of the liturgy. May I invite consideration of a possible addendum to your comments?

There are faith communities in the U.S. where applause during religious services is not meant to thank the choir and musicians; rather, it is a sign of being united in the message of the hymn and uplifted in worship. As the predominantly white and ethnically Western European congregations in the U.S. seek out and welcome new Catholics to join our church, new customs will follow, and they will, I think, enhance our experience of joy in worshipping the Lord. (Detroit)

This reader's letter makes an important point. It also serves as a helpful reminder that our focus may at times be too narrow. The Catholic Church is, in fact, a "big tent." It gathers into a common faith more than a billion people from a wide variety of backgrounds and cultures, and liturgists do well when they seek to accommodate this diversity.

I am a Protestant married to a Protestant (my first marriage was also to a Protestant), and I want to join the Catholic Church. I was told by a priest that my husband and I would have to have our previous marriages annulled before I can join the church. (The annulment process would parallel the RCIA discussions over the next year.) I would appreciate your opinion and advice. Is it true that we both need to have our earlier marriages annulled? (Milwaukee)

Why does the Catholic Church ask non-Catholics

to receive a Catholic annulment to a previous marriage in order to get married in a Catholic church? (I understand the requirement for Catholics, but it doesn't seem to make sense for non-Catholics.) (Pennsylvania)

The two letters above are indicative of a widespread misconception: Many, many Catholics believe -- erroneously -- that any marriage not performed by a Catholic priest or deacon (or with the approval of the Catholic Church) does not "count" in the church's eyes. But, of course, this is not so. Can you imagine the uproar that would ensue if the church were to declare as invalid every marriage between two Protestants, simply because no Catholic priest was there to officiate?

So the Catholic Church begins with the presupposition that a marriage between two non-Catholics is valid. But the church has the right to determine who can get married by the Catholic Church -- and to do so, one has to be free of any previous marriages, and that may require an annulment process. (Some of the more common grounds for annulment are lack of consent, intention to preclude children permanently, deep-seated psychological immaturity or instability, etc.)

For someone from another faith who wants to become Catholic, that person needs to be in "good standing" in the eyes of the Catholic Church; for a married person, this means living currently in a marriage recognized by the church as valid. So any previous marriages on the part of either spouse would first have to be annulled.

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

GEOGRAPHY BEE WINNERS

Columbus St. Andrew School Geography Bee winners Buike Nduaguba (second place, left) and Daniel Guveiyian (first place) with instructor Matt Brown. Guveiyian will continue his competition with a state-wide qualification test.



END-OF-LIFE TALKS AT ST. AGATHA

"Euthanasia and the End of Life" will be the subject of a series of four talks that will be part of the Sunday adult education program at Columbus St. Agatha Church, 1860 Northam Road, on the Sundays of February at 9:30 a.m.

The talks will look at death and dying and the Catholic position on end-of-life questions -- a subject of widespread attention in recent months as a result of the death of Brittany Maynard, a 29-year-old Oregon resident who took medication which ended her life on Nov. 1, 2014.

ST. AGATHA ANNIVERSARY DINNER

Columbus St. Agatha Church, 1860 Northam Road, is 75 years old this year and will begin the celebration with a dinner-dance on Saturday, Feb. 7 from 6 to 10 p.m.

The event will include light hors d'oeuvres, a short-rib dinner, and cake and ice cream, plus the first showing of a video history of the parish's 75

years of growing, working, and worshipping together. There also will be a champagne raffle for a chance to win a diamond pendant.

Reservations are due at the church office by Monday, Feb. 2. Tickets are \$40 per person. Anyone with questions may call or email Rene Haas at (614) 451-5112 or doug73@columbus.rr.com.

DeSales digital photography

An adult digital photography class will be offered at Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School on Wednesdays in February from 7-9 p.m. in room 117.

Participants will learn how to use their camera more effectively to create better photographs. Camera settings, composition, and lighting and uploading images will be discussed.

Anyone interested in taking part is asked to send a check for \$95, made payable to DeSales High School, to : Andrea Bertolo, 4212 Karl Road, Columbus OH 43224.

For more information, call Bertolo at (614) 208-9077 or email bertolo@desales.co.

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Answering God's Call

I KNEW I WASN'T CALLED TO THE PRIESTHOOD, BUT WANTED TO SERVE GOD IN SOME WAY

By Tim Puet

When Roger Pry first heard a call to ministry in the mid-1950s, he could not have known he would one day become a Catholic deacon.

For one thing, it would be another decade before Blessed Pope Paul VI restored the diaconate as a permanent ministry in the Catholic Church, in addition to being the final step for candidates for the priesthood. And more significantly, Deacon Pry wasn't a Catholic at the time.

"I was not a cradle Catholic," he said. "I grew up in Crestline, near Mansfield in north central Ohio, and I remember going to a movie titled 'A Man Called Peter' when I was a junior in high school," he said. The film was about the Rev. Peter Marshall, a Presbyterian minister who was chaplain of the U.S. Senate from 1947 until his death two years later. "I grew up in a Lutheran family, and the movie was so inspiring that it stirred something in the back of my mind about being a Lutheran pastor.

"In my senior year of high school, I had a project in which I was to report on a specific vocation. I chose the ministry, and through that project I became a friend of the Episcopal minister in Mansfield," Deacon Pry said. "The Episcopal liturgy was very much what I thought the Catholic liturgy was like, in those days when people didn't know much about denominations beyond the one in which they grew up.

"My curiosity about the Catholic Church led me to a priest in my hometown. I took instructions from him, learned about the Church's teaching on Jesus' Real Presence in the Eucharist and ac-

cepted it, and became a Catholic at age 18.

"I knew I wasn't called to the priesthood, but wanted to serve God in some way," Deacon Pry said. He came to Columbus in 1957 to attend The Ohio State University and moved permanently to central Ohio in 1961. He spent 30 years as a teacher in the Columbus public schools, became a member of Columbus St. Augustine Church in 1963, and had four daughters with his first wife, Charlotte, who died in 1970. He married the former Mary Margaret "Midge" Roberts in 1971, and they have two daughters. The family also has 15 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren and anticipates the birth of two more great-grandchildren.

Deacon Pry, who is 76, said he, along with a friend who was attending high school for a year at the Pontifical College Josephinum while discerning a call to the priesthood, started reading about the possible revival of the permanent diaconate even before Paul VI restored it in 1967. The U.S. bishops received approval to introduce it in 1968, and the Diocese of Toledo became one of the first Ohio dioceses to re-establish it in 1972, when it began a training program in a former seminary near Deacon Pry's hometown of Crestline.

Deacon Pry enrolled in the program and completed his diaconal studies in 1974. In that year, the Diocese of Columbus began its own training program for the diaconate in Shelby with a class of six other men. Because his training had started earlier than the others, Deacon Pry on

March 25, 1975 became the first man to be ordained a permanent deacon for the Diocese of Columbus. He was ordained by Bishop Edward Herrmann at the diocese's Holy Week Chrism Mass, along with two men who became priests of the diocese -- Father Daniel Ochs and the late Father Rodric DiPietro.

"When I heard Toledo was starting a program, I called Father Tom Shonebarger, who was vocations director of the Columbus diocese at the time, and asked him if he thought there would be any problems if I took deacon classes at Shelby. He said he had no problem with it. Bishop (Clarence) Elwell, who was bishop in 1972, wasn't in favor of the program, but his successor, Bishop Herrmann, was," Deacon Pry said.

He said encouragement from several people, including one Columbus priest who told him there is not a priest shortage, but a deacon shortage, was a key to his continuing in the program as a pioneer for the 103 men who have followed him to become deacons in this diocese, plus 12 more who are in formation to be ordained in late 2016. "Father Cleo Schmenk, director of the Toledo program, knew that we weren't sure where we were going and were testing new waters. His enthusiasm was a great help," Deacon Pry said.

"The pastor at St. Augustine, Father Earl Holtzapfel, was very supportive in my pursuit of the diaconate. He was happy to have me assisting him. He said that if it was all right with the Church, it was all right with him. He gave me the opportunity to get involved right away in performing baptisms, officiating at weddings outside of Mass, preaching, conducting funeral services outside of Mass, and the other duties of a deacon. Msgr. Colby Grimes followed him as pastor and continued along with the same lines, with the two of us rotating weekend homilies.

