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The Editor's Notebook

Faith and the Catholic Community

By David Garick, Editor



As we move on from the initial euphoria of Easter Sunday and the glory of the resurrection of Jesus, we are called to turn our attention to how the resurrected Christ manifests himself to us. This Easter season is filled with readings from scripture that describe the early church and what was required of those believing in Jesus. These descriptions are often at odds with the reality of what passes for faith in 21st-century America.

Many Americans see faith as a purely individual commitment. That is, they believe in the identity of their deepest self with God, and that this connection is totally independent of any church or other institution. Our society is now composed of a myriad of individuals who deny any authority greater than their own will. They believe in their own theology, their independent faith, their separate religion. To the extent that they affiliate with a particular religion, it is only so far as that religion aligns with their own concept of how life should work. When that church calls upon them to accept teachings that they find uncomfortable or at odds with what they want, they move on to another denomination or retreat into their own personal, and very empty, sanctuary.

But the resurrected Christ calls us to turn away from our own understandings and to follow him. How can we know that we really turn to God, really believe the good news? We start by doing more than giving lip service to calling ourselves Christian and spouting platitudes about loving our neighbors. Scripture from the early days of the church tells us what we must do. We must acknowledge that the church itself, including every one of us, is in fact the risen Lord himself, enduring over the centuries.

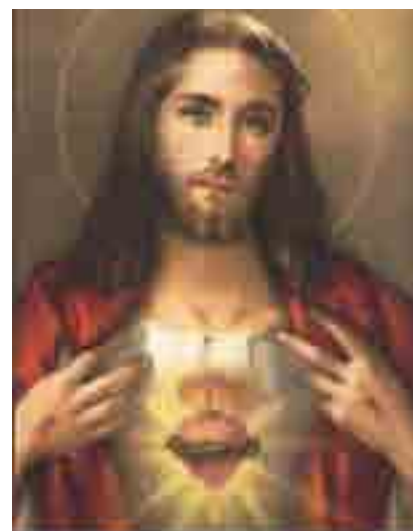
"Whoever says, 'I know him' but does not keep his commandments is a liar. ... This is the way we may know that we are in union with him: whoever claims to abide in him ought to live just as he lived. ... Whoever says he is in the light, yet hates his brother, is still in the darkness" (1 John 2:4-6,9). Faith is not merely affirming truths; faith is obeying Jesus' commands, trying to live as he lived, loving our brothers and sisters.

The Book of Acts tells us that the early Christians "devoted themselves to teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread, and to the prayers" (Acts 2:42-44). This is the very opposite of modern Americans who preach the doctrine of being "spiritual but not religious." Our faith calls us to action. Our faith calls us to unity inside the church, which is the Body of Christ on Earth. Our faith calls us to abandon our own wills and to submit to the authority of Christ, and through that we find love, forgiveness, redemption and eternal life.

We cannot achieve this on our own. Words and faith affirmations are indispensable, but so are sacraments. Sacramental actions, especially the receiving of Christ in the Eucharist, make the reality of Jesus present for us, according to Jesus' will. Our entire tradition of faith is living for us in the history of the Catholic Church. Our faith is constituted by the traditions and living community, and it cannot exist without them.

This issue of *Catholic Times* includes a look into how that Catholic living is expressed within the Church of the Resurrection in New Albany.

Solemnity of Sacred Heart Mass and Diocesan Consecration



Bishop Frederick Campbell will consecrate the Diocese of Columbus to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus during a Mass in St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., at 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 12, the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart.

Columbus will join a number of dioceses and archdioceses around the world in being consecrated to the Sacred Heart. Among those are the archdioceses of New York, Chicago, and Atlanta. The most recent diocesan consecration to the Sacred Heart in the United States was that of the Diocese of Marquette, Michigan, on March 26 of this year.

The modern devotion to the Sacred Heart results from a series of apparitions of Jesus Christ between 1673 and 1675 to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, a French nun. "See this heart, which has loved so much and is so little loved in return," He told her. "By the majority of men, it receives

only indifference, blasphemy, and sacrilege."

Jesus made 12 promises to St. Margaret Mary for anyone practicing devotion to His Sacred Heart. The most familiar of those promises is the statement that "My Heart will grant to all those who shall receive Communion on the first Friday of nine consecutive months the grace of final repentance."

Sacred Heart Columbus, a lay organization of about 60 people, has been promoting enthronement of the Sacred Heart in individual homes for the past several years, and estimates that 600 to 700 homes in the diocese have an area where the Sacred Heart is honored. The organization has sponsored a diocesan Sacred Heart Congress every year since 2012.

All are most welcome and encouraged to attend the June 12 Mass, a special event in the life of the diocese.

Correction - The April 12 Catholic Times listed an incorrect email address for information on Columbus St. Mary Church's fall pilgrimage to Italy. The correct address is ibillet@hotmail.com.

Pope says children are never a mistake, calls adults to responsibility

By Laura Ieraci/Catholic News Service

Children are never a "mistake," and no sacrifice is too great for an adult to make so that children can feel their worth, Pope Francis said.

During his weekly general audience in a chilly, but sunny St. Peter's Square on Wednesday, April 8, the pope continued his series of talks about the family, dedicating a second catechesis to children. He described the great suffering and difficulties many children around the world experience as "a Passion."

Children are the greatest blessing God has bestowed upon men and women, he said. Yet many children are "rejected, abandoned, robbed of their childhood and of their future," the pope noted, adding that it is "shameful" when people say it is "a mistake" to bring a child into the world.

"Please, let's not unload our faults on children," he said. "Children are never 'a mistake.'"

The hunger, poverty, fragility, and ignorance of some children "are not mistakes," but "only reasons for us to love them even more, with more generosity," he said.

Pope Francis wondered aloud about the value of international declarations of human and children's rights if children are then punished for the mistakes of adults.

"All adults are responsible for children and for doing what we can to change this situation," he said.

"Every marginalized and abandoned child, who lives by begging on the street for every little thing, without schooling or health care, is a cry to God," he said. Their suffering is the result of a social system created by adults, he added.



Pope Francis is pictured with youths at a home for former street children in Manila, the Philippines, on Jan. 16. CNS photo/L'Osservatore Romano via Reuters

Children who are victims of such poverty often "become prey to criminals who exploit them for immoral trade and commerce or train them for war and violence," he said.

Even in rich nations, "many children live dramas that scar their lives heavily" because of family crises or inhuman living conditions, he said. They suffer the consequences of "a culture of exaggerated individual rights" and become precocious, he added. And often they absorb the violence they are exposed to, unable

to "dispose of it," and "are forced to become accustomed to degradation," the pope said.

"In every case, these are childhoods violated in body and soul," the pope said. "But none of these children is forgotten by the Father in heaven. None of their tears are lost."

The pope also said children too often suffer the effects of their parents' precarious and poorly paid work or unsustainable work hours. Children, he said, "also pay the price of immature unions and irresponsible separations. They are the first victims." He underlined the social responsibility of each person and government toward children.

The pope offered a reflection on the Scripture passage in which when Jesus calls children to him so that he can bless them, Matthew 19:13-15. "How beautiful was the trust of these parents (to bring their children to him) and this response of Jesus," he said.

The pope said many children with serious problems benefit from "extraordinary parents, ready for every sacrifice and generosity." The church must accompany these parents in their efforts, he said.

"The church places her maternal care at the service of children and their families," he added. "It brings God's blessing to the parents and children of this world, maternal tenderness, firm reprimand, and strong condemnation. Brothers and sisters, think carefully: You don't mess with the lives of children."

He concluded by inviting his listeners to imagine a society that bases itself on the principle that "no sacrifice on the part of adults would be considered too costly or too great, anything so as to avoid that a child thinks they are a mistake, that they have no value, and that they are abandoned to the wounds of life and to the arrogance of men."

"How beautiful such a society would be," the pope said.

Special Masses, healing services for persons with cancer

Two special Masses and healing services in honor of St. Peregrine are planned for persons with cancer. St. Peregrine lived in Italy from 1260-1345. He was a member of the Friar Servants of Mary (Servite Order) and was himself cured of cancer. He is invoked as the patron saint of those affected by cancer.

The first Mass will take place at 7 p.m. Friday, May 1 at the Our Lady of Consolation National Shrine and Basilica in Carey. For more information, visit www.olcshrine.com or call (419) 396-7107.

The second will be celebrated in Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., at 6:30 p.m. Monday, May 4, the Feast of St. Peregrine.

The Mass will be celebrated by the cathedral's rector, Father Michael Lumpe, a cancer survivor.

Following Mass while the Blessed Sacrament is exposed, there will be special prayers for healing and veneration of a relic of the True Cross. The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick also will be available.

All are welcome, especially cancer patients, health care professionals and caregivers, cancer survivors, family and friends.

For more information, visit www.saintjosephcathedral.org or call the cathedral at (614) 224-1295.



Front Page photo:
The Church of the Resurrection in New Albany, dedicated in 2004. An earlier church building next door is now the parish ministry center
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PRACTICAL STEWARDSHIP

By Rick Jeric

Lydia

How did all your filing go last week? Most notably, how do those personal and spiritual Schedule A's and Schedule B's look? Lent seems to be so long gone, and rightfully so in the midst of 50 days of the Easter season. But mercy and forgiveness are always needs that we have. The Resurrection reminds us of the unlimited love and mercy of our God. At the same time, our forgiveness of one another is vitally important. Our Schedule A probably will always have names and situations that cry out for us to be loving and proactive with our forgiveness of others. And the Sacrament of Penance is there for us every day, not just during Lent. We all need to take advantage of that healing grace. Our Schedule B should show the many ways in which we can better love and serve one another, beginning with our families. This schedule is a little more fun and easy, but the implementation requires effort and a good memory. For example, no matter how many times I tell myself to be good to my wife and treat her well, I still find ways to upset her with my impatience and comments. Let us all hope we can keep our spouses, children, families, and loved ones at the top of our Schedule B throughout Easter and beyond Pentecost.

