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**Be not afraid;
for behold, I bring you
good news of a great
joy which will come to
all the people;
for to you is born
this day
in the city of David
a Savior, who is Christ
the Lord.**

Luke 2:10



The Editor's Notebook

Being Good

By David Garick, Editor



Well, Christmas is finally here and I'm pretty excited. I love Christmas. That's saying a lot because I detest winter. As far as I'm concerned, the only good things about this time of year are NHL Ice Hockey and Christmas. Despite continued setbacks, I still have hope for the Columbus Blue Jackets. Of course, I also still believe in Santa.

I enjoy Christmas neckties. I've worn many different ones during Advent. One of my favorites has a cartoon on it of a little boy on Santa's lap. Santa has obviously just asked his traditional question whether the little boy has been good over the past year. The little boy's reply is, "Define 'good' ". It reminds me of myself. As a child I was always looking for that loophole. I knew I had been bad from time to time. I didn't really mean to be bad but my ornery side got the best of me. Still, I wanted those presents. Time to negotiate. And, of course, I always got the presents even though I sometimes deserved the lump of coal. That's now much my parents loved me.

It's like that for us as adults in our relationship with God. We are looking for some wiggle room. We know we have not done everything we should and we have done a lot of stuff we should not. "Define 'good' ". That's not hard. Take a look at the cover of this newspaper. See the image of God made incarnate, the Word taking human form. That is pure good. Take a look at your crucifix. That same pure loving child nailed to a cross, not for his own transgressions - he had none - but to pay for our transgressions. That defines 'good'.

We are frustrated that we cannot reach that perfect goodness. We look for ways to redefine good to make our efforts sufficient. It doesn't work. But God loves us so much that we can get the present anyway. Through the sacrifice of that one perfect child, all of our sins can be washed away and we can enjoy eternal Christmas with Our Lord. All we have to do is love him with all of our hearts, strive to live according to his word and have faith in his goodness. We can then acknowledge our failings and seek his power to forgive and to return us to goodness. That is the blessing that Pope Francis has asked us to focus on during this Holy Year of Mercy. Mercy is that extraordinary love that forgives and strengthens us in holiness. Now there's a real Christmas gift!

To you, our wonderful readers, I extend from all of the Catholic Times Staff our wish that the joy of Christmas will fill your hearts with love and that the New Year will bring you good health and happiness in service to Christ.

Pope to declare Mother Teresa a saint

Pope Francis has approved a miracle attributed to the intercession of Blessed Teresa of Kolkata, thus paving the way for her canonization.



Pope Francis signed the decree for Blessed Teresa's cause and advanced three other sainthood causes on Thursday, Dec. 17, the Vatican announced.

Although the date for the canonization ceremony will be officially announced during the next consistory of cardinals in February, Archbishop Rino Fisichella, president of the Vatican office organizing Holy Year of Mercy events, had said it would be Sunday, Sept. 4. That date celebrates the Jubilee of workers and volunteers of mercy and comes the day before the 19th anniversary of Blessed Teresa's death on Sept. 5, 1997.

The postulator for her sainthood cause, Father Brian Kolodiejchuk of the Missionaries of Charity, said the second miracle that was approved involved the healing of a now 42-year-old mechanical engineer in Santos, Brazil.

Doctors diagnosed the man with a viral brain infection that resulted in multiple brain abscesses, the priest said in a statement published on Dec. 18 by AsiaNews, a Rome-based missionary news agency. Treatments given were ineffective and the man went into a coma, the postulator wrote.

The then-newly married man's wife had spent months praying to Blessed Teresa, and her prayers were joined by those of her relatives and friends when her dying husband was taken to the operating room on Dec. 9, 2008.

When the surgeon entered the operating



room, he reported that he found the patient awake, free of pain, and asking, "What am I doing here?" Doctors reported the man showed no more symptoms, and a Vatican medical commission voted unanimously in September 2015 that the healing was inexplicable.

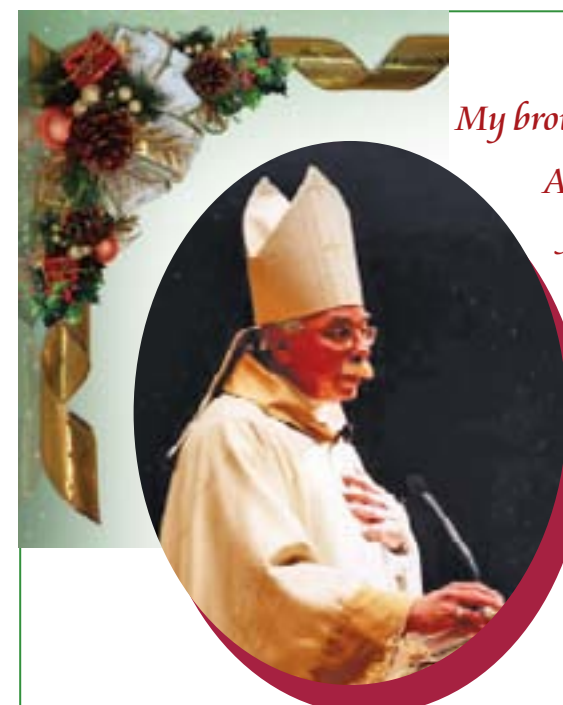
Pope St. John Paul II had made an exception to the usual canonization process in Blessed Teresa's case by allowing her sainthood cause to be opened without waiting the usual five years after a candidate's death. He beatified her in 2003.

The Missionaries of Charity, the order she started, continues its outreach to the "poorest of the poor."

Among the other decrees approved on Dec. 17, the pope recognized the heroic virtues of Comboni Father Giuseppe Ambrosoli, an Italian surgeon, priest, and missionary who dedicated his life to caring for people in Uganda.

The pope also recognized the heroic virtues of De La Salle Brother Leonardo Lanzuela Martinez of Spain (1894-1976) and German surgeon Heinrich Hahn.

Correction - A picture caption in the Dec. 20 Catholic Times incorrectly said Columbus Our Lady of Bethlehem School and Childcare is for preschool and kindergarten students. The school serves students in an age range from infancy (beginning at six weeks) through kindergarten.



My brothers and sisters in the incarnate Lord Jesus Christ,

As nature continues its wondrous cycle of seasonal changes, we once again have the privilege of celebrating, in midwinter shadows, the bright feast of Christmas. Remembering with gratitude the birth of the incarnate Lord Jesus Christ, we are filled with joy and hope, flowing from the fact that God, in His infinite love for us, sent His only-begotten Son to take on our human reality and transform it according to His own pattern, full of life, truth, and goodness. How close God is to His people! In Jesus Christ, God is Emmanuel, "God-with-us."

The world around us is filled with many challenges and threats, which might tempt us to wonder whether the sentiments of peace and joy so abundantly expressed at this time of year still can ring true. Yet, we remember that Jesus Himself was born into such a world, precisely to shed a great light into the world's dark corners, and to assure us that, in spite of all that could threaten human dignity, God still is victor and can make all things new. Christians therefore live with a joyful expectation that the

Kingdom of God, inaugurated by the birth of Jesus and partially present here and now, will be fully realized when the Lord comes again. This is the source of our hope and the motive of our lives lived now, to glorify God and to be of compassionate service to our neighbor.

The joy and expectation that we feel at Christmastide is an anticipation of the ultimate expectation and joy which we will experience at the second coming of the Lord.

As you celebrate this great feast with your families and friends, I pray that the birth of Christ will fill your hearts and minds with a true joy and an enduring peacefulness, lasting throughout all the coming days.

Most Reverend Frederick F. Campbell, DD, PhD
Bishop of Columbus



Front Page photo: This 17th-century painting, "Adoration of the Shepherds" by Giovanni Benedetto Castiglione, depicts the birth of Christ. The Feast of the Nativity of Christ, a holy day of obligation, is Friday, Dec. 25. CNS/Bridgeman Art Library



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Merry Christmas
from all of us at Catholic Times!
Alexandra Dave Tim
The Times will be taking a week off for Christmas, so there will be no issue next week.
We'll be back with more on Jan. 10, 2016.

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION
NATIVITY OF THE LORD
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Check individual parishes for schedule of Holy Day Mass times

PRACTICAL STEWARDSHIP

By Rick Jeric

Peace

Did you find the daily meditations throughout Advent fruitful? A simple reflection each day can set the tone for our attitude, demeanor, and Christian lifestyle as we wade into our family, our work, and our community. A small thing like that can really make a positive difference. 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 lives in order. The little things can be very difficult. Is it difficult to remember to tell our spouse we love him or her? Do we tell our children in the same way? How do we show our co-workers that we are not embarrassed to joyfully live a life in the workplace that is moral, spiritual, and loving? Again, a simple reflection to start each day can be the little bit of fuel we need to keep that important part of our lives at the forefront, and not at the bottom, to be used only in case of emergency. The last reflection we shared was, "Today I offer my gifts of time, talent, and treasure as a response to God gifting us with the gift of Jesus." It was a reflection for Christmas Day – the Nativity of our Lord. That day is upon us, and we celebrate first with our God as Father, Savior, and Spirit. At the same time, we celebrate with our family. The two are hand in hand. Celebrate means joy and praise through worship and fellowship. We worship at Mass, through our daily prayer and meditation, and by the heartfelt reflections we offer spontaneously in our hearts. We enjoy fellowship with our family and friends, who are the face of the Christ Child. The innocence and peace that is found in the birth of our Savior is found in each person we love, and in how we show that love.

Peace. Peace on earth. Goodwill to all. Christmas cards with a dove, representing peace. The Christ Child exuding love and peace to the whole world. The star of Bethlehem shining bright, bathing the world in peace. The Holy Spirit shown watching over a peaceful world that very special night. "Silent Night, Holy Night. ... Sleep in Heavenly Peace." What does "peace" mean? Do we experience the same peace of 2015 years ago today? Better yet, how are we to contribute to maintaining that peace in a troubled world? My wife has a bad day, she is a little tough on me when I get home, and I respond by giving it right back to her. Peace? I joke about someone at work in front of co-workers, but I know he or she can take it. Peace? With the family in the car after Sunday Mass, I criticize the homily, the ministers who served at Mass, a family who came late, or the way someone was dressed. Peace? An aged homeless man approaches me in my work parking lot, saying he had a stroke recently and just needs a few bucks to get some food and medication. I am sure it is a false story, so I lie to him and tell him I do not have any cash. Peace? Heroin addiction, murder, suicide, crime, police officers on trial, protests, and terrorism. Peace?