"I find priests for the most part have always appreciated the ministry of a deacon over the last 40 years and have allowed deacons to develop their own styles of preaching and ministry, with little interference.

"It's most important for a deacon to have a supportive wife, and Midge has been extremely supportive," Deacon Pry said. "When I began deacon school, we were married for a little more than a year. Before we decided to marry, I told her I might be called to be a deacon, and asked her if she could accept it. She was nothing but encouraging, and would go to my mom and dad's in Crestline with the girls while I was in school at Shelby on weekends." Midge Pry has a degree from the University of Dayton which includes a minor in theology and had studied to become a member of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, but did not take



Deacon Roger Pry

her final vows.

Deacon Pry served at St. Augustine until 2001, when he was assigned to Canal Winchester St. John XXIII Church shortly after it was founded. He has been there ever since, and moved to nearby Groveport about a year after changing assignments. "I had worked with Msgr. (A. Anthony) Frecker (pastor at John XXIII since the parish's founding) at St. Augustine," he said. "We worked well together, and he called me in February 2001 and asked if I would consider moving. Midge and I both loved St. Augustine, and leaving there is one of the hardest things I've ever done. But something felt right about making the change. It was a hard decision, but the right one."

"I enjoy everything I do as a deacon," Deacon Pry said. "Interviewing second graders before their first Communion or first Reconciliation, visiting the sick, preaching -- there's nothing I don't like about any of it. It feels like it was what I was meant to do. I may not be another Peter Marshall, but seeing that movie about him was a life-changing thing.

"Men sometimes ask me about becoming a deacon, and I'm always encouraging. The most important things for someone considering becoming a deacon are to be already involved in the church; to have a supportive wife, if he is married; and to have a strong attitude of wanting to serve the people of God.

"Being a deacon is a calling. You don't think you want to be a deacon, but there's something you can't ignore. If anyone is hearing that kind of call, I urge them to listen and prayerfully consider the possibility."



Scholarship Funds to Lancaster Fisher Catholic

Lancaster Council 1016 of the Knights of Columbus presented scholarship funds to Lancaster Fisher Catholic High School students (from left) Zach Dryden, Kyra Darfus, and McKinley Walton to cover their tuition for an honors theology course at Ohio Dominican University which will grant them dual high-school and college credits. The council's grand knight, Vincent Johnson (far right), presented a check for the tuition to Fisher Catholic theology teacher Joe Holbrook.

Photo courtesy Fisher Catholic High School



Anti-Bullying Program

Wellston Sts. Peter & Paul School students attended an anti-bullying program conducted by Ohio University graduate students led by Amberlee Quackenbush, a Sts. Peter & Paul graduate who is working on her doctorate in social services. The program covered areas such as what bullying is, the differences between being a bully and "just being rude," and what students can do to stand up for themselves and their classmates in an effort to eliminate bullying.

Photo courtesy Sts. Peter & Paul School

St. Andrew School Open House

Columbus St. Andrew School, 4081 Reed Road, will conduct an open house from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25. Tours may be scheduled by contacting Debbie Joseph at (614) 451-1626, extension 155.

Corpus Christi Retreat

The Corpus Christi Center of Peace, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus, will host a retreat for knitters, crocheters, and other needlecrafters from Friday, Feb. 27 to Sunday, March 1.

The retreat on "Yarncraft As an Opportunity of Prayer" will be led by Sister Valerie Shaul, OP, who is coordinator for the free formed mission group of the Dominican Sisters of Peace after spending 40 years in education, mostly administration. She also coordinates monthly prayer services against violence that are sponsored by the Columbus Faith Coalition Against Violence.

How we pray is as unique as we are. The weekend will be an opportunity to combine prayer with

needlework while contemplating Scripture and sharing thoughts, insights, and questions. Participants are asked to bring their Bibles and needlework projects.

The cost of \$125 for the weekend includes overnight accommodations, three meals on Saturday, and breakfast on Sunday. For commuters, it is \$60, including lunch and supper on Saturday. Funds are available for those who may need financial assistance. People also may contribute to a scholarship fund to help others attend.

For more information, call the center at (614) 512-3731, register online at www.cccenterofpeace.org, or email corpuschristicenterofpeace@gmail.org.

St. Paul Theology on Tap

Jerry Freewalt of the diocesan Office for Social Concerns will present a program based on this year's theme for the U.S. Catholic bishops' Respect Life program, "Each of Us Is a Masterpiece of God's Creation," at a meeting of Westerville St. Paul Church's Theology on Tap program from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28 in the Old Bag of Nails Pub, 24 N. State St., Westerville.

The theme reflects the Church's teaching on the dignity of all human

life. The bishops hope it will inspire people to work through the challenging issues of our day that touch the lives of all people, especially the most vulnerable.

Theology on Tap is a monthly program giving married and single adults, ages 21 to 40, the chance to meet in a casual setting, have fellowship, and share issues of faith. For more information, go to www.facebook.com/stpaultot or call Linda Hall at (614) 882-2537.

Eucharistic Miracles Display at St. Matthew

The Vatican-approved traveling exhibit of Eucharistic miracles will be displayed at Gahanna St. Matthew Church, 807 Havens Corners Road, from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24 and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25.

The display of 140 panels includes photos and historical depictions related to 126 Eucharistic miracles which have occurred in various nations, and serves as testimony to the real pres-

ence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

All the miracles have been recognized by the Vatican as being authentic.

For more information, go to www.feastofmercy.net or contact Tim McAndrew at (614) 565-8654 or the church at (614) 471-0212.

Anyone interested in bringing the exhibit to his or her parish or school also may contact McAndrew.

Bishop Hartley Open House

Columbus Bishop Hartley High School, 1285 Zettler Road, will conduct its annual "Heart to Heart with Hartley" open house from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21.

There will be no formal presentation. Administrators and staff members will speak with interested parents and

students one-on-one, and student ambassadors will be available for campus tours. An additional open house will take place Thursday, Feb. 5 at the same time.

For more information, contact Heather Rush at hrush@cducation.org.



What It Means To Be Blessed

Blessed are they who are poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of God.

Blessed are they who are meek and humble; they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are they who will mourn in sorrow; they will be comforted.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for justice; they will be satisfied.

Blessed are they who show others mercy; they will know mercy, too.

Blessed are hearts that are clean and holy; they will behold the Lord.

Blessed are they who bring peace among us; they are the children of God.

Bless those who suffer from persecution; theirs is the kingdom of God.

Such simple words, but words that can change a world. A blessing is a concept unfamiliar with time and space. It is not of this world. We say we give our blessing, but it is truly only God that can bless. He



Lighting the Way
Joseph Thomas

alone has the power to give us that solitude.

When we come to the Lord in silent prayer, we are lifting up our hearts to Him and asking Him to hear our plea – for a loved one ill or dying, for a happy marriage, for a child or family member in distress, or for ourselves.

As St. Frances Xavier Cabrini once said, "We must pray without tiring, for the salvation of mankind does not depend upon material success... but on Jesus alone".

It is amazing to me that when we dedicate our lives to Him, lifting our prayers in perpetual adoration, a multitude of blessings seem to come our way. Perhaps it is the simple nature of being together that

makes this possible. Or could it be that God is saying to us that we matter, that people around us matter, that life matters?

It is a concept many shy away from, but it is a concept worth fighting for. Come and adore Him, born the King of Israel. Are these just empty words, or are they something we practice every day? He is waiting for us to take the first step.

Start with a modest act. Pray for someone to pray for you. Every day, members of our parish pray for us in silent reflection. Could we not do the same for them?

Remember, we are the light of the world. May our light shine before all, that they may see the good that we do and give glory to God. May He bless you and keep you forever. May His peace be with you always.

Joseph Thomas is a freelance writer and active in many diocesan and church ministries. He is a member of Gahanna St. Matthew Church. He posts his thoughts online at <http://truegiftoffaith.blogspot.com>.

