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The Editor's Notebook

From Mardi Gras to the Empty Tomb

By David Garick, Editor



Carnival season is over, and now we head into Lent. The celebration of Mardi Gras is intended to mark the end of preparations for Lent. "Eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow we die." That phrase, originally from Isaiah (Isaiah 22:13) and expanded upon by St. Paul (1 Corinthians 15:32), is not a call to revelry. Rather, it is a statement of the futility of life without the life-giving sacrifice of Christ. We do not make merry because we are about to die. As believers, we make merry because we have an opportunity for spiritual rebirth.

It is easy to characterize Lent as a time of sacrifice and self-denial. But the reality is that Lent is a wonderful gift. The penance, fasting, and almsgiving all serve a purpose of refocusing our lives on the eternal truth of Christ's love for us and our hope to share in that love. It is a time to step back from the routine and the daily pressures of life and to delve more deeply into who we are as people, made in the image of God, living a life made rich through his love.

No one ever said the Christian life was easy. It is filled with sacrifice of things the world tells us we should value. It is based upon valuing the things the world tells us are unimportant. But the really strange thing is that when we live according to God's will, when we make our lives reflect the model of Christ, we do not feel deprived, we do not sense that we are giving up something. What we feel is joy and peace and love.

We try to live this way all year long. But it is good that each year, we take a few weeks to really focus on our spiritual lives. We fast, not to deny

ourselves pleasure, but to remind ourselves of where true pleasure comes from. We go to confession, not to berate ourselves for our transgressions, but to experience the freedom of having the weight of those transgressions lifted from our shoulders. We meditate and pray about the Passion of Christ, not to sink into the sorrow of the agony and humiliation He suffered, but rather to fully grasp the overwhelming joy of His resurrection and our salvation.

Although we use images of penitence, fasting, and sorrow in our observance of Lent, it is not really a time of sorrow. Lent is a time of renewal. It is a time to look into ourselves and examine our own spirituality and to reinvestigate it. It is a time to look at our relationship with other Catholics and to fellowship together at Mass, at special liturgies, parish missions, and the local fish fry. It is a time to deepen our relationship with Christ through prayer and in His presence at Mass and in Eucharistic Adoration. All of these things are cause of great joy. And they are all done in anticipation of the greatest celebration of the Church year – Easter morning, when death itself is swept away and the gift of eternal joy with Christ in Heaven is laid open for all of us.

This issue of *Catholic Times* contains a full listing of the many opportunities in the Diocese of Columbus to enjoy the spiritual benefits of Lent.

So let the good times roll, through all of our observance of the Lenten season.

USCCB Chairman Gives Strong Support to the State Marriage Defense Act of 2015



Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone of San Francisco, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' subcommittee for the promotion and defense of marriage, gave strong support for the State Marriage Defense Act of 2015, introduced in the House of Representatives by Rep. Randy Weber (R-Texas) and in the Senate by Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas).

In letters of support dated Feb. 11 to Weber and Cruz, Archbishop Cordileone noted that agencies within the executive branch of the federal government have begun using a rule that, contrary to the Supreme Court's *Windsor* decision, allows a federal overruling of state marriage law. "By employing a 'place of celebration' rule, these agencies have chosen to ignore the law of the state in which people reside in determining whether they are married. The effect, if not the intent, of this choice is to circumvent state laws defining marriage as the union of

one man and one woman," said Archbishop Cordileone.

The archbishop further indicated how these federal agencies are acting contrary to Supreme Court precedent. "The Supreme Court's 2013 decision in *United States v. Windsor*, however, requires the federal government to defer to state marriage law, not disregard it," he wrote. He concluded that the State Marriage Defense Act of 2015 is necessary because it "would remedy this problem by requiring the federal government, consistent with *Windsor*, to defer to the marriage law of the state in which people actually reside when determining whether they are married for purposes of federal law."

Archbishop Cordileone urged other members of Congress to join in supporting this legislation, saying, "Marriage needs to be preserved and strengthened, not redefined. Every just effort to stand for the unique meaning of marriage is worthy of support."

Correction
The Lenten Fish Fry Guide listing for Columbus Christ the King Church in the Feb. 15 Catholic Times should have read: Soup Suppers Wednesdays 3/4, 3/11, and 3/18 from 6-7:30 p.m.



SUPPORT THE BLACK AND INDIAN MISSION COLLECTION

Let's Live Up to Pope Francis' "Option for the Poor"

By Leandro M. Tapay
Diocesan Missions Director

In the Diocese of Columbus on the weekend of Feb. 21 and 22, there will be a second collection taken at every Mass to support evangelization efforts among the Black and Native American communities. These communities exist in almost every diocese in the United States, from the inner cities to the outland Indian reservations. This collection was established at the 1884 council of American bishops in Baltimore to keep the light of faith shining in these communities. Please be generous!

For many decades, the Church in the United States has sent mission funds overseas to serve the people of Latin America, Africa, Asia, and Oceania. That's a very good thing, but we also need to be aware of the many communities in our own nation needing our financial support. The Church in these communities cannot survive without our help.

Mission work is the most precious service of the Church, according to Pope St. John Paul II. The Church can never be closed in on herself. She is rooted in specific places in order to go beyond them. The mission of Christ which is entrusted to the Church is far from completion. An overall view of the human race shows that Christ's mission is only beginning and that we must commit ourselves wholeheartedly to its service (*Redemptoris Missio*).

I am so excited about Pope Francis' vision of a Church that reaches out to the peripheries and includes as key themes the encounter with Christ, the option

for the poor, and the stewardship of creation, among others.

Evidently, mission in today's context was a major topic of conversation in the General Congregation before the conclave which selected Pope Francis. When the pope (then Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio) stood up to speak before the

cardinals prior to the conclave, he did not use the term "New Evangelization." But his three-and-a-half minute speech was precisely on that topic and made a strong impression.

"When the Church does not come out of herself to evangelize, she becomes self-referential and then gets sick," he

said. "When that happens, it ceases to reflect the light of Christ and comes to believe, inadvertently, in its own light. It then gives way to that very serious evil, spiritual worldliness."

He said Jesus did not just knock at the door from the outside, but also from the inside, asking to be let out. Yet a "self-referential Church keeps Jesus Christ within herself and does not let Him out," the future pope said. The Church, he said, has to go "to the peripheries, not only geographically, also the existential peripheries: the mystery of sin, of pain, of injustice, of ignorance and indifference to religion, of intellectual currents, and of all misery."

Pope Francis offers us a simple and direct choice between two images of the Church: on the one hand, an "evangelizing Church that goes out from itself and that devoutly listens to and faithfully proclaims the Word of God," and on the other, a "worldly Church, living within herself, of herself, for herself."

The pope challenges us to imitate Jesus' love and concern for "those neglected and despised by the world." The early Church, he said, grew rapidly because it put the poor first, as God did; its "option for the poor" spoke of the divine. Pope Francis believes a Church that does the same speaks more powerfully of Christ.

On behalf of Bishop Frederick Campbell, I would like to thank you for supporting the Society of the Propagation of the Faith, which is the Church's main agency of gathering funds for the missions in the world.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
During the weekend of Feb. 21 and 22, the annual Black and Native American Indian missions collection will take place at all Masses. The national campaign for America's mission lands has been serving the Catholic Church in the United States since 1884.
From inner cities to outland reservations, missionaries have been living in communities which do not have the financial base to support the Church. Through our contributions, we work hand in hand with these missionaries who deliver the light of Christ to the impoverished, the isolated, and the long-suffering Black, Indian, Eskimo, and Aleut peoples of our home Church.

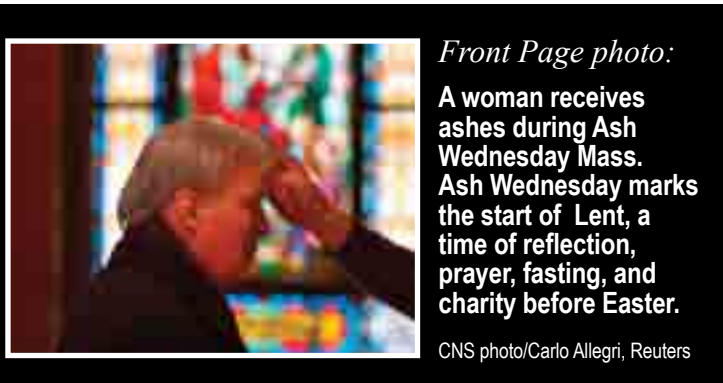
These communities exist in almost every diocese in the United States. Missionaries, religious, catechists, and devoted lay people work tirelessly in parishes, missions, and reservations to promote the faith.

Every year, the Diocese of Columbus receives funds from this collection to help with the Black Catholic Ministries right here in our diocese.

I ask for your continued support of the Black and Indian missions collection.

Together, let us truly be missionaries through our sacrifice and the love of Jesus Christ we share.

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



Front Page photo:
A woman receives ashes during Ash Wednesday Mass. Ash Wednesday marks the start of Lent, a time of reflection, prayer, fasting, and charity before Easter.

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PRACTICAL STEWARDSHIP

By Rick Jeric

Beasts

How was it to pick up the Bible, or another guide, or go online to reread last Sunday's Gospel? I know that for me, it was a good exercise I never take the time to do. It is difficult to do all these things each day or each week, but I am sure that certain challenges resonate with some of us more so than others. Reading each sentence slowly, then pausing to meditate was a great spiritual exercise. For this passage, each line in and of itself had great meaning. Meditating and listening is one of those good preparations for service and solitude during Lent. This was a good 15- to 20-minute prayer that helped set the tone for the rest of the day. What a great way to start each day, if we only had the time. ... But of course, we do. This is a matter of scheduling, prioritizing, and discipline. Is it more important than showering and dressing, eating breakfast, working out, reading the newspaper, or getting to work on time? We know the answer.

Lent is now upon us. Ash Wednesday has begun our annual journey. As we approach the First Sunday of Lent, I hope we are already set with ideas and plans to serve others, along with some deserted places to which we can go to pray, to repent, to refresh, and to forgive. The Gospel this Sunday is very brief, yet loaded with images. Mark tells us that Jesus remained in the desert for 40 days and that He was tempted by Satan. Almost immediately, He goes to Galilee with a very simple message: "Repent, and believe in the Gospel." And in between, "He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to Him." Forty days is a long time, and we know that evil does exist in the form of Satan. Among the first words of Jesus in His public life are "repent and believe." Could we possibly absorb a more straightforward message for Lent? I want to briefly ponder the part in between, where Jesus is among wild beasts. Aside from the practical issues of staying clear of whatever dangerous creatures there were in that desert, Jesus was clearly among beasts. Satan would have been just as tempting to Jesus as he is for us. That was part of the human experience of the Incarnation. And for 40 days without a break! And so it is for us. What are the wild beasts we encounter? I know mine, and, unfortunately, there are way too many. I feel as though I am surrounded. The list is endless for us as sinners. Of course, we do not end up consumed by all possible beasts, but if we can identify each one, even in the darkness of the desert night, we can overcome and defeat them. Our beasts that taunt and haunt us are definitely wild, but they are also domestic, insofar as we encounter so many at home. We choose in fear to sin, to be prideful, to sometimes be mean and nasty, to be selfish and unloving, to eat or drink too much, to abuse drugs, to abuse what is so easy to find on the Internet, to lie, to cheat, to steal, and to simply ignore our well-formed consciences. Beasts are everywhere.

Our practical challenge this week is to tame the wild beasts in our lives. Some we know we can tame easily with the discipline begun already in Lent. With others, we need to take small but deliberate steps and overcome them in time. With habitual sins and addictions, we must be willing to seek help if we need it. There is nothing wrong with seeking assistance. All we need to do is take a look and stare down the beasts that surround us. Small steps and a repentant desire will be our guide. Use Lent for its purpose. Repent and believe in the Gospel. The same grace and angels who ministered to Jesus are anxious to help us, too.

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



Diocesan Bosco Bash

More than 500 sixth- through eighth-grade students and youth ministry leaders from 25 parishes gathered at Columbus St. Cecilia Church for the annual Bosco Bash, sponsored by the diocesan Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry.

The event coincides with the Feast of St. John Bosco, who was canonized mainly for his work with young people in Italy in the 19th century and for founding the Salesian religious order. It had special significance this year because it is the 200th anniversary of the saint's birth.

"Rise Up!" was the theme for the event, which featured two talks by Father Steve Ryan, SDB, a Salesian priest currently serving at the Mary Help of Christians Center in Tampa, Florida.

Father Ryan, who speaks at youth rallies and retreats across the nation, talked about the importance of deciding early in life to live as a follower of Jesus. He exhorted his listeners to develop consistent habits of prayer, Mass attendance, kindness, and consciously following the teachings of the Church as given to us by Jesus.

He reminded the youths that sin and evil are at the center of many of the distractions they face, and said choosing good Christian friends will make it easier for them to make good decisions on how they will live.

At the end of the program, the Diocesan Youth Council presented a skit demonstrating how we can lead others to Christ



Father Steve Ryan, SDB, at the diocesan Bosco Bash in Columbus St. Cecilia Church. Photo/Youth & Young Adult Ministry Office

and holiness. The Station 14 worship band kept the St. Cecilia auditorium filled with lively praise and worship music throughout the event.