Our practical challenge for the next two weeks is to find ways in which we can maintain peace in our own individual worlds. It is Christmas for the next two weeks plus. We are challenged to shift our focus from giving to sharing – sharing the peace of the Christ Child. How can I initiate peace? How can I maintain peace? What can I do right now, in my own life, in my own world, home, school, workplace, parish, community, and neighborhood? Friday, Jan. 1 is the World Day of Prayer for Peace. Let us make it so, beginning with our own heart and soul.

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



Bishop Ready Angel Tree



The annual Angel Tree project at Columbus Bishop Ready High School collected 24 bags of Christmas gifts for children aged one through 14 in the Columbus area. The project is sponsored by the Salvation Army. Pictured are homeroom representatives who organized the collection of gifts through the school's Student Council. Each homeroom sponsored a Christmas bag.

Photo courtesy Bishop Ready High School

Christmas Ornaments

First-grade students at Columbus St. Anthony School created Christmas tree ornaments using pine cones. The ornaments were placed in reindeer-decorated bags as gifts from the students to their families. Displaying their gift bags are (from left) Cameron Howard, Erick Mensah, and Lucas Steele.

Photo courtesy St. Anthony School



Sister Miriam James to speak at St. John Neumann

Sister Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, will speak at Sunbury St. John Neumann Church, 9633 E. State Route 37, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9 and 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 10. The Saturday presentation will be in the parish faith and family center and is open to all. The Sunday talk in the church sanctuary will focus on teens and parents.

Sister Miriam is a member of the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity and author of the book *Loved As I Am: An Invitation to Conversion, Healing, and*

Freedom through Jesus. She graduated from the University of Nevada-Reno on a volleyball scholarship and, through a radical conversion, heard Jesus call her to the religious life.

She speaks often on the Theology of the Body, healing in Jesus, and the transforming power of authentic love. Using media, personal stories, and the beauty of Church teaching, Sister Miriam desires to bring the power of God's love to life in the hearts of those with whom she speaks.

Dominican Sisters of Peace honor Chimbote martyrs

Three priests who were martyred during an attempt by guerillas to overthrow the government of Peru in 1991 were officially honored by the Diocese of Chimbote, Peru, earlier this month. The climax of the celebration was the beatification Mass for the martyrs in the presence of more than 30,000 faithful, including Dominican Sisters of Peace Thoma Swanson, Susan Leslie, Manuela Crisologo Gonzalez, and Gemma Doll.

Sisters Manuela Crisologo and Susan are missionaries in Chimbote and were members of a social action delegation from the Chimbote diocese which planned some of the events leading to the beatification ceremony.

"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 guerillas terrorized Peru," Sister Susan said.

"Looking at these realities through the eyes of Gospel faith and the social doctrine of the church helped us all, not so much to make sense of the violence, but rather to grow in our sense of solidarity and commitment. For me, it has been a tremendous opportunity to listen to the people who experienced this terrible reality firsthand, to allow my heart to be touched by their painful and faith-filled memories, and to help others to remember their own history so that it not be repeated."

The three priests, Fathers Zbigniew Strzalkowski, Michal Tomaszek, and Alessandro Dordi, died at the hands



of members of the Shining Path guerilla movement. During their takeover attempt, the guerillas accused the Church of supporting "Yankee imperialists" and weakening the people's revolutionary potential by encouraging religion. They targeted priests, pastoral workers, and ordinary Christians working to relieve the suffering of the poor.

Shining Path threatened to kill a priest a week in the Chimbote diocese during the summer of 1991. On Aug. 9, Fathers Strzalkowski and Tomaszek,



Photos -- Left: The official portrait for the three martyrs from the Diocese of Chimbote, Peru (from top): Fathers Michal Tomaszek, Zbigniew Stralkowski, and Alessandro Dordi. Above: Members of the Dominican Sisters of Peace (from left), Sisters Thoma Swanson, Susan Leslie, Manuela Crisologo Gonzalez, and Gemma Doll, enter the stadium where the beatification Mass for three priests who were martyred in the Diocese of Chimbote, Peru, took place.

Photo courtesy Dominican Sisters of Peace

two Polish members of the conventual Franciscan order, were kidnapped and murdered. They had been working in the mountain parish of Pariacoto for less than two years.

Sister Mary Ann Connolly, a Dominican Sister of Peace who was a missionary there at the time, remembered the two young priests as quickly learning the language and making themselves one with the people of their parish. "They worked to improve lives both spiritually and materially," she said.

She remembers that the sisters received the news of the murders on the same weekend they were preparing to celebrate 25 years of missionary presence in Chimbote.

"The celebratory Mass took place as planned, but also became a celebration of the life and martyrdom of the two Franciscans," she said. "The beatification of these men recognizes the role of the Church at the side of the people. They were killed because they were servants of the people in every way that supported human dignity."

Two weeks later, Father Dordi, an Italian priest who had been pastor of the Santar parish for 11 years, was murdered.

In a letter to his family, he wrote, "The hope that we preach to the poor is that they will find their own dignity

and be the agents of their own liberation. The church is privileged to walk among the poor."

Sister Thoma remembered the day she traveled with Father Dordi to a chapel where she was painting a fresco. "We saw writing on a wall saying 'Yankee, Peru will be your tomb,'" he said. "Sandro knew he would be the next to die, but he remained with his people."

"I was deeply touched during the beatification celebration at Sandro's parish with the Bishop of Bergamo (Italy), many bishops, priests, religious, and the people," Sister Gemma said.

"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 brother and uncle. I was also touched to see that every photo of Father Alessandro wearing vestments showed him with a stole from our Sister Annunciata Chen (also a Chimbote missionary), a sign of the tremendous missionary effort of our sisters."

"The terrorists wanted to destroy them forever, but for the Church today, they are martyrs of faith and witnesses of hope," said Father Juan Roger Rodriguez, president of the Chimbote Diocesan Committee for Beatification.

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PARISH BOUNDARIES



QUESTION & ANSWER

by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE

Catholic News Service

Q. In our parish, there was an elderly man, a faithful parishioner, whose brother had come to live with him due to ill health. They were told that our parish visiting team could not come to visit the sick man and bring him Communion, since technically they lived outside our parish boundaries.

This man had been a lector in our parish, but, naturally, he has since changed parishes to accommodate his brother. So my question is this: At a time when very few people walk to church any more, are parish lines even necessary? Shouldn't folks be able to hear Mass in a church where they feel close to God, even though it might not be in their particular neighborhood? (Charleston, South Carolina)

A. First, let me address the particular situation you raise. In my mind, the parish's decision not to bring Communion to the sick man was silly. We should be grateful that people want the sacraments and do everything possible to accommodate them. If a person lived a very long distance away and could be served more conveniently and more quickly by a closer parish, then I could understand the reasoning, but you gave no indication that this was the case here. (And even then, I would take it upon myself, as the priest first asked, to contact the second parish to ensure that the person would be visited.)

Now to your question. The rationale behind parish boundaries is found in Canon No. 518 of the church's *Code of Canon Law*, which says that, as a general rule, a parish is to be territorial. That is to say, when a bishop formally erects a parish, he sets its geographic boundaries, and all Catholics who live within those limits are automatically members of that

parish.

This means, for example, that any Catholic living there has a right to a funeral Mass in that parish church, regardless of whether he or she had been attending it. It also means that Catholics wishing to marry must seek the pastor's permission if the wedding is not going to take place in the parish church of one of the spouses.

In general, the idea behind parish lines is to give to a parish a clear idea of its primary focus and responsibility. Parish lines also help determine the relative size of parishes in deciding, for example, the assignment of priests or, in some instances, where financial help from the diocese is most needed.

Although there is no canonical requirement for a Catholic to register formally as a parish member, it is wise to do so – for a couple of reasons, at least. First, it ensures that you will be informed about parish programs and services; but also, registered parishioners are often given preference in such things as admission to the parish school or the scheduling of weddings, particularly in parishes which tend to attract "tourist weddings."

Most important of all, you are absolutely right that people should be able to attend Mass where they feel close to God – and canon law, in fact, agrees with you. Canon No. 1247 says that the faithful are obliged to participate in Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation – but it does not say where. You are free to attend any parish church you prefer, not necessarily the one in which you reside – free to go where you like the priest and the people, feel nourished spiritually, and seem most at peace.

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



JESSE TREE AT ST. PAUL SCHOOL

A Jesse tree at Westerville St. Paul School was decorated with ornaments made by Liz Ryan's fourth-grade students. Throughout Advent, the students read stories of the Jesse tree and its history and talked about the lineage of Jesus. Photo courtesy St. Paul School

Day of Reflection planned for Jan. 14

The Diocesan Association of Religious Educators is sponsoring a day of reflection with author, speaker, life coach, and organizational trainer Jim Merhaut on Thursday, Jan. 14 at Westerville St. Paul Church, 313 N.State St.

The day will begin with Mass at 8:30 a.m. and continue through 2:30 p.m., with lunch included. Its theme will be "Rocking or Rolling – How's the Ride On Your Spiritual Journey?" Participants will examine nine key aspects of their spiritual lives and will be guided through a comprehensive self-exploration 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.

Merhaut 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 registration deadline is Friday, Jan. 8. The cost for the day is \$20 for Diocesan Association of Religious Education members and \$25 for nonmembers. To register, send a check, made out to the association, to Tina Bowie, Seton Parish, 600 Hill Road N., Pickerington OH 43147, and indicate any dietary restrictions.