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BY TIM PUET

Reporter, Catholic Times

About 1,500 years ago, a man named Brendan led a group of Irish monks on a seven-year journey of faith in search of “Heaven on Earth.” They reached Iceland, and a 1977 voyage by explorers in the kind of boats Brendan’s monks used showed they might have made it as far as Newfoundland. Brendan’s voyages were an important part of medieval folklore and may have influenced Christopher Columbus.

Brendan died at age 93, was buried

at his monastery in 577, and eventually became known as St. Brendan the Navigator, patron of saints and travelers, in the era before a formal canonization process existed. He may never have reached his intended physical destination, but realized he had glimpsed heaven on earth through his trials, joys, and the natural wonders he encountered along the way.

Today, the parish in Hilliard named in honor of St. Brendan is helping a community of about 2,850 families in northwest Franklin County navigate their own voyages on the sea of faith. It has started a stewardship

program titled “Voyagers: Navigating Our Future” in hopes of getting more parishioners involved in ministries and organizations, determining the needs of individual parishioners and expanding outreach to them, and increasing the number of families financially supporting the parish.

“In my three years here, I have found St. Brendan’s to be a generous, forward-looking parish with a desire to be welcoming,” said Father Bob Penhallurick, the parish’s pastor, who leads a ministerial staff which also includes parochial vicar Father Cyrus Haddad, Deacons Jim Morris and Doug Saunders, and pas-



Left: The exterior of Hilliard St. Brendan the Navigator Church. Center: Parish staff members (from left) Lynne Clark, finance manager; Penny Hansen, administrative assistant; Father Bob Penhallurick, pastor; Bonnie Buzenski, evangelization and catechesis assistant; Drew Snyder, evangelization and catechesis director; Lynn Bickar, secretary; and Jean Nienkirchen, finance and accounting. Right: The church sanctuary decorated for the Christmas season.



toral associate Jennifer Rice.

“The mission of the parish community, both ministers and parishioners, is to look outward and bring people in, showing them the truths of the Catholic Church and its values and the joy of being a Catholic. Our mission, like that of Jesus and the apostles and like that of our patron saint, is to make disciples.”

The parish, located at 4475 Dublin Road since its founding in 1957, has developed an extensive online presence as part of its evangelization efforts. Members and anyone else interested in learning more about the parish are being encouraged to sign up for a two-way online communications tool known as FlockNotes, which allows people to receive notices from the parish, communicate one-on-one with any member of the parish staff, and vote in polls to help the staff determine what matters most to parishioners.

“Going to FlockNotes as our main means of communication also will save us a substantial amount in postage costs,” said Father Penhallurick.

In August 2013, the parish launched an extensive rebranding effort, adopting a logo depicting a boat with a green sail which includes a white cross encircled at the center. The boat resembles a curragh, a leather-sided vessel said to be the type of boat St. Brendan used. The rebranding, overseen by parish marketing and communications director Jason

Jourdan, also included an extensive update of the website and publications for both the parish and its elementary school, creating a unified, bold, modern look which can be seen at www.stbrendans.net.

During the past Christmas season, the parish distributed 1,600 free copies of *The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic* by popular Catholic author Matthew Kelly, along with a card inviting readers to a variety of parish activities. The premise of Kelly’s book is that if parishes in one year can persuade one percent more parishioners to be highly engaged Catholics, dedicated to prayer, study,

generosity, and evangelization, it can change the world. Kelly will be speaking at St. Brendan’s on Saturday, Sept. 19.

“We want to get everyone in the parish involved in evangelization,” Father Penhallurick said. “We started by having a retreat for the parish staff last January, then followed that with a retreat for the heads of parish ministries. At the retreats, we asked the questions ‘Where are we?’ and ‘Where do we want to go?’ We then conducted a survey of parishioners through FlockNotes which brought in a remarkably high number of 839 responses.

“People encouraged us to be more

welcoming, to have more faith formation programs for adults and children, to increase evangelization efforts for the non-Catholics and inactive Catholics within our parish boundaries, and to improve communications. This has given us a good road map for all our ministries.”

In response to some of the desires parishioners expressed before and during the survey, the parish added free nursery care for children aged six months to four years at its 8:45 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday Masses, as well as a children’s Liturgy of the Word during Sunday Mass. Its gathering space was redone, with new decor and carpeting and the addition of a welcome center for new parishioners.

In July, Drew Snyder was hired as the parish’s evangelization and catechesis director, overseeing a variety of faith formation programs for young people and adults.

More than 500 children who do not attend St. Brendan School take part in the Parish School of Religion for preschool through eighth-grade students. Those in preschool and kindergarten attend classes between the 8:45 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. Classes for grades one through seven are in two shifts on Monday nights. Eighth-grade students preparing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation have separate classes based on the *Chosen* program by Ascension Press.

About 80 students in grades one through six take part in a home-based faith formation program, directed by Sister Joanne Fogarty, OSF, pastoral minister, which combines weekly at-home lessons with periodic gatherings of all the participating families.

“Parents are the principal teachers of the faith to their children, and

those who have chosen to take part in this program just rave about the opportunities it gives them to learn and pray as a family,” Snyder said. “It’s been steadily growing through word of mouth, with Sister Joanne receiving a lot of great feedback.”

“On every level, the key to evangelizing young people is engaging them,” he said. “It’s common for them to say they’re bored with religious education, so we’re trying to get them to a place where they’re excited. We are attempting this through video-based programs and small-group discussions which make things personal and relevant through engagement with one another, rather than just lecturing them.”

Adult faith formation activities include the That Man Is You! series for men, which this year has attracted about 70 participants who gather at 6:30 on Saturday mornings, and the Elizabeth Ministry for women, which sponsors a twice-monthly play group on Wednesday mornings for women with preschool-age children, meets several times a year for a “mom’s night out,” and this past summer hosted a book club discussion group for mothers of children ranging in age from infancy to college.

The parish RCIA program, directed by Stacy Pennino, is preparing 20 people to become baptized Catholics or to enter full communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil.

Joining the parish staff in July with Snyder was youth minister Adam Boyden, who has been involved with youth activities throughout the diocese for several years. The parish youth group meets after the 5:30 p.m. Sunday Mass for activities which recently have included discus-

sions on poverty and on the way we treat others; a night of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, confessions, praise, and worship; and an evening of broomball.

In December, the group, in cooperation with the Run the Race Club on the west side of Columbus, took part in an “extreme room makeover” program, performing home improvements for poor people in that area of the city who could not afford to pay for the work.

The parish directory lists 56 organizations or events in which parishioners can take part. As in many parishes, the biggest annual event at St. Brendan’s is the parish festival, which takes place on the Friday and Saturday of the second week in August. Festival chairman Andy Limbert said that after an absence of several years, the festival was revived in the late 1990s by the late Msgr. William Maroon, who served as pastor at St. Brendan’s from 1978-82 and 1993-2001.

“What’s really great about the festival is the way the church and the city of Hilliard cooperate to make it an event for the whole family,” Linkert said. “The city has a field across from the church, and every year, it allows the parish to use that area for the festival. That’s a great help, because it stretches things out.

“This year, we moved the children’s games into a large playground at the parish school, next to the area where we have bands playing. This allows parents who want to hear the bands and socialize, while keeping an eye on their children at the same time, to do both comfortably. A lot of parents



Left: Crowds fill the parish grounds and a city-owned field across the street for the Hilliard St. Brendan the Navigator Church parish festival. Right: Families take a break from the festival in a shaded area next to the church building.

Photos courtesy St. Brendan the Navigator Church



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appreciated that, saying it allowed them to spend more time at the festival or to come on both nights.”

He said the festival made about \$80,000 for the parish in 2014. Limbert said an annual highlight of the event is an appearance by the Navigators, a band consisting mostly of parish members who perform three or four times a year, only for charitable events.

This coming Saturday, Jan. 17, the parish women’s club will host a spaghetti dinner. The parish’s first Lenten mission is scheduled from March 16-18, with Father David Schalk, pastor of Columbus Christ the King Church, preaching on the theme “Faith, Family, Future.” An outdoor Mass is scheduled in conjunction with the annual parish picnic in June, and the parish will take part in a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation at Carey in July.

Other parish activities include a steak-and-ale event for men in June, a Toys for Tots collection and a Breakfast with Santa program in December, and a fundraising event for a school in Kenya served by Father Fabian Hevi, SMA, a missionary from that nation who has visited Hilliard frequently in the last decade.

