"It will be a Holy Year of Mercy."
-Pope Francis

EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE OF MERCY
Dec. 8, 2015 - Nov. 20, 2016
The Editor's Notebook

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- Advent is a season when we wait, when we have a chance to connect with God. Witness to your faith, either implicitly or explicitly.

- We have the capacity to be the listening ears of Christ – to be co-workers with God in the life and actions of others. We have the ability to be moved by the need of others to hear the Word of God. If we are witness to God’s works, we witness to His Word. When someone speaks to you today, really try to have “ears to listen.”

- In this well-known story, a paralyzed man is lowered through a roof because a large crowd has gathered in front of Jesus, making it impossible for the man to get through to see Him. It is hoped that Jesus will pass by the man, but Jesus tells him “My friend, your sins are forgiven you.” Was this the man’s soul was in greater need of being healed or his body? Was this the man’s soul was in greater need of being healed or his body? He is told that the power to heal both, and the man gets up and walks away. What is the root needs of this man today? Are you doing this? Are you trying to be the handmaid of the Lord? Are you trying to be the handmaid of the Lord? I am the handmaid of the Lord,” said Mary, “Let what you hear to do as I have said to you.” (Luke 1:38). Today is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. It reminds us of how Mary said “Yes” to God despite the consequences of that “Yes” and how people would respond to her. She said “Yes” for the glory and blessing of the whole of God. Today is also the start of the Jubilee Year of Mercy, during which Pope Francis hopes that all will experience a true witness of mercy with the mercy of God. I will try to live my “Yes” to God today and show my faith through my actions.

- Second Tuesday “Come, all you who labor and are overburdened, and I will give you rest,” (Matthew 11:28). This can be a crazy time of year – and even if we are not preparing for a big visit of Christmas, we are aware that there is much work to focus on the great feast that is a little more than two weeks away. Take time today to just sit before God for 10 minutes and ponder the fact that He is God who can give us rest and inner peace.

- Second Thursday “If anyone hears his teacher’s voice, let him listen.” (John 5:31). We live in the knowledge that Jesus did come. Do we have ears to listen? We have the power to be the lowest place of Christ – to be co-workers with God in the building of the kingdom. Sit with that thought for a few minutes. What someone speaks to you today, try to have “ears to listen.”

- Second Friday “The Lord will come, go out to meet Him” (Gospel Acclamation). Advent is a season when we wait, when we have a chance to connect with our experience. We are confident that the Lord will come. Our challenge is to have the courage go out to meet Him. We have allowed this encounter, and we pet today. We will be Christ to another – I will decide on a small way to help someone who has not encountered Him. I might do this in word or in deed.

- Second Saturday “Blessed is he already and they did not recognize him” (Matthew 11:28). We are very blessed that we have a desire to meet God in prayer. When St. Eligius, he was not recognized. Jesus was also not recognized universally for His holy work, but this is still true today. I will try to help people see that I am a Christian today – I will not be ashamed of not recognized universally for who He truly was; this is still true today. I will be patient (Matthew 17:12). We are all very blessed that we have met or have a desire to know Him. I might do this in word or in deed.

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Using Common Era instead of AD?: Switching religions

To mark dates, why are people now using the Common Era (CE) and BCE instead of the Anno Domini (AD) and BJ years? Latin for “In the year of Our Lord” is a religious term that some have adopted the use of CE rather than AD (Anno Domini). This is to emphasize the idea that the Christian Era has become the common way to measure dates. And so the Christian Era has become the Common Era.

Some critics of the change point out that many commonly accepted designations have a basis in religious beliefs. (They note, for example, that “January” comes from Janus, who was the Roman god of gates and of doorways.)

For those who do not recognize him as Son of God,” wrote Kofi Annan (who was himself a Protestant) has said, “the result of “secularization, anti-supernaturalism …

PARENTS AND “SEX ED”

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The thought is very often on my mind. (Iowa) you felt in your youth. But I would think it wise to their services a few times. (I have friends who belong to our local Methodist parish, and they would be happy to have me accompany them.)