Gift of Remodeled Classrooms Celebrated at Bishop Watterson

It's the gift-giving time of year, and Columbus Bishop Watterson High School is reflecting with gratitude on a tremendous gift received during the past summer. While students were on summer break and the building sat empty, six classrooms in its junior hall were renovated as a result of gifts from several dedicated Watterson graduates, parents, and people new to the school community.

Mike Kenney and Nick King, members of the school's Class of 1993, continued their generous support by renovating classrooms and replacing the entry doors and all the windows on the north side of the building along Cooke Road.

Kenney and King, who own a real-estate development company, began their charitable involvement with Watterson in 2013 by dedicating their entire executive team to remodeling a classroom to resemble a modern-day business environment. In 2014, they remodeled two classrooms, transforming them from the original 1950s style to a modern design. This year, the project grew to six classrooms.

"This is what we do for a living," Kenney said. "We want to create an environment that people want to be in, to increase their experience, to create energy and excitement, to think differently, and to see different opportunities and explore them."

Parents of current students, and others not connected to the school, saw the effects of Kenney and King's work and joined in the mission by financially supporting the project.

Joe and Carolyn Griffin decided to get involved after seeing the changes and hearing their daughter Sarah, a senior at the school, tell them that having class in one of the revamped classrooms made a difference in her learning.

"With Mike and Nick already completing the business center and two classrooms, we weren't sure if they needed others to help modernize other classrooms," Joe Griffin said. "From our first meeting, they welcomed our gift and allowed us to add Room 200 to their construction schedule. We definitely had a



Donors gathered for a blessing of the six remodeled classrooms at Columbus Bishop Watterson High School. Pictured are (from left): Marian Hutson, school principal, James Pickett, Jacqueline Pickett, Scott Pickett, Mike Kenney, Don Kenney Jr., Nick King, Dr. Mary Ann Abrams, Mike Abrams, Kate Griffin, Carolyn Griffin, Joe Griffin, and Sarah Griffin. Photo courtesy Bishop Watterson High School

shared vision and felt that our investment was in very good hands, as they have such a passion for the school and the classroom renovation project."

Mike and Dr. Mary Ann Abrams, inspired by the business center, took the vision in the direction of medicine. Mary Ann is a doctor in ambulatory pediatrics at Nationwide Children's Hospital and Mike is president of the Ohio Hospital Association, so their perspective resulted in Room 206 not only being renovated, but also including medical equipment, courtesy of the Mount Carmel Health System.

"We want to inspire high-school students to be interested in the health profession and, more importantly, in their own health," Mike said. "It's really going to be a unique asset at a high school to have a homegrown lab for experiential health care. We want students to become curious about their own health and the things that impact whether they're healthy and how healthy they are."

Students and staff appreciate the renovations not just from an aesthetic standpoint, but also in terms of heating and cooling. During the 2012-13 school year, electrical circuits were overloaded during periods of hot weather as window-unit air conditioners attempted to deal with heat built up in the school. The result was occasional power outages in parts of the building, requiring staff trips to reset the power.

Each refurbished classroom has new heating and cooling equipment, in addition to new flooring, lighting, SMART boards, televisions, clocks and ergo-

nomics desks.

"Mike and Nick showed me what they were doing at Watterson, and I knew immediately that it was something I wanted to be a part of," said Scott Pickett, a real-estate developer who sponsored the conversion of Room 208. "The students wholeheartedly deserve this opportunity, and I'm just thankful I was able to help."

Cheryl and Luis Stauffer sponsored a renewal of a staff work room. Kenney and King also provided a new heating, ventilating, and air conditioning system for an office area in the same hallway. Watterson graduate Don Kenney Jr. donated to the transformation of room 204.

The cost of the remodeling work for the past few years is valued at more than \$1.5 million. The donors believe Watterson's students and staff are worth the investment.

"The curriculum and the people here at Bishop Watterson make a difference," said King. "Watterson is great. You have people who care and are here for more than a paycheck. Some of the teachers here now were here when Mike and I were in high school, and principal Marian Hutson's ability to lead everyone and bring efforts to fruition is impressive."

"New desks, flooring, lighting, SMART boards, cabinets and the like may appear to be mere cosmetic changes, but they are much more than that," said Sister Mary Hope Sieron, OP, a 35-year faculty member who teaches

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The Animal's Perspectives on That First Christmas Night

Reflections written by fifth-grade students at Worthington St. Michael School

"I watch Jesus' birth. He seems calm. He is near so many beasts. I am a strong bull, one who plowed endless fields. Now I lie next to Jesus. He is swaddled in a blanket. So many things have changed now—I wish it could stay like this." — *Timothy G.*

"As soon as I woke up, I thought, 'It's just going to be another boring day, grazing in the field with the other sheep, having the shepherd watch over us.' However, I was wrong. We were all on the hill at dusk when, to our surprise, a brilliant light shone onto us. There were men and women dressed in white robes and singing 'Glory to God in the highest!' Before I knew 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. Now I knew this was the God the white-robed people were singing about!" — *Eleanor B.*

"My hooves were sore from the long journey. All I wanted was to lie down. My master and his friends started mumbling to themselves. Then I was momentarily blinded, for over the hill



was a stable glowing with radiant light. My master tied me and my friends just outside the stall with the glowing light. I lifted up my head and peered inside. In the stall were a married couple, a cow, and a manger. The woman looked up at me and smiled, but I hardly noticed because I was too busy staring at the most beautiful baby boy I had ever seen! He was so beautiful

that for a second I could not believe my eyes! It was the pretty baby that was glowing! As soon as I looked at him I got a wonderful feeling ... a feeling of joy." — *Murphy G.*

"I was a sheep on the first Christmas night. A bright star came and then a lot of people came. I got hungry, so I went to the manger, but a man and

a woman were there and three other men on camels. The woman was staring at the manger. I wanted to see what was in it. Now the three men gave the manger gifts. When I got close, I saw it was a baby! The woman said 'His name is Jesus.' I stared at this baby. Now other animals were crowding me. The woman looked up and all of a sudden I wasn't hungry any more." — *Angelina G.*

"When I was going to the manger to eat some hay, there was something in the manger that wasn't hay. It was a small baby—a beautiful sight to see. I, an ox, started lowing as I was looking at the baby. There were also a man and a woman, smiling excitedly. They named the baby 'Jesus.' I was very happy to look at the newborn. My large head was hanging over, curiously looking at the baby. I wondered why there were three men with gifts for the baby. They were very kind to the baby. I questioned myself: 'Why would these people be having a baby where animals lived?' I have never seen anything more beautiful in my life." — *Emerson G.*

Sunday with Santa at Watterson

The Business Club of Columbus Bishop Watterson High School hosted the third annual Sunday with Santa, with proceeds benefiting Nationwide Children's Hospital's Christine Wilson Burn Unit. Wilson, a Watterson graduate, died

in a 2003 fire at a house near The Ohio State University. Sunday with Santa offered families crafts and a photo with Santa. The club also conducted a bake sale and collected donations for Operation Shoebox, which sends items to American troops overseas. Santa (Watterson student Aaron Bravo) is pictured with elves Brian Zapior (left) and Lana Bonfante.

Photo courtesy Bishop Watterson High School



Christmas Caroling in Perry County

Students from New Lexington St. Rose and Somerset Holy Trinity school joined together for an evening of Christmas caroling. The evening began at a nursing home in Somerset and continued with a visit to several sites in New Lexington. The carolers enjoyed hot chocolate and Christmas cookies at the St. Rose parish center at the end of the evening.

Photo courtesy Holy Trinity School



Each one of us, by name, is so important to God that He was born in a manger and died for us on the cross

By **Leandro M. Tapay**

Imagine the scene. Jesus is in town. The people hear about it and so they run over to see Him. They bring their important adult problems to Him. While they are doing this, a bunch of kids suddenly show up. People are irritated because they have serious matters to attend to. The children are making so much noise. So the disciples start to drive the children away. Jesus sees what the disciples are doing and, the Gospel says, He is outraged (Matthew 19:13-15).

"Let the children come to Me and do not hinder them," Jesus tells the disciples. Then He calls one child to come and stand with Him. In front of the crowd, Jesus says, "Unless you turn and become children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

Despite all of our intelligence, achievements, sophistication, and social decorum, Jesus is telling us that we have to learn something from children or else we will never go to heaven! This is an important point.

We need to learn from children – but not from a romanticized or sentimental view of them. Jesus is not talking about their sweetness and innocence. We know children can be quite selfish. They can throw violent temper tantrums. They can be downright mean.

By **Anne H. Jupinko**

I was a starry-eyed young college graduate in 1963, starting my first job as a caseworker with the Allegheny County (Pennsylvania) Board of Assistance, a euphemistic term for the welfare department. Within months, as I visited my clients, my eyes were opened to an entirely different type of life than the one in which I had grown up. The hurly-burly world, the grinding poverty, the dreary surroundings, the hopelessness, and, yes, the anger and resentment of the poor had almost overwhelmed me. I saw the young know nothing else, and the old waiting to die to escape this world.

A year later, I decided I wanted to do something for my clients at Christmas. But what to do? I certainly didn't have enough money to give each client a gift. I decided, reluctantly, to select one client. Again, there was a decision to be made. In my welfare district, many of the clients knew each other and would surely talk if one received a gift, and not the others. I finally settled on Miss G.

For months, I had been climbing the dark narrow

But there are a few things we can relearn from children.

First: Trust. Young children (not teenagers) have a reckless trust in their parents. Have you ever seen a father playfully toss his son up in the air? The child screams, but does so joyfully. The child knows for certain that his father will catch him. We adults tend to be suspicious. Adults seem not to be trustful, and often with good reason. But we need to have a reckless trust in our heavenly Father's love and care for us. That's not a blind trust, but a trust rooted in what God has done for us in Jesus. If you listen, God speaks to you from the manger, saying, "Look at what I have done for you!" And from the cross, "Look at me! Since I have done these things for you, trust that I care for and about you!"