This past year, the parish conducted its first Halloween Trunk or Treat event, with costumed children doing their trick-or-treating in the church parking lot by going from car to car rather than house to house. Snyder said it was a huge success, drawing about 500 people when 200 were expected.



Hilliard St. Brendan School fourth-grade students work in a collaborative reading group.

An alumni wine and cheese dinner is scheduled Friday, Feb. 6 for the parish school, which has been part of St. Brendan’s since 1963, when it enrolled an initial class of 67 students.

The school is dedicated to educating children in a Catholic community where spirituality is fostered, uniqueness is valued, and potential is realized. “St. Brendan’s offers an educational program that encourages lifelong development of the whole child,” Lang said. “We strive to teach children to be critical thinkers, collaborative workers, and Christian people.”

It is an inclusive school with a commitment to educating all children, including those with special needs, as well as identifying and addressing the learning styles of all students. A challenging and comprehensive curriculum grounded in the principles of Catholic faith allows each student to excel academically and spiritually.

St. Brendan School currently has 22 recipients of the Ohio Department of Education’s Jon Peterson Scholarship for students with special needs. It also has been a site for students who have been approved for the State of Ohio Autism Scholarship.

“As an educator who believes all children can be successful, I’m very proud of our efforts to accept students with learning challenges, including students who are hearing impaired and have been diagnosed with juvenile diabetes,” Lang said. The school also offers support



Young people enjoying Hilliard St. Brendan the Navigator Church’s summer Vacation Bible School, which had “Kingdom Rock” as its 2014 theme. Photos courtesy St. Brendan the Navigator Church

through differentiated instruction for students who excel.

Students are given unique educational experiences beyond the classroom, such as an annual research fair for students in grades six to eight, a sixth-grade trip to Lutheran Memorial Camp, a comprehensive art and music program which includes an annual eighth-grade musical, a trip to historic sites in Pennsylvania for eighth-graders, a liturgical choir, and participation in the diocesan honor choir program, in which the St. Brendan choir was the featured elementary choir last spring.

Student enrichment activities include junior and senior spelling bees, a geography bee, the Columbus Bishop Ready High School academic bowl, Scouting, instrumental band instruction, Math Counts, In The Know academic competitions, Power of the Pen, Power of the Pencil, a student newspaper, a fourth- and fifth-grade math club, Shoebox Science, a seventh- and eighth-grade science club which collaborates with Ohio Dominican University, and the Invention Convention.

The latter event showcases young inventors, including St. Brendan second-grader Ellie Rowlands, who demonstrated her prizewinning “Ellie’s Jellies” – empty dry deodorant dispensers filled with peanut butter and jelly so it can be spread without a knife – on *The Tonight Show*.

More than 60 percent of the school’s faculty members have earned master’s degrees. The school also prides itself on its state-of-the-art computer lab, extensive and growing media center,

and curriculum enhancements with increased emphasis on “hands-on” math and writing to explain how problems are solved. There is more “hands-on” learning in science, with a special emphasis on inquiry learning.

The school also has introduced a full-day kindergarten program, has two iPad carts for use by students, and has providing all eighth-grade students with an iPad to be used for classwork. In addition, a multisensory approach to learning phonics has been introduced, with all teachers of kindergarten through fourth grade trained in a program to enhance phonics instruction. Students have access to an online phonics program that can be used during school hours and at home. This has resulted in improvements in their spelling, writing, and reading work.

Students collaborated this year on service projects including a collection of items for the Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs; involvement in the Diocesan Legacy Leaders program, a diocese-wide service learning endeavor; and a visit to local agencies by seventh-grade students to experience the effects of inner-city poverty and view social justice in action.

“I am proud of our response to the Catholic Church’s teachings on social justice through discipleship as reflected in our school improvement plan,” Lang said. “I believe that these are most significant teachings and values for us to instill in our children and that it enables our students, parents, and faculty to live out more fully the Gospel message in their daily lives.”

ONE MIGRANT FAMILY’S STORY

BY TIM PUET

Reporter, Catholic Times

Each January, the Catholic Church pays particular attention to the concerns of migrants in the United States and around the world.

This Sunday, Jan. 18, is the Church’s World Day of Migrants and Refugees, with the theme “Church Without Frontiers, Mother to All.” Pope Francis, in his message for the day, says “Jesus Christ is always waiting to be recognized in migrants and refugees, in displaced persons and in exiles, and through them he calls us to share our resources, and occasionally to give up something of our acquired riches.”

The annual National Migration Week sponsored by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops took place from Jan. 4 to 10 Its theme was “We Are One Family Under God.” As Bishop John Wester of Salt Lake City noted on the bishops’ website, “Whether their migration took place decades ago or days ago, migrants share some common experiences. They leave all they have known for strange new lands, new customs, new languages, new rules. Throughout, they encounter both hostility and hospitality.”

Each immigrant has a unique story, with many of those stories affected by what the bishops have described as the nation’s inadequate immigration policies. The Marvin Figueroa family of Columbus provides one example.

Marvin Figueroa came to the United States from El Salvador in 2000. He was happy there, with a job, a good salary, a wife, Ana, who he had married in 1999, and two sons, Bryan, now 14, and Steven, 13. He had no desire to leave. But El Salvador, after a long civil war, had become controlled by gangs. “Nine out of 10 boys and men belonged to gangs because of threats or intimidation, but I refused to join,” he said.

“After I married Ana, I thought

they would leave me alone because I had a family. But they kept on threatening me, even more than before, and I was afraid that they would kill me. After consulting with my wife, we decided that I would be safer if I immigrated to the United States. We thought that I would be gone for three to four years at the most.”

On arrival in this country 15 years ago, he settled in Columbus because he knew someone who lived in the area. It didn’t take long for him to find work in a restaurant, where he started washing dishes and over the next few years was promoted to chef and kitchen manager.

In 2001, El Salvador was hit by devastating earthquakes which resulted in Salvadoran migrants in the United States being granted temporary protected status (TPS) by U.S. immigration officials. Marvin was granted this status, which has been extended a number of times for Salvadorans, most recently until Sept. 9, 2016. It allows people to remain in the United States, but does not lead to granting of the “green card” that signifies permanent residency.

The TPS program meant Marvin did not have to be concerned about his immigration status as he advanced at the restaurant. He regularly sent much of his salary to Ana and his children, still anticipating a return to El Salvador at some point. But things weren’t getting any better back home.

“When the gangs found out that my husband was here, they started to charge me the ‘famous rent’ for having a husband in the United States,” Ana said. The “rent” is what would be known in the United States as a protection scheme, paying a regular sum to people who threaten harm if the money is not received. “Their threats were constant and more personal, and they also threatened to hurt my children if my husband did not send money for them to buy drugs or weapons. That is why I left El Salvador” in 2004,

she said.

Ana and the children attempted to cross over to the United States at the Mexican border, but were immediately stopped by immigration officials, who began deportation proceedings. Through an attorney, Ana applied for asylum in this country, allowing her and the children to come to Columbus and reunite with Marvin. The application has been denied several times, but each denial was appealed, allowing the family to stay together. In addition, one of the boys had surgery on his ear, allowing Ana to postpone her possible deportation for a year because of the child’s medical condition.

Until recently, immigration officials required Ana to carry a GPS tracking device so they would know where she was. The device was removed in October, when she was given a six-month extension of the time she was allowed to stay in the United States.

Late last year, the Figueros – now a family of five since the birth of a third son, Henry, in 2006 in Columbus – and many other migrant families received new hope of obtaining permanent residency. President Obama in November issued an executive order containing a plan to provide administrative relief and work permits to as many as 3.7 million undocumented parents of U.S. citizens and legal permanent residents, as well as an additional 300,000 young immigrants brought to the country illegally as children – a move enthusiastically welcomed by the bishops.

The process for implementing the plan is still being developed. It affects the Figueros because Henry, having been born in this country, automatically is a citizen, and both his parents have lived in the United States for a sufficient amount of time to qualify. Those who do qualify would be protected from deportation at least through 2017.

Marvin remains on TPS status. The TPS rules prevent him from



From left: Bryan, Ana, Henry, Marvin, and Steven Figueroa.