This past Good Friday, our family lost someone very dear to us all. My wife's aunt, Sister Lydia Sekowski, died peacefully at her order's Motherhouse in Pittsburgh. She was 97 years old. She had been with the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth since she was 14. She was in her 80th year of professed religious life. Many things may come to mind, such as wondering how someone so young could join a religious order and make a decision like that. Of course, times were very different in the early 1930s. But in better reflection, I think about God's call to a vocation of dedicated service, teaching, and joyful faith in God. Sister Lydia spent most of her years teaching first grade in Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Newton Falls, and Alabama. She was such a caring, giving, and sweet person who was the first teacher outside the home for so many people. I used to affectionately joke about how a conversation with her was like talking to a little child in many ways. She was always elementary, simple, and straightforward. What a great example and model. The most important thing that was consistent and always fresh was her love and dedication to her Faith. At her funeral, she was compared to Lydia, who is mentioned in the 16th chapter of the Acts of the Apostles. Lydia is considered the first person to be baptized in eastern Europe, and she opened her house to Paul and Silas while they were in Macedonia. She is quoted as saying, "If you consider me a believer in the Lord, come and stay at my home." Sister Lydia always did the same by welcoming her very young students into her classroom each year. All those people experienced a warm and loving welcome that set them at ease and set the tone for their faith and academic education for the rest of their lives. My reflection, and maybe one for all of us, is that I cannot comprehend Sister Lydia's life of selfless giving, love, prayer, and service. Have I even begun to approach anything like that in my life thus far? Rest in peace and enjoy eternal life, Sister Lydia.

Our practical challenge this week is to simply reflect on our own lives at this point. Take 15 minutes on a couple of different days this week, and consider those people in your own life who made an impact. Meditate upon those qualities and the role model, then think about how we can do the same. Focus on the elementary, simple, and loving actions we can do or say each day. Let us realize that we can and already do perform some of these actions. In this Easter season, may we commit to do more. Jeric is director of development and planning for the Columbus Diocese.



Chillicothe fundraising for mission

The three members of the Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary of Quilon who arrived at Chillicothe St. Peter Church last July will be taking part in a pilgrimage to Mexico from June 29-July 6, along with the parish's pastor, Father William Hahn, Deacon Reed Hauser, and 17 parishioners.

They will visit the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City, then head for Chillicothe's sister city of Cordoba, where they will assist workers at an orphanage, a parish, and a senior center. Members of the group hope both to enlighten themselves and to bring joy and needed materials to people on the margins in Cordoba.

The parish is sponsoring an interna-

tional dinner and auction gala at 6 p.m. Saturday, May 30 in the newly renovated parish hall to raise funds for items such as ground transportation and expenses for the sisters.

The event will feature cuisine from India, Italy, the Philippines, Greece, Mexico, and the United States, served buffet-style, plus both silent and live auctions and a dessert auction. Tickets are available for \$15 for adults and \$10 for children and may be purchased by calling (740) 774-1407 (the parish office) or (740) 703-0555.

If you have questions about donating, call Donna Weisenberger at the parish office or at bookkeeper@stpeterchillicothe.com, or Bob Dye at robertdye1@me.com.

Catholic Record Society's annual luncheon

The Catholic Record Society's annual luncheon meeting will take place Saturday, May 16, at the Westminster Thurbur community, 717 Neil Ave., Columbus, with appetizers at 11:30 a.m. and lunch at noon.

Msgr. Patrick Gaughan, a Steubenville native and a priest of the Diocese of Steubenville, will speak on how that diocese was formed 70 years ago. The Steubenville diocese consists of 13 eastern and southeast Ohio counties which were part of the Diocese of Co-

lumbus until 1945.

Msgr. Gaughan, now retired and living in Reynoldsburg, served in several parishes throughout his home diocese and will share his knowledge about how it has grown and changed, as well as stories about the founding of the diocese.

The presentation will be followed by a short business meeting. The cost of the luncheon is \$20 per person. Reservations are due by Monday, May 11. For more information, contact Mike Finn at fcoolavin@aol.com or (614) 268-4166.

Catholics Returning Home program

Sunbury St. John Neumann Church, 9633 E. State Route 37, will be offering a five-week program for non-practicing Catholics who would like to explore returning to active participation in the Church.

Catholics Returning Home is a national program that involves a group of active Catholics helping inactive Catholics through sharing and exploring the faith together and answering questions.

Any Catholic interested in resuming

active participation in the church is invited to take part in the program for five weeks beginning Sunday, April 19, from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Topics to be discussed include "God's Merciful Love," "The Mass," "The Creed," "Changes in the Church," and "The Sacrament of Reconciliation."

Pre-registration is not required. If you would like more information, contact Jill Newell at jnewell5@columbus.rr.com.

Fiber Fair at Church of the Resurrection

The annual diocese-wide Fiber Fair (formerly known as the knit-in) sponsored by the Church of the Resurrection in New Albany will take place Saturday, April 25, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the church, 6300 E. Dublin-Granville Road.

All prayer shawl or knit/crochet/sew

ministries are invited to come and share their projects. Participants are asked to bring a brown-bag lunch. Drinks and desserts will be provided. For more information, contact Sandy Walsh at (614) 342-6003 or Erin Cordle at ecor-dle@coltsdioc.org or (614) 241-2540.

Fisher Catholic Senior Nick Klitzka Will Be Attending Naval Academy

Lancaster Fisher Catholic High School senior Nick Klitzka will be attending the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, one of two service academies for which he was nominated by members of Congress.

His nomination to the Naval Academy came from Sen. Sherrod Brown of Ohio. He was nominated to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York, by Rep. Steve Stivers.

Charles Cooper, the Naval officer who reviewed Klitzka's application to Annapolis, said it is unusual for someone to apply to multiple military academies. "We tell people to apply to all the schools, but they usually focus on one," he said.

Cooper said the Naval Academy received 21,000 applications for the coming year, with 11,000 students completing their application process (physical exam, interview, and senatorial or congressional nomination). He said Klitzka is one of about 1,100 students the academy has accepted for the coming academic year.

Klitzka said he has always been interested in the military. His father is a 22-year veteran of the Navy, which may be why the Naval Academy was his first choice. "I had the thought of military service in my head, but then once I got to high school and started figuring out what I wanted to do, I started looking at ROTC and then realized the academy



From left: Maureen Beck, Fisher Catholic principal; Patricia Nick, and Tom Klitzka; Sean Kenney, school president.
Photo courtesy Fisher Catholic High School

was an option, too," he said.

Klitzka said he feels attending Catholic school will provide a good foundation for the rigors of a military academy. He began at Lancaster St. Mary School in the fifth grade and continued on to high school at Fisher Catholic. He plans to major in chemistry.

Soccer has played an important role in Klitzka's life. He was named the *Lancaster Eagle-Gazette* Player of the Year in 2014, as well as earning first-team league and district and second-team All-State honors. He hopes to continue playing as a walk-on at the academy, but acknowledges it will be tough, as soccer tryouts are the same time as Plebe Summer, the difficult Naval Academy

introductory period.

Fisher Catholic principal Maureen Beck described Klitzka as being "well-rounded" and said, "One of the many beautiful things about him is how humble he is." In addition to his soccer awards fall, Klitzka received the school's Shane Roush Award, which is awarded to a senior athlete who best exemplifies the character and commitment of the late Fisher alumnus.

Klitzka is president of the National Honor Society, a Student Council governor, and a member of the Irish4Life Club, the Fisher chapter of Interact, and the school Environmental Club. He is the son of Patricia and Tom Klitzka of Circleville.

Bookkeeper Position Available

The parish community of Saint Andrew is seeking a fulltime Bookkeeper who, under the direct supervision of the Business Administrator, will be responsible for performing various duties in the area of cash disbursements and cash receipts, including the automated capture, repair and processing of checks and other transit items; miscellaneous balancing and processing duties pertinent to a batch transaction environment. Duties including, but not limited to, the following: Maintain the Accounts Payable for all entities of the parish and reconcile all bank/PAF accounts; enter data into the Parish census database for contributions, payments, and annual pledges; account codes and data - enter deposits and journal entries, posting approved entries to General Ledger; maintain various Excel data base sub ledgers; process payroll for designated entities, including withholding payroll taxes and filing of related quarterly and annual tax forms; assist Business Administrator in preparation of the annual budget and financial reports; deposit checks as needed using Electronic Deposit Transfer; deposit cash at bank; assist with the tracking, collecting, and posting of tuition.

Qualifications for the position: The ideal candidate must also be self-motivated to complete the responsibilities of the job with minimum supervision; ability to multi-task and establish priorities; ability to maintain flexible attitude and approach towards assignments and successfully operate under appropriate guidelines; ability to read and comprehend simple instructions, write short correspondence, and memos; ability to effectively communicate with staff, parishioners, and other visitors to the parish and school; ability to exercise discreet judgment in maintaining all information highly confidential; ability to be flexible but meet deadlines when required; establish good organizational skills and priorities; exhibit initiative and responsibility. A college degree is preferred with a degree in a related field or comparable bookkeeping experience. Ongoing working knowledge of computer software including Microsoft Office and accounting programs is required. Extensive experience with Microsoft Excel is preferred. A minimum of three years of related experience is required.

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Smoking and morality; Confession and anonymity



QUESTION & ANSWER

by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE
Catholic News Service

Q. During the 1970s, at least in our part of the country, many priests smoked cigarettes or cigars. Yet some of them were effective in their ministry and obviously loved God greatly. When they die, as some of them already have, can they still go to heaven? Does Jesus' admonition, "Nothing that goes into a man can harm him, but only that which comes out of him -- avarice, greed, etc." apply here? (Bridgewater, New Jersey)

A. I'm confident that the priests of the 1970s who smoked tobacco products are probably in heaven -- certainly, those of them who, as you say, "were effective in their ministry and loved God greatly."