Second: Children are dependent, and they know it. And we adults think we outgrow that dependence. But we do not. Everything we have, starting with our lives, is a gift. Life is a gift from the God Who is Love, from the God Who has made us with a purpose – to share for all eternity in God's unspeakable joy.

Third: Children are full of wonder. When was the last time you were filled with wonder and awe? When was the last time you screamed with sheer delight at anything? I have read somewhere that "nothing is

more dangerous than getting used to what is magnificent." This seems to be what happens to us as we get older.

How do you truly feel about Christmas? God, the Creator of the universe, the Maker of all things seen and unseen, has become man! Does that excite you? Think about it: because God loves you, He caused a virgin to become pregnant. Because God loves you, He is lying in a trough out of which animals eat. Because God loves you, He has endured the suffering of the cross so our sins, no matter how bad, could be forgiven. For you, God has risen from the dead, destroying the power of death and opening up heaven for us all. At Mass, God comes to us and changes ordinary bread and wine into His Body and Blood so we can receive His strength for all that comes our way in life.

Let us gaze at and be bewildered by the gift of Jesus – the gift that tells us that God is good, that God cares for us, that God is faithful, and that God is deserving of our trust. Let us be blown away over the fact that each of us, by name, is so important to God that He came to our world in a manger and died for us on the cross.

Merry Christmas!

Tapay is director of the diocesan Missions Office.

The Best Christmas Gift

stairway to Miss G's apartment above a pharmacy. I had to knock loudly and then walk in, for Miss G, then in her 80's, could not hear the doorbell, nor could she see. She could not watch television any more, could not read, and basically just sat there waiting for death. Other than myself, her only visitors were a woman who worked in the pharmacy (and probably brought groceries to her), and the priest who brought her holy Communion twice a month. Miss G didn't go out, she didn't socialize with the neighbors, and no one would know if I got her a gift.

Having decided, I went to a department store and selected a small artificial poinsettia set into a china teacup. I thought long and hard about whether to sign a gift card or send it anonymously. Eventually, I decided to sign a card, since I believe that thanking is part of gifting, and an anonymous gift might make Miss G anxious. So I signed a card and had the store deliver the gift (in those days, stores delivered whatever one purchased, no matter how small).

I still have the resulting thank-you note, and I still tear

up when I read it. Sent to my office, it says, "Dear Miss H., I received your pretty Christmas gift. It sure is nice. I want to thank you with all my heart for it. I sure was surprised to see a box for me for Christmas. I was so happy when I saw it, and from you. I am glad I still have a friend and a nice one. I was so happy I cried when I saw it. I guess that will be the one and only gift I will get. Thanks again. Hoping you have a very, very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. From Eleanora G."

I was humbled. I was in awe. In making my plan, I never thought it might be her only gift! I thanked God for giving me the idea and the will to carry it out. The next year, I was married and living in Florida, but I corresponded with Miss G until her death several years later. The woman from the pharmacy let me know when Miss G was reunited in heaven with her family and her God, to whom she was always faithful, even in dire circumstances.

Anne Jupinko is a retired social worker who is a member of Columbus Christ the King Church.



YEAR IN REVIEW

BY TIM PUET
Catholic Times Reporter

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 originally was consecrated to the Sacred Heart in 1873 by its first bishop, Sylvester Rosecrans.

“Many of the challenges Bishop Rosecrans 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 reliquary 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, where she lived, were on a tour of the United States sponsored by the Vatican’s 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 cathedral’s west inner door has been given that designation for the Diocese of Columbus. Bishop Campbell symbolically closed it on Nov. 29 and reopened it on Dec. 13.

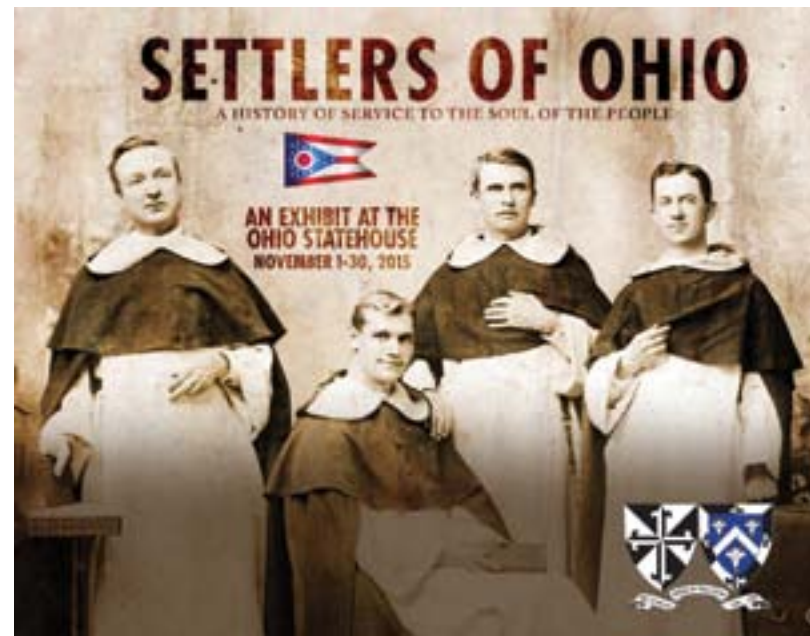
Pope Francis issued his long-awaited encyclical on the environment, *Laudato*



Left: The sacred relics of St. Maria Goretti, enclosed in a wax statue and viewed by about 6,000 people at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral on Oct. 21. Right: Bishop Frederick Campbell ordained Fathers Anthony Davis, Sean Dooley, Thomas Gardner, Michael Hartge, Brian O’Connor, and Nicola Ventura as priests of the Diocese of Columbus on May 30 at Westerville St. Paul Church.



CT photos by Ken Snow



A display in the Statehouse map room celebrated the Dominican Order’s 800th anniversary and its 207 years of service in Ohio. Graphic courtesy Dominican Order



Left: The new Cardington Sacred Hearts Church replaces a church destroyed by fire two years earlier. Center: Ruth Beckman (right), Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs director for 34 years, receives a papal blessing. Also pictured are Mark Huddy, diocesan social concerns moderator, and Sister Sharen Baldy, SCN, JOIN associate director. Right: The Church of the Nativity in Utica, razed because of structural issues. Photos by Ken Snow and courtesy Church of the Nativity



Si’, in June. In Columbus, it was the focus of events attended by Cardinal Peter Turkson of Ghana, president of the Pontifical Council for Peace and Justice, the lead consultant on drafting the document.

While in the city from Oct. 31 to Nov. 2, Cardinal Turkson attended a conference at the Martin de Porres Center for invited representatives of Ohio’s political, business, scientific, and spiritual communities, spoke at a public forum at The Ohio State University which included a fireside chat with OSU President Michael Drake, visited OSU’s EcoCAR project and Byrd Polar Research Center, talked to students from throughout the diocese at Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School, and celebrated a Mass sponsored by central Ohio’s Ghanaian community at Columbus St. Anthony Church.

Pope Francis also paid his first visit to

the United States this year, visiting Washington, New York City, and Philadelphia from Sept. 22 to 27. About 500 people from the diocese attended the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia, which concluded with a papal Mass attended by hundreds of thousands.

Within the diocese, two new parish consortiums were formed, beginning July 14. One grouping combines Chillicothe St. Peter, Waverly St. Mary, Washington Court House St. Colman of Cloyne, and Zaleski St. Sylvester churches. The other includes New Boston St. Monica, Wheelersburg St. Peter in Chains, and Jackson Holy Trinity churches. The diocese now has 23 parish clusters among its 106 parishes. The groupings have been formed to address changing diocesan demographics, resources, and needs.

The new Cardington Sacred Hearts Church was dedicated on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 26. It contains a sanctuary and a social hall and replaces a combined church and hall which was destroyed in a Thanksgiving Day fire in 2013.

The Church of the Nativity in Utica was torn down in August because of serious structural issues related to insect damage, which forced the 151-year-old building to be vacated in mid-March. Parishioners are meeting for Sunday Mass in the auditorium of Utica Elementary School.

The diocesan Office of Catholic Schools announced plans for all elementary schools in the diocese to use a revised standards-based grading system in all student interim and progress reports, beginning with the 2015-16 academic year. Schools continue to have the option of also using subject-level letter grades in

grades six to eight.

To support consistent grading practices among teachers, new progress code descriptions were developed by elementary school principals and the Office of Catholic Schools staff. The new system notes student proficiency in a number of areas per subject, with progress in life skills reported separately, rather than having one grade sum up all of a student’s achievements in a subject.

Columbus St. Agatha School was honored in October with designation as a national Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education. It also received the honor in 1985 and 2000.

Mount Carmel Health System announced plans to invest more than \$700 million during the next few years at its Grove City campus, the original Mount Carmel site in Columbus’ Franklinton neighborhood, and Mount Carmel East on the city’s far east side.

A \$355 million investment will expand the Grove City site to a full-service hospital by 2018.

The Mount Carmel West campus will continue its 130-year tradition of service as it is transformed 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 \$310 million modernization which will last through 2019. A new five-story patient care tower will be built, and all the



Clockwise from left: Dominican Sisters of Peace Gemma Doll, Gene Poore, Anne Lythgoe, Therese Leckert, Pat Twohill.



Cardinal Peter Turkson, president of the Pontifical Council for Peace and Justice, at St. Anthony Church. CT photo by Ken Snow

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hospital's rooms will become private rooms. The hospital also will be the new home for Mount Carmel's Level II trauma program.

After 34 years, Ruth Beckman retired as director of the Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs. She was honored at a Mass in the cathedral, where she received a blessing imparted by Pope Francis during his visit to the United States. Beckman, 80, said her retirement will allow her to take care of health issues involving her husband, Jack, and to spend more time with her eight grown children, 25 grandchildren, and 18 great-grandchildren. Lisa Keita, director of the St. Francis Center in McArthur, succeeds her as JOIN director.