A Catholic is to be committed to certain moral principles of faith. Among them are the centrality of the Eucharist and the conviction that the Mass is the sacrifice of Christ and the foundation of this task of guiding the church, with the guarantee of Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem and is a longtime extraordinary minister of the Eucharist. Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem and is a longtime extraordinary minister of the Eucharist.

Knowing that I really want to rejoin that church after all these years; I think it’s more just wanting to go by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE

Dec. 12 in Alum-
Cesar Ramirez, Jonathan Giebler, Brian Roach, Juan Ovalle, Bruno Bertolo, Michael Zelina, and assistant coaches Jacob Eganhouse, Anthony Iannarino, and Doug Reisinger.

Zack Garrett, Mikey Cockerell, Chase Agin, Brady Krietemeyer, Anthony Salmeron, and assistant coach Ben Brooks; fourth row, assistant coaches Sean Sward and Mike Coury,

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I cannot leave my Lord like

I cannot leave my sister like

occurred to me: Do I truly believe

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At communion a few Sundays

answer in a very unexpected way.

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From the pew

By Julia Parks

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I am united with the Church in regard to three things – the faith of the Church, the Church’s heal-

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By Leandro M. Tapay

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Roman Catholic. I am an “RC” – Roman Catholic. I am Catholic. I was born Catholic and I

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tally changed. Baptism does something

in us and to us. In baptism, God makes us His children. We become God’s

loved daughter or beloved son. He makes

us temples of the Holy Spirit. He en-

ables us to share sacramentally in Jesus’

time, to suffer and die for our sins, to

to rise from the dead to destroy the power of death.

Simply put, to be a priest is to go about our day in

such a way that all is done for God – in all places at all times. It means to intentionally be Christ’s dis-

iple. It means to have as my mission and goal – both by the witness of my life and by the words of my

truths – to know and love God and to help others do the

that’s the teaching of the Church. But

God also makes us priests, prophets, and kings through baptism. We become sharers of

Christ’s priesthood, His prophetic role, and His king-

ship. As Catholics, we are all priests by virtue of

our baptism. That is the teaching of the Church.

And we are not “ordained priests,” like the pastors and

priests we know. Ordained priests serve and equip us

through the celebration of the sacraments, preaching, and

helping to lead us out of our baptismal calling.

We are all priests. What does that mean?  Priests of-

fer sacrifice. The sacrifice we are expected to make is
to offer our lives to God, Who out of His great love
called us into being out of nothing, to God Who sent

His Son born as a man to suffer for our sins, to die, and
to rise from the dead to destroy the power of death.

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To know God and to help others do the same – that’s our mission

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The Pope, who has been known to open and close the Holy Door at the end of each Jubilee Year, has been invited by Pope Francis to do so again this year.

The Holy Door traditionally begins with the opening of St. Peter’s Basilica by the Pope, followed by the opening of the Holy Door at St. John Lateran Basilica.

The opening of the Holy Door at the end of each Jubilee Year has been a tradition since the beginning of the Middle Ages. The Holy Door has been opened by popes at the beginning of each Jubilee Year to symbolize the door of heaven being opened to sinners, allowing them to receive forgiveness and salvation.

The Holy Year is a period of grace and mercy, during which the faithful are encouraged to seek forgiveness for their sins and to turn towards God with open hearts.

The Holy Door is also a symbol of Mary, the mother of Jesus, and of the Virgin Mary, who is considered the Queen of Heaven.

The Holy Door is decorated with images of Jesus, Mary, and other saints, and is enclosed in a large, ornate structure.

The opening of the Holy Door is a solemn event, attended by many pilgrims and faith leaders, and is seen as a sign of the Church's commitment to forgiveness and mercy.

The Holy Year is a time for spiritual renewal and growth, during which the faithful are encouraged to deepen their relationship with God and to seek forgiveness for their sins.

The Holy Year is a period of widespread hospitality, during which the faithful are encouraged to welcome others into their homes and to share the beauty and joy of the Holy Year.

The Holy Year is a time for reconciliation and healing, during which the faithful are encouraged to seek forgiveness for any harm that they have caused to others, and to work towards building a more peaceful and harmonious world.

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HOLY DOOR, continued from Page 11

Door – the Door of Mercy – either in the cathedral or in a church of special meaning or at a shrine of particular importance for pilgrims.

