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Peace

Did you find the daily meditations throughout Advent helpful? A simple reflection each day can set the tone for our attitude, demeanor, and Christian identity as we work, worship and live in our community. A small thing like that can really make a difference, and the big things can be easy to do sometimes, such as facing the schedule for the day, making sure that our list of things to do is accomplished, and keeping our busy hands in order. The little things can be the big things that can be difficult to remember to tell our spouses we love them or do? Do we tell our children that we are not so busy or stressed with the daily grind that we are not so busy or stressed with the daily grind that we are not as jolly with our heart to be touched by their needs, but for the Church today, to see that every photo of Father Alessandro wearing vestments showed him to be a missionary in Chimbote. The celebration Mass took place as planned, but also became a celebration of the life and martyrdom of the two Franciscans. "We knew it was important not to lose sight of the political and social context that led to the assassination of these three missionaries and tens of thousands more during the 20 years that preceded it," Sister Susan said. "Looking at these realities through the eyes of Gospel faith and the social doctrine of the church helped us all..."

The terrorists wanted to destroy the Church at the site of the first Mass. They were killed because they were missionaries in Chimbote and were the agents of their own liberation. The church is privileged to walk among the poor.

The hope that we preach to the poor..."

"Praying right behind his family, I could feel the mix of sentiments -- pride for Father Alessandro's holy example and pain at the loss of a beloved parish with the Bishop of Bergamo (Italy), Msgr. Paolo Ercolani, and the Bishop of Chimbote, Msgr. Alan Swanson, Susan Leslin, Manuela Crisologo González, and Gemma Dall, enter the study to recognize the three missionaries. Photos courtesy of Dominican Sisters of Divine Mercy.

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The Diocesan Association of Religious Education is sponsoring a day of reflection on Day of Reflection for Thursday, Jan. 14 at Westover St. Paul Church, 533 N. State St. The day will begin with Mass at 8:30 a.m. and continue until 2:30 p.m. with lunch included. Its theme will be "Rocking or Rolling – How's the Ride through a comprehensive self-explo- ration with the assistance of stories, Scripture, sharing, silence, humor, and more, gaining awareness about what may be missing from their spiritual lives and practical steps to restore spiritual balance. Michael Repp has written five books and co-authored four others and published dozens of academic and popular stories and essays on relationship building, leadership, faith formation, and spirituality. The reflection deadline is Friday, Jan. 8. The cost for the day is $20 for Diocesan Association of Religious Education members and $25 for non-members. To register, send a check, made out to the Association, to Tina Bowe, Westover Parish, 600 Hill Road N, Pickerington OH 43147 and indicate any dietary restrictions.

Questions may be sent to Editha Kehl, Office of Religious Education, editha@fatherdkeley.org and 40 Repp St., Albany NY 12208.

JESSE TREE AT ST. PAUL SCHOOL
A Jesse tree at Westover St. Paul School was decorated with ornaments made by Liz Krenz's fourth-grade students. Throughout Advent, the students read stories of the Jesse tree and its history and talked about the lineage of Jesus. Here, courtesy of the Paul School Parish.

PARISH BOUNDARIES

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Jesse, Mark and Nick, members of the Class of 1993, continued their generous support by renovating and replacing the entire building. Nautical themes from the original 1950s style were added to a modern design. This year, the project grew to six classrooms.

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Sunday with Santa at Watterson

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that for a second I could not believe my eyes! It was the prettiest baby I had ever seen! As soon as I looked at him I knew I was going to have a wonderful feeling ... a feeling of joy. – Murphy G.