The Dominican Order began a celebration of its 800th anniversary in November. The Order provided Ohio's first Catholic priests, beginning in 1808, and as part of the anniversary observance, its pioneering role was recognized by a monthlong exhibit in the Ohio Statehouse map room, a gala in the Statehouse Rotunda and Atrium, and a Mass at Columbus St. Patrick Church celebrated by Archbishop Bernardito Auza, apostolic nuncio of the Holy See to the United Nations.

The Dominican Sisters of Peace, based in Columbus, installed a new leadership team, consisting of Sister Pat Twohill, prioress, and Sisters Therese Leckert, Gemma Doll, Gene Poore, and Anne Lythgoe, councilors. They will lead the congregation until 2021.

Arminda Crawford of Westerville St. Paul Church was elected national commander of the Catholic War Veterans. Crawford, a Pontifical College Josephinum staff member, is the first woman to be chosen for this position.

Bill Hinger of Worthington St. Michael Church was selected as diocesan Catholic Man of the Year by the Catholic Men's Luncheon Club. He was honored for his work in setting up perpetual Eucharistic adoration at Columbus Immaculate Conception Church eight years ago and coordinating it since then, his pro-life activities, his hosting of Josephinum seminarians and his active participation in other Josephinum activities, and his involvement in many other diocesan, parish, and community programs.

Bishop Campbell ordained six new priests for the diocese on May 30 at Westerville St. Paul Church. The ordination ceremony took place there rather than the cathedral because the size of the crowd for the event made it necessary to use a larger church. All the new priests are serving as parochial vicars. Father Anthony Davis is at Columbus St. Andrew Church, Father Brian O'Connor at Powell St. Joan of Arc Church, Father Nicola Ventura at Columbus St. Peter Church, Father Thomas Gardner in the New Boston-Wheelersburg-Jackson consortium, and Fathers Sean Dooley and Michael Hartge in the Chillicothe-Waverly-Washington Court House-Zaleski consortium.

Father Charles Shonk, OP, formerly of Columbus St. Patrick Church, was ordained to the priesthood for the Dominican Order on May 22 at St. Dominic Church in Washington.

Father William Duraney, who attended Sunbury St. John Neumann Church, was ordained on May 30 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. He will be a priest of the Institute of the Incarnate Word at a mission in Germany.



Top: Bishop Campbell rededicates the Diocese of Columbus to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on June 12. Bottom: The Holy Door of Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral. CT photos by Ken Snow



Watterson "Boots and Beards"

"Boots and Beards" returned to Columbus Bishop Watterson High school for the second year in a row, with students donating \$1,160 for charities from Nov. 16 to Dec. 11. Students who purchased a wristband for \$20 were given permission to wear Watterson sweatshirts, grow beards (for boys), or wear boots (for girls). In addition, each class at the school, as well as staff members, conducted three collections to help local charities. Seniors collected for the St. Francis Center in McArthur, juniors for the Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs, sophomores for the Our Lady of Guadalupe Center, freshmen for the Holy Family Soup Kitchen, and staff for Hope Hollow, a house for out-of-town cancer patients and their families located near the school. The class bringing in the most items on a given collection Friday was awarded a casual dress day on the following Monday. The school community donated more than 15,600 items, from canned food to toiletries and socks, including more than 8,200 in the last week, with seniors donating the most. Watterson students pictured are (from left) Claire Kudika, Kyle Bauer, DJ Brown, Shannon Boyne, Brenna Kenney, Sarah Jonesco, Matt Clarke, Jacob Erney, and Michael Carmody. Photo courtesy Bishop Watterson High School



IN MEMORIAM - DIOCESAN RELIGIOUS WHO DIED IN 2015



Msgr. Thomas Bender



Father Patrick Byrne



Father Paul Smith



Father Bernard McClory



Father John Metzger



Msgr. James Ruef



Msgr. Robert Schneider



Father Harold Schneider

Father John L. Metzger, 86, died on Jan. 11. He had been a priest for 47 years, serving as pastor at Mount Vernon St. Vincent de Paul (1976-81) and Corning St. Bernard (1995-98). From 1990 until his retirement in 1998 and afterward, he primarily served the Perry County Consortium of Parishes, consisting of churches in New Lexington, Crooksville, Corning, and his hometown of Junction City.

Msgr. James L.T. Ruef, 75, a priest for 36 years, died on Jan. 12. He served on the diocesan Tribunal during his entire priesthood and even before that, beginning his ministry there on the Monday following his ordination to the diaconate in 1977. He also was pastor of Columbus Holy Name Church from 1993-2009.

Father Patrick J. Byrne, 86, died on Jan. 20 after 49 years as a priest. He was a chaplain at Veterans Administration hospitals in St. Cloud, Minnesota; Indianapolis; and Miami from 1975-97, and served in the Army Reserve from 1961-88, retiring with the rank of colonel. In the Diocese of Columbus, he served as pastor at Newcomerstown St. Francis de Sales (1966-69), Portsmouth St. Mary (1969-72), and Westerville St. Paul (1972-75).

Msgr. Thomas G. Bender, 84, died on Feb. 4, He was a priest for 58 years. He was co-pastor of Columbus St. Cecilia (1975-84) and pastor of

Sunbury St. John Neumann (1985-93), Powell St. Joan of Arc (1993-97), and Bremen St. Mary (1997-2005) churches and principal at Chillicothe Bishop Flaget (1965-69) and Marion Catholic (1969-75) high schools.

Father Paul O. Smith, 83, died on March 26. He had celebrated his 50th anniversary as a priest in 2014.

He was pastor of Gahanna St. Matthew Church from 1975-86 and served as an assistant at several other parishes. After retirement in 2001, he was in residence at Columbus Corpus Christi Church until requiring assisted living care.

Father Harold E. Schneider, 87, died on Aug. 1, after having served for 53 years as a priest.

He was pastor of Heath St. Leonard Church from 1983 until his retirement from pastoral ministry in 1998, and taught at Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School from 1971-83, serving as chairman of its art department for most of that time. He also was an art collector and an artist for most of his life, crafting hundreds of pieces of jewelry and also working in weaving, enamel, ceramics, and painting.

Msgr. Robert E. Schneider, 84, a priest for 58 years, died on Oct. 10. The two Schneiders were not related.

Msgr. Schneider served as pastor at LaRue St. Joseph (1970-74) and Denison Immaculate Conception (1974-76), was co-pastor of Worthington

St. Michael (1976-80), then became pastor of Mount Vernon St. Vincent de Paul (1981-92) and Strasburg St. Aloysius and Bolivar St. Stephen (1992-95) before concluding his pastoral ministry at Coshocton Sacred Heart (1995-02).

Father Bernard J. McClory, 88, died on Nov. 21. He had been a priest for 62 years.

He served as pastor of several parishes, his last assignment being Columbus St. Leo Church, and was a member of several diocesan boards, committees, and commissions.

Father Kenneth A. France-Kelly, OP, 71, died on June 21. He was a priest of the Dominican Order for 34 years, serving at Columbus St. Patrick Church as parochial vicar from 1993-95 and pastor from 1995-99.

Father Joseph Rigali, OFM, 84, died on Nov. 27. His service as pastor of Columbus Corpus Christi Church from 1986-90 was part of a 57-year career as a Franciscan priest in Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Texas, Louisiana, and Jamaica.

Deacon James R. Davis died on Sept. 16. At age 97, he was the oldest deacon in the diocese. He had been a deacon for 30 years, serving at Columbus Holy Rosary-St. John Church from 1985 until his retirement from active ministry. During his retirement, he took communion to the sick and homebound at Columbus St. Dominic Church, where he attended daily Mass.

Religious sisters who died in 2015 and served in or were natives of the Diocese of Columbus, or lived in the diocese at the time of their death, were: **Sister Mary Lacaria, OSF, 86, Jan. 15; Sister Ruth Ann Bange, SNDdeN, 88, Feb. 8; Sister Joan Pfeiffer, SNDdeN, 80, Feb. 19; Sister M. Clare Anne Rumschlag, CSC, 100, March 6; Sister Andrea Callahan, OSU, 90, March 8; Sister Claudia Klyn, OSU, 85, March 10; Sister Margaret Mahoney, OSF, 94, May 15; Sister Rose Perry, OSF, 88, May 18; Sister Patricia McCabe, OP, 83, May 29; Sister Venard Kessler, OP, 97, June 8; Sister Victoria Dixon, OSF, 80, June 18; Sister Carmelite Zibilich, OP, 78, June 28; Sister Aniceta Pitstick, OP, 97, July 4; Sister Tomasa Sigala, OP, 84, July 24; Sister Mary Sheila Burson, OP, 95, Aug. 8; Sister Marguerite Troxler, CSC, 92, Aug. 14; Sister Arthur Wingerter, OSF, 87, Sept. 10; Sister Mary David Mulroy, SFP, 90, Sept. 24; Sister Lucille Neu, SNDdeN, 97, Sept. 27; Sister M. Macrina Dorrian, RSM, 88, Oct. 27; Sister Stephana Toomey, OP, 84, Oct. 28; Sister Catherine Siena Bosch, OP, 91, Oct. 31; Sister Jeanne Marie Laufersweiler, OSF, 67, Nov. 1; Sister Michaela Fox, SSSJ, 86, Nov. 5; Sister M. Paula Fox, OSF, 94, Nov. 11; Sister Catherine Platt, OP, 64, Nov. 18; Sister Mary Ann Schutz, OSF, 85, Nov. 28; and Sister Justine Lyons, OSF, 93, Dec. 15.**



Hartley Christmas Carol Competition

Members of Columbus Bishop Hartley High School's Rosary House follow the Rosary Rhino as he leads them in "Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Rhino" at the school's sixth annual house Christmas carol competition, part of a yearlong House Cup competition. The school started its house system in 2010 to ensure that all students have a support system, healthy peer relationships, people to turn to with questions, outstanding adult role models, and a place to be themselves. Each student is assigned to one of six houses. The system assures that each student is embraced in the Hartley family spirit while being recognized for individual gifts and talents. The Christmas carol competition allows students to join in a lighthearted celebration before the beginning of exam week. Photo courtesy Bishop Hartley High School

Feast of the Holy Family (Cycle C)

The first significant period of 'three days' in Jesus' life



Father
Lawrence L. Hummer

December 27

1 Samuel 1:20-22,24-28

1 John 3:1-2,21-24

The readings for this feast of the Holy Family do not leave us much time to ponder the Incarnation. On the other hand, since incarnation begins in the womb, more properly said, we have little time to ponder the Nativity of Christ before turning to Sunday's feast, the calling an incident unique to Luke, when Jesus at the age of 12 and his parents visited the Temple in Jerusalem.