At that time, evidence of the long-term health hazards of smoking was only starting to be assembled. As recently as 1997, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* said in No. 2290 that the virtue of temperance cautions against excess and therefore forbids "the abuse of food, alcohol, tobacco or medicine" --

Q. Why can't penitents have the option of confessing their sins either face to face or in a traditional confessional? Since some find it uncomfortable to sit directly in front of the priest and be identified, why do some churches force that method? (City of origin withheld)

Today, though, there might well be a stricter moral calculus as information grows about the risks of tobacco use. The World Health Organization says, for example,

that every 6.5 seconds, someone dies from tobacco-related causes.

Such scientific documentation is making inroads on the ethical judgments of the Catholic Church -- as seen in a 2004 article in the scholarly Jesuit review *La Civiltà Cattolica* which, while stopping short of branding smoking as *per se* sinful, declared that smokers cannot damage their health and that of others "without moral responsibility." (Significant here is that articles in *La Civiltà Cattolica* are screened for doctrinal orthodoxy by the Vatican Secretariat of State.)

As for the quote you mention from Matthew 15:11 (the *New American Bible* has it as, "It is not what enters one's mouth that defiles that person; but what comes out of the mouth is what defiles one"), that passage does not exculpate smokers. Its context was a comment by Jesus on Jewish dietary laws, and it has nothing to do with intesting products that are medically harmful.

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A. Catholic penitents do, in fact, have the right to anonymity in confession if they so desire. The *Code of Canon Law* says (in No. 964.2): "The conference of bishops is to establish norms regarding the confessional; it is to take care, however, that there are always confessionals with a fixed grate between the penitent and the confessor in an open place so that the faithful who wish to can use them freely."

Many people do feel comfortable sitting in front of a priest and confessing face to face.

When I hear confessions each Saturday afternoon, probably 85 percent of penitents choose the face-to-face option, while the others kneel or sit behind an opaque screen -- and the choice seems to bear no relationship to the age of the penitent. (One elderly gentleman said recently, "I prefer you to know who I am; I wouldn't go to a doctor unless he knew my medical history.")

Still, care must be taken to accommodate those who prefer the traditional manner of confessing, and so confessional rooms are typically constructed to allow either option. At a penance service, when there are several individual confessors, at least one of the priests should be seated behind a screen or grate to allow for the choice of anonymity.

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

SCOUT CAMPOREE

All Catholic boys and girls in the Diocese of Columbus are invited to learn more about their faith and have fun through themed religious and recreational activities by taking part in the annual diocesan Catholic Scout Camporee.

The event is sponsored by the diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting and is for Scouts and non-Scouts alike. It will take place from Friday, May 15, to Sunday, May 17, at historic St. Joseph Church on State Route 383 in Somerset, "the cradle of the Catholic faith in Ohio," where the state's first Catholic church was founded in 1818. The camporee will be on the grounds of the current church, which was built in 1839.

There will be separate programs for boys and girls and accompanying adults in grades six to 12 and grades one to five. The program for the older youths will last from 7:30 p.m. May 15 (with registration beginning at 6:30) to 10 a.m. May 17. The younger group's events will be from 9:30 a.m. (registration beginning at 9) to the conclusion of 4 p.m. Mass on Saturday, May 16. The Mass, for all groups, will fulfill the Sunday obligation.

"Living Your Faith" is the theme for this year's camporee. All participants will be in groups with others

of similar age. Food, music, discussions, campfires, craft sessions, and campwide games, led by youth staff, all will be part of the weekend activities, along with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation. In addition, the weekend qualifies for the retreat requirement for the *Ad Altare Dei* medal.

A lay apostolate formation program will be available for adults. This program helps adults to be more comfortable with and better trust each other. Through guided reflection and active participation, adults discern how they are called by Christ and his church to leadership, holiness, conversion, and worship. The process helps participants recognize the prompting of the Holy Spirit within a small community of faith.

"Early-bird" fees are \$25 for older youths and accompanying adults and \$15 for the younger group. Fees will be increased by \$5 after Sunday, May 3. The fee includes a patch, meals, activities and crafts, and a camp cup. All participants will need to bring a water bottle, tent, and sleeping gear. Dining utensils will be supplied.

For more details, go to www.cdeducation.org/oym/scouts.htm. Information also is available from Kevin Miller at (614) 263-7832.

Love your neighbor. Lend a hand.

Come join Catholic Social Services on Service Saturday, May 16, to help low-income Franklin County senior citizens who need help with small home repairs, painting, yardwork, or special projects.

Volunteers younger than 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

You can register online to volunteer at www.colscss.org/service-saturday.

Neophyte Mass

All those who were received into full communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil are invited to the annual Neophyte Mass at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, May 24 in Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St.

Bishop Frederick Campbell will be the celebrant. There will be a reception in the Cathedral undercroft following Mass.

Please RSVP by Sunday, May 10 by calling the diocesan Office for Divine Worship at (614) 221-4640.

New Parish-Based Marriage Enrichment Program Announced

Discovering Our Deepest Desire (DODD) is a new, exciting, innovative Catholic marriage ministry and enrichment program resulting from years of therapy, marriage enrichment, and Theology of the Body learning and experience.

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The title of the DODD curriculum comes from the words of St. Augustine: "The deepest desire of every human heart is to be seen and to see another in this same way."

This golden thread runs throughout the program and stresses the importance of strengthening one's commitment to his or her spouse. The curriculum is filled with quotes from Scripture and the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, along with fun, interactive activities.

In true Socratic form, it contains questions that are utilized to engage the participants and to get them actively thinking about the topics presented. Every session has homework meant to keep couples working together between classes and long after the curriculum has ended.

The curriculum is designed not only to strengthen marriages, but also to encourage participants to become mentors for others after the curriculum is finished. Its goal is to build marriage support in parishes that continues past completion of the program.

DODD also encourages churches to build marriage support through the ministry which has been designed in conjunction with the curriculum. This program, known as the Believe in Marriage (BIM) ministry, is designed to help couples build ongoing marriage support circles for continued growth and assistance in their marital journey.

The BIM ministry provides ongoing resources to help with this support through what are called Reaching Deeper sessions. Finally, the BIM ministry encourages couples to be trained in the DODD

program so they can continue to build long-range marriage support in their parish, rather than just offering a "flash-in-the-pan" approach.

The DODD curriculum is being launched at churches throughout the United States and is being recognized by several dioceses, including the Diocese of Columbus, as a vital tool for strengthening marriages.

It is in the form of a "teach-out-of-the-box" approach, using a DVD series of the author teaching each session so that it is easier for parishes to purchase and begin offering the program in a short period of time. It has an imprimatur from Auxiliary Bishop Joseph Binzer of Cincinnati. A Spanish translation will be available this summer.

For more information about DODD or BIM, go to www.ourdeepestdesire.com, or contact Schutte at gscutte@ourdeepestdesire.com or (937) 262-7010.

Bethesda Mass of Comfort

The Bethesda Healing Ministry's annual Mass of Comfort for all who mourn the loss of a child through miscarriage, early termination, or stillbirth will be celebrated by Father Dean Mathewson and Father Michael Gentry at 7 p.m. Monday, May 11.

The Mass will be in the Infant of Prague Chapel at the ministry's Five Porticos building on the campus of Columbus Christ the King Church, 2744 Dover Road. A reception will follow.

For more information, call (614) 718-0277. Bethesda's 24-hour confidential ministry lines for anyone needing assistance in healing from the effects of abortion are (614) 309-2651 or (614) 309-0157 for English-speakers or (614) 309-0810 for those who speak Spanish.

Maintenance/Custodial Position

Christ the King Church is in search of an individual qualified for a maintenance/custodial position. This fulltime position entails routine and preventative maintenance for multiple structures on the parish campus.

Candidates should be able to perform minor plumbing, electrical repair, carpentry work, and painting. In addition, candidates will be responsible for a clean and safe working environment for all staff and visitors. This will include caring for floors, windows, and the entire interior and exterior of the church. This position will require heavy work demands, problem solving skills, flexibility, and the ability to work with staff and direct volunteers. Candidates must be organized in order to maintain records of maintenance procedures and facilitate events within the life of an active parish. Spanish language skills are a plus.

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Father David Schalk at schalk.ctk@gmail.com

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Anyone interested in applying for this position must be an active, practicing Catholic, submit to a BCI background check and attend (or have attended) the diocesan-mandated Protecting God's Children Workshop. Salary will be commensurate with experience and qualifications. Candidates for consideration should send a resume and cover letter to the parish office (St. Edward Church, 785 Newark-Granville Rd., Granville, OH, 43203) or send this information by e-mail:

church@saintedwards.org

LANCASTER STUDENTS COMPETE AT STATE SCIENCE DAY

Ten Lancaster St. Mary School students were selected at the District 8 Science Fair last month at Ohio University-Lancaster to compete at the State Science Day on Saturday, May 16 at The Ohio State University.

Several students also received special awards. Mitchell Zombek received the Governors Award in advanced material science and a third-place Alcatel-Lucent technology and engineering award.

Ryan Maravy received an award from the *Ohio Valley Outdoors* newspaper. Savannah Dryden tied for first place in zoology and microbiology and received a scholarship to the B-Wiser Summer Science Institute. Hayley Griggs won the Mowery-Gabriel biomedical and Berger Hospital awards and a scholarship to the B-Wiser Institute. Katlyn Marion tied for second in the Governors Award competition for advanced materials science and received a scholarship

to the B-Wiser Institute.