The day closed with Mass in the St. Cecilia worship space, celebrated by Father Leo Connolly, the parish's pastor. Father Ryan gave the homily, telling stories of St. John

Bosco and how he overcame obstacles and hardships to follow Christ and create a religious community dedicated to serving young people, especially youth on the margins of society. At the end of Mass, Father Connolly led the congregation in singing "Happy Feast Day" to St. John Bosco.

One example of the event's impact is shown in a parish youth minister's comment that "At the end of the night, one of my students told me that this day had changed her life. After being very uncertain about her faith, she decided that she would get confirmed. I think this day at Bosco Bash strengthened her faith in the Lord."

Bosco Bash is planned by a group of parish youth ministers under the direction of the youth and young adult ministry office.

Peer leadership is provided by members of the Diocesan Youth Council, a group of 35 high school leaders from various parishes and schools in the Diocese of Columbus who work with the office. Holly Monnier, youth minister for Columbus Our Lady of Victory Church, directed the program and planning team.

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Parishioners warned against people falsely claiming to be priests or religious

Catholics of the Diocese of Columbus are advised that in the past few months, there have been several occasions throughout the diocese in which persons appear to have misrepresented themselves as being Catholic priests or religious.

Father Michael Lumpe, diocesan vicar for priests, referred to a recent instance in which a man representing himself as a priest came to a parish within the diocese, said he was staying with a local family, and asked for money to help purchase a bus for a parish in his homeland. This person asked for cash and would not accept a check, so the pastor became suspicious about the matter, and rightly so.

Another recent situation involved a person who not only claimed that he was a Catholic priest in a Columbus diocesan parish, but also publicized on the Internet that he was serving as a Catholic chaplain at one of the universities in the diocese. A parishioner was suspicious and called Father

Lumpe, who then spoke with the head chaplain at the university and was told the chaplain had never heard of this person. University officials became concerned as well, since this person was making a false claim about being associated with the university.

Father Lumpe also mentioned a situation in which a man wearing a Roman collar, the clerical shirt worn by priests, showed up at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral one Saturday morning, claiming that retired Bishop James Griffin had given him permission to stay at the cathedral, where Father Lumpe is the rector. Knowing that Bishop Griffin would never do anything like this without making arrangements well in advance, Father Lumpe told the man that he would call Bishop Griffin to verify this. Picking up his cell phone, he then began to call Bishop Griffin. The man said to Father Lumpe, "Let me get my belongings," and was never seen again.

If anyone arrives at your parish, or

presents himself or herself to one or several parishioners as a Catholic priest or religious, please ask for a *Celebret*, which is a letter of introduction from the person's bishop or religious superior. Also ask for a "letter of suitability" from the bishop or superior, which is in line with guidelines established by the diocese's *Protecting God's Children* program.

Any priests or religious performing ministry in the Diocese of Columbus

would normally present themselves first to the diocesan Chancery to seek permission from Bishop Frederick Campbell.

If someone claims to be a priest or religious and does not have such information readily available, you are asked to contact the Chancery at (614) 224-2251 to ensure that the person is who he or she claims to be and that the person's intentions and motives are sincere.

Living Water Shares a Lenten Message With All Ages

The Columbus band Living Water will share its message of hope at several venues during Lent 2015.

Living Water made its debut on Oct. 19, 2003, and has performed throughout central Ohio. It released its first full-length CD, *The Way of the Cross - Live* in October 2012 and its second, *On a Night Like This*, in December 2014.

Living Water will appear Friday March 6, at Columbus St. Mary Mag-

dalene Church, 473 S. Roys Ave., presenting a concert during the day for the parish school and a program at 7 p.m. that is open to the public. On Friday, March 20, the band will appear at the New Albany Church of the Resurrection, 6300 E Dublin-Granville Road, at 7:30 p.m.

Several other Lenten performances are being scheduled. Check the band's website, www.livingwatermusic.org, for more information.

2015 Youth Rally Set for March 14-15

The Diocesan Youth Rally is a gathering for high-school students in the Diocese of Columbus. The annual event, scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, March 14 and 15 at Westerville St. Paul Church, 313 N. State St., is a weekend of music, inspiration, making new friends, and celebration of our Catholic faith with Bishop Frederick Campbell.

The theme for the 2015 rally is "In-

finite Love." The featured speaker will be nationally known musician and Catholic speaker Chris Padgett. The cost is \$65 per participant for both days, or \$50 for Saturday only and \$30 for Sunday only. The deadline for registration is Friday, Feb. 27.

For registration forms and more information, visit <http://www.cde-education.org/YouthRally> or call (614) 241-2565.

College Night at Walsh University

High school juniors and seniors are invited to experience college life and learn more about Walsh University in North Canton during a special college night on Feb. 26 from 4 to 7:30 p.m.

The event will include a campus tour and information sessions on the college admissions process and financial aid.

Participants also will receive a com-

plementary dinner in Walsh's Scher-vish Dining Center and a ticket to the Walsh-Malone basketball game at 7:30 p.m. in the university's Cecchini Health and Wellness Center.

Registration is required by Wednesday, Feb. 25 at <http://www.walsh.edu/collegenight>.

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

Spring Clean-up!

CEMETERY field workers will be removing winter-time and artificial decorations from graves and mausoleums at all Catholic cemeteries beginning March 2, 2015.

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John's Gospel on Sundays



QUESTION & ANSWER
by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE
Catholic News Service

Q. I must confess first to a bias, because John the Evangelist is my baptismal patron saint, but I have always wondered why -- in the A, B, and C cycles of scriptural readings for Sunday Mass -- the rotation includes only the Gospels written by Matthew, Mark, and Luke. (Milwaukee)

A. Before the Second Vatican Council, the same readings were used every year for the Sunday Masses. The first reading was usually from one of the epistles, and the Gospel readings were most often taken from Matthew or John, less frequently from Luke, and only rarely from Mark.

The bishops present at Vatican II declared that "the treasures of the Bible are to be opened up more lavishly, so that richer fare may be provided for the faithful at the table of God's word" (*Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*, No. 51).

The result is the *Lectionary* as we have it today, with a three-year cycle of Sunday readings. Year A for the

most part uses the Gospel of Matthew; in year B, the Gospel of Mark (the shortest of the Gospels) is used, along with Chapter 6 of the Gospel of John. Year C uses Luke's Gospel. In all three years, the Gospel of John is read during the Easter season.

John's Gospel stands out among the four in that it is more deeply theological and sometimes pastorally difficult, which would help explain why it is not used in the Sunday *Lectionary* as often as the other three (Several passages, for example, seem particularly polemical with regard to the Jews).

Some Scripture scholars do feel, though, that the readings from John are underrepresented in the present version of the *Lectionary* used at Sunday Masses -- e.g., John's accounts of the call of Philip and Nathanael and of Christ's post-resurrection appearance to Mary Magdalene are not used at all.

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

Corpus Christi Film

Tapped, a documentary about the big business of bottled water, is the next film in the "Movies That Touch Our Hearts" series at the Corpus Christi Center of Peace, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus.

It will be shown Thursday, March 5 at 6:30 p.m.

This timely film is a behind-the-scenes look into the unregulated and unseen world of an industry that aims

to privatize and sell back the one resource that ought never to become a commodity: our water.

Following the film will be a conversation led by Sr. Marguerite Chandler, OP, and including a member of Food and Water Watch.

To reserve a seat, call (614) 512-3731 or corpuschristicenterofpeace@gmail.com or register online at cccenterofpeace.org.

Organ and Violin Concert

Craig Jaynes, organist at Washington Court House St. Colman of Cloyne Church, will perform solo organ works and will join with Cedarville University professor and violinist Carlos Elias in a program of music by Joseph Rheinberger and Max Reger, two of the unsung geniuses of the late Romantic era, at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22 in the church, 219 S. North St.

The Rheinberger works are singu-

larly unusual in that they are original for the two instruments, not transcriptions, a combination that is rare for serious composers (and for reasons unknown, as it is a particularly effective one). They will be presented in the superb acoustics of St. Colman Church, which was built in the 1880s, at the same time these two composers were at their most productive.

Suggested donation is \$10.

Alpha Course at Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church is one of three parishes in the Diocese of Columbus introducing the Alpha course as a tool for evangelization this year. The course is an introduction to the fundamentals of Christian faith and is open to everyone -- those wanting to investigate Christianity, new Christians, and all Catholics wanting to brush up on the essentials of faith, no matter where they are spiritually.

Each gathering over the 10 weeks of the course begins with a meal or refreshments, followed by a short talk which looks at a different aspect of faith each week. This is followed by small-group discussion. People usually stay in the same groups for the duration of the course so they can get to know each other, continue discussions, and deepen friendships. The emphasis is on exploration and discovery in a relaxed and informal environment.

The Grove City parish began its Alpha course in early February with Father David Sizemore, pastor of Sunbury St. John Neumann Church, preaching at all Masses. A Saturday retreat mid-

way through the course will focus on the Holy Spirit. Father Daniel Millisor, pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, will wrap up the course with a bonus presentation on sacraments that will deepen participants' understanding of the centrality of sacramental life to the Catholic faith.

St. John Neumann and Powell St. Joan of Arc churches have also launched Alpha courses, reaching capacity for their sessions this semester. Alpha will be a continuing course offered throughout the year at all three parishes.

Alpha USA promotes the course as a tool for the New Evangelization that is being used by thousands of Catholic parishes in more than 70 nations around the world. Alpha creates an environment and opportunity for an encounter with Jesus. As Pope Francis likes to say, it gives people the chance for Jesus to find them.

Additional information is available by contacting Karen Cook, adult faith formation director at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, at kCook@OurLadyOfPerpetualHelp.net or calling (614) 871-5224.

Christ in the City Evening

The Columbus Frassati Society, a group for Catholics aged 21 to 35, is sponsoring Christ in the City, an evening of Eucharistic adoration including Taize prayer, compline (the Catholic Church's official night prayer), and confessions, followed by fellowship with refreshments.

Its first Christ in the City event will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26 at Colum-

bus St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave. Christ in the City is for all Catholic young adults in metropolitan Columbus. It will include information about the many events going on for Catholic young adults in the city.

For more information, go to <http://columbusfrassatisociety.com/> or go to www.facebook.com/ColumbusFrassatiSociety.

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By Loren Brown



Lenten season reminds us to give for the future of the Church

As we prepare for Easter, we are called as Catholics to recommit ourselves to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. In his 2015 Lenten address, Pope Francis encourages us to make our hearts "firm and merciful, attentive and generous" as a way of overcoming indifference. He provided three reflections to pray on in accordance with this theme, but what stood out most to me was his reflection on parishes and communities.

In his reflection, Pope Francis reminds us that every Christian community is called to act as a missionary in greater society, so that we spread the Word to all men and women we meet. He also expresses a "desire that all those places where the Church is present, especially our parishes and our communities, may become islands of mercy in the midst of the sea of indifference."

Reread that last statement, and then reflect on what the Catholic Church was like when you were younger and in grade school. For many of us, that meant Catholic schools run primarily by sisters, Mass said only in Latin, and all of our social engagements linked closely to the parish. For others, particularly younger generations, I imagine they would remember the Catholic school quite differently. Perhaps their school was run by the laity, or maybe they even attended

public school. They probably heard Mass only in English, and, while they might have attended youth group activities, they probably had many friends and activities outside of the Church.

After reflecting on the past, I now ask you to think about the future. Imagine the Catholic Church in your community 20, 30, or 50 years from now. What do you think might change? Will there still be a grade school? Will Mass attendance remain at current levels? Will your home parish function in the manner in which it does today? Think about your grandchildren and great-grandchildren and their future interaction with the Catholic Church -- do you think they will have as formative a religious experience?

We all know that Mass attendance is changing, and with that comes a dramatic impact on parish finances. Without proper funding, our parishes can't invest in evangelization efforts to bring to the people, faith formation programs to engage the people, or building repairs to house the people. With this trend, the need to invest in our parish communities becomes even more important.

If we want to make our Church an "island of mercy in a sea of indifference," we must invest in the future of our faith. During this Lenten season, I ask you to think what that might mean

for your family. For some, that might mean increasing your weekly offering by 10 percent. For others, that could mean giving a larger one-time gift for a special campaign at the parish, school, or other ministry. Others still might consider including their parish in their last will, just as they would a child or loved one.

As you reflect on this, I want to remind you that The Catholic Foundation is here to support your gifts. We can guide you in the best way to invest in the Catholic faith, based on your interests and goals. We can show you how to make your one-time gift grow and provide funding to your parish or Catholic organization for many years, even beyond your earthly life. And most importantly, strictly adhere to the teachings of the Catholic Church -- all investments and grants are made according to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' guidelines for Catholic, socially responsible investing.

Now is the time to invest in our Catholic faith, for the benefit of our future generations. Please, keep your gifts in the faith and call The Catholic Foundation at (614) 443-8893 to learn how we can help you sustain our Church.

Brown is the president and chief executive officer of The Catholic Foundation and a parishioner at Granville St. Edward Church.