First, we must look at the reading from 1 Samuel. Hannah has given birth to Samuel by this time. She had promised that she would dedicate the child to the Lord if she were allowed to conceive. The nazirite to which she refers was a person set aside for a sacred duty in service to the Lord.

A nazirite was required to let his hair grow and abstain from wine and strong drink. Early on, the nazirite made a lifetime commitment, but later in Judaism, a nazirite could become one for a designated period. Nazirites were believed to have a share in the Lord's Spirit, which made them charismatic and powerful figures. Samson was a nazirite until Delilah cut his hair and he lost all his power and strength (Judges 14-16). The laws about nazirites are found in Numbers 6. Hannah hands Samuel over to Eli the priest, to be raised by him at the temple in Shiloh.

In the New Testament, John the Baptist is presented in nazirite terms, as a wild man who lived in the wilderness, eating locusts and wild honey. Sunday's Gospel, however, unique to Luke, is not about John, but about Jesus — at 12 years old, no less. Luke writes that it was

customary for Jesus, Mary, and Joseph to go to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover. Passover lasted for eight days, after which Mary and Joseph left for Nazareth. Every parent's worst nightmare was realized a day later when they found that Jesus was not in the group returning to Nazareth.

They searched high and low for him, and *after three days*, they found him in the Jerusalem Temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking questions. Because of the importance that "three days" plays in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, it is possible that this was more than just a random number. Others think it simply meant the day they had traveled, the day they returned, and the day they searched until finding him in the Temple. "All" (no specific designation, so it could mean his parents, or the teachers, or most likely all of them combined) "were astounded" (literally, "outside themselves") on hearing his understanding and his answers. Jesus was still a student, not acting as a teacher himself.

His parents, too, "were astounded," but that was not enough to deter his mother from asking him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you everywhere." The answer he gives is curious: "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know I must be in my Father's house?" To be in the Father's house could mean to be involved or concerned with my Father's affairs or his property, or even with those people belonging to my Father. All commentators capitalize "Father," thereby indicating that this is meant to identify Jesus as the Son of the heavenly Father, which flows naturally from his presence in the Temple, which will later be called "my Father's house."

Jesus submits in obedience to Mary and Joseph and goes down with them to Nazareth to advance "in wisdom, age and favor before God and people" (Greek *anthropois*= masculine plural). It should not, in any case, read "before man."

Father Lawrence Hummer, pastor at Chillicothe St. Mary Church, may be reached at hummerl@stmary-chillicothe.com.

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Advanced Placement English. "The renovation of classrooms enhances the academic atmosphere because the students and faculty walk into a professional setting that sets a tone of high expectation."

Kenney and King's efforts go beyond physical construction to assisting Hutson and Sheri Cook, chair of the school's business department, in further developing the business curriculum.

"Marian and Sheri felt that an increase in business awareness for pre-college students was a necessity moving forward," King said.

"Bishop Watterson has become an extraordinary example of how to improve on what was already a high-level educational experience."

Kenney and King provided support in the develop-

ment of class curriculums related to real estate and finance and innovation and entrepreneurship, and make a habit of visiting the classes each semester to talk to the students.

"When I hear from Sheri Cook that all of the business classes are full with a waiting list to start each year, I know we're on the right track," Kenney said.

"Private education is a competitive business and prospective families want a good learning environment for their children," Carolyn Griffin said.

"God has blessed our family in so many ways. Our hope is that others might consider this type of gift and want to participate in speeding up the remodeling. It is a gift that will last a long time and have a positive effect on so many."

The Weekday Bible Readings

12/28-1/2	1/4-1/9
MONDAY 1 John 1:5-2:2 Psalm 124:2-5,7c-8 Matthew 2:13-18	MONDAY 1 John 3:22-4:6 Psalm 2:7bc-8,10-12a Matthew 4:12-17,23-25
TUESDAY 1 John 2:3-11 Psalm 96:1-3,5b-6 Luke 2:22-35	TUESDAY 1 John 4:7-10 Psalm 72:1-4,7-8 Mark 6:34-44
WEDNESDAY 1 John 2:12-17 Psalm 96:7-10 Luke 2:36-40	WEDNESDAY 1 John 4:11-18 Psalm 72:1-2,10,12-13 Mark 6:45-52
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SATURDAY 1 John 2:22-28 Psalm 98:1-4 John 1:19-28	SATURDAY 1 John 5:14-21 Psalm 149:1-6a,9b John 3:22-30

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE WEEKS OF DEC. 27, 2015 AND JAN. 3, 2016

SUNDAY MASS
10:30 a.m. Mass from Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral on St. Gabriel Radio (AM 820), Columbus, and at www.stgabrielradio.com.

Mass with the Passionist Fathers at 7:30 a.m. on WWHO-TV (the CW), Channel 53, Columbus, and 10:30 a.m. on WHIZ-TV, Channel 18, Zanesville. Check local cable system for cable channel listing.

Mass from Our Lady of the Angels Monastery, Birmingham, Ala., at 8 a.m. on EWTN (Time Warner Channel 385, Insight Channel 382, or WOW Ch. 378). (Encores at noon, 7 p.m., and midnight).

Mass from the Archdiocese of Milwaukee at 6:30 a.m. on ION TV (AT&T U-verse Channel 195, Dish Network Channel 250, or DirecTV Channel 305).

DAILY MASS
8 a.m., Our Lady of the Angels Monastery in Birmingham, Ala. (Encores at noon, 7 p.m. and midnight). See EWTN above; and on I-Lifetv (Channel 113 in Ada, Logan, Millersburg, Murray City and Washington C.H.; Channel 125 in Marion, Newark, Newcomerstown and New Philadelphia; and Channel 207 in Zanesville); 8 p.m., St. Gabriel Radio (AM 820), Columbus, and at www.stgabrielradio.com.

We pray the Sanctoral and Seasonal Propers and Weeks I (Jan. 2 only) and II of the Liturgy of the Hours

Is Christmas 2015 Different From Christmases Past?

We look at our world full of disbelief, at people suffering from malnutrition and addiction, and at victims of terrorist atrocities, and wonder how this can happen, especially at Christmas. Yet it has all happened before. Think of wartime Christmases 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 that for granted.

Perhaps this Christmas, you might run into a relative who scoffs at the very idea of the real, historical Christmas, complete with shepherd, stars, and magi. Yet we have the evidence that it happened, thanks to our very own computers. Until recently, even many theologians had a hard time with the existence of the star of Bethlehem. Then, as if on cue, and right out of a Bible story itself, something miraculous happened -- computer technology. Computer programs based on astronomy could look into the ancient nighttime sky. Those programs found that around the time of the birth of Christ, a conjunction of planets occurred which was so rare it surely would have been viewed with great astonishment in the Middle East.

The Zoroastrian people who lived in present-day Iran and Iraq would have seen this conjunction as a once-in-a-millennium event. Magi certainly would have set out to greet the majestic child whose birth the star foretold. Imagine their utter shock when they found him in a manger. You can't make this stuff up, yet many people, even some in the religious world, still think of it as a myth. It is as if Jesus is proving one of his sayings about hiding truth from the high



THE TIDE IS TURNING
TOWARD CATHOLICISM
David Hartline

and mighty, and letting it be revealed and believed by the lowly (Matthew 11:25-30).

Two-thousand years ago, the Roman Empire was the mightiest empire the world had ever known. While the Roman army was busy conquering the known world, the cities the soldiers left behind saw many grand achievements of art, architecture, and philosophy. In those cities, there also was outrageous excess, such as sexual depravity and blood sport in the local arenas, that was all part of the lavish lifestyle those in charge enjoyed. The Roman Coliseum (originally called the Flavian Amphitheater) witnessed the deaths of thousands of human beings and hundreds of thousands of animals.

Even though Israel lamented the Roman army's takeover, and there were occasional uprisings, as described in the New Testament, far too many citizens became enamored with this culture of excess. Rabbis tried to warn the people, but the attraction to sin was too much for some. Fast forward 2,000 years to the Western world. Sound familiar?

Yet God's mercy knows no bounds. God kept his promises and sent the world His Son, born of a virgin, as had been foretold. Unfortunately, even to-

day, too many Christians don't understand God's purpose in sending us the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The angel greeted her with the salutation, "Hail Mary, full of grace" (Luke 1:28), which in the original Greek translated into *kecharitomene*, the only time that phrase is used in the Bible. The next time someone asks you why Catholics have such a reverence for Mary, you might remind them that if you are full of grace, you cannot have sin. The Blessed Mother is the fulfillment of what was first mentioned in Genesis 3:15, the story of the woman and the serpent.

Jesus never referred to Mary as *his* mother, but as *our* mother. She was the woman of women, and the mother to us all. God did not spare her suffering. Keep that in mind the next time you think that holy people are somehow immune to the same trials and temptations we all face. We know how the story ends for the Holy Family, but have we thanked God for saving our fallen world, or have we taken that for granted as well?

One more thing to think about: Are your unbelieving family members and friends that much different than those of 2,000 years ago? If our grandparents and those ancient believers couldn't convince those unbelievers, they surely prayed that God would send someone who could. It's something to ponder this Christmas, as we celebrate with those who believe and those who may not.

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

World Meeting of Families: Going Forward



By Dan Thimons
Director, Diocesan Office of Marriage & Family Life

We are not proposing a new program to strengthen families, but, rather encouraging all families to work toward two goals: first, to build a family life devoted to truth, goodness, and beauty; and second, to strive for a renewed sacramental life, as well as a renewal of family prayer, especially through devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the family rosary.