Caroline Menosky won the Mowery-Gabriel biomedical and Fairfield Medical Center awards. Renee Miller received the Governor's Award in agriculture and food technology. Gina Stuckey won an alternate scholarship to the B-Wiser Institute. Leah Tipple finished first in engineering and was awarded a scholarship to the B-Wiser Institute, and Anna Vanderbilt finished first in botany and received a second-place soil and water conservation award and a scholarship to the B-Wiser Institute.

Photo: Lancaster St. Mary School students who will compete at State Science Day in May are (from left): first row, Chris Edwards, Gina Stuckey, Hayley Griggs; second row, Dylan Piko, Katlyn Marion, Leah Tipple, and Anna Vanderbilt; third row, Caroline Menosky, Savannah Dryden. Renee Miller is not pictured.

Photo courtesy St. Mary School



Battle of the Books winners



Delaware St. Mary School's Battle of the Books team took the trophy for the second year in a row, in a two-round competition against nine other diocesan schools. Each team was required to read a list of 85 books and answer questions about them. Pictured are (from left): Eileen O'Connor, coach and librarian, and team members Gabby Lutz, Danielle Lutz, Renae Reardon, Bridget Noonan, Becca Marino, Justin Brackenridge, and Zane Lamaze.

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Diocese of Columbus/IT Job Opportunities

The Information Technology Office at the Catholic Diocese of Columbus is looking for individuals to join the IT team.

Applications Developer: Two fulltime exempt positions are available. These positions have the responsibility for providing professional support to the Information Technology Office computing environment. The Applications Developer will work closely with the diocesan offices to understand their goals and needs and translate those into projects and requests that the developer or other IT staff can fulfill; and will primarily be responsible for a number of internal applications developed in-house as well as integrated commercial off the shelf software with site specific code. Work involves software design, development, modification, implementation and production support using standard development practices. It also involves writing requirements definitions, program specifications, and test plans. Experience in the design and development of information systems is essential; project management experience and track record of successful project implementation; experience in business process analysis and improvement strategies.C#.net and VB.net programming experience and Microsoft SQL Server (2000-2008) experience including Stored Procedures, Auditing, Troubleshooting, Optimization and Design is required. A college diploma or university degree in the field of Information Technology and/or 5 or more years of equivalent work experience; Microsoft certification(s) is a plus.

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A degree in a related field; computer science, information technology or information system management is preferred. Knowledge of IT equipment, support fundamentals and Microsoft Office Suite applications is necessary. The ability to maintain confidential information is required.

Passing a background screening and completion of the VIRTUS "Protecting God's Children" Program is mandatory. Understanding the philosophy and objectives of the Catholic Church is required. Salary is commensurate with education and experience. All benefits are according to Diocesan policy.

Send electronic cover letter, resume and references by April 30, 2015 to:

Dominic Prunte, Director of Human Resources at dprunte@coldioc.org



From Behind Closed Doors



Lighting the Way
Joseph Thomas

There are many ways we can all hide from view. One way is to lock ourselves behind a door. That works for a while, until someone decides to try and open it. The next is to duck behind a bush. This is the silliest of ways, because I know personally that a 5-foot-9 frame needs a pretty large bush to hide behind. The last is to leave and run away from everything we know. This creates loneliness, and you know God hates a vacuum.

This is the dilemma the apostles had after the death of Jesus. Out of sheer fear, they did the only child-like thing they knew how to do – to lock themselves up with the hope that no one would try and enter. Jesus never wanted them to be secluded. His ministry was one of voyage and sensory experience, to make Himself known to everyone He could touch and heal.

Some people fear openness because it leaves them vulnerable to ridicule and retribution, but it can also be an avenue to self-discovery and sharing ourselves

with others who need our love the most. It teaches us to learn how to coexist and be tolerable. It also teaches us to care for one another and to protect the right to live. Like the Beatles tune *All You Need Is Love*, it is more than mere words. It is our heart spilled out and overflowed through the very spirit of Christ.

Jesus tried to explain to His followers that this spirit was an unquenchable fire that simply could not be put out. You cannot tame a wild beast, but a lamb sits quietly by his shepherd and hears his voice. This could be any one of us. Are we to

be the fire that ignites the flame of faith, or are we to be the light by which others follow? You may never know unless you find the courage to take that first step, guided by Christ as your friend and protector.

Jesus died for this very reason. We are not to mourn. He is alive, He has risen, He is born again, in our hearts and in our minds. By dying, He destroyed death and restored hope. His suffering was not in vain. It brought out the love we so desperately needed. What type of legacy will we deliver in connection with our time on Earth? Will our response to Christ come from behind a locked and lonely door, or will it come from our love of one another? How you impact this world is for you to decide.

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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“to build the intensity and passion of our faith through a blending, not of voices and instruments, but of the many gifts we have been given by God”



BY TIM PUET

Reporter, Catholic Times

In music, a crescendo refers to a gradual buildup in volume and intensity, often leading to a spectacular finish. It can't occur successfully without a perfect blending of instruments and singers, working together as one.

The Church of the Resurrection in New Albany has taken that term from the musical language and used it to describe its goal as a parish – “to build the intensity and passion of our faith” through “a blending, not of voices and instruments, but of the many gifts we have been given by God.”

The parish aspires “to build a crescendo of spirit, where our generosity fills our parish and spills out into the community and world around us.” Unlike a musical crescendo, though, a crescendo of spirit isn't intended to be a buildup to a big climax, but a work which constantly continues as parishioners use the material and spiritual gifts God has given them, committing themselves to building community through service to others.

“Constant buildup” also describes the growth of the Church of the Resurrection since its beginnings in 1980. New Albany at that time had 400 residents, with a few businesses located along U.S. Route 62 and Ohio Route 161. Its main landmark was a 100-year-old lumber mill/general store.

The area was mostly farmland, but as Columbus was expanding northward, that land was seen as a likely area for development. In anticipation of such growth, the Diocese of Columbus in 1980 purchased land at Morgan and East Granville roads in New Albany. Two years later, it established a New Albany mission, staffed by priests from Gahanna St. Matthew Church, who began celebrating Mass in the village elementary school and later in the local Lions Club building.

The Church of the Resurrection was established as a separate parish on July

Top: The church sanctuary. Bottom: Parishioners (from left): first row, Adele Sheffick, Kathy Hodges, Chris Roberts, Peggy Kehres, Abby Porr; second row, Al Hannum, Thom Wyatt, Katy Wyatt, Father Jerome Rodenfels (pastor), Sue Larson, Tom Arnett. CT photo by Tim Puet

NEW ALBANY CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

12, 1983, with a temporary rectory at 7331 Central College Road. An unattached garage on that property was used as a chapel until a church building was completed in 1985 on the diocesan land. That building today serves as the parish ministry center, containing office, classroom, dining, and meeting areas.

At the time the church was opened, the growth that had been anticipated in New Albany was occurring at a rate of two families per week. By 1990, the community's population was about 1,600. During the late 1980s and early 1990s, as the town was slowly growing, Les Wexner, founder of the Limited clothing-store chain, and developer Jack Kessler were purchasing much of the land still available in the area.

In 1990, they formed the New Albany Co., whose efforts have changed the community from a quiet rural town to a city of 9,000 people featuring several developments filled with Georgian-style executive residences, a business park employing 12,000 people, a country club, highly rated schools, and a thriving new downtown. The mill building is still standing, but the business itself closed a few years ago.

The growth of the church, located at 6300 E. Dublin-Granville Road, with weekend Masses at 5 p.m. Saturday and 9 and 11 a.m. Sunday, has matched that of the community. The parish has about 2,300 families, a number that continues gradually rising as homes are built on what former farmland still exists in the northeast corner of Franklin County and adjoining areas of Delaware and Licking counties.

Father Jerome Rodenfels has been part of the parish's history for much of its existence, serving as its pastor from 1989-98, then returning as pastor in 2003 following the death of his successor at Resurrection, Msgr. J. Colby Grimes. He has remained there ever since.

Msgr. Grimes and Deacon Byron Phillips, now at Columbus St. Christopher Church, were in charge of construction for the current church building, which was dedicated in 2004. Its Georgian architecture mirrors that of the rest of the community.

Its most dramatic feature is a 10-foot bronze sculpture of the risen Christ ascending into Heaven above the main al-

tar, with one hand pointing skyward and the other toward the congregation. The artist, Lynn Kircher of Colorado, has sculptures displayed in churches across the nation. One of those works, of Jesus shedding a tear, is part of the papal collection in the Vatican.

“I've always been a strong believer in cooperative ministry, having a dialogue with the laity so we can come to a consensus about what the needs of the parish are,” Father Rodenfels said. “Being with the people here, sharing good times and bad, has given me the most satisfaction I've had as a priest. I appreciate the trust people have put in me.”

One of the challenges faced by Resurrection and other growing parishes involves retaining the intimate feel of a smaller congregation. “This has become a large parish, but somehow it doesn't seem so large,” said Katy Wyatt, parish youth minister. “I think it's because we've developed so many ministries (more than 50 altogether) that everyone can find something that's of interest.”

“New Albany is a growing community and a transient community as businesses move people in and out, but I think the parish does a good job in bringing things down to a personal level and making people feel welcome,” said Al Hannum, parish pastoral council chairman.

He and other members of the parish pastoral and financial councils conduct a monthly orientation meeting for new parishioners. The event features a tour of the church and the ministry center, a presentation on parish history and ministries, identification of areas where new parishioners can immediately provide assistance, and lunch, with follow-up calls coming a few months later.

“My wife and I came here in 1994 from a larger parish and immediately were made to feel welcome by several people,” Hannum said. “That's what brought us here and what has kept us here. It's what makes a parish an extended family. We want today's newcomers to feel the same way.”