CT photo by Tim Puet

applying for a green card. Someone, such as an employer, has to apply for him. He was forced to find a new job after 13 years at the restaurant when it closed in 2013. He was a security guard with Honda for a time, but for the past few months, has been a truck driver for Werner Enterprises on a local route that allows him to come home at night.

He said he had become concerned in his last couple of years at the restaurant that it might close, so he began saving money until he had put away the \$6,000 needed to attend truck driving school. Once he obtained a commercial driver’s license, he was able to go to work for Werner.

Now that they’ve been in the United States for 15 and 11 years respectively, Marvin, 37, and Ana, 34, have developed roots in this country. They are taxpayers who have bought a house, and their children are bilingual and thoroughly Americanized. They have made friendships through community activities with people such as John and Cathleen Tucker of the Church of the Resurrection in New Albany, helping them learn Spanish, and have shared their story through the Tuckers with Resurrection parishioners.

“My first year in America was hard, but after learning the language and the culture and having a steady job, I felt like I fit in and people accepted me,” Marvin said. “Would I go back to El Salvador some day? Perhaps if they eliminated all the gangs,

but that doesn’t appear likely to happen. Things haven’t really changed there since I left. Here in Columbus, I have always felt safe, and I’m living in a democracy. It’s hard to explain how important that is. You’d have to be somewhere like El Salvador, where most people aren’t safe, to understand.

“My home is here, but I’ve never felt totally comfortable, even with the TPS, because there’s always been a sense that tomorrow, we may be forced to go back if the immigration rules change,” he said.

Amy Bittner is an attorney, specializing in immigration law, who has worked with the Figueros since 2012. She said their concerns about possibly having to abandon all they worked to achieve in the United States and go back to the dangers of El Salvador are all too common.

“There are thousands of cases like that of the Figueros – people who have come to the United States, gotten jobs, pay their taxes, have kids in school, and have become a welcome part of the community, but could have it all taken away by changes in the nation’s policy on immigration,” she said.

“Our immigration system is broken. It doesn’t recognize what people like the Figueros have given to this country and doesn’t give them the chance to earn permanent. legal status so they can have the security they need to plan for the future. That’s why comprehensive immigration reform is long overdue.”

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle B)

Samuel, Andrew and (most likely) John are called



Father
Lawrence L. Hummer

1 Samuel 3:3b-10,19

1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a,17-20

John 1:35-42

In storytelling, a story often will involve three main characters or issues. Today, for example, many stories begin with a priest, a rabbi, and a minister. In Hebrew, a variation on that pattern comes when a fourth element is added. We see in the prophet Amos an example of this when he begins by repeating the pattern “For the three crimes of -- and now four ...” eight times against various enemies of Israel, and against Israel and Judah as well. In Sunday’s reading from Samuel, he receives a call three times from the Lord in his sleep, but the priest Eli tells him to wait on a fourth call before responding “Speak, for your servant is listening.” The fourth call adds nothing to the story, other than to highlight this stylistic variation.

Missing from Sunday’s story is what the Lord told Samuel. The Lord condemned Eli and his house, and when Eli asked Samuel the next morning what had happened during the night, Samuel revealed what he had heard. From that time on, Samuel became “a trustworthy prophet of the Lord.”

The Gospel is about the call of two disciples of John the Baptist, who, when they hear him identify Jesus as the Lamb of God, turn from John to follow Jesus.

The scene is active, using participles to describe John looking at Jesus, who was literally walking around. It’s one of those scenes where we can easily imagine people standing around somewhere “people-watching,” and all of a sudden Jesus walks into the scene. It actually seems as though they were watching him

walking around for a while before John spoke about him. The two disciples, having heard John calling Jesus the Lamb of God, begin to follow him. Then Jesus is pictured turning and seeing them following him and says to them, “What are you looking for?”

This question is virtually the same question Jesus poses to the arresting party in the garden in John 18. Whether John means this to be an echo is impossible to say, but John never writes anything without purpose, so we find this noteworthy.

One of the unnamed disciples will turn out to be Andrew. The other might well be John, the brother of James, who elsewhere in this Gospel is referred to as the beloved disciple. They call him “Rabbi” (which is translated as “teacher”) although the literal meaning of the Hebrew *Rabbi* is “my Great One.” They proceed to ask him “Where are you staying?” This verb “staying” is used 40 times in John’s Gospel, which is enough for Father Raymond Brown to add an appendix to his two-volume *Anchor Bible Commentary on John* which deals with the meaning of “staying” in the Gospel. It can also mean “to remain,” suggesting a permanent dwelling in the same way that the disciples are told to “remain in me even as I remain in you” (John 15:4). As we know whenever we deal with John’s literature, the careful use of words and ideas is so tightly interwoven that a text almost always has numerous levels of understanding. What applies to texts also applies to individual words which make up a text.

When Jesus says “Come and you will see,” he introduces another word which Brown treats in detail. The special use of the Greek verb *horan* used here in John means something along the lines of “to see with understanding.” Thus, here the invitation to “Come and you will see” means that they will see with understanding what they only presently see in the usual sense. After staying with him, Andrew is driven to bring his brother Simon along because “We have found the Messiah.” Seeing Jesus as Messiah is true faith, and testifying to that is the role of those who are called.

Father Lawrence Hummer, pastor at *Chillicothe St. Mary Church*, can be reached at hummerl@stmarychillicothe.com.

Day of Reflection

A day of reflection sponsored by the parish’s Light of Life Prayer Group will take place from 8:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, Jan. 24 at Lancaster St. Mark Church, 324 Gay St.

The presenter will be Deacon Jeff Carpenter from Lancaster St. Bernadette Church, speaking on “The Family” in connection with the coming synod of bishops on the family and the World Meeting of Families which Pope Francis will attend in Philadelphia later this year. A light lunch will be provided, and a free-will collection will be taken.

The Weekday Bible Readings

MONDAY
Hebrews 5:1-10
Psalm 110:1-4
Mark 2:18-22

TUESDAY
Hebrews 6:10-20
Psalm 111:1-2,4-5,9,10c
Mark 2:23-28

WEDNESDAY
Hebrews 7:1-3,15-17
Psalm 110:1-4
Mark 3:1-6

THURSDAY
Hebrews 7:25-8:6
Psalm 40:7-10,17
Mark 3:7-12

FRIDAY
Hebrews 8:6-13
Psalm 85:8,10-14
Mark 3:13-19

SATURDAY
Hebrews 9:2-3,11-14
Psalm 47:2-3,6-9
Mark 3:20-21

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE WEEK OF JANUARY 18, 2015

SUNDAY MASS

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

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 (820 AM), Columbus, and at www.stgabrielradio.com.

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

Owning our baptism



THE CATHOLIC
DIFFERENCE
George Weigel

The transfer of the celebration of the Epiphany to a Sunday from Jan. 6 (the solemnity’s traditional date), and the elimination of Sundays-after-Epiphany in favor of the ill-named Sundays of “Ordinary Time” has made a hash of the Christmas liturgical season, as I suggested in *Evangelical Catholicism*. Still, the liturgical calendar of Blessed Paul VI does us a service by highlighting the formerly insignificant Feast of the Baptism of the Lord as the terminus of the Christmas season.

And that service is to remind us to remember, cherish, celebrate the date of our own baptism.

When I first started working on pro-life and religious freedom issues 35 years ago with evangelical Protestants, I was struck by the way these folks introduced themselves at a meeting. Most Americans, in such circumstances, identify themselves by occupation: “I’m John Smith and I’m a lawyer with Smith Jones” or “I’m Jane Doe and I’m a pediatrician at Children’s Hospital.” My new friends didn’t do that. Rather, they’d say “I’m John Smith (or Jane Doe) and I was born again on such-and-such a date”—which was usually when the person in question was a young adult.

Contrarian that I can be on occasion, I would say, when the introductory rites came around to me, “I’m George Weigel and I was born again on April 29,

1951 ... at which point I was precisely 12 days old.” That drew the occasional blank stare, but it often led to interesting conversations about sacramental regeneration.