After working for 10 years in diocesan marriage and family life offices, I know all too well how easy it is for cynicism to take over. I recognize the reality that 95 percent of engaged couples are sexually active, 65 percent are cohabitating, and only 30 percent of Catholics make weekly Mass a priority.

Unfortunately, this cynicism has led

individuals going to Confession.

Recently, we asked four parishes in the diocese to ask those coming to Eucharistic Adoration for a 24-hour period, from 5 p.m. Friday to 5 p.m. Saturday, to simply pray for the engaged couples who were gathered that weekend for marriage preparation. The line for Confession at marriage preparation began lasting an hour-and-a-half. Recently, we have asked a second priest to hear Confession, and both have been busy for an hour each. This cannot be attributed to any new insights or efforts on our part, but only the work of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus is not magic, but He is real. In His Real Presence among us, His desire is to touch and transform even the hardest of hearts. I look first at what He has done and continues to do in my own life.

This time of the new evangelization is a time of mercy, as Pope Francis is call-

ing us. We cannot write anyone off, no matter how far someone may be from God. Just as the first evangelists — St. Mary Magdalene, St. Paul, and St. Matthew — encountered the love and mercy of Jesus Christ, abandoned their former way of life, and became the heralds of the Good News, so too it will be in this new evangelization. Those in our communities and parishes who are touched and transformed by Our Lord can become truly effective witnesses in drawing others into the splendor of truth and the light of Christ.

The psalmist reminds us that unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain. Let us all turn to the Lord, asking Him to reign over our homes. Let us all implore Christ to pour out His abundant grace and mercy upon our family. Let us ask Him to heal and transform our own hearts, and in turn heal and transform the world.

Pray for our dead

CROWELL, Frances J., 77, Dec. 16
St. Elizabeth Church, Columbus

FOTHERINGHAM, Ron, 62, Dec. 4
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

GEORGE, Irene, 83, Dec. 17
St. Mark Church, Lancaster

HAUSE, Bernice E., 87, Dec. 17
St. Joseph Cathedral, Columbus

JACKSON, Marian L., 99, Dec. 7
St. Pius X Church, Reynoldsburg

JOHNSTON, William A., 49, formerly of Columbus, Dec. 10
St. Stephen Church, Cleveland

KECKSTEIN, Marjorie R., 90, Dec. 16
Immaculate Conception Church, Columbus

KELLY, Edward J., 89, formerly of Columbus, Dec. 13
St. Luke Church, Sebastian, Fla.

KESSLER, Sally L., 78, Dec. 13
St. Brendan Church, Hilliard

LANDERS, Carlos “Monk,” 86, Dec. 14
St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Zanesville

LARKIN, Rita M., 46, Dec. 14
St. John Neumann Church, Sunbury

Robert B. Smith

Funeral Mass for Robert B. Smith, 85, who died Monday, Dec. 14, was held Saturday, Dec. 19 at Columbus St. Anthony Church. Burial was at Resurrection Cemetery, New Albany.

He was born Nov. 20, 1930 in Zanesville to George and Regina (Barry) Smith.

He was a graduate of Zanesville St. Nicholas High School and received a bachelor’s degree in geology, geography, and math from Ohio University in 1954. He served in the Air Force in

David Gallant

Funeral Mass for David Gallant, 39, who died Friday, Dec. 11, in a collision involving his bicycle and another vehicle in Newark, was held Monday, Dec. 21 at Newark Blessed Sacrament Church.

He worked in parish youth ministry in the Diocese of Columbus and was very involved with the Gospel Road high school summer service project while it

LONG, Richard M., 93, Dec. 14
St. Michael Church, Worthington

McKINLAY, Dr. Robert T., 77, Dec. 17
Church of the Resurrection, New Albany

PARSELL, Stephen L. Jr., 53, Dec. 12
Holy Spirit Church, Columbus

PRICE, Carl Jr., 59, Dec. 14
St. Matthias Church, Columbus

RAFFERTY, Romald J., 81, Dec. 15
St. Catharine Church, Columbus

RUFFINI, Geraldine, 91, Nov. 29
Immaculate Conception Church, Dennison

SAVOIA, Kathleen, 75, Dec. 16
St. Paul Church, Westerville

SKUNZA, Matthew, 84, Dec. 17
Holy Family Church, Columbus

SLATER, Mary Sue, 72, Dec. 18
St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Zanesville

SLONE, Lewis J., 64, Dec. 13
St. Mary Church, Groveport

STATEN, Kenneth J., 70, Dec. 2
St. Joseph Church, Sugar Grove

WALTERS, Leslie W., 82, Dec. 17
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Buckeye Lake

1954 and 1955.

He was employed for more than 30 years by the Ohio Bell Telephone Co., retiring as network manager. He was past exalted ruler of Elks Lodge 2700 of Worthington and was a member of the Knights of Columbus.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Marcia (Becker); and a great-grandson. Survivors include sons, Deacon Craig Smith (Lori), Rob (Anne), Doug (Dana), and Kirk (Wendy); six grandsons; six granddaughters; and eight great-grandchildren.

operated for several years in the Portsmouth area, said Mike Hall, director of the diocesan Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry. He also was a parish youth minister and taught in diocesan schools for a few years.

“David was devoted to serving the poor and being an advocate for justice education with young people,” Hall said.

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 Penance and Christian Charity at Stella Niagara, New York. Burial was in the sisters’ cemetery.

She was born Rosemary Lyons on May 19, 1922 in Columbus to the late Charles and Clara (Stephens) Lyons.

She was a graduate of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Seminary in Stella Niagara and received a bachelor of science degree from Rosary Hill (now Daemen) College in Amherst, New York, in 1957 and a master of arts degree from the Catholic University of America in 1968. She received a certificate of clinical competence from the American Speech and Hearing Association in 1969.

She entered the Stella Niagara Franciscan congregation on Sept. 6, 1940, and professed her first vows on Aug. 18, 1942, and her final vows on Aug.

18, 1945.

In the Diocese of Columbus, she was a teacher at Columbus Rosary High School (1948-53), Columbus Sacred Heart High School (1961-65), Columbus St. Matthias School (1976-79), and Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School (1982-85 and 1989-97), and was principal at St. Matthias from 1979-82. She also was a speech therapist at the diocesan child guidance center in 1967 and 1968 and in private practice from 1985-89. She also served as a teacher, principal, and therapist in New York state and West Virginia.

She retired in 2012, but continued to tutor students at Stella Niagara Education Park after becoming a resident of her congregation’s health center.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Timothy; and sisters, Mercedes Zenker, Kathleen Gormely, Helen Bonin, and Julia Hammond. She is survived by several nieces and nephews.

Submit Obituaries

There is no charge for obituaries. To have an obituary printed in the **Catholic Times** please send it to: tpuet@colsdio.org; or to **Catholic Times, Obituaries, 197 E. Gay St., Columbus, OH 43215; or fax to 614-241-2518. Obituaries cannot be taken by phone. Obituaries will be edited for length/clarity/style and printed as space permits.**

OFFICE MANAGER

St Francis of Assisi Parish is seeking an administrative professional to manage the church office. This includes preparation of weekly bulletin and worship aid; updates to parish census system, sacramental records, and other clerical tasks; assistance in coordinating annual parish events and working with volunteers.

Proficiency in MS Office (Word, Excel and Publisher) is required. Familiarity with payroll/accounting practices a plus.

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DECEMBER

24, THURSDAY

'Blue Christmas' Mass at Newman Center
8 p.m., St. Thomas More Newman Center, 64 W. Lane Ave., Columbus. "Blue Christmas" Mass, a traditional Christmas Eve liturgy designed to be more quiet and reflective for people who do not feel joy during the holiday season. 614-291-4674

Midnight Mass with Bishop at Cathedral
11 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus.

29, TUESDAY

Padre Pio Prayer Group at St. John the Baptist
12:30 p.m., St. John the Baptist Church, 168 E. Lincoln Ave., Columbus. Padre Pio Prayer Group meeting, including rosary, devotions, and 1 p.m. Mass. 614-294-5319
Prayer Group Meeting at St. Mark
7:30 p.m., St. Raymond Room, St. Mark Center, 324 Gay St., Lancaster. Light of Life Prayer group meeting. 740-653-4919

31, THURSDAY

Cenacle at Holy Name
6 p.m., Holy Name Church, 154 E. Patterson Ave., Columbus. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, with prayers in the Cenacle format of the Marian Movement of Priests. Holy Hour of Reparation at Columbus Sacred Heart
7 to 8 p.m., Sacred Heart Church, 893 Hamlet St., Columbus. Eucharistic Holy Hour following Holy Hour of Reparation prayer format, concluding with Benediction and social period. Prayers for intention of deepened holiness and an increase in the virtue of fortitude for bishops and priests. 614-372-5249

JANUARY

1, FRIDAY

Eucharistic Vigil at Holy Cross
Holy Cross Church, 205 S. 5th St., Columbus. 7:30 p.m. Mass, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

HAPPENINGS

Seasonal music with the Cathedral Choir and Brass, followed by midnight Mass celebrated by Bishop Frederick Campbell. 614-241-2526

26, SATURDAY

Life and Mercy Mass in Plain City
9 a.m. Mass, St. Joseph Church, 140 West Ave., Plain City. Saturday Life and Mercy Mass, followed by rosary and confession. Centering Prayer Group Meeting at Corpus Christi
10:30 a.m. to noon, Corpus Christi Center of Peace, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus. Centering prayer group meeting, beginning with silent prayer, followed by Contemplative Outreach DVD and discussion. 614-512-3731

27, SUNDAY

Praise Mass at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal
11 a.m., Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refugee Road, Columbus. Praise Mass with upbeat contemporary music. 614-861-1242
St. 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. Prayer Group Meeting at Christ the King
5 to 7 p.m., Christ the King Church, 2777 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus (enter at daily Mass entrance). Weekly parish prayer group meets for praise, worship, ministry, and teaching. 614-886-8266

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

28, MONDAY

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.