One of the things that brings both the parish and the community together in a big way is the annual series of family

The New Albany Church of the Resurrection children's choir at its annual hot-dog roast in October 2014. Photo courtesy Church of the Resurrection

buffets sponsored on Lenten Fridays by Knights of Columbus Council 10941. The dinners are more than the standard fish fry, with the menu also including tuna melts or vegetable lasagna (depending on the week), grilled cheese sandwiches, a choice of two soups, fruit, and desserts, plus the usual fish-fry side dishes.

More than 3,100 dinners were served over five Fridays this year, with the final buffet attracting 670 people. Hannum said the key to the success of the dinners was the assistance provided each week by more than 50 volunteers, including members of the Knights, other parishioners, and many young people.

The Knights also provide food for the parish's annual picnic in August, which includes a talent show and games for children.

The parish, which does not have a school, offers religious education to more than 700 students through its CREED program for kindergarten through fifth grade, Teens Experiencing Christ for grades six to eight, and Crosstraining for ninth to 12th grades.

CREED (Church of the Resurrection Elementary Education Days), led by Joan Lucius, serves about 400 students attending one of six weekly late-afternoon or early-evening sessions in the ministry

center, using the Sadlier *We Believe* instructional series to help young people grow in their Catholic identity.

Wyatt leads the middle- and high-school youth ministry programs. About 150 sixth- through eighth-graders gather each Sunday evening from September to May, holidays excepted, for TEC, which is based on the diocesan graded course of study for religion. Crosstraining meets twice a month, also on Sunday evenings, with about 150 high-school students attending. Both programs feature small-group discussion, Bible study, music, and witness talks, plus sponsor retreats during the year. A Wednesday-morning Bible study also is offered for high-school students who are able to attend.

In addition, the youth ministry sponsors two summertime activities – Gospel Road and Blest Week Ever. This year's Gospel Road program will take place from June 14-20 in Vinton County, with high-school students doing home repairs for people unable to perform the work themselves. This program has assisted Vinton County residents for a number of years and is separate from the diocesan Gospel Road program, which brings young people to a different part of the diocese each year to perform similar work.

Blest Week Ever will be from July 12-16 and provides young people with an

opportunity to perform service activities at a variety of Columbus agencies, including the Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs, Catholic Social Services, the Mid-Ohio Foodbank, Faith Mission, and the Homeless Families Foundation.

Parish religious education activities also include a children's Liturgy of the Word program during the two Sunday Masses and a Vacation Bible School which will meet for morning and evening sessions on the week of June 21. Religious education secretary Peggy Kehres said the sessions attract about 225 students in kindergarten through fifth grade, with many older students and parents as volunteers.

This year, a new program, known as STAR (Summer Teens at Resurrection), will take place from noon-3 p.m., following the morning VBS session, for middle-school students.

Besides the Knights of Columbus, the parish hosts the That Man Is You! men's program on Thursday mornings, has a men's prayer group which meets twice a month, and sponsors a women's group which conducts a variety of service projects, including an annual craft bazaar.

The parish has one of the most active social-concerns ministries in the diocese, as can readily be seen through looking in

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the gathering space next to the sanctuary, which recently had containers available for donations to JOIN, the Bryden House residence for people who are physically and mentally challenged, and the Columbus St. James the Less Church food pantry. The number of organizations seeking donations varies, depending on the liturgical season.

Other social-concerns activities include an Employment Resource Ministry for those who are unemployed, underemployed, or in job transition; an international hospitality program which provides a number of services for immigrants and recently hosted a panel discussion on immigration; Meals on Wheels, in cooperation with the Westerville Senior Center; Red Cross blood drives; and a Christmas Giving Tree. Through parish member Jim Nugent, several parishioners are assisting Padre Rafael Fuentes, a priest who has established a school in the village of Agua Caliente, El Salvador.

Parishioners age 55 and older are eligible for the parish Young at Heart group, which gathers several times a month for events including Masses, card parties, potlucks, and travel. People who serve as caregivers for the elderly, the infirmed, or children have a chance to express their concerns at a support group meeting on the third Monday of each month. The parish also has a group of volunteers ready to prepare and serve funeral luncheons in the activity center upon request.

Several parish ministries, plus Habitat for Humanity and Columbus Cristo Rey High School, will benefit from the parish's fifth annual Unmask the Night masquerade ball and dinner auction on Saturday, May 2, in the grand ballroom of the Hilton Columbus Hotel at the Easton shopping complex. Last year, the event raised more than \$88,000.

Parish music director Thom Wyatt said about 150 people participate in one of the parish's four choirs – an adult choir, which leads the congregation in song at the 11 a.m. Sunday Mass; a contemporary folk group, which provides music for the 9 a.m. Sunday Mass; a praise choir, which sings at the 5 p.m. Mass on the first Saturday of the month from October to May; and a children's choir, featured at the 5 p.m. Mass on the third Saturday of the month during the school year.

There is one more choir, which performs once a year – the Cherub Choir, consisting of preschool children who present a program before a standing-room-only crowd at the children's Mass on Christmas Eve.

Twice a month on both Tuesday afternoons and Wednesday evenings, the parish shawl ministry gathers, Ministry participant Sandy Walsh said about two dozen people are involved with the program, which makes shawls, slippers, scarves, and gloves for those in need, plus prayer cloths for children making their first Communion. Each stitch is made with a prayer for the recipient, in hope of wrapping that person in comfort.

For the past 11 years, parishioner Kathy Hodges has signed the 9 a.m. Sunday Mass for the deaf and the



hard of hearing, making Resurrection one of the few parishes in the diocese to offer this service. Hodges is anxious to find people to assist her, but emphasizes that anyone who wishes do so must already be proficient in sign language.

Each Tuesday morning the parish offers 20 minutes of centering prayer with Adele Sheffieck, a trained presenter for Contemplative Outreach Ltd. and an Associate of the Dominican Sisters of Peace. Centering prayer is a receptive method of resting in God that is not meant to replace other types of prayer, but to add depth of meaning to all prayer.

Centering prayer is offered in the parish's Our Lady of Resurrection Chapel, which is used for daily

Masses and is one of two chapels within the larger church building. The parish also has a Reservation Chapel which is always open for Eucharistic Adoration (The term "reservation" refers to the Blessed Sacrament being reserved in a tabernacle rather than displayed in a monstrance).

Although the chapel is open at all times, it may be accessed by the public on a limited basis. For more information, call the church at (614) 855-1400. Its website is www.cotrna.org.

Top photo: The Church of the Resurrection's choirs perform at the parish Christmas concert. Bottom: Part of the crowd at the Knights of Columbus Lenten buffet. Photos courtesy Church of the Resurrection, K of C Council 10941

ODU Announces \$3.8 Million Theater Modernization Campaign

Ohio Dominican University has launched a \$3.8 million campaign to restore and modernize its historic performance arts venue, the Sister Mary Andrew Matesich, OP, Theater, located in Erskine Hall on ODU's main campus, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus.

"The Sister Mary Andrew Matesich Theater is our campus' most cherished historic venue," said Dr. Peter Cimbotic, ODU president.

"For more than 85 years, it has offered us a beautiful setting in which to share and gain knowledge through presentations, performances, and celebrations.

"It has been a centerpiece of learning, public discourse, and inspiring performances that have shaped the educational experience for generations of students on our campus.

"The theater is a valuable resource for our campus and the community, and the goal of this campaign is to ensure that students and visitors have the opportunity to take advantage of this treasure for decades to come."

The 798-seat Matesich Theater was built in 1929, when ODU was known as



The College of St. Mary of the Springs. Previously referred to as the Little Theater, it was dedicated and renamed in 2005 in the memory of ODU's former president, Sister Mary Andrew Matesich, OP, who led ODU from 1978 to 2001.

The theater hosts a variety of lectures, speakers, and presentations throughout the academic year, and is home to

ODU's student theater ensemble, the Panther Players.

The first phase of the restoration project took place during the summer of 2014.

During this phase, the theater's exterior walls were strengthened and sealed, and the roof was repaired.

Future phases include:

- Restoring plaster and woodwork

and painting the walls

- Recarpeting the aisles
- Replacing curtains and curtain tracks
- Replacing the theater's seats with larger, more comfortable seats
- Repositioning the seats to create a wider center seating section
- Expanding the stage
- Installing new audio and digital projection systems
- Installing new theatrical lighting

To learn more, and to contribute toward the Sister Mary Andrew Matesich Theater restoration project, visit ohiodominican.edu/Theatre.

Ohio Dominican University is a comprehensive, four-year, private liberal arts and master's institution, founded in 1911 in the Catholic Dominican tradition by the Dominican Sisters of Peace.

The university has approximately 2,700 students and offers undergraduate degrees in 45 majors and nine graduate degree programs. At ODU, students connect their passion with a purpose.


DeSales students receive music honors



During the last weekend of January, several Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School students received high ratings at the Ohio Music Education Association's choir and instrumental competition. They are (from left): first row, McKenna Schwartz, Sophie Ouellette-Wade, Jasmine Nappier, Hannah Bentley; second row, Madeline Foley, Sally Kolp, Alexis Ankrom, Caitlyn Clarke, Alyssa Gabriel, Katy Spittell; third row, Brenna Bookless, Delaney Rice, Jon Feverston, Seth McClenathan, Eunice Agyapong, Jennifer Hamilton, Dominic Polemeni-McGovern, Grant Sichel. Not pictured are Morgan Hall, Tessa Biskner, Melissa Witt, Kathleen Cavanagh, and Megan Thomas.

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Third Sunday of Easter (Cycle B)

All Jews were not responsible for Jesus' death



Father Lawrence L. Hummer

Acts 3:13-15,17-19
1 John 2:1-5a
Luke 24:35-38

Sunday's Acts reading follows an incident in which Peter enabled a man born crippled to walk. Peter's response to the crowd's amazement is now reported. Peter notes that it was the ancestral God ("the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob") who glorified Jesus, in whose name Peter had healed the crippled man. Peter also ascribes the death of Jesus to these same people to whom he now speaks: "The author of life you put to death."