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St. Anthony Third-Grade Virtual Field Trip

Columbus St. Anthony Schol's third grade took a virtual field trip to the Loggerhead Marine Life Center in Juno Beach, Florida. The class had a lesson on sea turtles at the beginning of the school year. A grandparent of a student in Kathy McBride's third-grade class volunteered to adopt a sea turtle at the Loggerhead Marine Life Center. The class received information about the turtles they adopted, Stuart and Reef, along with many other educational materials. They received updates on how their adopted turtles were doing and were ecstatic when one of the turtles, Stuart, was released back into the wild. The virtual field trip took place on Tuesday, Feb. 3. During the trip, the class took part in an interactive information session about sea turtles, toured the center, and was able to ask questions via Skype. The students were able to see its other turtle, Reef, at the center, since he is still being rehabilitated. Photo courtesy St. Anthony School



St. Brendan straw rockets

Seventh-grade students at Hilliard St. Brendan School have been studying about properties of matter. Distance-traveled comparisons were made by considering the physical properties of the paper and tape used to build soda-straw rockets and paper airplanes, and the design of the rocket or airplane. Students testing the soda-straw rockets are Cate Smith (left) and Molly Burchard.

Photo courtesy St. Brendan School



Parish Lenten Missions

At least seven parishes in the Diocese of Columbus will be conducting parish Lenten missions in coming weeks.

Father Richard O'Donnell, pastor of Christ the King Church in Burlington, Vermont, will present a mission titled "Renewed in the Spirit" at Reynoldsburg St. Pius X Church, 1051 S. Waggoner Road, at 7 p.m. Sunday to Tuesday, Feb. 22 to 24. He will speak on "Becoming Who We Were Created to Be" on Sunday, "Understanding the Cross" on Monday, and "The Holy Spirit and His Role in Our Life" on Tuesday.

Father Rod Damico, parochial vicar for Columbus Corpus Christi Church, will speak on Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation *The Joy of the Gospel* from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Sunday, March 1 and 7 to 8:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, March 2 and 3 at the church, 1111 E. Stewart Ave. Light refreshments will be served before the Sunday gathering.

Subjects of the three talks will be "The Joy of Knowing Christ," Sunday; "The Joy of Sharing Life with Christ," Monday; and "The Joy of Renewing the Earth with Christ," Tuesday.

Father Leo Patalinghug of Baltimore, Maryland, founder of the Grace Before Meals apostolate, will be the speaker for a mission at Pickerington St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, 600 Hill Road N., at 7 p.m. Sunday to Tuesday, March 1 to 3. He is widely known for his culinary skill, is the host of the EWTN program *Savoring Our Faith*, and spoke at the Columbus Catholic Women's Conference in 2013.

The theme for the mission will be "Finding God in All Things." Subjects of the

talks will be "Finding God Through the Communion of Saints," Sunday; "Finding God Through His Blessed Mother," Monday; and "Finding God at the Lord's Table," Tuesday, with a penance service.

Father John Raphael Hadnagy, OFM Conv, of the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey, will speak on "Faith, Prayer and Healing" from 7 to 9 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, March 2 and 3, at West Jefferson Ss. Simon and Jude Church, 9350 High Free Pike. He also will be the celebrant for a healing Mass at 6 p.m. March 3. He has been involved in a ministry of healing for more than 20 years.

Father Tom Hagan, the founder of Hands Together, which feeds 10,000 people per day and provides schools and programs for the elderly in Haiti, will be at Columbus St. Agatha Church, 1860 Northam Road, to speak at 7 p.m. Monday to Wednesday, March 2 to 4.

Father Josh Wagner, pastor of Columbus Holy Rosary-St. John and St. Dominic churches, will conduct a mission at Columbus St. Margaret of Cortona Church, 1600 N. Hague Ave., at 7 p.m. March 2 to 4. There will be a penance service on Tuesday, March 3.

Father Wagner also will be the speaker at a mission from Monday, March 16 to Wednesday, March 18 at Marion St. Mary Church, 251 N. Main St. The theme will be "Lost and Found Faith: Turning Crosses into Resurrection." Topics will be "Finding Your Purpose in Prayer," Monday; "Crosses and Crises," Tuesday, preceded by Mass at 6:30; and "Life and Resurrection," Wednesday.



Hope Lives

It is the hand of work; it is the heart of God. It is not the size of the gift, but of what goes into making it special. So many people are affected by illness to themselves and to their families. It can be homelessness, addiction, injury, or sickness, and it need not be something we can see or touch. A good part of recovery, spiritual and physical, is needed to help those suffering find an outlet for their worry and grief.

In 1990, a small group of sisters from Gahanna St. Matthew Church started a knitting ministry with their mother. This simple act of knitting a small gift or saying a prayer was so large in the eyes of the receiver, and became so loving in the eyes of God. It is said that we learn by doing. These women do so much with so little that it is amazing to everyone, and we should show it in gratitude and praise.

They work only with what the community gives them and rely on the generosity of others to allow them to continue the work of God. From their small beginning has grown a giving event, with at least

40 organizations across central Ohio lending them a helping hand. From the heart of man, a gesture made from pure love will grow into something much larger than itself. "Give, and it will be given to you. They will pour into your lap a good measure — pressed down, shaken together, and running over. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return" (Luke 6:38).

Changing the outlook on life of someone in need, allowing such people to believe in hope again, is what the knitters strive for in this life. The tear in their eye and the expression of love on a recipient's face is the only reason these women continue to give. They give not out of selfishness, but from the brightness they bring to an otherwise dark world. St. John Paul II once said that "a community needs a soul if it is to become a true home for human beings. You the people must give it this soul."

A simple hat, a simple scarf, a simple blanket for a child and simple prayer attached to every one — simple



Lighting the Way

Joseph Thomas

to us, not so simple to the one who receives it, a rare gift so lovingly and faithfully made. Hope therefore truly lives, in the sacrifices made to the eternal works of Christ and for those who follow His path.

I have been given the privilege of meeting with and knowing these wonderful ladies for the past four years. May God continue to bless their works. May He guide their hands as they sew, and may His peace be with them always.

Donations of money and material for the Gahanna St. Matthew knitting and crocheting ministry may be sent to its founder, Glenda Neely. She may be contacted at <http://knittingcrochetingministry.jimdo.com>.

Get Away!

material detachment, holy centering, and sacrificial sharing. These disciplines apply all the time, but especially during Lent. They teach that our spiritual existence should direct the sensory, that perfect prayer is based on forgiveness of others as part of being forgiven, and that our material resources are for stewardship toward others.

The Church gives us the period of Lent so we may reconsider and reconnect with the essential work of salvation and holiness: the Paschal Mystery of Our Lord ... his Passion, Death, and Resurrection. These are the vivid center of the Church's attention during Holy Week and the Great 50 Days of Easter. Lent prepares our hearts and minds to enter this high holy celebration with joy. Such readiness requires thoughtful self-examination. Lent is a penitential time, to be sure, and its penance causes us to be keenly aware of God's mercy and love, manifest in the Paschal Mystery. With the awareness of receiving mercy comes a desire to be merciful. This outward orientation is aided by the disciplines of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving.

To avoid tendencies toward meaning-

less motion or loss of energy as Lent progresses, it seems prudent to set reasonable goals for our Lenten devotion ... and then endeavor by grace to be faithful to these goals. Goals should stretch us, but not be far beyond a reasonable ability to accomplish. Sincerity and real sacrifice are crucial to ensure true spiritual benefit. Pray daily for sustained commitment. Within the family and close circle of friends, lovingly hold one another accountable.

A good Lenten plan also should have some provision to "get away." Perhaps this is a distinct retreat at a place apart and with spiritual direction. This would be wonderful, but for most of us, this may not be feasible. As an alternative, let me suggest an "at-home getaway." Intentionally reserve time on a regular basis to move away from usual distractions, in order to allow space and time for quiet prayer and reading. "Get away," even if just to another room of the house, even if for only 20 or 30 minutes. Sit still. Be quiet. Use one of the many Lenten devotionals designed with short readings and prayer points. The "at-home getaway" is a micro-retreat, a

time to "Come away by yourself to a deserted place and rest a while."

There are countless Lenten resources for this type of reading and prayer in solitude. Three that I know are typical: *Ashes to Easter: Lenten Meditations* by Robert Moreau; *Journey to the Center: A Lenten Passage* by Thomas Keating; and *The Lenten Pharmacy: Daily Healing Therapies* by Edward Hays. These types of guides have day-by-day structures with Scriptures, guiding questions, reflections, and prayers.

It may be that one form of fasting is to turn off all music, TV, computers, smart phones, etc., for a period each day and spend the time in an "at-home getaway." Or perhaps it's a way to spend the lunch hour at work. However it is accomplished, an added benefit may be discovered: the "at-home getaway" is not only for Lent! It can become a part of your year-round spiritual routine ... treasured times to connect with your Lord: "To come away by yourself to a deserted place and rest a while."

May God bless you and grant you a holy Lent.



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Eucharistic adoration and exposition during Lent

For readers who may be interested in taking part in Eucharistic devotions during Lent, here is an updated list of parishes in the diocese where Eucharistic adoration or exposition takes place on a regular basis.

In addition to the activities listed, Lenten penance services will be conducted at a number of parishes. Readers are advised to contact parishes for specific dates and times.

Anyone with additions or corrections to this list may contact Tim Puet at *Catholic Times*.

Buckeye Lake Our Lady of Mount Carmel – Exposition: All Sundays of Lent, 4 to 5 p.m.

Chillicothe St. Peter – Exposition: Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Columbus Christ the King – Exposition: First Fridays, 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Columbus Holy Cross – First Fridays, from end of 7:30 p.m. Mass to 7:30 a.m. Saturday. All-night Eucharistic vigil begins with Mass, followed by communal prayers, litanies, Rosaries, hymns, and quiet time between prayers until 11:30, then exposition and private prayer until 7:30 a.m.

Columbus Holy Family – Exposition: Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m., Thursdays, 10 a.m. continuous to 11:45 a.m. Friday, ending with Benediction. Contact church for details concerning entry.

Columbus Holy Name – During day in chapel, followed by Vespers and Mass at 5:30 p.m.

Columbus Immaculate Conception – Exposition: 24 hours, seven days a week, except during the Sacred Triduum, in the children's center (former convent). Press rear entry buzzer.

Columbus Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal – Exposition: First Friday, from end of 9 a.m. Mass through Holy Hour at 6 p.m.

Columbus Our Lady of Peace – Exposition, Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Columbus Our Lady of Victory – Exposition: First Friday, from 8 p.m. Friday to start of 8 a.m. Saturday Mass.

Columbus St. Agnes – Exposition: First Sunday, 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Columbus St. Andrew – Exposition: Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, from end of 6:30 a.m. Mass to 8:15 a.m.; Tuesdays, from end of 8:30 a.m. Mass to 9 p.m.

Columbus St. Anthony – Exposition: First Fridays, from end of 9 a.m. Mass to noon.

Columbus St. Catharine – Holy Hour, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursdays with exposition, Benediction, and confession. Exposition: First Friday, after 8 a.m. Mass to 9:30 a.m.

Columbus St. Cecilia – Exposition: First Fridays, 9 a.m. Friday to 4 p.m. Saturday.

Columbus St. Christopher – Adoration and prayer ministry: Weekdays from end of 8:30 a.m. Mass to 4:30 p.m.

Columbus St. Elizabeth – Exposition: second Sunday of the month, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral – Holy Hour with Adoration and confession: Wednesdays, following 5:15 p.m. Mass; Thursdays, 10:45 to 11:45 a.m.

Columbus St. Ladislav – Adoration: 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays in former convent. Call Sister Wilma Ross, SCN, at (614) 444-2598 for instructions on how to enter.

Columbus St. Margaret of Cortona – Exposition: Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., with Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m., followed by sung Vespers and Benediction on the Thursdays of Lent. On Holy Thursday, it will follow the 7 p.m. Mass and conclude at 11 p.m.

Columbus St. Mary – Exposition: First Fridays, 9 to 10 a.m.

Columbus St. Mary Magdalene – Exposition: second Monday of the month, following 8:15 a.m. Mass in church; fourth Saturday of the month, 9 a.m. to noon in Bishop Campbell Hall.

Columbus St. Patrick – Adoration: Third and fourth Fridays of the month, 8 p.m. Friday to 7 a.m. Saturday (church locked; call church office at (614) 224-9522 for access information). Exposition: 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. Fridays (church open).

Columbus St. Peter – Exposition: First Fridays, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; all other Fridays, 9 to 10 a.m.

Columbus St. Stephen – Exposition: Wednesdays, 6 to 7 p.m., first Fridays, 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., other Fridays, 5 to 9 p.m., first Saturdays, 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. Sunday.

Columbus St. Timothy – Exposition: Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Danville St. Luke – Exposition: Once a month (date varies), from after 10 a.m. Mass until 8 p.m. prayer service Sunday.

Delaware St. Mary – Exposition, Mondays, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Dover St. Joseph – Exposition: Tues-

days from 5 to 6 p.m. during Lent; Thursdays from 9 to 10 a.m. all year.

Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare – Exposition: First Fridays from end of 9 a.m. Mass to 5 p.m., in Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

Gahanna St. Matthew – Exposition: Second and fourth Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Granville St. Edward – Exposition: 9:30 a.m. Monday to 9 a.m. Tuesday.

Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help – Exposition: First Fridays, from end of 8:30 a.m. Mass to 8:30 a.m. Saturday.

Jackson Holy Trinity – Exposition: First Fridays, 11 a.m. to noon.

Kenton Immaculate Conception – Exposition: First Thursdays, from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., closing with Benediction.

Lancaster St. Bernadette – Exposition: Monday through Friday, 5 a.m. to midnight in chapel. Knock on front door to gain admittance.

Lancaster St. Mark – Exposition: Mondays, 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., Tuesdays, 8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Lancaster St. Mary – Exposition: Sundays during Lent, 4 to 5 p.m. with Vespers and Benediction.

Logan St. John – Exposition: First Fridays, from 8:30 a.m. Friday to 8 a.m. Saturday, in adoration chapel.

Marion St. Mary – Adoration: Fridays, from after 8:30 a.m. Mass to 9 a.m. Saturday. Holy Hour with Exposition and confessions: Tuesdays, 5 to 6 p.m.

Marysville Our Lady of Lourdes – Exposition: First Fridays, from after 5:15 p.m. Mass to 10 a.m. Saturday.

Mount Vernon St. Vincent de Paul – Exposition: 5 p.m. Thursday to 5 p.m. Friday, followed by Mass and Benediction.

New Albany Church of the Resurrection – Exposition: Call parish office at (614) 855-1400 for times or go to parish website, www.churchoftheresurrection.com.

New Boston St. Monica – Adoration: Mondays and first Fridays, 6 to 7 p.m.

New Lexington St. Rose – Exposition: First Fridays, from after 8 or 9 a.m. Mass to 4 p.m.

New Philadelphia Sacred Heart – Exposition: 9 a.m. Tuesday to 5:15 p.m. Wednesday. Confession and Adoration, followed by prayer service, 5 p.m. Mondays during Lent.

Newark Blessed Sacrament – Exposition: Noon to midnight Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays in chapel; 9 a.m. to midnight Wednesdays in sanctuary.

Newark St. Francis de Sales – Exposition: 7 p.m. Sunday to 4 p.m. Saturday, in day chapel behind sanctuary.

Pickerington St. Elizabeth Seton – Adoration: 24 hours, seven days a week, except when Mass is being celebrated and during the Sacred Triduum, in the church's Eucharistic Chapel.

Plain City St. Joseph – Exposition: 6 to 8 a.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays; 6 a.m. every Thursday to 8 a.m. Friday; 6 to 9 p.m. Fridays; evening hours follow 5:30 p.m. Mass and Vespers.

Portsmouth Holy Redeemer – Exposition: Thursdays, 8:30 to 10 a.m.

Portsmouth St. Mary – Exposition: Fridays, from end of noon Mass to Benediction at 5:30 p.m.

Powell St. Joan of Arc – Exposition: 9 a.m. Monday to 8 a.m. Friday.

Sunbury St. John Neumann – Exposition: Noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, then 6 p.m. Sunday to midnight Friday. Church is locked from 4 to 9 a.m. Sunday to Friday and noon to midnight Friday. If you wish to visit during those hours, contact Amy Davis at (614) 579-9874 or amym-davis@hotmail.com.

Washington Court House St. Colman of Cloyne – Exposition: Holy Days of Obligation; all night on Feast of Corpus Christi.

Waverly St. Mary – Exposition: First Wednesday, from end of 6:30 p.m. Mass to Benediction at 8 p.m.

Westerville St. Paul – Exposition: Thursdays following 8:30 a.m. Mass until Benediction at 6:45 p.m. during Lent. Holy Hour of adoration: Thursdays, 6 to 7 p.m. rest of year.

Wheelersburg St. Peter in Chains – Adoration: Sundays, 5 p.m.

Worthington St. Michael – Exposition: 24 hours, seven days a week, except during daily and weekend Masses and during the Sacred Triduum, in the church's Adoration Chapel.

Zaleski St. Sylvester – Exposition: Thursdays, from after 8 a.m. Mass to 7 p.m.

Zanesville St. Nicholas – Exposition: First Fridays, 8 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.

Zanesville St. Thomas Aquinas – Exposition: Wednesdays, after noon Mass to 8 p.m., with Holy Hour from 7 to 8.

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“When we step back and consider that this paper rice bowl has made it possible to give real, life-saving assistance to so many, we see the power the 40 days of Lent have produced over the last four decades,” said Joan Rosenhauer, executive vice president of U.S. operations for Catholic Relief Services (CRS). “It’s the right time to step forward and fill each rice bowl with \$40 and make a lasting change for those who need our help.”

Pope Francis has turned the world’s

attention to the plight of hunger and poverty around the world. He said, “the scandal that millions of people suffer from hunger must not paralyze us, but push each and every one of us to act – singles, families, communities, institutions, governments – to eliminate this injustice.” People looking for a way to respond to this call will find CRS Rice Bowl is a proven and robust response.

The look and feel of the program has evolved over time and today incorporates a variety of resources for people of any age to make Lent a deeper, more

fulfilling experience. In addition to a full collection of resources for educators, parish leaders, and parents, there is a CRS Rice Bowl app for use on mobile devices.

“The app helps make Lent a daily experience within the hustle and bustle of modern life,” Rosenhauer said. “It can be personalized to help keep your Lenten goals, whether it’s deeper prayer, greater learning about your brothers

and sisters around the world, or sticking to a plan to give up coffee and turn a latte into sacrificial giving. Last year, people raved about its debut. This year, it’s even better, with built-in social media and a full collection of our best videos, and it is also available in Spanish.”

To donate and to learn more about CRS Rice Bowl, visit crsricebowl.org or download the app from the iTunes or Google Play stores.

Childlike Faith

By Kayla Walton

In the Catholic Church, we have various images and statues that remind us of Our Lord’s endless mercy and grace. As a young adult, I am eternally grateful for these various sacramen-



tals, because they provide a tangible reminder of the beauty and richness of our Catholic faith. In the same way, young children are often drawn to these sacramentals, and at times are even inspired to say a prayer in the presence of these images and statues.

At St. Mary School in German Village, we have been blessed with a new entranceway that includes stained glass windows, an altar, and a statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. I have found great comfort in this image, and my heart overflows with joy when I think about the impact that this new

setting has made in the lives of our students.

One student, in particular, stopped spontaneously, knelt down in front of the statue, and said a prayer. Fortunately, someone near-

by was able to take a picture to capture this moment. When I saw this image, I realized that this picture perfectly portrayed the goal of Catholic education -- to prepare our students and create a foundation for lifelong learning and discipleship.

It is my hope that all who walk through the entrance of our school will stop and, with childlike faith, say a prayer to Our Lord, who loves us beyond our comprehension. May God bless you.

Kayla Walton is a sixth-grade teacher at Columbus St. Mary School.

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Churches throughout the Diocese of Columbus will be presenting a variety of Lenten programs focusing on prayer, penance, and preparation for Easter.

Most parishes will conduct penance services, either individually or in conjunction with other parishes in their deanery. Many also will offer the traditional Lenten devotion of Stations of the Cross.

In addition to those activities, special seasonal activities planned by parishes of the diocese include the following:

Ada Our Lady of Lourdes – Parish youth group presents Stations of the Cross in mime, Friday, April 3, noon.

Chillicothe St. Mary – “Soup for the Soul” suppers with visiting speakers, Wednesdays through March 25, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., family life center.

Columbus Christ the King – Living Stations of the Cross in Spanish, Friday, April 3, noon.

Columbus Corpus Christi – Parish mission with Father Rod Damico, parochial vicar for the parish. Talks based on Pope Francis’ apostolic exhortation *The Joy of the Gospel*, Sunday, March 1, 4 to 5:30 p.m. (refreshments at 3:30) and Monday and Tuesday, March 2 and 3, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Topics: “The Joy of Knowing Christ,” Sunday; “The Joy of Sharing Life with Christ,” Monday; “The Joy of Renewing the Earth,” Tuesday.

Columbus St. Agatha – Devotions and soup suppers, with proceeds benefiting Hands Together Haitian relief organization, Wednesdays, 6 p.m. Parish mission with Father Tom Hagan, founder of Hands Together, Monday to Wednesday, March 2 to 4, 7 p.m.

Columbus St. Cecilia – Lenten reflection series sponsored by parish St. Vincent de Paul Society, based on the book *Bridges Out of Poverty*, Sundays, Feb. 22 to March 29, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Evening of reflection with author and broadcaster Elizabeth Ficocelli on “How to Have a Lent Well-Spent,” Tuesday, Feb. 24, 7 p.m.

Columbus St. Elizabeth – Day of reflection on “The Four Phrases That Will Change Your Life” with Father Josh Wagner, pastor of Columbus St. Dominic and Holy Rosary-St. John churches, including the daytime prayers of the Liturgy of the Hours, Saturday, March 7, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., followed by confessions at 4:45, and Mass celebrated by Father Wagner with the St. Dominic choir at 5:30. Second collection will be taken for St. Dominic choir chairs.

Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral – Cathedral Choir presents “Renaissance Music in Lent,” featuring Thomas Tallis’ motet *Spem in Alium*, Sunday, March 8, 7:30 p.m., suggested donation \$10. Walking Stations of the Cross, an annual four-mile walk, stopping at 14 sites around downtown to commemorate Jesus’ crucifixion, Friday, April 3, 8 to 11

a.m., starting at cathedral. Tenebrae service, designed to recreate the sense of betrayal, abandonment, and agony related to Good Friday, featuring the Cathedral Schola and including Tallis’ *Lamentations of Jeremiah*, Friday, April 3, 8 p.m.

Columbus St. Leo – Stations of the Cross, Thursdays, Feb. 19 to March 26, 3 p.m. Masses with Father Wagner at conclusion of his seven-church tour, Saturdays, March 14 and April 11, 4 p.m.

Columbus St. Margaret of Cortona – Sung Vespers, Thursdays, approximately 7:50 p.m. following Stations during weekly Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Parish mission with Father Wagner, Monday to Wednesday, March 2 to 4, 7 p.m.

Columbus St. Mary Magdalene – *The Way of the Cross* concert narrative featuring local Christian music group Living Water, Friday, March 6, 7 p.m.

Columbus St. Timothy – *People of the Passion*, a performance of music, drama, and dance, suggested for audiences age 12 and older, Thursday and Friday, March 5 and 6, 7:30 p.m.

Dover St. Joseph – Eucharistic Adoration and Mass, followed by lecture series titled “Adventures in Bible Study: Uncovering the Treasures of Sacred Scripture” with Father Jimmy Hatfield, Thursdays, Feb. 24 to March 31, with adoration at 5 p.m., Mass at 6, and talk after Mass. Parish youth group leads Walking Stations of the Cross, Friday, April 3, noon; Tenebrae service, Friday, April 3, 8 p.m.

Granville St. Edward – Lenten soup suppers with parish music director Paul Radkowski speaking on “New Ways to Pray,” Tuesdays, 6 p.m. Topics: “Praying With Images,” Feb. 24; “Praying with Music,” March 3; “Praying with Poetry,” March 10; “Praying with the Psalms,” March 17; “Praying with Theological Reflection,” March 24.

Lancaster St. Mark – *We Were There* Easter cantata by Pepper Choplin, with a 45-voice

ecumenical choir and a 30-piece orchestra, Sunday, March 29, 7 p.m.

Logan St. John – Talk on “Family Spirituality in Today’s Changing Culture” with Dan Thimons, diocesan Marriage & Family Life director, Sunday, March 22, 4 to 6 p.m.

Marion St. Mary – Parish mission with Father Josh Wagner. Theme: “Lost and Found Faith: Turning Crosses into Resurrection,” Monday to Wednesday, March 16 to 18, 7 p.m. Topics: “Finding Your Purpose in Prayer,” Monday; “Crosses and Crises,” Tuesday, preceded by Mass at 6:30; “Life and Resurrection,” Wednesday.

Marysville Our Lady of Lourdes – The Way of the Cross through the Blessed Mother’s eyes, Friday, April 3, 3 p.m.; Tenebrae service, Friday, April 3, 8 p.m.



New Albany Church of the Resurrection – Day of reflection for single Catholics age 30 and older, led by Sister Louis Mary Passeri, OP, and parish pastoral assistant Suanne Gettings. Theme: “Repent and Believe: Looking Inward and Upward,” Saturday, Feb. 21, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. *The Way of the Cross* concert narrative featuring local Christian music group Living Water, Friday, March 20, 7:30 p.m.

Newark St. Francis de Sales – Night of reflection for new and veteran altar servers, Monday, March 9, 7 p.m. School concert in honor of the Feast of St. Joseph, Thursday, March 19, 7 p.m.

Pickerington St. Elizabeth Seton – Parish mission with Father Leo Patalinghug, host of EWTN’s *Savoring Our Faith* program. Theme: “Finding God in All Things,” Sunday to Tuesday, March 1 to 3, 7 p.m. Topics: “Finding God Through the Communion of Saints,” Sunday; “Finding God Through His Blessed Mother,” Monday; “Finding God at the Lord’s Table,” Tuesday, followed by penance service.