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with various prayers, ending with Benediction at 11:30. All-Night Exposition at Our Lady of Victory
Our Lady of Victory Church, 1559 Roxbury Road, Columbus. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 8 p.m. until Mass at 8 a.m. Saturday, sponsored by church's Knights of Columbus council and Columbus Serra Club.

2, SATURDAY

Mary's Little Children Prayer Group
Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refugee Road, Columbus. 8:30 a.m., confessions, 9 a.m., Mass, followed by Fatima prayers and Rosary (Shepherds of Christ format); 10 a.m., meeting. 614-861-4888
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.

Lay Missionaries of Charity Day of Prayer
9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sacred Heart Church, 893 Hamlet St., Columbus. Monthly day of prayer for Columbus chapter of Lay Missionaries of Charity. 614-372-5249

Filipino Mass at Holy Cross
7:30 p.m., Holy Cross Church, 204 S. 5th St., Columbus. Mass in the Tagalog language for members of the Filipino Catholic community. 614-224-3416

3, SUNDAY

Exposition at Church of the Resurrection
Our Lady of the Resurrection Chapel, Church of the Resurrection, 6300 E. Dublin-Granville Road, New Albany. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, beginning with procession following 11 a.m. Mass and continuing to 5 p.m. Tres Magos Celebration at Dover St. Joseph
1:30 p.m., St. Joseph Church, 613 N. Tuscarawas Ave., Dover. Tres Magos (Three Kings) celebration, with Mass in Spanish, followed by passing out of children's gifts by the kings, and traditional dinner. 330-364-6661
Prayer Group Meeting at Christ the King
5 to 7 p.m., Christ the King Church, 2777 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus (enter at daily Mass entrance). Weekly parish prayer group meets for praise, worship, ministry, and teaching. 614-886-8266

Spanish Mass at Columbus St. Peter
7 p.m., St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road, Columbus. Mass in Spanish. 706-761-4054
Compline at Cathedral
9 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Chanting of Compline. 614-241-2526

5, TUESDAY

Catholic War Veterans Monthly Meeting
7 p.m., Red Room, St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road, Columbus. Catholic War Veterans Post 1936 meeting. For those who served three months, were honorably discharged, or are on active duty. 614-221-7601
Abortion Recovery Network Group
7 p.m., Pregnancy Decision Health Center, 665 E. Dublin-Granville Road, Columbus. Abortion recovery network group meeting for anyone interested in recovering from abortion or who has been through a recovery program, and wants to stay connected. 614-444-4411
Prayer Group Meeting at St. Mark
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Holy Hour at Holy Family
6 to 7 p.m., Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St., Columbus. Holy Hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by meeting of parish Holy Name and Junior Holy Name societies, with refreshments. 614-221-4323

Back in His Arms Again Meeting
7 p.m., Panera restaurant, 782 N. State St., Westerville. Monthly meeting of Back in His Arms Again group for mothers who have experienced the loss of a child.

Holy Year Evening of Reflection at St. Paul
7 to 9 p.m., Activities center, St. Paul Church, 313 N. State St., Westerville. Evening of reflection for the Holy Year of Mercy, led by Stephen J. Binz, award-winning author and biblical scholar. Call parish office for child care. 614-882-2109

8, FRIDAY

Urban Plunge Mass at Cathedral
5:15 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Mass and reception marking conclusion of University of Notre Dame's annual 48-hour Urban Plunge inner-city immersion experience in Columbus, coordinated by the diocesan Office for Social Concerns and the Notre Dame Alumni Club of Columbus. 614-241-2540

9, SATURDAY

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

10, SUNDAY

St. Christopher Adult Religious Education
10 to 11:20 a.m., Library, Trinity Catholic School, 1440 Grandview Ave., Columbus. Discussion on "Mercy: Healing for the Modern Family" with Dan Thimons, director of the diocesan Marriage & Family Life Office. Our Lady of Peace School Open House
12:30 to 2 p.m., Our Lady of Peace School, 40 E. Dominion Blvd., Columbus. Open house for parents of prospective students. 614-267-4535

Kateri Prayer Circle at St. Mark
1 p.m., Aranda Center, St. Mark Church, 324 Gay St., Lancaster. Kateri Prayer Circle meeting to honor St. Kateri Tekakwitha and promote Native Catholic spirituality. 740-756-7008

Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic Meeting
1:30 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Meeting of St. Catherine of Siena chapter, Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic.

Prayer Group Meeting at Christ the King
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St. Margaret of Cortona 'Catholic Conversations' Series
6 to 8 p.m., Hofbrauhaus, 800 Goodale St., Columbus. Monthly "Catholic Conversations" series for anyone 21 and older, sponsored by Columbus St. Margaret of Cortona Church. Speaker: John Bradford of Wilderness Outreach on "How a Journey Into the Theology of Masculine Spirituality Led to the Feminine Genius," RSVP to nancy-whetstone@gmail.com or julienaporano@gmail.com.

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



CONCERT

CAKES AND ALE

“Dost thou think, because thou art virtuous, there shall be no more cakes and ale?”

— Shakespeare, *Twelfth Night*

The 36th season of the Early Music in Columbus concert series continues with The Early Interval’s annual Twelfth Night celebration on Saturday, Jan. 9 and Sunday Jan. 10 at First Congregational Church, 444 E. Broad St., Columbus.

The Jan. 9 concert begins at 8 p.m., with a pre-concert lecture at 7:30. The Jan. 10 concert is at 3:30 p.m. with a lecture at 3.

Inspired by Shakespeare’s words,

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 brought about secular celebrations with traditional food and drink.

The concerts will fill the resonant neo-Gothic sanctuary of First Congregational Church with the sounds of voices, recorders, crumhorns, bagpipes, vielle, violas da gamba, violin, lute, vihuela, theorbo, Baroque guitar, and early percussion instruments. Members of The Early Interval (pictured, from left) are Sean Ferguson,



Lyz Liddell, Jim Bates, and Tamara Seckel.

The Early Music in Columbus concert series features regional, national, and international artists who perform music from the medieval, Renaissance, and baroque periods on reproductions of historical instruments.

Tickets are \$30 general admission, \$25 for seniors, and \$12 for students and may be purchased through the web

site www.earlymusicincolumbus.org, at the door, or charged by phone.

To order tickets by phone, contact Katherine Wolfe at (614) 861-4569, the CAPA ticket offices at (614) 469-0939 or Ticketmaster at (1-800) 745-3000.

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St. Matthew Adoration

By Bryan Gebhart

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, vulnerable as He made Himself. The holy child could not talk. He could not issue blessings, commands, or wise sayings. This diverse group of beings, 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 humble manger. We have Christ’s incarnate living body, blood, soul, and divinity present in the Eucharist, waiting for us to arrive. We are made holy simply by His proximity, by seeing Him, by faith, and by the action of answering the call to follow Him.

Through Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, we are able to ground ourselves in the meaning of Christmas. Adoration is the sight of Him, while He allows 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 adoration. What all will find is peace, love, joy, happiness, meaning, strength, hope, and faith. The real gifts He gives are the intangibles we are missing. Come and adore.

Beginning on Dec. 1, Gahanna St. Matthew School began bringing groups of students to perpetual adoration in the parish adoration chapel, which was dedicated in February 2015. Parish staff members, youth directors, and volunteers spent 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 Eucharist is. Kindergarten students would spend 15 minutes in adoration, with the time increasing for older students, as appropriate to their grade level and attention span.

Adoration is not just for adults. Adults need time in adoration to find their daily direction and to say “thank you” for their blessings. Children have these same issues and concerns and are discerning their voca-

tions. Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them” (Mark 10:14). We should take Him at His word.

I suspect the next generation of religious will be called in that chapel, and those who are not called to religious life will have a deeper level of understanding of their vocation. I was a little worried, but I have been very happy with the children’s level of respect for the Blessed Sacrament. The adults that share hours with them see them as angels. We have received nothing but glowing reports from them.

“The benefit I see (from children taking part in adoration) is to experience this beautiful time with Our Lord,” said school principal Susan Maloy. “Many of these students might not have received the opportunity to experience this if it wasn’t provided during school hours. This allows more time for reflection and prayer, in addition to our weekly Masses. There is a strong possibility many of these children were not even aware of the chapel or what adoration represents. This is also something the students can share as a class and engage in some



powerful discussions once they return to their classroom.”

“I am happy and proud of our kids,” said Father Ted Sill, pastor at St. Matthew. “Through their witness, we hope they will be encouraged to include their whole family in adoration.” Father James Ogurchock, a retired priest who frequently visits the school, said, “Whenever we have an all-school Mass, I am impressed and edified by the grade school kids and their abil-

ity to sit still, listen, and behave. They are attentive, take in every word, and are fully engaged. Adoration is the same way. It’s great to have them there.”

St. Matthew Church is at 807 Havens Corners Road. The chapel is open to the public from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. If you wish to visit at other times when the church is locked or to sign up for an hour of adoration and receive 24/7 access, go to <http://www.stmatthew.net/dmc>.



Advent Wreath Blessing

The blessing of the Advent wreath at Columbus Bishop Ready High School was telecast internally to all the school’s home rooms so all students and faculty members could take part. Pictured are (from left) students Natalee Patel and Kyra Bailey, teacher Jane Kaiser, and students Bennett Waldo and Claire Sapp.

Photo courtesy Bishop Ready High School



Can Drive Winners

Coshocton Sacred Heart School collected nonperishable food items for the Salvation Army food pantry. Pictured are members of the sixth-grade class, which won the homeroom contest by bringing in 199 items. They are (from left) Colston Lauvray, Carlye Balsley, teacher Andrea Bairas, Joe Abel, Liam Stevens-Woolery, and (kneeling) Alex Papadopol. Photo courtesy Sacred Heart School

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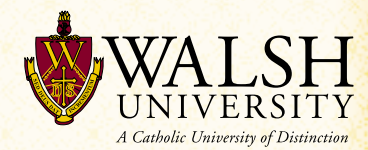
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