My evangelical friends’ sense that the day of their being “born again” was the defining moment of their lives, and my Catholic convictions about what had happened to me on April 29, 1951, came into harmonic focus when, in preparing the first volume of my biography of St. John Paul II, *Witness to Hope*, I described the pope’s return to his parish in Wadowice on his epic first papal pilgrimage to Poland in June 1979. Stepping into the church where he had served Mass, received the scapular, and prayed daily during his youth, the 264th Bishop of Rome went straight to the chapel that housed the baptismal font and venerated the place where he had been “born again” in 1920.

Why? Because Karol Wojtyla knew that day was the most important day of his life: the day when he was first empowered, by water and the Spirit, to become a friend of the Lord Jesus Christ and a

missionary disciple. As John Paul understood it, the most important day of his life was not the day on which he was ordained a priest, consecrated a bishop, or elected pope. The most important day of his life was the day of his baptism. Everything else flowed from that, like the waters in Ezekiel’s vision, flowing from the restored Temple to renew the face of the earth.

In discussing evangelical Catholicism, the book and the idea, with dozens of audiences in various Catholic venues around the nation and the world over the past two years, I’ve often conducted a little pop quiz, asking my audience how many of them know the date of their baptism. I once got close to a 10 percent positive response, but the norm is usually in the two to three percent range. I then tell the story of my evangelical friends and the story of John Paul II, and suggest that those present should, on returning home, take out the file where they keep the “Catholic stuff,” look up the date of their baptism on their baptismal certificate, memorize it—and then celebrate that day in some special way every year hence.

I’ve been doing that for a decade-and-a-half now, prodded a few months ahead of time by the liturgical Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Like the Lord, on the day of our baptism, each of us received a commission: in our case, to be the disciples who take Christ’s mission into the world every day. Owning that is how we become the “Church in permanent mission” to which Pope Francis has called us.

George Weigel is Distinguished Senior Fellow of the Ethics and Public Policy Center in Washington, D.C.

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St. Andrew Church, Columbus

KUKLA, Nancy E., 74, Jan. 3
Our Lady of Victory Church, Columbus

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Immaculate Conception Church, Dennison

MANOR (BOWMAN), Dolores L., Dec. 22
St. Agatha Church, Columbus

BAUM, Richard G., 83, Jan. 2
St. Nicholas Church, Zanesville

MURPHY, Daniel H., 89, Jan. 9
St. Catharine Church, Columbus

BECK, James D., 72, Jan. 5
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Grove City

NORROCKY, Estella B., 104, Jan. 1
St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark

BERRY, Marjorie L., 96, Dec. 31
St. Rose Church, New Lexington

OVERMYER, Rose M., 98, Jan. 7
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

BRANDEL, Jack, 90, Jan. 3
St. James the Less Church, Columbus

POWERS, Paul V., 88, Jan. 5
St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark

BROWN, Helen, 97, Dec. 31
St. Vincent de Paul Church, Mount Vernon

PYTEL, Cameron E., 52, Dec. 31
St. Paul Church, Westerville

CALLAHAN, Patrick J. "Joe," 67, Jan. 4
St. Pius X Church, Reynoldsburg

QUEEN, Mary "Sheila," 74, formerly of
Columbus, Jan. 6
Holy Spirit Church, Uniontown

CHAVES, Alicia, 56, Dec. 31
St. Paul Church, Westerville

REFICE, Carmela M., 100, Nov. 14
St. Christopher Church, Columbus

DAVIS, James M., 62, Jan. 6
St. Stephen Church, Columbus

REPKE, June L., 90, Jan. 7
St. Matthew Church, Gahanna

DELL'ANNO, Salvatore R., 89, Jan. 7
St. Elizabeth Church, Columbus

ROSEBERRY, Margaret E., 74, Jan. 1
St. Mary Church, Marion

DUDA, SuAnn M., 69, Jan. 1
St. Francis de Sales Church, Newcomerstown

ROSKO, Ronald, 67, Jan. 3
St. Matthias Church, Columbus

FINCK, William L., 73, Jan. 4
St. Patrick Church, Junction City

SORG, Cletus, 83, Jan. 9
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Buckeye Lake

GENTILE, Franklin J., 89, Jan. 4
St. James the Less Church, Columbus

SVATORA, John S., stillborn, Jan. 2
St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark

HEDDEN, Arthur S. Jr., 90, Jan. 9
St. Elizabeth Church, Columbus

SWYERS, Mary J., 94, Jan. 4
St. Bernard Church, Corning

HILLMAN, Louise, 95, Jan. 8
Church of the Resurrection, New Albany

WEIS, Mary E., 87, Jan. 6
St. Mary Church, Delaware

HILTNER, Pearl, 96, Dec. 15
Sacred Heart Church, Coshocton

WILLIS, John, 73, Jan. 11
Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Marysville

HUBBLE, Margaret, 92, Jan. 6
St. Rose Church, New Lexington

YEAUGER, Carol A., 75, Jan. 3
St. Mary Church, Columbus

JACKSON, Albert L. "Buck," 82, Dec. 22
St. Monica Church, New Boston

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Respect Life Mass

In observance of the
**Day of Prayer for the
Legal Protection of Unborn Children**

January 22, 2015

**10:30 a.m. St. Joseph Cathedral, Columbus
Bishop Frederick F. Campbell, Celebrant**

The Most Rev. Frederick F. Campbell, Bishop of Columbus, will be the celebrant at a **Respect Life Mass** on Thursday, January 22, 2015, 10:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad Street, Columbus. On this day of the anniversary of the United States Supreme Court decision *Roe v. Wade*, our diocese will join all of the dioceses of the United States in observing a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. All are invited to attend.

Roe Remembrance at Ohio Statehouse Greater Columbus Right to Life will sponsor the annual Roe Remembrance event on Thursday, January 22, at the Ohio Statehouse. The hour-long program will begin at Noon and be held indoors in the Statehouse Atrium. Due to Statehouse security restrictions, no signs or banners are permitted inside of the Statehouse. For additional information, please visit Greater Columbus Right to Life online at www.gertl.org.

To read about the Church's teaching on respect life issues, visit the U.S. Catholic Bishops' website at www.usccb.org/prolife.



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JANUARY

15, THURSDAY

'Catholicism' Series at St. John XXIII

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

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H A P P E N I N G S

7 to 9 p.m., St. John XXIII Church, 5170 Winchester Southern Road N.W., Canal Winchester. Father Robert Barron's "Catholicism" video series. Part 1: "Amazed and Afraid: The Revelation of God Become Man," followed by discussion. 614-920-1563

St. Matthew GriefShare Support Group Meeting
7 to 8:30 p.m., St. Michael Room, St. Matthew Church, 807 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna. Opening session of GriefShare support group for anyone dealing with the loss of a beloved person. Sessions continue weekly through April 16. \$30 one-time fee. 614-442-7650, ext. 12

16-18, FRIDAY-SUNDAY

Weekend Retreat at Corpus Christi
Corpus Christi Center of Peace, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus. "In the Midst of Winter," a weekend retreat led by Sister Teresa Tuite, OP. \$125, including accommodations and four meals; \$60 commuters. 614-512-3731

17, 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.

Sister Lisa Marie Belz at Martin de Porres Center
10 to 11 a.m., Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus. Program by Ursuline Sister Lisa Marie Belz on "St. Paul and the Role of Women: Sorting Through the Contradictions," followed by program from 12:30 to 2 p.m. on "Growth in Prayer According to Theresa of Avila and John of the Cross." Suggested donation \$15 per program or \$25 for both. Bring bag lunch; drinks, dessert provided. 614-416-1910

Centering Prayer Workshop at Resurrection
12:15 to 4:30 p.m., Church of the Resurrection, 6300 E. Dublin-Granville Road, New Albany. Introduction to Centering Prayer workshop with Carol Lepley and Adele Sheffreck of Contemplative Outreach Ltd. 614-855-1400

Labyrinth Walk at Shepherd's Corner
4 to 5:30 p.m., Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. "Winter Warmth" labyrinth walk, facilitated by Joy Lawrence. Suggested donation \$5. Registration deadline Jan. 15. 614-866-4302

18, SUNDAY

Blessing of St. Gerard Majella at Holy Family
After 9 and 11 a.m. Masses, 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

St. Christopher Adult Religious Education
10 to 11:15 a.m., Library, Trinity Catholic School, 1440 Grandview Ave., Columbus. "Reflections of an Overactive Sacramental Imagination" with liturgical artist Gina Switzer.