Plain City St. Joseph – Vespers, Sunday, Feb. 22, 6 p.m. Soup suppers with weekly speakers on “Prayer and Work,” Tuesdays, Feb. 24 to March 31, 6:30 p.m., activity center. Youth group presents Living Stations of the Cross, Monday, March 23, 4:30 and 6:30 p.m., activity center.

Reynoldsburg St. Pius X – Parish mission with Father Richard O’Donnell, pastor of Christ the King Church in Burlington, Vermont. Theme: “Renewed in the Spirit,” Sunday to Tuesday, Feb. 22 to 24, 7 p.m. Topics: “Becoming Who We Were Created to Be,” Sunday; “Understanding the Cross,” Monday; “The Holy Spirit and His Role in Our Life,” Tuesday. Soup suppers, Wednesdays, Feb. 25, March 11, and March 25, 5 to 6:30 p.m. Anointing of the Sick, Saturday, March 14 after 5 p.m. Mass and Sunday, March 15 after 8:30 a.m. Mass. Children’s Stations of the Cross, Sunday, March 29, 5



p.m. Tenebrae service, Wednesday, April 1, 7:30 p.m. Blessing of Easter food baskets, Saturday, April 4, 1 p.m.

Sts. Peter and Paul Retreat Center, Newark – Women’s morning of reflection with Sister Louis Mary Passeri, OP. Theme: “Jesus Said, ‘When I Am Lifted Up from the Earth, I Will Draw All People to Myself,’” Saturday, March 21, 9 a.m. to noon.

St. Therese’s Retreat Center, Columbus – Silent retreat for women, sponsored by Catholic Laywomen’s Retreat League, led by Father Cassian Derbes, parochial vicar, Columbus St. Patrick Church. Theme: “The Virtues of Mary,” Friday, March 6 at 6 p.m. to Sunday, March 8 at noon.

Sunbury St. John Neumann – Eucharistic Holy Hour of adoration, including live music and silent periods, with Reconciliation available, Fridays, Feb. 20 and March 6, 13, and 20, 7:30 p.m. Community praise and wor-

ship for peace services, including Eucharistic Adoration and music by Station 14, Fridays, Feb. 27 and March 27, 7:30 p.m. Tenebrae service, Sunday, March 29, 8 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from noon Sunday to midnight Friday.

West Jefferson Ss. Simon and Jude – Soup and salad suppers, Thursdays, Feb. 19, 26, and March 5, following 6 p.m. Mass. Book study of *Love Is Our Mission* preparatory catechesis for World Meeting of Families, Mondays, Feb. 23, March 9, 16, and 23 and April 6, 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Retreat with Father John Raphael Hadnagy, OFM Conv, of the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey. Theme: “Faith, Prayer, and Healing,” Monday and Tuesday, March 2 and 3, 7 to 9 p.m., with healing Mass at 6 p.m. Tuesday.

Westerville St. Paul – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Thursdays through March 31, 9 a.m. until Benediction at 6:45 p.m.

Father Timothy Hayes' homily at the funeral Mass for Msgr. Thomas G. Bender

at Columbus Holy Spirit Church on Wednesday, February 11:

"The Scriptures Father Bender chose for his funeral Mass are full of hope. They express a clear and simple understanding that God is faithful to his promise of eternal life. He holds the souls of the just in his hands. We live for the Lord. The bread of life gives us the capacity to live forever.

"This is the sure and simple faith that opens our hearts to the promise of the resurrection. We gather today for this Mass of Christian Burial to entrust Msgr. Thomas Gerald Bender to the mercy and love of the God he served so well as a priest of Jesus Christ in the Church of the Diocese of Columbus.

"Gentle is the word that comes to mind when I think of Msgr. Tom Bender. When others speak of their experience of him, that is the word that is mentioned most. It really wasn't a surprise to hear that word in the opening hymn. He lived the life of a priest in a quiet, simple, clear way. If we understand meekness not as weakness, but as quiet strength and humble courage, I think we could call him meek as well.

"At the time he was given the honor of the title 'Monsignor,' Tom Bender wrote his own announcement to be published. In one line of that press release, he referred to himself as 'the new Monsignor.' It was clear that he appreciated the recognition of his ministry. But through the years after that, he indicated that he preferred to be called 'Father Bender.' In his hospital room, a note to the nurses and other staff indicated his preferred name was

'Father.'

"I came to know Father Bender personally first when he was assigned to be the pastor of St. Joan of Arc Parish in 1993. He followed the founding pastor, Msgr. George Schlegel, to whom I had been assigned as associate pastor. I was alone for a month after Msgr. Schlegel left for New Philadelphia, and then Father Bender arrived.

"I remember that time between pastors as a time of great worry among the staff of St. Joan of Arc. Having been with Msgr. Schlegel since the parish was created, they were quite worried about who the new boss would be. Father Bender's arrival settled their fears, and he had a good run there until he exchanged St. Joan of Arc Parish in Powell for a parish 10 times smaller – St. Mary's in Bremen, where he completed his active ministry. Of course, through the years since then, he helped in many different parishes.

"In the first days after he arrived in Powell, Father Bender was walking down the street. A woman in the parish saw him and realized he was new to the neighborhood. His smile and overall demeanor drew her attention. She thought that perhaps he might be someone her widowed mother might like to meet. She was very surprised when she came to church that weekend to discover he was the new pastor at St. Joan's.

"During our time together, I learned from Father Bender to see the parish as a family. He was a loving father to the

community. He was certainly experienced – noting all of his assignments as a priest, it is evident that the Church of Columbus was blessed by his ministry. In all the communities he served, he was a true leader in the ways of faith.

"One surprising moment for me during our time together was when I received the call to tell me that I would be appointed as pastor for the first time. I told Father Bender the news, and he gave a big smile and said 'Congratulations!' I had been concerned that he would be upset that it happened in the middle of the year rather than at the usual time, so it was not likely he would have an associate for several months. His humility was striking.

"He also made a comment that was a surprise to me. He said – this was one of his terms – that it was most unusual for an associate pastor to be involved in every aspect of the life of the parish, that usually he would have just one area and the pastor would take care of the rest. My previous pastors had involved me in all of it. Now that I was to be a pastor, I suddenly realized I could have gotten by with less work, but it was too late. Father Bender had put his trust in me during my time with him that gave me confidence to take up a new step in my own priestly journey.

"We kept in touch through the years, and at a certain point, he asked me to serve as his power of attorney and executor, if his first choice would not be able to. That's what brings me to this responsibility today.

"One of the great privileges of priesthood is to experience the trust of our people. It's very humbling when we receive that from brother priests. I recall one day when I was with Father Bender at a visit with his cardiologist. I was assisting him to fill out the forms, and there was a line asking whom to contact if there was a problem. At that time in his life, Father Bender had no close relatives who were in a position to help in that way. I suggested putting my name down, and he responded, 'You're very kind.'

"That moment ultimately brought me to the privilege of being with him at the time of his death. From time to time, I would receive calls to update me on his condition as he moved from inde-

pendent living to assisted living at the Villas, and then to Mother Angelina McCrory Manor.

"In the last week of his life, I visited him daily at Mount Carmel East Hospital, often taking the time to pray the Liturgy of the Hours aloud so he could have some share in it. Others who knew him also came to stay with him sometimes – his student Mary Murphy and his driver Glenda Barlow, and others, including his good friend Msgr. Bob Schneider, who was there on the day of his death and who had been often his travel companion. We did not want him to be alone in these final days.

"It came to me during this time that perhaps a ministry we ought to develop among us is one to ensure that those who have no family may have companions as they wait for the Lord's call to the Kingdom, especially our priests. When we do not have a direct association with a parish, we often lose touch with those who know us. Some have mentioned that they lost track of Father Bender through his latter years. Perhaps the gentle reminder of Father Bender's death can serve to call us to be attentive to one another at the end of life's journey.

"In his life, Father Bender was a faithful disciple of the Lord. As long as he was able, he continued to read and keep up on the life of the Church and the parishes where he had served, as well as the institutions which were involved in his formation for the priesthood. He had many writings from his alma maters. He was accepting of each stage of his journey.

"The fact that his funeral Mass is celebrated at Holy Spirit Parish was no doubt because he considered himself as a member of his territorial parish during his years on East Broad Street, and that he wanted it to be close enough for his brother priests and the others who shared his life with him in these latter years to be present.

"As we bid farewell to Msgr. Thomas Bender, we thank God for the witness of a faithful priest. We pray for him and with him for the Church of Columbus that he loved and served. And we put our hope in the gentle Savior whom he loved, trusting that the Eucharist we celebrate today will open us to the gift of eternal life."

Bishop Frederick Campbell's homily at the funeral Mass for Fr. Patrick J. Byrne

at Our Mother of Sorrows Chapel of St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus, on Thursday, Feb. 12:

"Whenever we celebrate a funeral, and I think particularly the funeral of a priest, it always amazes me that we do refer to it as a celebration. There is in our natural death a sadness, for this death was not intended from the beginning, but because of the working of disobedience and sin, death entered into our lives.

"When we say we celebrate a funeral, we do not mean that it is a kind of party or exultation. It comes from the Latin word *celebrare*, which means 'let it be written large.' And that is why that reading from the book of Job (19:1,23-27) is so powerful – when Job, in the midst of all of his troubles, could cry out 'Let this be written, let it be done with an iron chisel and cut in the rock. Let this be written large, that I know that my vindicator lives and that if I am faithful to him, I shall live with him.'

"And isn't this the fundamental confirmation of our Christian faith, that in Jesus Christ, God has been revealed as a

God of life, not of death. Death remains a natural reality. It was experienced even by Jesus Christ himself, and experienced so that its power over us would be broken. So let it be written large that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead, and that those who are willing to die with Christ will live with him forever.

"Now, at the heart of everything that Father Byrne did as a priest lies this message, even though he may not have spoken it on every single occasion. But behind everything he did – the administration of the sacraments, the celebration of Mass, the care of the sick – was this: that Jesus Christ has died for us, has risen from the grave, and now reigns forever and calls his own to his side.

"Actually, I never met Father Byrne face-to-face. As I remember, thinking back, I talked to him once on the telephone, and he at that time had been retired for a while. He seemed to have been enjoying Florida. And that was the last, until we got a little note, that

Father Lumpe can tell you about in greater detail, from the pension board, saying that his pension was now ended because Father Byrne has died.

"Well, this was about a year ago, and Father Lumpe called Father Byrne and said, 'Are you Father Byrne?' 'Yes.' 'A priest of the Diocese of Columbus?' 'Yes.' 'And you're alive?' 'Certainly.'

"And I looked at the *curriculum vitae* for Father Byrne and noticed that in the 20 years from his ordination, he was a part of a large number of parishes, of ministries, of schoolteaching here in the diocese. Then he found his niche. That was in military chaplaincy, and especially working with veterans.

"And I suspect that was a challenge, and it often is in those challenging times when the Gospel is most consoling and most powerful, especially that message of St. Paul when he tells us that in Jesus Christ, nothing can separate us from the love of God, not even death.

"And in the many areas that Father Byrne worked as a priest, it was his constant preaching of the Gospel that we just heard from John – that God pronounces life, God pronounces hope. This lies at the heart of a priest's existence: to preach the Gospel constantly, and that Jesus Christ has urged us to find eternal life, even here and now, and it rises up within us, giving us strength, giving us hope, giving us a deep faith.

"As a priest, Father Byrne celebrated the sacraments of salvation, sometimes in very different and very difficult circumstances, to make certain that those instruments of grace touched others in the most difficult circumstances.

"And most importantly, as a priest, Father Byrne celebrated the Holy Eucharist, which is the commemoration of the suffering and death and resurrection

of Our Lord Jesus Christ. And by celebrating it, he brought those for whom he celebrated it more deeply into that mystery. Now today, we enfold him into that mystery as we celebrate the Eucharist at this moment.

"I'm sure we are filled with stories of Father Byrne. That is natural. It is a way of fixing a memory in our mind, of showing our affection and love in a powerful way. We leave the final summing-up to the one who knew him more intimately than anybody, perhaps knew him more closely than he knew himself, and that is Our Lord Jesus Christ. We are called upon to pray for his intention as he has entered into that final state of purification, that final part of his pilgrimage.

"I notice that he also, especially in retirement, used to like to do ministry on the high seas, part of what is known as the apostolate of the high seas – I always loved that term – and I was told that he loved those cruises.

"But I remember something that I saw many, many years ago in a collection of art from the Vatican. It was a tombstone, and that tombstone was designed for an early Christian, and in the Vatican portrayal of this, it was placed with tombstones from pagan cultures – I think to contrast it, to preach that very Gospel message.

"Where the tombstones from the pagans were filled with all sorts of fear and darkness, here, in that Christian tombstone, was carved a scene of a woman sitting in a ship, sailing over the waters toward an island where there was a tall tower, and along the bottom was the inscription (in Latin) 'Happy Victoria, sailing to her homeland.'