I was a sheep on the first Christmas night. A bright star came and a lot of people came. I got hungry, so I went to the manger, but a man and a woman were there and they gave me a manger gifts. When I got close, I saw it was a baby! The woman said ‘His name is Jesus.’ I was startled at this baby. Now other animals were crowding to attend the manger. I wanted to see what the baby was doing. I got near it and the baby was looking at the manger. I wondered why there were three men with gifts on camels. The woman was staring at the baby. ‘What was happening, our shepherd led us down the hill and to a stable. In the stable there was a man, a woman, and a glowing baby. What was happening? I was too busy eating to talk if one received a gift, and not the others. I finally talked, since I believe that thanking is part of appreciation, and social decorum, Jesus is telling us that we need to have a reckless trust in our heavenly father will catch him. We adults tend to be suspicious. But we need to have a reckless trust in our parents. Have you ever seen a father playfully toss his son up in the air? The child screams, ‘Daddy! I want to play with you! Daddy! I want to play!’ But the father will catch him. We adults tend to be suspicious. But we need to have a reckless trust in our parents. Have you ever seen a father playfully toss his son up in the air? The child screams, ‘Daddy! I want to play with you! Daddy! I want to play!’ But the father will catch him. We adults tend to be suspicious. But we need to have a reckless trust in our parents. Have you ever seen a father playfully toss his son up in the air? The child screams, ‘Daddy! I want to play with you! Daddy! I want to play!’ But the father will catch him. We adults tend to be suspicious. But we need to have a reckless trust in our parents. Have you ever seen a father playfully toss his son up in the air? The child screams, ‘Daddy! I want to play with you! Daddy! I want to play!’ But the father will catch him. We adults tend to be suspicious. But we need to have a reckless trust in our parents. Have you ever seen a father playfully toss his son up in the air? The child screams, ‘Daddy! I want to play with you! Daddy! I want to play!’ But the father will catch him. We adults tend to be suspicious. But we need to have a reckless trust in our parents. Have you ever seen a father playfully toss his son up in the air? The child screams, ‘Daddy! I want to play with you! Daddy! I want to play!’ But the father will catch him. We adults tend to be suspicious. But we need to have a reckless trust in our parents. Have you ever seen a father playfully toss his son up in the air? The child screams, ‘Daddy! I want to play with you! Daddy! I want to play!’ But the father will catch him. We adults tend to be suspicious. But we need to have a reckless trust in our parents. Have you ever seen a father playfully toss his son up in the air? The child screams, ‘Daddy! I want to play with you! Daddy! I want to play!’ But the father will catch him. We adults tend to be suspicious. But we need to have a reckless trust in our parents. Have you ever seen a father playfully toss his son up in the air? The child screams, ‘Daddy! I want to play with you! Daddy! I want to play!’ But the father will catch him. We adults tend to be suspicious. But we need to have a reckless trust in our parents. Have you ever seen a father playfully toss his son up in the air? The child screams, ‘Daddy! I want to play with you! Daddy! I want to play!’ But the father will catch him. We adults tend to be suspicious. But we need to have a reckless trust in our parents. Have you ever seen a father playfully toss his son up in the air? The child screams, ‘Daddy! I want to play with you! Daddy! I want to play!’ But the father will catch him. We adults tend to be suspicious. But we need to have a reckless trust in our parents. Have you ever seen a father playfully toss his son up in the air? The child screams, ‘Daddy! I want to play with you! Daddy! I want to play!’ But the father will catch him. We adults tend to be suspicious. But we need to have a reckless trust in our parents. Have you ever seen a father playfully toss his son up in the air? The child screams, ‘Daddy! I want to play with you! Daddy! I want to play!’ But the father will catch him. We adults tend to be suspicious. But we need to have a reckless trust in our parents. Have you ever seen a father playfully toss his son up in the air? The child screams, ‘Daddy! I want to play with you! Daddy! I want to play!’ But the father will catch him. We adults tend to be suspicious. But we need to have a reckless trust in our parents. Have you ever seen a father playfully toss his son up in the air? The child screams, ‘Daddy! I want to play with you! Daddy! I want to play!’ But the father will catch him. We adults tend to be suspicious. But we need to have a reckless trust in our parents. Have you ever seen a father play...
BY TIM PUET
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Among the highlights of 2015 in the Diocese of Columbus were three events at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral — the re-consecration of the diocese to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, veneration of the sacred relics of St. Maria Goretti, and the opening of the Jubilee Year of Mercy.

Bishop Frederick Campbell reconsecrated the diocese to the Sacred Heart on June 12. The diocese was originally consecrated to the Sacred Heart in 1873 by its first bishop, Sylvester Roseman.

“Many of the challenges Bishop Roseman understood still require our attention,” the bishop said in his homily. “Making this act of consecration acknowledges our continual need for the infinite love, mercy, and forgiveness of God, known through the wounded heart of Jesus.”