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. Dave Orsborn, OFS 614-282-4676
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
St. Matthew DivorceCare Support Group Meeting
7 to 9 p.m., St. Michael Room, St. Matthew Church, 807 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna. Opening session of DivorceCare support group for anyone dealing with the pain of divorce. Sessions continue weekly through April 26. 614-269-7098 or 614-575-1507

19, MONDAY

Martin Luther King Day Event at Holy Rosary-St. John
Noon, Community of Holy Rosary and St. John the Evangelist, 660 S. Ohio Ave., Columbus. Celebration in honor of Martin Luther King Day, including community art exhibit, with Sister Patricia Dual, OP, as guest speaker. 614-252-5926

20, TUESDAY

'Catholicism' Series at St. John XXIII
1 to 3 p.m., St. John XXIII Church, 5170 Winchester Southern Road N.W., Canal Winchester. Father Robert Barron's "Catholicism" video series. Part 2: "Happy Are We: The Teachings of Jesus," followed by discussion. 614-920-1563

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.

Program on Advanced Directives, End-of-Life Decisions
6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Parish life center, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 3730 Broadway, Grove City. Program focusing on awareness and education concerning advance directives and end-of-life decisions from a Catholic perspective, presented by attorney Peggy Wolock. Loren Brown, president and chief executive officer of The Catholic Foundation, will speak on "Stewardship Through Endowments for a Parish's Future." 614-875-3322
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. 740-653-4919

21, WEDNESDAY

Encounter Columbus at Ohio Dominican
6:30 to 10 p.m., Matesich Theater, Erskine Hall, Ohio Dominican University, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Encounter Columbus, first in a series of joint Eucharistic worship events for college and high school students. College students must present student ID; high school students must attend with a partner youth group or campus ministry and bring a signed release form. Details at www.encountercolumbus.org.
Open House at Bishop Hartley
7 to 8:30 p.m., Bishop Hartley High School, 1285 Zettler Road, Columbus. "Heart to Heart with Hartley" open house. 614-237-5421

22, THURSDAY

Respect Life Mass and Rally for Life
10:30 a.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Bishop Frederick Campbell celebrates Mass in observance of the day of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through abortion, and of prayer for full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life, followed at noon by the annual Rally for Life in the Statehouse Atrium, sponsored by Greater Columbus Right to Life, to express support for pro-life activities on the anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision.
Our Lady of Perpetual Help School Open Houses
10:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 6 to 7:30 p.m., Our Lady of Perpet-

ual Help School, 3752 Broadway, Grove City. Elementary and preschool open houses for prospective students and their parents, with talent shows at 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. 614-875-6779

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23, FRIDAY

St. Joseph Montessori School Open House
9 a.m. to 10:30 p.m., St. Joseph Montessori School, 933 Hamlet St., Columbus. Open house for prospective students and their parents. 614-291-8601

24, SATURDAY

Day of Reflection at St. Mark
8:30 a.m. to noon, St. Mark Church, 324 Gay St., Lancaster. Day of reflection sponsored by Light of Life Prayer Group, with Deacon Jeff Carpenter of Lancaster St. Bernadette Church speaking on "The Family." Light lunch provided. 740-653-4919

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.

24-25, SATURDAY-SUNDAY

Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit at St. Matthew
6 to 8 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, St. Matthew Church, 807 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna. Chilloithe. Vatican-approved traveling exhibit displaying 140 panels related to Eucharistic miracles worldwide. 614-565-8654

25, SUNDAY

St. Christopher Adult Religious Education
10 to 11:15 a.m., Library, Trinity Catholic School, 1440 Grandview Ave., Columbus. "The Life and Times of Edith Stein, St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross" with Dr. Ronald Carstens of Ohio Dominican University.
Praise Mass at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal
11 a.m., Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refugee Road, Columbus. Praise Mass with upbeat contemporary music. 614-861-1242
St. Brigid of Kildare School Open House
Noon to 2:30 p.m., St. Brigid of Kildare School, 7175 Avery Road, Dublin. Open house for prospective students and their parents. 614-718-5825

St. Andrew School Open House
1 to 3 p.m., St. Andrew School, 4081 Reed Road, Columbus. Open house for prospective students and their parents. 614-451-1626, extension 155

St. Catherine of Bologna Secular Franciscans
2:30 to 5 p.m., St. Francis of Assisi Church, 386 Buttles Ave., Columbus. Rosary, Meet in church for prayer, followed by general meeting, ongoing formation, and social.
Cathedral Music Series
3 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Concert of music for brass and organ, featuring Widor's "Salvum Fac Populum" and Vierne's "Marche Triomphale." 614-241-2526

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



CATHEDRAL CONCERT

Music for Brass and Organ

A concert of music for brass and organ will be presented at 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25 at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St. The cathedral's spacious Gothic architecture provides a spectacular setting for hearing music performed by brass ensemble. The resident organists and Cathedral Brass will perform Widor's "Salvum Fac Populum," Vierne's "Marche Triomphale," and other works for this spectacular combination of forces.



BOOK REVIEW

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Catholic News Service

"Behold the Mystery: A Deeper Understanding of the Catholic Mass" by Mark Hart. Word Among Us Press (Frederick, Maryland). 186 pages, \$12.95.

"Mass 101: Liturgy and Life" by Emily Strand. Liguori Publications (Liguori, Missouri). 144 pages, \$11.99.

If it has been a long time since you read a book about the Mass, Behold the Mystery is a good one to read.

Author Mark Hart is a young adult, husband, and father of

four who is also executive vice president of Life Teen International, a Catholic youth ministry leading teens closer to Christ. His book is fine for older teens, to be sure, but it will make ideal reading for anyone who wants to refresh his or her understanding of and appreciation for the Mass.

You're the rare Catholic if you have never grown at least a little weary of Mass, or if you have never nodded off during a homily that didn't capture your attention. Hart suggests that the problem isn't with the Mass;

the problem is with your understanding of the Mass. Also, he asks, when was the last time you prayed for the priest or priests who preside at your parish's Masses? Are we laity doing our part to make the Mass all that it can be for everyone concerned?

The heart of Behold the Mystery may be the section in which the author discusses the meaning of each part of the Mass. Perhaps the one weak point of the book is Hart's decision to simply repeat the traditional language about the bread and wine becoming "the very body and blood of our lord and savior, Jesus Christ." This section might have been improved had the author addressed the fact that, according to various surveys, a significant percentage of Catholics don't accept this as literally true.

It can be hugely helpful to explain that "body and blood" is a Semitic phrase for "the whole person." It can also be helpful to add that it is the "whole person"/"body and blood" of the risen Christ that we receive in holy Communion. To accentuate this can magnify one's sense of the overwhelming mystery of the Eucharist. Catholics frequently find these insights

helpful to renewing their understanding of and faith in the Real Presence.

Here, however, is the bottom line: Behold the Mystery is a lively and informative book, one that this reviewer would not hesitate to recommend to all.

Mass 101 is a first-rate book on the Mass, written in language that is both theological and accessible to most adult readers. The author, Emily Strand, is a former campus minister and teacher at the University of Dayton who is now a full-time mother and member of the worship commission for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

In her introduction, Strand says, "Perhaps the most valuable notion about the Mass to take away from this volume is an idea of its profundity -- its endless wealth of significance that no one book has or will ever capture." To that end, following the first chapter, titled "Why Learn About the Mass?", Strand offers gripping discussions of the history of the Mass and what Vatican II taught about the Mass.