"That image has always stuck in my mind, because in the image of all Christians, we are called closer and closer to the very source of life through Jesus Christ, so that at that moment of natural death, we know that nothing that has been given through Christ by our heavenly Father will be lost, and that death is the final passage of our pilgrimage, and that at the end is the Jesus Christ that Father Byrne preached."

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Amazing “Before & After” Photo Illustrates Impact of Catholic Outreaches Serving The Poor Overseas

Jim Cavnar looked at the two photographs on this desk and found it hard to believe they were taken of the same boy. One child is gaunt, glassy-eyed and limp in the arms of a caretaker. The other boy is healthy, alert and focused on play.

How could this possibly be the same child — Javier from Honduras?

“We see before and after photos like this often, but I never cease to be amazed by them. It makes you marvel at the human body’s ability to rebound from trauma. It makes you realize that even someone who appears to be at death’s door can be rescued and revitalized,” explained Jim Cavnar, president of Cross Catholic Outreach. “When Javier was brought in to the Prince of Peace Nutrition Center that Cross Catholic Outreach supports, he was 10 months old and weighed less than 9 pounds. The doctors didn’t think he would survive through the week, but the staff at Prince of Peace did a marvelous job in nursing him back to health. The before and after pictures were taken only four months apart — you can see the profound difference their care made for yourself.”

As one of America’s leading Catholic relief agencies, Cross Catholic Outreach is literally in the business of creating success stories like this one in developing countries around the globe. Cross Catholic Outreach achieves this goal by enlisting support from U.S. Catholics who share Cavnar’s concern for the poor and his passion for rescuing children from needless suffering and death. It channels its support through Catholic partners already in place overseas — outreaches like the Prince of Peace Nutrition Center that cared for Javier.

“Prince of Peace is a wonderful organization with a committed staff, but their programs would be paralyzed without a regular stock of food, medicines and other supplies. They couldn’t properly feed or care for the children,” Cavnar explained. “Providing those resources is Cross Catholic Outreach’s role. Our support helps them obtain the food and other supplies they need to treat children like Javier. It’s all about teamwork. The churches overseas provide the daily services, and Cross Catholic Outreach and its donors help provide the material resources needed for their outreaches.”

Cavnar is clearly grateful to the American Catholics who have chosen to support the Cross Catholic Outreach’s work. He emphasizes them often, pointing out that they are the real key to every success story.

“Dramatic turn-arounds like Javier’s are only possible because people step forward and offer a helping hand. The donor is the



Javier’s “before and after” photos provide a shocking reminder of how the poor live — and how important our help is in their lives.

catalyst or trigger. Their financial support is critical in turning a tragic ‘before’ into a triumphant ‘after’ for a child like Javier. So I don’t take their role lightly. I give the credit where the credit is due — to those who contribute to make success stories like this possible,” Cavnar said. “In the simplest terms, without the donor there wouldn’t be a ‘before and after’ story at all. Javier wouldn’t have recovered. He wouldn’t have survived.”

According to Cavnar, the scope of work being funded by American Catholics has been growing in recent years. As more and more people learn about Cross Catholic Outreach in their local parish or through stories in Catholic newspapers, they add their support, allowing Cross Catholic Outreach to further expand its outreach into new countries, touching more lives.

“With more support from American Catholics, we can take this outreach to whole new levels,” Cavnar said. “When a parish working in the trenches overseas wants to launch a new feeding center, we can partner with them and supply the food. When a poor rural village is facing problems with an unsafe water source, we can dig the well or tap the spring to bring relief. Whether the need is for a clinic to treat the poor or for a school to serve an impoverished community, we can be there to help.”

“Whatever their need, Cross Catholic Outreach has the potential to turn a tragic situation into something wonderful,” he added. “We offer American Catholics the same opportunity. It’s a chance to do

something meaningful and profound in God’s name and for His glory.”

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Cross Catholic Outreach continues to receive encouragement and accolades from the leaders of the Catholic Church. More than 100 bishops have endorsed the charity, and its president, Jim Cavnar, recently met with both Pope Francis and Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI in Rome.

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Escaping the Deadly Cycle of Poverty

Cross Catholic Outreach Celebrates Success of its Global Mission

Mercedes Nuez’s day begins at 6:30 a.m. when she enters Guatemala City’s huge, rat-infested dump. The single mother will spend the next 13 hours wading through piles of steaming garbage in search of items that she can sell for a few cents to one of the city’s recyclers.

The work is backbreaking. With each breath of methane gas rising from the trash, she feels as if her lungs may burst — but she keeps going because she knows that if she stops her daughters won’t eat tonight.

For Nuez and the nearly 2,000 poor families who live off this massive garbage dump, a hard life is all they know.

“Life is very hard here. The days are long, and there aren’t many sources of help for people like me,” says Nuez, who has been working in the dump since she was 14 years old. “I never went to school, but I am thankful my girls are getting an education. Maybe then they can escape the life I have had to live.”

The education Nuez is talking about is an afterschool program created to help the city’s poor. Their school, on the edge of the dump, is an important ray of hope in the otherwise beleaguered community.

“Thanks to donations from compassionate Americans, this educational center is able to provide a whole new world of possibilities to children who have only known the eight filthy blocks that surround the garbage dump,” explains Jim Cavnar, president of Cross Catholic Outreach, a U.S.-based charity helping to support schools in impoverished communities worldwide.

Cross Catholic Outreach is a firm believer in helping the poor through educational programs. Independent research backs up the value of their approach.

“Study after study has shown that investing in basic social services for children is a key to alleviating their poverty,” Cavnar adds. “By providing education along with food and medical care, we help break the cycle of poverty that’s dominated the lives of families for generations.”

And the alternative is shockingly bleak for those who do not benefit from an education.

For example, the illiterate poor typically live on \$2.50 or less a day, and their living conditions are both dangerous and a health threat. A recent study by UNICEF found that, 24,000 children die each day because of poverty. One in three lack adequate shelter, while one in five don’t have clean water to drink. If an education can bring better

conditions and opportunities, it is literally saving lives.

“There are undoubtedly practical reasons to do what we are doing to educate the poor, but that’s only one of our motivations — our desire to manifest God’s love is another important reason,” Cavnar says. “God called us to help our neighbors and to show Christ-like compassion by meeting their needs. By helping people like Mercedes Nuez and her children we are serving God and following Christ’s teachings.”

Cavnar highlighted Cross Catholic’s outreach to 8-year-old Humphrey as another example of how the charity puts its faith into action.

Humphrey and his siblings, Nancy, 5, and John, 4, were abandoned by their family. They lived for almost three years by themselves in a dilapidated, one-room shanty in the middle of the notorious Kibera Slum of Nairobi, Kenya.

To call their life “difficult” would be an understatement. Humphrey wasn’t even in third grade yet, but he was forced to juggle



Mercedes Nuez (left) lives on the outskirts of the dump, but she has higher hopes for her children and the other families who work there.

children probably would not have survived,” Cavnar says. “Thankfully, they now have a safe place to live, clothes to wear, plenty of food to eat, and they are able to attend school every day. Their suffering is over.”

Cavnar explains that life-saving programs like this wouldn’t exist without the support Cross Catholic Outreach receives from its generous Catholic donors in the U.S.

“Our Catholic benefactors are vital to the success of our work. Without them, we would

not be able to support Catholic outreaches in Africa, Central America, the Philippines and elsewhere,” Cavnar says. “Our success is only possible because of their generous spirit. They are the heroes in this story.”

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work and school in a desperate attempt to support his younger siblings. He and the younger children often went without food.

Fortunately, the struggling children were discovered by a group of Catholic nuns who provide food, educational opportunities and spiritual counseling to AIDS orphans and vulnerable children living in the slum. With financial support from Cross Catholic Outreach, they were able to give the fledgling family the help they needed.

“Without the help we provided, these

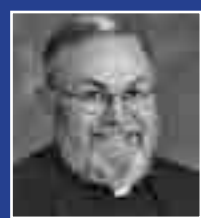
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First Sunday of Lent (Cycle B)

'Wild beasts' are lurking everywhere in every age



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Genesis 9:8-15
1 Peter 3:18-22
Mark 1:12-15

The Book of Genesis is fun to read any time, but is particularly appropriate for the First Sunday of Lent. Lent is, after all, a period of spiritual cleansing, when we rededicate to the terms of our covenant with the Father, mediated by the Son.

In the first reading, God (Elohim) establishes a solemn covenant with Noah and his offspring and with all the other animals which were with Noah in the Ark. God promises never again to wipe out all living things with a flood.

As a helpful reminder that God will never do that again, God places a rainbow in the sky as a reminder. To those who note that a storm, especially one producing a flood, is followed by a rainbow, not preceded by one, that may be small consolation. Yet here, the Genesis author is trying to give a popular explanation for how (and why) the rainbow exists, not to explain some kind of meteorological phenomenon.

In Babylonian mythology, the god Marduk hung his bow in the clouds after defeating the goddess Tiamat, the goddess of the deep waters. Hebrew uses the same word for both the weapon and for the rainbow. So the Biblical author has stripped the meaning of the Babylonian myth and replaced it with what God has done in ending the flood and hanging his own bow in the clouds. When the human looks to the sky and sees the rainbow, he/she sees not so much divine destruction as divine recreation in beauty of what was dirtied by human evil.

MEN'S LUNCHEON CLUB

The March session of the Catholic Men's Luncheon Club on Friday, March 6 will feature a presentation by transitional deacon H. Dale Meade, a physician studying for the priesthood.

His presentation on "A Journey of Faith" will describe the events and transitions that led him to the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus and which will culminate with his ordination to the priesthood for the Diocese of Alexandria, Louisiana, on Saturday, May 23.

The luncheon club will meet at Columbus St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave. Holy Mass will begin at 11:45 a.m., followed by lunch and Deacon Meade's talk until 1 p.m. No reservations are necessary. There is a suggested donation of \$10 for the lunch and meeting.

For information on the Catholic Men's Luncheon Club, visit www.ColumbusCatholicMen.com or contact John Schechter, club president, at jschechter@sbcglobal.net

At the same time, the author of Genesis is not engaged in a theology of covenant. Most covenants make requirements of both parties. A covenant, which promises not to do something (like wiping out most of creation), isn't much of a covenant. A covenant usually bound at least two parties in the agreement. In this covenant, God had entered it with Noah and his family (Genesis 6:18). The present scene becomes more of a covenant renewal between God and Noah and his family and "every living creature." Soon (verse 21), Noah will get drunk and start the process of degradation all over again.

The Gospel is the temptation of Jesus which occurs also in Matthew and Luke. Mark's is the briefest account. In Mark, the Spirit "drove" Jesus into the desert, implying that he had no choice. He was forced out there by the Spirit. The 40 days of his tempting by Satan recall the 40 years of Israel's being tempted in the desert of Sinai, even as here Jesus is "in the desert." To be "among the wild beasts" is to be in the presence of danger, but, like Adam, Jesus is at peace with them, while "angels ministered to him."

Vincent Taylor, in his commentary on Mark, wrote of this passage: "We do not know what ideas the first Christians read into the narrative, but it is probable that, while the language is pictorial and imaginative, the ideas are religious and theological." That is true of most of the New Testament. No doubt, though, those early Christians who were familiar with the Old Testament compared Jesus with Israel, and saw in Jesus' ability to survive in the desert a contrast with Israel, which succumbed to evil repeatedly.

As a metaphor for the world through which every generation of Christians must pass, "being among the wild beasts" is an apt description of the dangers that lurk everywhere in every age. The beasts have many names and faces, many sizes and shapes, but as with Christ, so with Christians, angels minister to us, even as we must minister to others.

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



The Weekday Bible Readings

MONDAY
Leviticus 19:1-2,11-18
Psalm 19:8-10,15
Matthew 25:31-46

TUESDAY
Isaiah 55:10-11
Psalm 34:4-7,16-19
Matthew 6:7-15

WEDNESDAY
Jonah 3:1-10
Psalm 51:3-4,12-13,18-19
Luke 11:29-32

THURSDAY
Esther C:12,14-16,23-25
Psalm 138:1-3,7c-8
Matthew 7:7-12

FRIDAY
Ezekiel 18:21-28
Psalm 130:1-8
Matthew 5:20-26

SATURDAY
Deuteronomy 26:16-19
Psalm 119:1-2,4-5,7-8
Matthew 5:43-48

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 22, 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 I, Seasonal Proper of the Liturgy of the Hours

Lent: Our Personal Growth Opportunity

You don't have to watch much television or spend a lot of time on the Internet to see many opportunities for "personal growth." The price for such workshops and seminars generally ranges from hundreds of dollars on the low end to thousands of dollars on the high end. There is nothing wrong with personal growth, but these high-priced workshops all seem so narcissistic. Our great-grandparents would probably think it was the equivalent of a snake oil salesman coming to town in a covered wagon to take what little money the people had for the promise of something better.

We have all seen too many Hollywood stars who seem to have "discovered their true selves," and all we can do was wonder the old self couldn't have been any worse.

Thankfully, Jesus gave us the time of Lent so we can ponder, free of charge, how to grow into the person he wants us to be. All too often, we hear someone say that "this is who I am." I much prefer the old church saying "God loves you just the way you are, but he loves too much to let you stay that way."