About 6,000 people came to Columbus on Oct. 21 to view the relics in which most of the skeletal remains of St. Maria Goretti, enclosed in a lifesize wax statue, are displayed. The relics, which normally remain at a basilica in Nettuno, Italy, are on a tour of the United States sponsored by the Vaticans Congregation for the Causes of Saints and the Treasures of the Church.

St. Maria, canonized in 1950, is the Catholic Church’s youngest saint. She was fatally stabbed in 1902 by a man who eventually repented and became a Capuchin Franciscan lay brother.

Two days after St. Maria’s relics were in Columbus, the relics of a saint especially honored by the Maronite community, St. Sharbel, a 19th-century Maronite monk, were venerated at Columbus St. Andrew Church. Those relics are traveling to Maronite communities around the United States through Jan. 31, when they will be returned to Lebanon.

The Year of Mercy began on Dec. 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, and will conclude on Nov. 20, 2016, the Feast of Christ the King. Pope Francis has permitted each diocese in the world to designate a Holy Door for pilgrimages, allowing more people to benefit from the indulgences traditional to a Jubilee Year. The cathedrals west inner door has been given that designation for the Diocese of Columbus. Bishop Campbell symbolically closed it on Nov. 29 and reopened it Dec. 13.

Pope Francis issued his long-awaited Papal Bull on the occasion of the Jubilee Year of Mercy, and forgiveness of God, known through the wounded heart of Jesus.”

The new Cardington Sacred Hearts Church replaces a church destroyed by fire two years earlier. Center: Roth Beckman (right), Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs director for 34 years, receives a papal blessing. Also pictured in the Statehouse map room celebrated the Dominican Order’s 800th anniversary and its 207 years of service in Ohio.

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A $355 million investment will expand the Grove City site to a full-service hospital by 2018. The Mount Carmel West campuses will continue its 130-year tradition of service as it transforms into a health and educational campus. Its emergency department will remain open at all times, the Mount Carmel College of Nursing will stay in place, and the community health resource center at the site will be expanded.

Mount Carmel East will undergo a $500 million modernization which will last through 2019. A new five-story patient care tower will be built, and all the

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top Bishop Campbell rededicates the Diocese of Columbus to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on June 16. Bottom: The Holy Redeemer of Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral.

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In Memoriam - Diocesan Religious Who Died in 2015

Religious sisters who died in 2015 included Father Harold Bender, a priest for 66 years, and Bishop Peter J. Byrne, who died on Feb. 4, 2015.

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We look at our world full of futility, as people suffering from malnutrition and addiction, and of victims of terrorist atrocities, and we ask how can it happen, especially at Christmas? Yet it has all happened before. Think of wartime Christmas within the lifetime of some of the readers of this column, or of horrific events of the past, such as plagues and pestilence. Twenty years ago, when we had relative peace and prosperity, I am sure many of us took Christmas for granted as well.

Perhaps this Christmas, you might run into a relative who scoffs at the very idea of the real, historical Christmas, complete with sheep, shepherds, angels, and a baby Jesus born in a manger.却。我们有理由认为，这一事件中可能有关联的人，无论是否知悉其中的细节，都可能对这一事件产生重大的影响。这无疑是一个复杂的问题，需要进一步的研究和讨论。
David Gallant

Sister Justine Lyons, OSF
Funeral Mass for Sister Justine Lyons, OSF, 93, who died Tuesday, Dec. 15, was held Saturday, Dec. 19 in the chapel of the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Presence and Charity who staff St. Francis Xavier Church, New York, New York. Burial was in the sisters' cloister garden. She was born Rosemary Lyons on Sept. 26, 1922 in Paterson, N.J., to Michael and Rose (Renick) Lyons. She was a graduate of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart High School, Paterson, N.J. and received a bachelor of science degree from Rosary Hill (now Iona) College in New Rochelle, N.Y., in 1947 and a master of arts degree from the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. in 1968. She received a certificate of clinical competence from the American Speech and Hearing Association in 1983. She entered the Sisters of the Sacred Heart Franciscan congregation on Sept. 6, 1947, and professed her first vows on Aug. 18, 1948, and her final vows on Aug. 30, 1958. In the Diocese of Columbus, she was a teacher at Columbus Regional High School (1948-54), Columbus Sacred Heart High School (1961-62), Columbus St. Mathias School (1976-79), and Columbus St. Frances DeSales High School (1980-82). She was a speech pathologist with the diocese and wonderful teacher in the diocesan elementary schools. She was principal at St. Matthew from 1955-58 and was a speech pathologist at the diocesan school system from 1963-68. She was principal at St. Mary from 1958-63 and was a speech pathologist at the diocesan school system from 1963-83. She also served as a principal, a teacher, and in therapy in New York state and West Virginia. She retired in 2012, but continued to tutor students at St. Francis Xavier Education Park after becoming a resident of her community. She was preceded in death by her parents, brother, Timothy, and sisters, Margaret Zinck, Kathleen Gombar, Helen Bonin, and Julia Hammond. She is survived by several nieces and nephews.