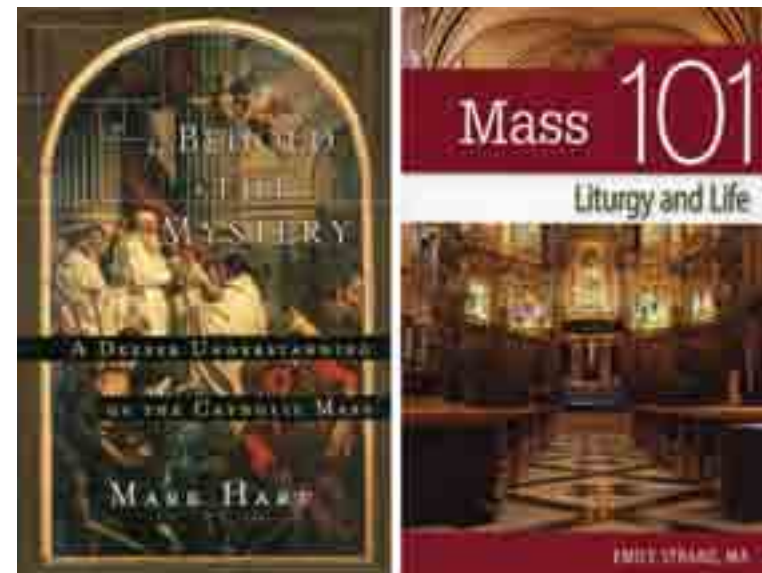
In a section titled "The Paschal Mystery and the Ministers of the Mass," Strand makes it clear that while the priest "has

the principal role" in the Mass, he isn't the only "minister." She explains the roles of others, including the ministers of music, lectors, extraordinary ministers of holy Communion, servers, ushers, and others. Strand illustrates the important fact that not only the priest, but the entire assembly, celebrates the Mass.

The remaining four chapters examine the parts of the Mass, "unpacking" the meaning and purpose of each. More than a few readers may be particularly interested in the appendix, "The Third Edition of the Roman Missal and the New Translation of the Mass." Here, Strand explains extraordinarily well the new translation of the Mass prayers that English-speaking Catholics began using a couple of years ago.

Mass 101 is clearly written, informative, and complete. It's the best book on the Mass for Catholic readers this reviewer has come across in quite a while.

Finley is the author of more than 30 books for Catholics, including two used widely in parishes, "The Joy of Being a Eucharistic Minister" and "The Joy of Being a Lector" (Resurrection Press)



NEWS IN PHOTOS FROM AROUND THE WORLD



People hold a placard that reads "I am Muslim, I am Jewish, I am Catholic, I am Charlie" during a Jan. 8 vigil in Paris, following the mass shooting at the offices of Charlie Hebdo, a satirical newspaper in Paris. Pope Francis condemned the killings of at least 12 people at the offices of the publication on Jan. 7 and denounced all "physical and moral" obstacles to the peaceful coexistence of nations, religions, and cultures. CNS photo/Jacky Naegelen, Reuters



Pope Francis baptizes a newborn during a Mass in the Sistine Chapel at the Vatican on Jan. 11. The pope baptized 33 infants at the Mass and told the mothers to feel free to breast-feed them if they cried or were hungry.

CNS photo/L'Osservatore Romano via Reuters



Wilfrid Macena, in red, who lost a leg in the Jan. 12, 2010, earthquake, battles for the ball during an early-morning practice on a soccer field in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Macena and two other members of a Haitian amputee soccer team gave Pope Francis a soccer jersey and ball signed by team members during a Jan. 10 papal audience marking the fifth-year anniversary of the magnitude-7 earthquake.

CNS photo/Bob Roller

Belize Rosary Mission Empowering Students

Lay missionary Manuela Lue, a former Columbus resident, is in her second decade of promoting devotion to the rosary in her homeland of Belize, with the help of volunteers from central Ohio.

Lue was the subject of a *Catholic Times* cover story in 2009 which told of her efforts to place a rosary in the hands of every Catholic student in Belize. She started her rosary mission in 2002 while working in Columbus as a financial analyst and caring for an ailing aunt.

As her faith grew, she felt called to start a rosary mission in Belize, along with another aunt, Thomasita Asevedo, who lives there. After Irene Cassady of Columbus taught her how to make rosaries, Lue sent back hundreds of rosaries to Belize and bought a rosary kit so her aunt could do the same thing. The missions office of the Diocese of Columbus has been instrumental from the beginning in providing her with supplies and promoting the rosary mission.

After she returned to Belize in 2006, the bishop of the Diocese of Belize City, which covers the entire nation, requested that Lue and her aunt teach the history and meaning of the rosary to the more than 41,000 students in the 130 Catholic schools of Belize. They began doing so in 2008 at St. Martin de Porres School in Belize City, with the help of a mission team from the Franciscan University of Steubenville. To date, they have presented rosaries to 35,173 students in 102 schools.

Lue most recently came to Columbus in January 2014 and September 2013.

While in central Ohio, she attended a friend's wedding, reconnected with old prayer group friends, and gathered more rosaries, religious articles, and books to take back to Belize.

Among her longtime supporters in the Columbus area are Earl and Carol Crosby of Worthington St. Michael Church, who were able to visit her recently when they took a cruise that stopped in Belize. The timing of the cruise coincided with one of Lue's rosary visits, so the Crosbys were able to personally deliver a large number of rosaries they had gathered in the Columbus area to St. Margaret Mary School in the Belizean capital of Belmopan. There they met Lue's aunt and Gordon Trotter, a volunteer from England who uses his vacation time to travel to Belize twice a year to help with the rosary mission. Besides volunteers who make rosaries in the Columbus area, the mission, known as Mary's Little Jewel, has dedicated rosary makers in Maryland, Kansas, Mississippi, Idaho, Michigan, Massachusetts, and Kentucky.

Carol Crosby stayed with Asevedo and Trotter while they conducted a classroom session with the younger children. Earl Crosby accompanied Lue to a fifth-grade classroom to conduct a separate session. When the morning sessions were complete, the entire group was treated to lunch by the mother of one of the students at her home.

The Crosbys said they were impressed by the peace that radiated from the children while they attentively listened to their rosary lesson, which reinforced



Lay missionary Manuela Lue with Carol and Earl Crosby of Worthington St. Michael Church.

lessons they had learned from their teachers. During the presentation, each child was given a rosary and a pamphlet that explained how to pray the rosary. Each classroom was provided with a large rosary poster, and each child was presented with the Divine Mercy picture of Jesus.

As Carol Crosby distributed the pictures, one girl's face lit up as she enthusiastically said she was going to hang the picture in her bedroom. The rosary mission distributes rosary CD's to teachers of the youngest children, and all teachers receive packets with prayer cards and blessed items such as medals and scapulars. All material is free of charge.

The Crosbys said their experience expanded their understanding of the Church's universal nature. "Although the school rooms were sparsely furnished by American standards, the students were well-behaved and eager to learn," Earl Crosby said. The Crosbys observed that the horses some children had ridden to school were grazing in an adjacent pasture while their riders studied.

Lue used the pictures and video Earl Crosby took during the day to help promote the rosary mission. The Crosbys treasured the rosary poster and large rosary that Asevedo gave them. The Crosbys believe the small contributions they make to the rosary mission go a long way in Belize.

The rosary mission operates out of the home of Lue and her aunt, which is too small to accommodate the large amount of rosaries, prayer cards, and religious articles they have gathered, and the vol-

unteers who want to come to help.

They plan to expand the building into a rosary center which will target people of all ages and will include a special rosary-making room and a Catholic bookstore. It also will offer programs such as Spanish-language classes, literacy classes, math classes, art classes, and entrepreneurship classes targeting the 56 percent of Belize residents who are 25 and younger.

The mission is looking for people who can come to Belize on sightseeing tours and mission tours and a volunteer who can assist with fundraising. It needs an SUV to traverse dirt roads in remote areas. It also is asking for volunteers to come to Belize to teach art, math, reading, media production, and entrepreneurial skills once the center is built.

Direct financial support is needed to construct the center, and in-kind donations of books, religious articles, rosary-making material, finished rosaries, furniture, and equipment are needed to furnish it. Upon completion of the center, ongoing support will be needed to deliver programs for enhancement and to support awards that represent young people's achievements.

The rosary mission also has land for sale in Belize, the only nation in Central America whose official language is English, dating to the days when it was known as British Honduras. Anyone who wishes to support the center in any way or would like additional information is invited to contact Lue at mcjlue@gmail.com or at Mary's Little Jewel, Box 197, Belize City, Belize.



Manuela Lue explains the rosary to schoolchildren in Belize. She has presented rosaries to more than 35,000 students in the Central American nation. Photos courtesy Manuela Lue