He said that while it has a Roman dimension, this Jubilee year is to find its main expression and realization at the level of the local churches. Archbishop Fiachella said another way in which this Jubilee is different is that it is based on a theme – the call to mercy.

It builds on the context of the Gospels and calls the Church once again to its missionary priority “to be a sign and witness (of mercy) in every aspect of its pastoral life.”

It is also unique because for the first time in a Jubilee, “Missionaries of Mercy” will be designated for every diocese for the whole Holy Year, with a special concentration during Lent in 2016.

The archbishop said these are to be “patient priests, preserving an understanding of human frailty, but ready to express the loving kindness of the Good Shepherd in their preaching and in the Sacrament of Confession.” Local bishops are expected to identify and designate these special missionaries.

He said World Youth Day in Kraków, Poland, in July will blend in well with the Jubilee Year because its theme will be “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.”

A Jubilee for workers and volunteers of mercy is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 4, in association with the memory of Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta, who died on Sept. 5, 1997. Archbishop Fiachella would not say if this would be an opportunity for Pope Francis to canonize her, but said her canonization “is something we all hope for.”

Other Jubilee events at the Vatican will honor clergy, religious, and lay faithful working in sanctuaries and shrines (Jan. 19-23), those in consecrated life on the closing of the year dedicated to them (Feb. 2), the Roman curia (Feb. 22), devotions of the spirituality of the Divine Mercy (April 3), young people from ages 13 to 16 (April 24), deacons (May 29), priests (June 3), those who are ill and persons with disabilities (June 12), catechists (Sept. 25), the Virgin Mary (Oct. 8 and 9), the faithful departed (Nov. 1), and persons (Nov. 5).

The last of these events is still under study.

Another unique aspect of this holy year, which Pope Francis highlighted in his document proclaiming it, is his appeal to Judaism and Islam.

Both religions emphasize that God is merciful and as does Christ. The archbishop said this can be a special opportunity to foster dialogue and “a way of overcoming difficulties in the public realm.”

For more information about Year of Mercy activities in the Diocese of Columbus, call the Office for Divine Worship at (614) 221-4640 or go to the link to the office on the diocesan website, www.cosohio.org. The Vatican’s Jubilee website is www.im.va.

Photo: The Holy Door at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral, which was symbolically blessed by Bishop Francis J. Campbell on Sunday, Dec. 13.

Photo courtesy St. Francis DeSales High School

St. Francis DeSales Signees

Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School athletes who took part in a recent ceremony announcing their signing of college letters of intent are (from left): first row, Leah Roten, Walsh, softball; Cam- eron Barber, Ohio Dominican, softball; Julia Brown, Dayton, volleyball; and Adelaide Penzone and Maui Heidger, Ohio State, field hockey; second row, Ian Wray, Walsh, football; Michael O’Shaughnessy, Central Ohio Technical College, baseball; and Kyle Fenske, Ohio Dominican, lacrosse; third row, Nick Musci, Ohio State, lacrosse; and Creighton Barrett, University of Mary (North Dakota), cross country.

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The Weekly Bible Readings

MISCELLANEOUS

Tuesday
Psalm 143:1-6

Wednesday
Psalm 68:1-15

Thursday
Psalm 115:1-10

Friday
Psalm 119:95-102

Saturday
Psalm 119:11-18

Sunday Mass
10:00 a.m. Mass from Columbus St. Joseph Catholic Radio (WDNA 104.1 FM).
2:00 p.m. Mass from Columbus, OH, at St. Michael's Radio, channel 180 on the WPRO Radio Network (WPRO 1420 AM, 100.9 FM).

DIOCESEAN WEDDING AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY

Psalm 35:1-3,9-10

Psalm 141:1-5

THURSDAY

Psalm 117:1-4

SATURDAY

Psalm 124:1-7

Luke 13:1-17

SUNDAY MASS

Luke 13:18-21

Novena Masses

DIOCESEAN WEDDING AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE

Luke 15:1-10

November 8, 2015

Second Sunday of Advent (Cycle C)

John’s baptism is preparation for the way of the Lord

Baruch 5:1-4

1 Thessalonians 4:8-11

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John was probably written originally in Hebrew by several authors (under the one name Baruch, who himself is probably a pseudonym for Jeremiah). It is preserved entirely in Greek. It was written sometime after the Babylonian exile (521 B.C.) and is written as a commentary just now ending, or in some cases only just beginning. The book is divided into two sections: the first best found between the third and the first century B.C. In Catholic Bibles, Baruch is located after the book of Lamentations.