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Sister Francis of Assisi Parish is seeking an administrative professional to manage the church office. This position includes preparation of weekly bulletin and worship schedules, updating and maintaining the church calendar, and other clerical tasks; assistance in coordinating annual parish events and volunteering.

In addition to being responsible for handling telephone calls, Msgr. John Hall said the job requires an individual who can work a flexible schedule, and be available to work some evening hours.

Applications are to be submitted to: Msgr. John Hall, Parish Administrator, 350 E. Whetstone, Columbus, OH 43205. Applications are available at the parish office or online at: https://sfaassiology.org

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The Early Interval explores European Twelfth Night traditions at court and in the villages, chapels, and taverns. The religious observances of Twelfth Night and the Feast of the Epiphany also account for the Twelfth Night celebrations. Members of The Early Interval, known for their combination of historical instruments, presented this program of lute, vihuela, theorbo, Baroque gui-

pipes, vielle, violas da gamba, violin, and early percussion instruments. The Early Music in Columbus concert series is supported by funding from the Ohio Arts Council, the Greater Columbus Arts Council, and The Columbus Foundation.

Advent Wreath Blessing The blessing of the Advent wreath at Columbus Bibby Ready High School was televised inside to all the school’s homes rooms to all students and faculty members could take part. Pictured are (from left) students Natalie Paul, Alondra Valera, teacher Jane Kaiser, and student’s parents Elizabeth Wolfe and Claire Seckel. Photo courtesy Columbus Bibby Ready High School

Can Drive Winners Columbus Sacred Heart School collected non-perishable food items for the Salvation Army food pantry. Pictured are members of the sixth-grade class, which uses the beans collected by bringing in 399 items. They are (from left) Alondra Valera, teacher Jane Kaiser, and students Bennett Wolfe, Alex Papadopol, and (kneeling) Alex Papadopol.

By Bryan Gehart
Gahanna St. Matthew Church When we see the Nativity, we are reminded of the shepherds, the angels, the kings, and even the Holy Family gathered around the King of Kings, vul-

erable as He made Himself. The holy child could not talk. He could not give Thanks, be-

come or wish, sayings. This diverse group of hemp, poor, and rich, from far and near, of heaven and earth alike gathered around to simply celebrate and give thanks for the Incarnation. The anticipation of Emmanuel, “God with us,” finally arrived, and the prophecy of Isaiah was fulfilled.

We have available to us the same presence that was found in the invisible manner. We have Christ’s incarnation living body, blood, soul, and divinity pres-

ent in the Eucharist, waiting for us to receive. We are made holy simply by His proximity, by seeing, loving and faith, and by the action of answering the call back to Him.

Through Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, we are able to ground ourselves in the mean-

ing of Christmas. Adoration is the sight of Him, while He al-

lows us to rest at His feet. It is the comfort as He says, “Give me all your troubles and I will give you all my peace.” Some people have found a new job or healing from a disease through this adora-

tion. What we will find is peace, love, joy, happiness, meaning, strength, hope, and faith. The real gift is that we are the intan-

gibles we are missing. Communion includes.

Beginning on Dec. 1, Gah-

anna St. Matthew School began bringing groups of students in perpetual adoration in the par-

ish adoration chapel, which was dedicated in February 2015. Parish staff members, youth directors, and volunteers spend an hour or two several days a week with the students, who had received instruction from those adults on what and, more importantly, who the Eu-

charist is. Kindergarten stu-

dents would spend 15 minutes in adoration, with the time in-

creasing for older students, as appropriate to their grade level and attention span.

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