Peter also notes that "we are witnesses" to the fact that God had raised Jesus from the dead. He finally adds that he knows the people had "acted out of ignorance, just as your leaders did." Peter takes up the general New Testament preaching (often called the *kerygma*) that God had brought about what had been announced "through the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer." He then invites his audience to "be converted, that your sins may be wiped away." Some have argued that the notion of a suffering Christ is part of Luke's unique contributions to the *kerygma*. Whether that should be considered as separate from the general *kerygma* of the early Church is debatable.

By this point (toward the end of the first century, 85-90 AD), the release of Barabbas during the Passion narrative had become fixed in Christian memories. This was "the murderer you asked to be released." Peter's argument that the people had acted out of ignorance offers a kind of reprieve from full guilt for the death of Jesus.

Nonetheless, elsewhere in Acts, the blame for the death of Jesus is placed pretty squarely on "the Jews."

Pilate, the Roman procurator, is mentioned, but only insofar as he had decided to release Jesus. That he is not mentioned in connection with the crucifixion speaks volumes about what lies behind the text. The blame is put on Peter's Jewish audience, despite the fact that they acted out of ignorance. This is what Acts is claiming, reflecting the general New Testament attitude toward Jews. This attitude of blaming Jews generally for the death of Jesus is wrong, and has been condemned as such frequently and clearly in recent years by popes and bishops alike.

We cannot say this often enough or loud enough: All Jews were not responsible for the death of Jesus, himself a Jew. He was crucified, according to Roman custom, by and with the authorization of Pontius Pilate, the Roman leader who possessed that authority in Palestine. That some Jewish leaders supported his execution is likely, although we cannot overlook the importance of leaders like Nicodemus, who tacitly supported Jesus, if John's Gospel has any credibility, and it does!

Sunday's Gospel is taken from Luke, even though this is supposed to be Mark's year. A quick look at Mark shows that there isn't much material to dwell on after the report of Jesus' resurrection is given. It is agreed "almost universally" by scholars that Mark's Gospel originally ended at 16:8. Inasmuch as Mark 16:1-7 was the Gospel for the Easter Vigil, that would leave only one verse to ponder from Mark: "Then they went out and fled from the tomb, seized with trembling and bewilderment. They said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid."

That would seem to be a strange ending indeed. But one of the first principles of textual criticism is that the harder the reading is, the more likely it is. That leaves little room to speak about Luke. The Sunday reading comes after Jesus had met two disciples on the Emmaus road. Now he meets the whole group and "proves" it is himself by his wounds, by eating with his followers and "opening their minds to the Scriptures."

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

The Weekday Bible Readings

MONDAY
 Acts 6:8-15
 Psalm 119:23-24,26-27,29-30
 John 6:22-29

TUESDAY
 Acts 7:51-8:1a
 Psalm 31:3cd-4,6,7b,8a,17,21ab
 John 6:30-35

WEDNESDAY
 Acts 8:1b-8
 Psalm 66:1-3a,4-7a
 John 6:35-40

THURSDAY
 Acts 8:26-40
 Psalm 66:8-9,16-17,20
 John 6:44-51

FRIDAY
 Acts 9:1-20
 Psalm 117:1bc,2
 John 6:52-59

SATURDAY
 1 Peter 5:5b-14
 Psalm 89:2-3,6-7,16-17
 Mark 16:15-20

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE WEEK OF APRIL 19, 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.

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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)

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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 III, Seasonal Proper of the Liturgy of the Hours

Newman and Vatican II



THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE
 George Weigel

That Blessed John Henry Newman was one of the great influences on Vatican II is "a commonplace," as Newman's biographer, Father Ian Ker, puts it. But what does that mean? What influence did Newman have on a council that opened 72 years after his death? And from this side of history, what might we learn from Newman about the proper way to "read" Vatican II, as we anticipate the 50th anniversary of its conclusion on Dec. 8?

Those are questions Father Ker explores in *Newman on Vatican II* (Oxford University Press), a book whose brevity is inversely proportional to its depth. Ker is our best interpreter of Newman's thought, and when Ian Ker says something about how Newman influenced and would "read" Vatican II, serious Catholics will pay attention.

That Newman was a great influence on Vatican II means, in part, that the council's efforts to retrieve the wisdom of the Church Fathers and the great medieval doctors was presaged in Newman's own work, going back to his Anglican days. As Ker writes, "A century before the theological revival that came to be known as the *nouvelle theologie* (new theology) began in France in the 1930s, Newman and his fellow Tractarians in the Oxford Movement were already seeking to return to the sources of Christianity in the writings of the Fathers." And that "return" (often called *ressourcement* theology) was not a matter of pious nostalgia, but of intellectual adventure: a movement that sought to enrich the Church's reflection on her own nature and mission at a moment when theology risked falling into a subdiscipline of logic—something dry and abstract, detached from the explosive

good news of the Gospel.

That Newman had considerable influence at Vatican II is also evident in the council's seminal dogmatic constitution on divine revelation (*Dei Verbum*). There, the Council Fathers teach that the Great Tradition "that comes from the apostles makes progress in the Church, with the help of the Holy Spirit. ... as the centuries go by, the Church is always advancing toward the plenitude of divine truth, until eventually the words of God are fulfilled in her." Thus did Vatican II vindicate Newman's great work on the development of doctrine, which grew from a theological method that brought history, and, indeed life itself back into play as sources of reflection and growth in our understanding of God's revelation?

That Newman could make this contribution to the Catholic future was due to the fact that he was neither a traditionalist, who thought the Church's self-understanding frozen in amber, nor a progressive, who believed that nothing is finally settled in the rule of faith. Rather, Newman was a reformer devoted to history, who worked for reform in continuity with the Great Tradition, and who, in his explorations of the development of doctrine, helped the Church learn to tell the

difference between genuine development and rupture.

One reason Newman can help us "read" Vatican II, Father Ker suggests, is because he was deeply versed in the history of ecumenical councils. He knew that virtually all such mega-events in Christian history began in controversy, were conducted in controversy, and led to controversy—and unintended consequences, more often than not. Thus to pose "conciliarism" as an all-purpose tool with which to fix what ails the Church would be, to Newman, an implausible idea, given the historical record.

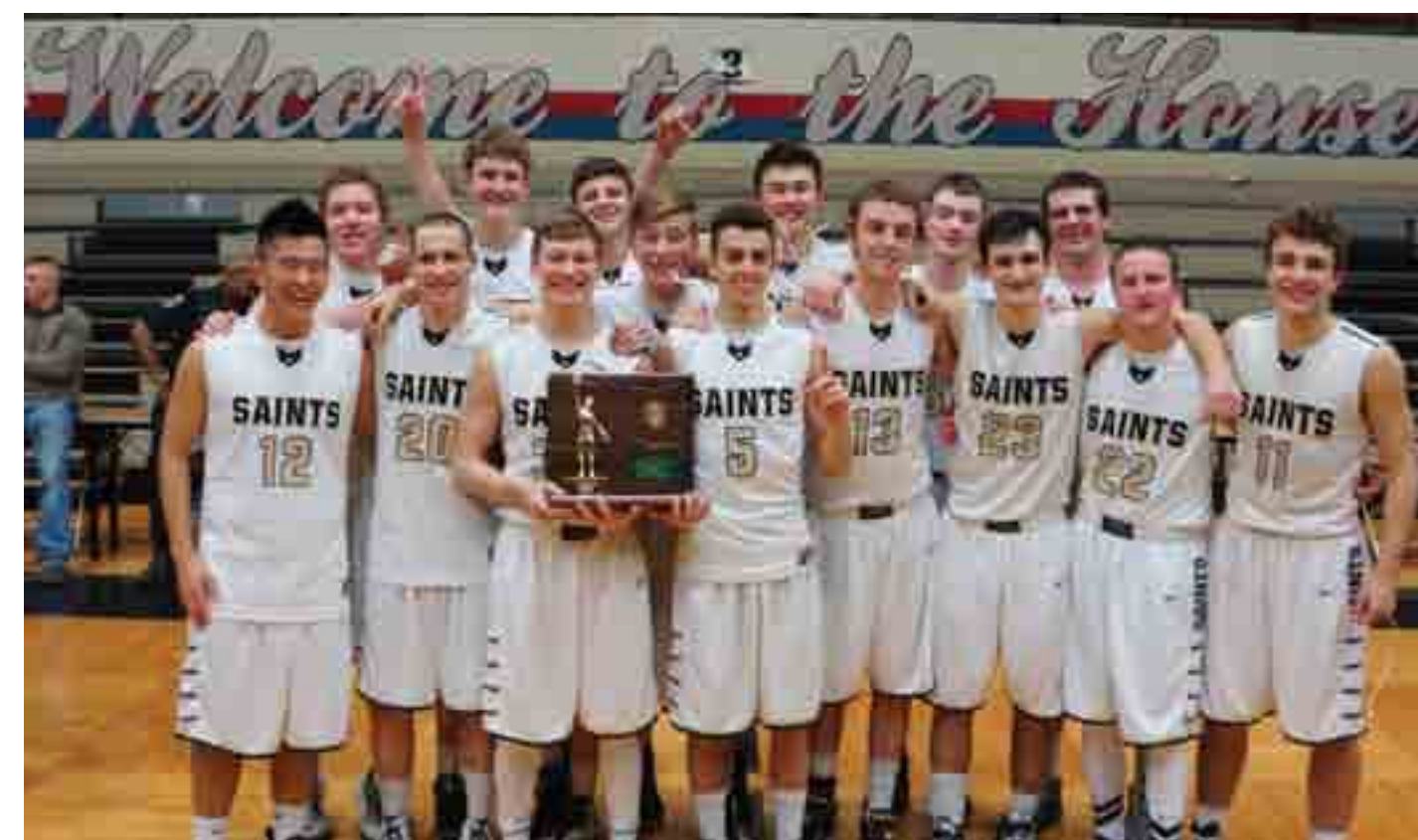
Newman can also help us "read" the post-Vatican II situation in which the Church finds herself because he knew, in the late 19th century, that trouble was brewing: "The trials that lie before us," he preached in 1873, "are such as would appall and make dizzy even such courageous hearts as St. Athanasius, St. Gregory I, or St. Gregory VII." Why? Because a world tone-deaf to the supernatural—which Newman saw coming—would be a world in which Catholics were seen as "the enemies ... of civil liberties and of human progress."