In Baruch’s letter to the exiles, there is a mention of the problem of the exiles finding their hope in the verse, “The Lord is my helper, I will not fear.” In the readings this week, as Jerusalem is invited to cast off the yoke of Babylon, and to wear the yoke of God forever. Jerusalem is already situated on the heights, but she is told to go down to the valley. In the same way, Baruch doesn’t say which desert. This passage is located in the middle of the region of the Jordan River, proclaiming “a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.” The passage cites from Isaiah 40:3-5. In doing so, it helps explain why John was in the desert. He becomes the voice of the “one crying in the desert.” Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his path... and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.


This becomes John’s destiny, to be that voice crying in the desert. He is the prophet of the desert. The use of the desert is trope John’s baptism as the preparation for the way of the Lord. Luke understands the Annunciation and the Incarnation as the salvation. That forgiveness is making rough ways smooth, filling in the valleys, and straightening the winding roads. All of this precedes seeing “the salvation of God.”' Luke doesn’t say which desert. This passage is located in the middle of the region of the Jordan River, proclaiming “a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.” The passage cites from Isaiah 40:3-5. In doing so, it helps explain why John was in the desert. He becomes the voice of the “one crying in the desert.” Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his path... and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

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In Baruch’s letter to the exiles, there is a mention of the problem of the exiles finding their hope in the verse, “The Lord is my helper, I will not fear.” In the readings this week, as Jerusalem is invited to cast off the yoke of Babylon, and to wear the yoke of God forever. Jerusalem is already situated on the heights, but she is told to go down to the valley. In the same way, Baruch doesn’t say which desert. This passage is located in the middle of the region of the Jordan River, proclaiming “a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.” The passage cites from Isaiah 40:3-5. In doing so, it helps explain why John was in the desert. He becomes the voice of the “one crying in the desert.” Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his path... and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

This becomes John’s destiny, to be that voice crying in the desert. He is the prophet of the desert. The use of the desert is trope John’s baptism as the preparation for the way of the Lord. Luke understands the Annunciation and the Incarnation as the salvation. That forgiveness is making rough ways smooth, filling in the valleys, and straightening the winding roads. All of this precedes seeing “the salvation of God.”’ Luke doesn’t say which desert. This passage is located in the middle of the region of the Jordan River, proclaiming “a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.” The passage cites from Isaiah 40:3-5. In doing so, it helps explain why John was in the desert. He becomes the voice of the “one crying in the desert.” Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his path... and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

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A pair of socks is such a commonplace item of clothing that most people take them for granted. But they don’t feel so common when you put them on your feet. In the cold and blustery weather of winter, they keep our feet warm and dry. It is a simple fact that we take for granted.

BETHLEHEM ON BROAD NEEDS SOCKS

It has no local organizations or corporations helping Bethlehem on Broad in the city of Columbus. In the past 30 years, it has provided socks to the homeless. "We just want to give them Sheri Van Fleet, founder of Bethlehem on Broad, said. "It’s a small gesture, but it means so much to the people we help.

Bethlehem on Broad is a nonprofit that has donated more than 157,000 pairs of socks in that city. The socks are collected in the month of November, and the cost for them is $22.00 per 100 pairs. The socks are then distributed to the homeless who come to the shelter.

All gifts are fully tax-exempt and tax-deductible, with Bethlehem on Broad Street signing appropriate acknowledgment for donations.

For more information, call Sheri Van Fleet at 614-870-6000 or ElizabethJames13@gmail.com.
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Local agencies have gift ideas for those most in need this Christmas

People need your help. They need the basics: food, clothing, and household items. Without your help, many children will go without Christmas gifts. This year, Catholic Charities is partnering with several organizations to provide that assistance. Here is a list of some of them:

**Catholic Social Services (CSS)**
- Address: 417 E. Gay St., Columbus 43219.
- Phone: (614) 224-3547.
- Website: ccss.org
- CSS is a Catholic social service agency that serves the Diocese of Columbus, assisting impoverished families in meeting their basic needs of food and clothing. Needed items include food pantry items, clothing, or toys.