Lent is the time that we find our true mission. Much as Jesus went into the desert to truly understand what was ahead of him, we must take the time to see what God really wants of us. We don't have to be rocket scientists or theologians to know that we can all probably spend more time in prayer, help those in need,



THE TIDE IS TURNING
TOWARD CATHOLICISM
David Hartline

and better understand the Scriptures and our Catholic faith, handed down to us from the Apostles.

Recently I saw an advertisement on TV for one of my favorite classic rock bands appearing at a "band camp" in Las Vegas. It was described as "an opportunity of a lifetime." This band and others would be appearing at the camp, and the viewers were told that if they spent several thousand dollars and came to Las Vegas, they might have the opportunity to actually meet one of the stars and maybe even play guitar with them for a song or two.

Now, regular readers of this column know how much I enjoy rock music, especially from the '70s and '80s. I must admit I probably have spent way too much on albums, CD's, concerts, etc. I know just about all the words to way too many songs. In the proper context, there's nothing wrong with it. My wife and I still see plenty of bands, ranging from the most popular ones to local cover bands.

However, just as with my interest in sports, it proba-

bly took me way too long to realize that while I knew a fair amount about sports and music, my knowledge of the faith and the growth necessary to be a faithful Catholic was lacking. I bet I wasn't alone.

Lent gives us the opportunity to become what God intended us to be. All too often, we are like what Jesus describes when he talks about seed falling on the ground in the parable of the sower (Matthew 13). Sometimes, our faith is choked by the weeds, and sometimes it falls on rocky ground and never matures. However, he gave all of us the opportunity for our seed to fall into the right soil. All too often, we just don't want to grow.

We see many stories about how someone grew by better understanding his or her faith, thus helping others grow in their faith. It doesn't stop there. When people become more faithful, they want to help those in need, those whom they know, and perhaps others halfway around the world who live in difficult circumstances.

Lent is God's free personal growth course and seminar, all wrapped up in one. The question is, will we get involved, or, when Easter comes, will we wonder if we let another Lent slip by without growing in our faith? Now is the time to make things right.

Hartline is the author of "The Catholic Tide Continues to Turn" and a former teacher and administrator for the diocese.

Family Speaker Series

As part of its preparation for the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia this September, the Knox-Licking Consortium of Catholic Parishes is sponsoring an eight-week series of talks on subjects related to the family, beginning Monday, Feb. 23 at 7 p.m. and continuing on most Mondays through April 27 at Mount Vernon St. Vincent de Paul Church, 303 E. High St. Following each talk will be a question-and-answer session, which will end no later than 8:30.

Pope Francis has asked priests worldwide to prepare their parishes for the meeting in September. It has been recommended that every Catholic read the book *Love Is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive*, which is serving as a preparatory catechesis for the event. The goal of the talks and the book is to inspire, encourage, teach, and help strengthen families to live out the mission that God intended, which is to guard, reveal, and communicate love.

Dates and topics for the speaker series are:

Feb. 23 – "Why Is Marriage a Sacrament?" with Father Mark Hammond, pastor of the consortium, which has parishes in Mount Vernon, Danville, and Utica.

March 2 – "Human Love in God's Plan," with Dr. Perry Cahall, associate professor of histori-

cal theology and academic dean of the school of theology at the Pontifical College Josephinum.

March 9 – "Technology in the Home," with Wes Baker, husband and father of three children and convert to the Catholic faith,

March 23 – "Parenting: Raising Your Kids Catholic," with Ryan and MaryBeth Eberhard, parents of eight children.

March 30 – "Gone Fishing: Called to a Deeper Love," with Sister Jean Welling, SC, who served St. Vincent de Paul for 31 years, and Father Vince Nguyen, associate pastor of the consortium.

April 13 – "Fatherhood and Family Prayer," with Mike Houghton, father of four children.

April 20 – "The Family: Home for a Wounded Heart," with Mary Ann Jepsen, licensed professional clinical counselor with Covenant Integrative Counseling Services.

April 27 – "Artificial Reproductive Technology: Reconciving the Human Person," with Kimberly Henkel, graduating in May with a doctoral degree in moral theology and ethics from the Catholic University of America.

For more information, contact Greg Henkel at the parish office, (740) 392-4711, extension 5.

Catholic Consumerism: Human Trafficking
By Stephanie Rapp

Catholic Relief Services Fair Trade Ambassador

Shockingly, human trafficking, forced labor, and child labor still occur around the globe today. Most likely, you are unaware that the chocolate, coffee, and T-shirt you bought at a nearly unbelievably low price is being made by human slaves. But you are not to blame. It is extremely difficult to gather information about our products and the supply chain that gets the products into your hands. One simple way we can ensure we are not contributing to human slavery is to purchase Fair Trade products. The purchase of Fair Trade products fights human trafficking in two ways. First, "when you purchase Fair Trade tea or coffee or handicrafts or any other product, you can be assured it does not use child or slave labor because it is monitored by a neutral, third party to guarantee the labor rights of the workers are respected. This is one of the tenets of Fair Trade: that the labor was not forced and was compensated fairly based on the living wage of that country. You know your dollars are not being used to demand further enslavement of fellow human beings including many children to make our goods" (Houston RRC, 2015). Next week, I will unveil the second way in which purchasing Fair Trade products fights modern-day slavery.

Pray for our dead

BRAKE, Donald L., 61, Feb. 9
Ss. Simon and Jude Church, West Jefferson

BREITFELLER, Harold J., 92, Feb. 12
St. Matthew Church, Gahanna

CAMPBELL, J. Patrick, 65, Feb. 4
St. Agatha Church, Columbus

DEIBEL, Terrence J., 53, Feb. 10
Our Lady of Peace Church, Columbus

DUBLIN, Richard E., 83, Feb. 11
St. Paul Church, Westerville

FLYNN, John F., 81, Feb. 9
St. Matthew Church, Gahanna

GRECO, Catherine, 97, Jan. 28
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

HABAN, Edward A., 90, Feb. 12
St. Pius X Church, Reynoldsburg

KEATON, Patricia A., 70, Feb. 9
St. Bernadette Church, Lancaster

LITTLE, Frances A., 71, Feb. 12
St. Brendan Church, Hilliard

LONDERGAN, Catherine, 87, Feb. 9
St. Patrick Church, London

LORENZONI, Paul, 72, Feb. 8
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

MARFLAK, Richard S., 90, Feb. 7
St. Paul Church, Westerville

MEYER, John R., 93, Feb. 11
St. Michael Church, Worthington

MONTELL, Thomas A., 90, Feb. 10
St. Matthias Church, Columbus

MOYER, Mary "Helen," 94, Feb. 12
St. Mary Church, Mattingly Settlement

MURNANE, Thomas D., 68, Feb. 11
St. Brendan Church, Hilliard

POWERS, Mary J., 81, Feb. 7
Sacred Heart Church, Coshocton

RIZZO, Camelia V., 98, Feb. 5
Blessed Sacrament Church, Newark

SALVINO, James, 77, Feb. 10
St. Peter Church, Columbus

THEADO, Marie R., 93, Feb. 13
St. Pius X Church, Reynoldsburg

WILL, Lillian, 81, Feb. 9
St. Joan of Arc Church, Powell

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LENTEN FISH FRY'S - COME JOIN US

ST. ANDREW CHURCH
Nugent Hall (below the church)
1899 McCoy Rd. Upper Arlington

February 20, 27 March 6, 13, 20, 27
4:30 - 7:00 P.M.

baked cod or **deep fried perch** sides, dessert & beverage included also cheese pizza & mac 'n cheese
Adult \$10, Child (10 and under) \$5
Carryout \$9 / \$4 (no dessert or beverage)

Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church
1559 Roxbury Road, Marble Cliff (Parish Life Center)
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Fridays, 2/20 - 3/27, 4:30 - 7 pm
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\$9 Adults, \$5 Kids - Carryouts available

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Fridays 5-8 pm, February 20-March 27
St. Michael Church
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FISH DINNER: Reg/\$8; Small/\$6
MACARONI-CHEESE DINNER: \$6
CLAM CHOWDER, DESSERTS: \$1

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Dine In, Drive Thru & Carryout

For fish fry and classified advertisement, contact Dave Garick at dgarick@colsdio.org

St. Christopher Church
LENTEN PASTA DINNER
1420 Grandview Avenue / Trinity School Cafeteria
Fridays — February 20 thru March 27
5PM to 8PM
\$ 7.00 for adults / \$ 4.00 for kids / \$ 25.00 per Family
Pasta Sauce Provided by local area restaurants
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February 27th—Emelio's Catering
March 6th — Bravo Cucina Italiana

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FEBRUARY

THROUGH MARCH 29, SUNDAY

40 Days for Life
7 a.m. to 7 p.m., sidewalk in front of Founder's Women's Health Care Center, 1243 E. Broad St., Columbus. 40 Days for Life campaign of daily vigils at clinic. Individuals may sign up for one- or two-hour shifts. Churches, schools, and other organizations may select one day in which their representatives will cover all shifts.
614-445-8508

THROUGH APRIL 5, SUNDAY

Pieta Exhibition at Holy Family Jubilee Museum
10 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, Holy Family Jubilee Museum, 57 S. Grubb St., Columbus. "Pieta (The Lamentation of Christ) from the Sacred Art Pilgrim Collection," an exhibition of works portraying the mourning for Jesus just after the crucifixion.
614-600-0054

19, THURSDAY

Stations of the Cross at St. Leo
3 p.m., St. Leo Church, 221 Hanford St., Columbus. Stations of the Cross, continuing every Thursday through March 26.
614-444-8353

Soup and Salad at Ss. Simon and Jude
Following 6 p.m. Mass, Ss. Simon and Jude Church, 9350 High Free Pike, West Jefferson. Soup and salad supper.
614-879-8562

'Catholicism' Series at St. John XXIII

7 to 9 p.m., St. John XXIII Church, 5170 Winchester Southern Road N.W., Canal Winchester. Father Rob-

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

ert Barron's "Catholicism" video series. Part 6: "A Body Both Suffering and Glorious: The Mystical Union of Christ and Church," followed by discussion.
614-920-1563

19-21, THURSDAY-SATURDAY

Bishop Watterson Presents 'Cinderella'
7 p.m., Bishop Watterson High School, 99 E. Cooke Road, Columbus. School's theater department presents Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Cinderella (Enchanted Edition)."
614-268-8671

19-22, THURSDAY-SUNDAY

Bishop Hartley Presents 'Godspell'
7 p.m., Columbus Performing Arts Center, 549 Franklin Ave., Columbus. Columbus Bishop Hartley High School theater department presents the musical "Godspell."
614-237-5421

20, FRIDAY

Traditions Mass and Breakfast at DeSales
7 to 9:30 a.m., St. Francis DeSales High School, 4212 Karl Road, Columbus. School's annual Traditions Mass, followed by pancake breakfast for alumni and students.
614-267-6822

Talk on Marriage at St. Catharine

7:30 p.m., St. Catharine Church, 500 S. Gould Road, Columbus. Talk by Dr. Edward Sri on "Men, Women, and the Mystery of Love: Living God's Plan for Marriage in John Paul II's Theology of the Body."
614-231-4509

20-21, FRIDAY-SATURDAY

Retreat for Youth Ministry Leaders at Sts. Peter and Paul
6:30 p.m. Friday to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sts. Peter and Paul Retreat Center, 2734 Seminary Road S.E., Newark. Retreat for youth ministry leaders, led by Pat Rincker, youth and young adult ministry director for the Diocese of Lansing, Michigan. Sponsored by diocesan Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry.
614-241-2565

20-22, FRIDAY-SUNDAY

Bishop Ready Presents 'Lend Me a Tenor'
7 p.m. Friday and Sunday, 2 p.m. Saturday, Bishop Ready High School, 707 Salisbury Road, Columbus. School's theater department presents the comedy "Lend Me a Tenor."
614-276-5263

21, SATURDAY

Columbus Catholic Women's Conference
8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Voinovich Building, State Fairgrounds, Columbus. Seventh annual Columbus Catholic Women's Conference, with talks by Dr. Edward Sri, Emily Wilson, and Mother Olga Yaqob. Details at www.columbus-catholicwomen.com.
Life and Mercy Mass in Plain City
9 a.m. Mass, St. Joseph Church, 140 West Ave., Plain City. Saturday Life and Mercy Mass, followed by rosary and confession.

Lenten Day of Reflection for Singles at Resurrection
10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Ministry center, Church of the Resurrection, 6300 E. Dublin-Granville Road, New Albany. Lenten day of reflection for single Catholics age 30 and older, led by Sister Louis Mary Passeri, OP, and parish pastoral assistant Suanne Gettings. \$15 person, including lunch.
614-855-1400

Workshop, Labyrinth Walk at Shepherd's Corner
1 to 3:30 p.m., Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Blacklick Road, Columbus. Workshop with Dale Sparlin of Mindful Labyrinths on spiritual symbols known as mandalas, followed by labyrinth walk from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Suggested donation \$7 for workshop and \$5 for walk.
614-459-2766

Registration deadline Feb. 19. **614-866-4302**

22, SUNDAY

St. Agatha Adult Education
9:30 a.m., St. Agatha Church, 1860 Northam Road, Columbus. Last of four talks on end-of-life issues: Topic: "Euthanasia and End-of-Life Decisions" with Father Edmund Hussey.
614-488-6149

St. Christopher Adult Religious Education

10 to 11:15 a.m., Library, Trinity Catholic School, 1440 Grandview Ave., Columbus. "In Her Footsteps," a video on the life of St. Kateri Tekakwitha, followed by questions and answers with Carl Lefevre, coordinator of the monthly Kateri Prayer Circle at Lancaster St. Mark Church.