Sound familiar?

If so, it's because meeting that challenge is the challenge of our time, through the development of an evangelical Catholicism that lets the world hear rumors of angels once again.

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BASKETBALL SEMIFINALISTS



New Philadelphia Tuscarawas Central Catholic High School reached the semifinals of the state Division IV basketball tournament for the first time in school history, finishing with a 25-4 record. The Saints defeated Louisville St. Thomas Aquinas 51-48 to win the Canton Fieldhouse Regional before losing 55-47 to eventual state champion New Madison Tri-Village at The Ohio State University's Schottenstein Center. The team was ranked second-highest in the state for grade-point average by the Ohio Basketball Coaches Association by .03 of a point, after finishing first the previous year. Mitch Herron and coach Tyrone Miller won several player and coach of the year awards, and Michael Teater came back from suffering a double compound fracture in his shin during the summer to finish with more than 1,000 career points. Pictured after the team's regional victory are (from left) Dwayne Du, Austin Dick, Jeremy Krese, Ty Colombo, Jay O'Donnell, Nick Sciarretti, Joey Demattio, Max Fragasse, Alex Milleman, Sam Ross, Justin Peltz, Michael Teater, Zack Broadbent, Beau Beamer, and Mitch Herron. Photo courtesy Tuscarawas Catholic High School

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BURSON, Joanne M., 84, April 1
St. Nicholas Church, Zanesville

CHILICKI, Helen B., 92, April 5
St. Philip Church, Columbus

COOPER, James C., 79, April 1
St. Mary Church, Marion

DEIBEL, Carole S., 77, April 12
St. Agnes Church, Columbus

DELL ITALIA, Violetta M., 89, April 8
St. John the Baptist Church, Columbus

Di CESARE, Leona M., 71, April 8
St. John the Baptist Church, Columbus

FEENEY, Kathryn, 92, March 30
St. Pius X Church, Reynoldsburg

FIEST, Joyce M., 84, April 5
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Grove City

GARRETT, Jeff D., 51, April 9
Immaculate Conception Church, Columbus

GUEVARA, Benjamin P., 77, April 7
St. Matthias Church, Columbus

HAUSHERR, Olivia J., April 8
St. Pius X Church, Reynoldsburg

HILLEARY, Joan, 73, April 9
St. Stephen Church, Columbus

Phyllis A. Scholl

Funeral Mass for Phyllis A. Scholl, 90, who died Monday, April 6, was held Friday, April 10 at Columbus Christ the King Church. Burial was at St. Mary Cemetery, Lancaster.

She was born to Edward and Evelyn Schmelzer of Bremen and attended Bliss Business College.

She was the organist at her parish

JOHNSON, Linda L., 62, April 11
St. Peter Church, Columbus

KILLILEA, Kathryn A., 54, April 9
St. Anthony Church, Columbus

LENIHAN, James L., 74, April 4
St. Ladislav Church, Columbus

MANGIA, Mary J., 55, April 6
St. Matthew Church, Gahanna

MEYER, Velia C. "Val," 91, April 6
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Grove City

MITCHELL, Margaret E., 85, April 11
St. Pius X Church, Reynoldsburg

O'BRIEN, Clement E., 94, April 10
Our Lady of Victory Church, Columbus

PHILLIPS, Virginia L., 83, April 2
St. Rose Church, New Lexington

PIZZOLA, Patsy J., 87, April 10
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

RERKO, Adelbert "Al," 67, April 7
St. Michael Church, Worthington

SANSOTTA, Nicholas A., 58, April 3
St. Mary Church, Marion

TIMMONS, Anita J., 82, April 8
Our Lady of Peace Church, Columbus

TALK BY AUTHOR AT HOLY TRINITY

Dr. John Wood, author of "Ordinary Lives, Extraordinary Mission: 5 Steps to Winning the War Within," visited Somerset Holy Trinity Church and School just after Easter, accompanied by musical duo Simply RC, for a series of talks. For students in kindergarten through fourth grade, Wood dressed as a dragon slayer (pictured) and talked about sharing the personal dragons that keep us from making good choices and sharing God's kingdom with others. He gave a separate talk during the school day to fifth- to eighth-graders on the responsibilities they would face growing up, and spoke in the evening to parents and others, describing them as "saints in the making" and talking about learning, living, and teaching the faith. Photo courtesy Holy Trinity School




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The retreat theme, "Longing for God," is based on Psalm 42:2 - "As a deer longs for streams of water, so my

soul longs for you, O God."

The cost is \$100 for private overnight accommodations or \$75 for double occupancy, and includes appetizers Friday and breakfast and lunch Saturday.

For more information, visit www.stspeterpaulretreatcenter.com, email info@stspeterandpaulretreatcenter.org or call (740) 928-4246.

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If you have any questions, you may contact Randy Tipple @: bridgesofsaintmark@gmail.com or call 614-506-0044.

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Shotgun Start 4-person Scramble
Cumberland Trail Golf Club, Pataskala, OH
\$80 pp includes golf, cart, box lunch, drinks, City Barbeque dinner and great prizes!
Registrations: holy-spirit-school.org or call 861-0475
Registration deadline April 28, 2015

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APRIL

16, THURSDAY

Holy Hour of Reparation at Columbus Sacred Heart
7 to 8 p.m., Sacred Heart Church, 893 Hamlet St., Columbus. Eucharistic Holy Hour following Holy Hour of Reparation prayer format, concluding with Benediction and social period. Prayers for intention of deepened holiness and an increase in the virtue of fortitude for bishops and priests. 614-372-5249

NFP Class at St. Christopher

7 to 9 p.m., St. Christopher Church, 1420 Grandview Ave., Columbus. First of four Natural Family Planning classes taught by diocesan-trained teachers in the symptothermal method. First session free; cost \$85 for couples that wish to continue. Other class dates: April 30, May 21, June 18. 614-241-2560

16-19, THURSDAY-SUNDAY

Three Bags Full Consignment Sale
10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday (dollar dash 2 to 3:30 p.m. Sunday), Hartford Fairgrounds, 14028 Fairgrounds Road, Croton. Three Bags Full spring consignment sale of children's items, benefiting Catholic and pro-life charities. 614-561-5300

17, FRIDAY

Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center Open House
10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. Center, a ministry of the Dominican Sisters of Peace, will be open, weather permitting, for tours. 614-866-4302

17-18, FRIDAY-SATURDAY

Retreat at St. John Chrysostom
7 to 9 p.m. Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church, 5858 Cleveland Ave., Columbus. "The Nonviolent Jesus: His Way of Non-violent Love," a retreat with Father Emmanuel Charles McCarthy of the Melkite rite, co-founder of Pax Christi-

USA, sponsored by host parish and Holy Resurrection Melkite Catholic Church. 614-286-0921

18, SATURDAY

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

19, 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. "Art, Media, and the Common Good" with Ann C. Hall, director of liberal studies and the core curriculum at Ohio Dominican University.
St. Padre Pio Secular Franciscans
1:30 to 5 p.m., St. John the Baptist Church, 720 Hamlet St., Columbus. Fellowship and ongoing formation followed by adoration and prayer, Liturgy of the Hours, and initial formation with visitors. 614-282-4676

Organ, Percussion Concert at St. Colman of Cloyne
3 p.m., St. Colman of Cloyne Church, 219 S. North St., Washington Court House. Concert featuring Copland's "Fanfare for the Common Man" and selections from "Rodeo" and Saint-Saens' "Carnival of the Animals" performed on organ and percussion, with parish music director Craig Jaynes and percussionist Terry DiLuciano. 937-675-7055

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

Bishop's Bible Study at Cathedral

Following 5:15 p.m. Mass, Undercroft, St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Bible study with Bishop Frederick Campbell for people aged 22-40. 614-224-1295
'Catholics Returning Home' at St. John Neumann
6:30 to 8 p.m., St. John Neumann Church, 9633 E. State Route 37, Sunbury. First session of five-week "Catholics Returning Home" program for inactive Catholics exploring a return to active participation in the Church. Contact jnewell5@columbus.rr.com.
Spanish Mass at Columbus St. Peter
7 p.m., St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road, Columbus. Mass in Spanish. 706-761-4054

20, MONDAY

Knox-Licking Consortium Speaker Series on the Family
7 to 8:30 p.m., St. Vincent de Paul Church, 303 E. High St., Mount Vernon. Talk on "The Family: Home for a Wounded Heart" with licensed professional clinical counselor Mary Ann Jepsen. Seventh in eight-talk series sponsored by the Knox-Licking Consortium of Catholic Parishes. 740-392-4711

21, TUESDAY

Rosary for Life at St. Joan of Arc
Following 6:15 p.m. Mass, St. Joan of Arc Church, 10700 Liberty Road, Powell. Recital of Rosary for Life, spon-

sored by church's respect life committee.