**St. Stephen’s Community House**
- Address: 1500 E. 17th Ave., Columbus 43219.
- Phone: (614) 241-1567.
- Website: ststephenscommunityhouse.com
- St. Stephen’s Community House is a hub for advancing self-sufficiency in the community. It is committed to assisting residents in the Linden neighborhood of Columbus in building community and individual well-being. It provides residents in maximizing their potential through programs and services such as employment, social development, education, and child care.

**Our Lady of Good Counsel**
- Address: 13780 N. Kenny Rd., Columbus 43234.
- Phone: (614) 252-0731.
- Website: olgc.org
- Our Lady of Good Counsel serves as the extended family for many families, guides individuals toward their potential through programs and services such as employment, education, and child care.

**St. Christopher’s House**
- Address: 2730 N. High St., Columbus 43212.
- Phone: (614) 294-6347.
- Website: stchristophers.org
- St. Christopher’s House is a hub for advancing self-sufficiency in the community. It is committed to assisting residents in the Linden neighborhood of Columbus in building community and individual well-being. It provides residents with programs and services such as employment, education, and child care.

**JOIN (Joint Organization for Needs)**
- Address: 775 S. High St., Columbus 43215.
- Phone: (614) 223-2010.
- Website: http://www.jonohio.org
- JOIN provides services to people in need with emergency needs, such as food, clothing, and more. It offers winter coats, gloves, and hats in 1,000 sizes; peanut butter; jelly; and canned fruit for holiday food baskets; and Walmart gift cards or gift cards for food or toys.

**Pathways to Hope**
- Address: 1100 1st Ave. SE, Columbus 43209.
- Phone: (614) 345-2565.
- Website: pathways-tohope.org
- Pathways to Hope offers emergency financial assistance, including rent and utility assistance, food, toiletries, and household items. The center serves as a Catholic resource for social justice education and advocacy. Learn more about Catholic Charities on socialjustice.ohio.gov to see how your parishes and communities can make a difference in your community and around the world.

**St. Vincent de Paul Society**
- Address: 1490 E. Main St., Columbus 43205.
- Phone: (614) 225-0370.
- Website: svidc.org
- The St. Vincent Family Center serves as a community resource for young pediatric behavioral health care within the Columbus Metropolitan area and the lives of children and families. Its Adopt-A-Family program provides holiday gifts to families for the Christmas season. Your presents may be the only gift for children you would like to support. You can help struggling artisans and families to make a difference in your community and around the world.

**Catholic Charities Office for Social Concerns**
- Address: 417 E. Gay St., Columbus 43219.
- Phone: (614) 241-2540.
- Website: socialconcerns.catholic.org
- The Catholic Charities Office for Social Concerns offers services as the central diocesan agency for social justice education and advocacy. Learn more about Catholic Charities on socialjustice.ohio.gov to see how your parishes and communities can make a difference in your community and around the world.

**Catholic Relief Services**
Catholic Relief Services is the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic Church and operates in 120 countries around the world. Through the CRS Fair Trade crafts, coffee, and chocolate program, you can help struggling artisans and families to make a difference in your community and around the world. The program offers fair trade gifts, through a catalog which includes nearly 1,500 CRS projects that transform people and communities overseas for the long term. You can make gifts online, and tell your loved one how much you care. More details are available at https://gifts.catholicrelief.org.
The new Cardington Sacred Hearts Church was dedicated on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 26. It replaces a church on the same site which was destroyed by fire early in the morning of Nov. 28, 2013, also Thanksgiving Day. The building includes a sanctuary area and a separate social hall.
A statue of St. Joseph and a cross which both survived the fire are pictured above.

More than 250 people filled the pews of the new church, the only Catholic church in Morrow County. Columbus architect William Heyer designed the building, with Corna Kokosing Construction as general contractor.

Bishop Frederick Campbell dedicates the altar in the church's sanctuary. Also pictured are Deacons Todd Tucky (left) and Mike Hood. Msgr. John Bakle, SM, is pastor.
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