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

NFP Class at Dover St. Joseph

1 p.m., Family Life Center, St. Joseph Church, 612 N. Tuscarawas Ave., Dover. First of three Natural Family Planning classes taught by the Couple to Couple League in the symptothermal method. Cost \$140. Other class dates: March 22, April 26.
330-364-6661

Lenten Reflection Series at St. Cecilia

1:30 to 3:30 p.m., St. Cecilia Church, 434 Norton Road, Columbus. First program in six-week Lenten reflection series based on the book "Bridges Out of Poverty," sponsored by parish St. Vincent de Paul Society.
614-878-5353

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.
Organ and Violin Concert at St. Colman of Cloyne
3 p.m., St. Colman of Cloyne Church, 219 S. North St., Washington Court House. Concert with parish organist Craig Jaynes and violinist Carlos Elias, featuring music of Rheinberger and Regner. Suggested donation \$10.
740-335-5000

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

Vespers at Plain City St. Joseph

6 p.m., St. Joseph Church, 140 West Ave., Plain City. Vespers for the First Sunday of Lent.
614-873-8850

Spanish Mass at Columbus St. Peter

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

22-24, SUNDAY-TUESDAY

Parish Mission at St. Pius X
7 p.m., St. Pius X Church, 1051 S. Waggoner Road, Reynoldsburg. Parish mission with Father Richard O'Donnell of Christ the King Church in Burlington, Vermont. Theme: "Renewed in the Spirit."
614-866-2859

23, MONDAY

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

Our Lady of Peace Men's Bible Study
7 p.m., Our Lady of Peace Church, 20 E. Dominion Blvd., Columbus. Bible study of Sunday Scripture readings.
614-459-2766

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 "Why Is Marriage a Sacrament?" with Father Mark Hammond, pastor of the Knox-Licking Consortium of Catholic Parishes. First of eight talks on the family sponsored by the consortium. **740-392-4711**

24, TUESDAY

Serra Club of North Columbus Meeting
Noon, Jessing Center, Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 N. High St., Columbus. Serra Club of North Columbus meeting. Reservations required.

'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 7: "Word Made Flesh, True Bread of Heaven: The Mystery of the Liturgy and the Eucharist," followed by discussion.
614-920-1563

Adoration, Mass, Bible Study at Dover St. Joseph

5 p.m., St. Joseph Church, 613 N. Tuscarawas Ave., Dover. Eucharistic Adoration until 6 p.m., followed by Mass at 6 and talk on "Adventures in Bible Study: Uncovering the Treasures of Sacred Scripture" by Father Jimmy Hatfield at 7.
330-364-6661

Lenten Soup Supper at St. Edward

6 p.m., St. Edward Church, 785 Newark-Granville Road, Granville. Lenten soup supper with parish music director Paul Radkowski. Topic: "Praying With Images."
740-587-3254

Lenten Soup Supper at Plain City St. Joseph

6:30 p.m., Activity center, St. Joseph Church, 670 W. Main St., Plain City. Weekly Lenten soup supper with talk on prayer and work.
614-873-8850

Lenten Program at St. Cecilia

7 p.m., St. Cecilia Church, 434 Norton Road, Columbus. Program with author and broadcaster Elizabeth Ficocelli on how to have a Lent well-spent.
614-878-5353

Holy Spirit School Information Night

7 p.m., Holy Spirit School, 4382 Duchene Lane, Columbus. Information night for prospective students and their parents.
614-861-0475

Landings Program at Newman Center

7 p.m., St. Thomas More Newman Center, 64 W. Lane Ave., Columbus. First session of eight-week Landings program welcoming returning and inactive Catholics. **614-313-7801**

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

25, WEDNESDAY

Lenten Soup Supper at St. Pius X

5 to 7 p.m., St. Pius X Church, 1051 S. Waggoner Road, Reynoldsburg. Lenten soup supper. **614-866-2859**

Devotions and Soup Supper at St. Agatha

6 p.m., St. Agatha Church, 1860 Northam Road, Columbus. Devotions and Lenten soup supper. Proceeds benefit Hands Together ministry in Haiti. **614-488-6149**

Lenten Soup Supper at Chillicothe St. Mary

6:30 p.m., St. Mary Church, 61 S. Paint St., Chillicothe. Weekly Lenten soup supper with visiting speaker.
740-772-2061

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: "Living Faithfully in the Workplace" with Stu Wilson-Smith, Paulist seminarian from the OSU Newman Center in Columbus.
614-882-2537



EXHIBIT

PIETA

(The Lamentation of Christ)
from the Sacred Art Pilgrim Collection

The Jubilee Museum and Catholic Cultural Center, 57 S. Grubb St., Columbus, is presenting a new exhibition for the Lenten season: *Pieta (The Lamentation of Christ) from the Sacred Art Pilgrim Collection*. The exhibition opened to the public on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18, and will close on Easter Sunday, April 5. It features 30 works by modern (post-1900) artists from around the world. *Pieta* offers powerful variations of traditional Lamentation scenes, in which mourners gather around the body of Christ, just taken down from the cross.

The scenes first emerged as wood carvings during the high Middle Ages in Germany, reflecting a new devotional emphasis on the sufferings of Christ. The theme reached near perfection in Michelangelo's late 15th-century marble sculpture in St. Peter's Basilica. His *Pieta* has inspired and challenged art-



ists through the centuries.

The artworks in the exhibition are divergent in approach. *Mater Dolorosa* by Polish artist Wiktoria Gorynska (1902-1945), in which the Madonna and Child touch cheek to cheek, depicts a Virgin Mary as monumental as Michelangelo's *Pieta*, with the intimacy of a Virgin of Tenderness icon. Gorynska was active in the Polish underground during World War II and died in the Ravensbrück women's concentration camp.

Contemporary Lithuanian artist Antanas Kmieliauskas' *Pieta* depicts the Virgin Mary with her heart pierced by seven swords as she holds the dead Christ in her lap. She is the Mother of Lithuania, whose troubled history is the subject of four side vignettes which include a scene of Communist-era deportations to Siberia and a map of gulag sites in the eastern Soviet Union.

The Sacred Art Pilgrim Collection is the labor of love of collector John Kohan. He describes his collection as a "record of one pilgrim's progress in rediscovering the majesty, meaning, and mystery of sacred art." Kohan says "sacred art has been pushed to the margins of contemporary culture. ... Modern art has taught us to see paintings as panels covered with color. There is no need to search for meaning. We have all but forgotten that for most of the course of Western civilization, art was viewed with a different kind of eye. It expressed universally shared truths, especially the narratives and teachings of the Judeo-Christian tradition."

The exhibition is organized by Dr. Graziella Marchicelli, the museum's director of museum services and special exhibitions.



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NEWS IN PHOTOS FROM AROUND THE WORLD



New cardinals exchange greetings with fellow cardinals during a consistory at which Pope Francis created 20 new cardinals in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican on Feb. 14. CNS photo/Paul Haring



Men work on the partially completed multipurpose center for the Cathedral of St. James and St. Philip in Jacmel, Haiti, on Feb. 12. The cathedral was left unusable by the January 2010 earthquake and is being rebuilt by Partnership for Church Reconstruction in Haiti. The center will host Masses until a new cathedral is built.

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This architectural rendering shows how the Museum of the Bible planned for Washington will look. Opening in 2017, the eight-story, 430,000-square-foot museum is being designed by the lead architect group that created the International Spy Museum, the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian, and the soon-to-open National Museum of African American History and Culture.

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JOIN RECEIVES UNEXPECTED HELP FROM YOUNG PEOPLE

BY TIM PUET

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Not too many things leave Ruth Beckman surprised after 33 years as director of the Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs, but she admits she's still astounded by a phone call she received from two young musicians late last month.

"I get calls all day long," she said. "Most are from people who need emergency assistance or who want to donate cash or a particular item. This call was different. These two young people called out of the blue and said they had made a CD and sold it at their church to benefit JOIN. They said they had raised about \$1,600, and wanted to know when they could come and give me a check.

"I was so amazed I could hardly say anything," Beckman said last week. "We get unexpected help from parishes and individual donors all the time, but I'd never had anything quite like this happen before. I just thought it was beautiful that these young people wanted to do this out of the goodness of their heart. It's been a few days since then, and I'm still overwhelmed."

The CD, titled *Notes of Hope*, was put together by Gino Dettorre and Christine George (pictured), two Columbus Bishop Watterson High School seniors who have provided music for week-



end Masses at Columbus Our Lady of Peace Church since they were in seventh grade. Dettorre has played piano for 13 years. George has been a cantor at the parish for five years, sings in a worship band, and is a member of the Watterson concert choir.

The CD consists of 10 tracks of contemporary worship music heard at the Masses where Dettorre plays and George sings. The two, who have been friends since kindergarten, also provide music for a monthly Scripture service at the Wesley Glen retirement home, at which Deacon Jeffrey Fortkamp presents a homily and distributes the Eucharist.

"A lot of people at the parish had asked us to record our music, so we decided to make the CD this summer," Dettorre said. "It was all done in one really long day at my house, with a lot of technical

help from a friend of my dad's who is in a band and donated his services."

"We wanted any money we made to go to help people in some way," George said. "We immediately thought of JOIN because Watterson and JOIN have been partners for years. Last year, we took part in an Urban Plunge service project with JOIN and saw firsthand how it provides all sorts of help to the needy, and how it's often the first place people turn when they find themselves in trouble."

"We made 150 copies of the CD and sold them all at \$10 each at a bake sale after all the Masses at our parish during the Christmas holidays," Dettorre said. "We ended up making \$1,725 because some people donated more. Seeing Ruth's reaction to what we did made it all worthwhile. She was so grateful, and introduced us to everyone at JOIN and showed us all around its building (at 578 E. Main St. in Columbus). We had no idea what we did would have such a big impact."

George said the success of the first CD has the duo thinking of a second one, which would feature Christmas music, again with all profits donated to a charity. The young people say that if they do this, it will have to take place this summer before they head for college. George will attend Walsh University and major in biology and pre-optometry. Dettorre hasn't made a college

choice, but said he plans a double major in Spanish and biology on a pre-medical studies track.

Beckman mentioned earlier in this story about the unexpected help her agency has received since it was founded 48 years ago. That help often comes from young people – sometimes in large measure, as was the case with the CD, and sometimes in small, but just as important ways, as demonstrated by six-year-old Ryan Lynch.

Ryan is the grandson of Joseph Kohler, a longtime JOIN volunteer. As Beckman tells it, "A couple days after I learned about the CD, Joe came in and he gave me this envelope with 26 pennies in it. He said they were from his grandson. These were old, old pennies, and you could tell they had been laying around a while. Apparently, Ryan had been saving them up."

"I asked Ryan why he wanted me to give some of his money to JOIN," said his grandfather, "and he said he wanted to help people who don't have what we have."

"You hear a lot of negative things about young people, but when you have experiences like I've had in the last few days with the CD and the 26 pennies, you realize that there are plenty of good young people. It's gratifying to know some of them are thinking of the poor," Beckman said.

Mount Carmel College of Nursing Accelerated Students Celebrate End of Rigorous 13-Month Program

Students in the second degree accelerated program (SDAP) at the Mount Carmel College of Nursing (MCCN) had reason to celebrate after completing a rigorous 13-month program in pursuit of a bachelor of science in nursing degree. The 66 students were joined by friends, families, staff, and faculty in the Mount Carmel Medical Staff Building auditorium for a graduation ceremony to recognize their entry into the nursing profession. The graduates are the eighth SDAP class to graduate from the college.

SDAP is designed for individuals who previously acquired a bachelor's degree in a non-nursing field and want to pursue a career in nursing. SDAP students obtain the same education as a conventional BSN program student, but in a condensed time frame. Students should

expect 40 hours of rigorous and time-intensive work each week. The program prepares graduates for the anticipated Ohio Board of Nursing-administered national licensure examination for registered nurses.

SDAP participants represented a diverse range of backgrounds, including a retiree from an insurance company, a student who worked in sales in Japan, and an artist with graphic design experience.

"My favorite part of the program is the amazing way that students from all backgrounds seem to band together, no matter what their story is. Whether they have just graduated with undergraduate degrees or they have been in the working world for years, they all graduate with the same path ahead of them," said Tanika Cherry-Montgom-



ery, coordinator of the SDAP program, "I have never seen a closer group of students than those who graduate together from SDAP."

Information about SDAP and other

programs at the college may be accessed by contacting its admissions office at (614) 234-4266, via email at admissions@mccn.edu, or by visiting the website at www.mccn.edu.