Divorce Healing Program at St. Catharine
7 p.m., St. Catharine Church, 300 S. Gould Road, Columbus. Third session of 12-week divorce healing program based on "The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide" video presentations. Information available at www.divorced-catholiccolumbus.org.
Prayer Group Meeting at St. Mark
7:30 p.m., St. Raymond Room, St. Mark Center, 324 Gay St., Lancaster. Light of Life Prayer group meeting. 740-654-6928

22, WEDNESDAY

Westerville Theology on Tap Meeting
7:30 to 9:30 p.m., Old Bag of Nails, 24 N. State St., Westerville. Meeting of Theology on Tap group for young Catholics. Topic: "Care for Creation: An Earth Day Look at Scripture and Catholic Teaching," with Sister Diane Kozlowski, OP, of the Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center. 614-882-2537

23, THURSDAY

Holy Hour of Reparation at Columbus Sacred Heart
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24, FRIDAY

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Labyrinth Walk at Shepherd's Corner
7 to 8:30 p.m., Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. "Earth Harmony" labyrinth walk led by Barbara Hamilton. Suggested donation \$5. Registration deadline April 22. 614-866-4302

24-26, FRIDAY-SUNDAY

DCCW Silent Retreat at St. Therese's
St. Therese's Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus. Women's silent retreat sponsored by Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, led by Father Walter Oxley, STD. Theme: "Marian Receptivity to God." 614-228-8601
Bishop Ready Presents 'Joseph and the Dreamcoat'
7 p.m. Friday and Sunday, 2 p.m. Saturday, Bishop Ready High School, 707 Salisbury Road, Columbus. School's theater department presents the musical "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice. Tickets \$10 adults, \$9 seniors, \$8 students. 614-276-5263

25, 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.
Diocesan Fiber Fair at Church of the Resurrection
11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Church of the Resurrection, 6300 E. Dublin-Granville Road, New Albany. Annual diocesan Fiber Fair for all who knit, crochet, sew, quilt, weave, or work with fiber. Bring brown-bag lunch; dessert will be available. 614-342-6003

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THEATER

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

The Columbus Bishop Ready High School theater department will present the Andrew Lloyd Webber/Tim Rice musical *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, a retelling of the Biblical story of Joseph and his brothers, filled with love, jealousy, deceit, forgiveness, and family.

Performances are scheduled for Friday, April 24 and Sunday, April 26 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, April 25 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$9 for those 65 and older, and \$8 for students. For more information, call (614) 276-5263, Mark Gnatowski, Marguerite Mills, and Andrés Walliser-Wejebe will play



Joseph, the narrator, and Pharaoh, respectively, with Elina Aceveda as Mrs. Potiphar and Nicholas Durbin in the dual roles of Jacob and Potiphar.

Originally performed on Broadway in 1982, the play earned seven Tony awards. It is family-friendly entertainment with toe-tapping music and a sto-

ry that teaches a lesson about loyalty, love, and the healing art of mercy.

Photo: Marguerite Mills as the narrator and Mark Gnatowski as Joseph in the Columbus Bishop Ready High School production of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." (Photo by Franco Arreola-Contreras)



Cathedral Concert

Sunday, April 26 - 3 p.m.
"Ohio Mourns: The Music of Abraham Lincoln's 1865 Columbus Funeral Observances"

The Cathedral Schola will join musicologist Thomas J. Kernan, the leading scholarly authority on the musical memorialization of Abraham Lincoln, at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 26, in Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., for a lecture and recital exploring the hymns, songs, and rituals employed for Lincoln's funeral observance in downtown Columbus. The casket containing Lincoln's body was displayed in the Ohio Statehouse rotunda for a day on April 29, 1865, 17 days after his assassination, as it was transported to his burial site in Springfield, Illinois. The program at the cathedral coincides with Ohio's commemoration of the U.S. Civil War Sesquicentennial.

Notice - The Gospel Choir concert scheduled for Columbus St. Dominic Church on Sunday, April 19 has been postponed. We will inform readers when it is rescheduled.

Concerts in a Country Church

Sunday, April 19, 2015 - 3 p.m.
St. Colman of Cloyne Church
Washington Court House

The final event of the 2014-2015 "Concerts in a Country Church" series at Washington Court House St. Colman of Cloyne Church, titled "Bang the Drums Loudly," will feature parish organist Craig Jaynes and percussion virtuoso Terry DiLuciano in a presentation of familiar works, but with an unusual combination: concert organ and percussion.

The program will consist of *Fanfare for the Common Man* and selections from *Rodeo*, both by Aaron Copland, and the complete *Carnival of the Animals* by Camille Saint-Saens, with descriptive poetry by Ogden Nash.

It will take place at 3 p.m. Sunday in the church, 219 S. North St. Admission is \$10 per person.

The church's choir loft, normally home of the organ and the choir, will become something resembling an out-of-the-ordinary hardware store, with all available space not used by the organ taken up by a variety of percussion

instruments.

"Except for the occasional use of tympani - kettledrums - along with brass for special and grand services, the appearance of most percussion instruments in a church setting is pretty rare," Jaynes said. "That may be because of the association of percussion with dance rhythms, but David danced before the Lord, and we are going to use them, not only for dance rhythms, but for drama, delicacy, and delight."

DiLuciano, a longtime concert percussionist who is known for his performances with many community bands and several entertainment groups, is a music teacher with the Fairfield School District in Leesburg. "We have used the tympani at the church before, but I've never had to borrow a large truck to move all my various types of percussion instruments to the choir loft before. I'll be using everything but the kitchen sink," he said.

For more information, go to www.stcolmanmusic.org or call Jaynes at (937) 675-7055.



NEWS IN PHOTOS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Pope Francis greets Catholicos Karekin II of Etchmiadzin, patriarch of the Armenian Apostolic Church, during an April 12 Mass in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican to mark the 100th anniversary of the Armenian genocide. CNS photo/Tony Gentile, Reuters



Ohio college basketball player Lauren Hill, who died of cancer on April 10, is pictured in a 2014 photo. A student at Mount St. Joseph University in Cincinnati, Hill gained international attention when she decided to play on the college's basketball team even as her inoperable brain tumor advanced. CNS photo/courtesy Mount St. Joseph University



A nun lights a candle on top of the coffin containing the body of Angela Nyokabi during her April 10 funeral Mass in Gatindu, Kenya, near the nation's capital of Nairobi. Nyokabi was one of the students killed during an attack by al-Shabab militants on April 2 at Garissa University College in Kenya. CNS photo/Thomas Mukoya, Reuters

Wilderness Outreach ~ Carry the Cross

A total of 69 men, the largest group ever for the event, took part in the annual Carry the Cross hike sponsored by Wilderness Outreach on Holy Saturday, April 4, at Clear Creek Metro Park in Fairfield and Hocking counties.

Participants took turns carrying a 3- by 6-foot timber cross on a 12-mile trek through the park, with 14 stops representing the Stations of the Cross. John Bradford, director of Wilderness Outreach, said the group included more young men with their fathers than ever before.

"I am very impressed with the attitude and grit of these young men," Bradford said. "I hope they enjoyed the event as much as I enjoyed them being there."

The youngest was four-year-old Digory Richards. He and his father, Aaron Richards, youth minister at Columbus St. Agatha Church, walked the full 12 miles. Logan Bravard of Beechwood Christian Church in Columbus was the event's inaugural non-Catholic participant.

"It is difficult to describe the power of the witness of each man as they spoke what the Holy Spirit wrote upon their hearts," Bradford said. "And praise be to God for the long periods of natural and profound sacred silence. This may have moved me as much as anything — men in brotherhood, comfortable in the nurturing science of God's natural kingdom."



Photos:
Above: Hike participants at one of the Stations of the Cross.

Far left: Alan Ratliff and his son Dominic carry the cross.

Left: Digory Richards, age 4, and his father, Aaron (in brown jacket).

Photos courtesy Wilderness Outreach

Pope says Year of Mercy will be time to heal, to help, to forgive

By Cindy Wooden
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Mercy is what makes God perfect and all-powerful, Pope Francis said in his document officially proclaiming the 2015-2016 extraordinary Holy Year of Mercy.

"If God limited himself to only justice, he would cease to be God, and would instead be like human beings who ask merely that the law be respected," the pope wrote in *Misericordiae Vultus* ("The Face of Mercy"), which is the "bull of indiction" calling a Holy Year to begin on Dec. 8.

Standing in front of the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica on April 11, Pope Francis handed copies of the document to the archpriests of the major basilicas of Rome and to Vatican officials repre-

senting Catholics around the world.

Pope Francis asked that all dioceses around the world designate a "Door of Mercy" at their cathedral or another special church or shrine, and that every diocese implement the "24 Hours for the Lord" initiative on the Friday and Saturday before the fourth week of Lent.

And he urged all Catholics to spend more time practicing what traditionally have been called the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. The corporal works are feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, visiting the sick, visiting the imprisoned, giving drink to the thirsty, and burying the dead. The spiritual works are converting sinners, instructing the ignorant, advising the doubtful, com-

forting the sorrowful, bearing wrongs patiently, forgiving injuries, and praying for the living and dead.

Mercy, he said, is "the bridge that connects God and man, opening our hearts to a hope of being loved forever despite our sins." That bridge was made concrete when God chose Mary to be the mother of his son.

While some people try to argue that mercy, even God's mercy, is limited by the demands of justice, Pope Francis said that mercy and justice are "two dimensions of a single reality that unfolds progressively until it culminates in the fullness of love."

Preaching mercy, he said, is not the same as ignoring sin or withholding correction. Instead, mercy invites repentance and conversion and ensures

the sinner that once God forgives a sin, he forgets it.

"God's justice is his mercy," the pope said. "Mercy is not opposed to justice, but rather expresses God's way of reaching out to the sinner, offering him a new chance to look at himself, convert and believe."

Recognizing that they have been treated with mercy by God, he said, Christians are obliged to treat others with mercy. In fact, the Gospel says that Christians will be judged by the mercy they show others.

"At times how hard it seems to forgive," he said. "And yet pardon is the instrument placed into our fragile hands to attain serenity of heart. To let go of anger, wrath, violence and revenge are necessary conditions to living joyfully."