“O come, let us adore Him”

Merry Christmas
The celebration of the Christmas mysteries calls all the faithful to share the message of the joy of the birth of our Savior will continue to illumine the hearts and minds of the world around us, however the meaning of the season may fade and pass into memory, the joy of the birth of our Savior will continue to illumine the hearts and minds of all who are open to receive it.
May God bless our families with strength, stability, and love this Christmas! Let us continue to sing and pray as St. Thomas did, recognizing that final, averted, final, and it takes a number of days for Mary and Joseph to realize He is lost. He is separated from His family, and it takes a number of days for Mary and Joseph to realize He is lost. He is separated from His family, diminished. We know there is no better model than the Holy Family of Mary, Joseph, and Jesus, and the critical importance of a strong and healthy family life cannot be overstated. "Her experience will be an asset to the Mount Carmel Foundation," von Zychlin said. "Her leadership and program development expertise will be an asset to the Mount Carmel Foundation."

Mount Carmel Health System announces the appointment of Deana D. Stewart as president and executive director of the Mount Carmel Foundation. "Deana has an extensive knowledge of the Columbus community and is an established leader," said Chuck Scoggins, president and chief executive officer of Mount Carmel Health System. "Her experience will be an asset to the foundation and Mount Carmel Health System overall as we look to continue fulfilling our mission of providing high-quality, patient-centered care." Most recently, Stewart served as assistant vice president of senior development at The Ohio State University, senior director of development at OSU’s John Glenn School of Public Affairs, vice president of strategic customer development at Metax Corp., and sales vice president of ATR Corp.

Mount Carmel Foundation is an Ohio 501(c)(3) organization and serves as the single donation site for Mount Carmel Health System. The foundation is dedicated to funding programs that help thousands of people in central Ohio obtain the care and services they deserve. For more information on the Mount Carmel Foundation, please visit www.mountcarmelfoundation.org.

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Billard St. Brendan School Science Fair is a project-based learning experience that encourages seventh and eighth-grade students to study science, engineering, and technology. Gifts from all anonymous donors whose names were listed in our school's science fair book were Max Bayslett, Scott Bingham, Eli Bowley, Clay Chilinski, Ethan Foltz, Craig Ham- mack, Jarak Kallmenn, and Doraie Searf. Pictured are Clay Chilinski (left) and Jarak Kallmenn.

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Clergy Chefs Will Compete on January 30

Clergy chefs will cook and compete when Clergy Who Cook returns to the Jessen Center at the Pontifical College Josephinum, 3725 N. High St., Colum- bus, on Friday, Jan. 30 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. The Friends of the Josephinum pres- ents this annual and always popular event, which features Columbus diocesan clergy, priests, deacons, and seminarians. The menu changes from year to year, but the tasty offerings are always popular. Proceeds from the event will support the diocese’s pro-life efforts. Proceeds from the event will support the diocese’s pro-life efforts. Proceeds from the event will support the diocese’s pro-life efforts. Proceeds from the event will support the diocese’s pro-life efforts. Proceeds from the event will support the diocese’s pro-life efforts. Proceeds from the event will support the diocese’s pro-life efforts. Proceeds from the event will support the diocese’s pro-life efforts. Proceeds from the event will support the diocese’s pro-life efforts. Proceeds from the event will support the diocese’s pro-life efforts. Proceeds from the event will support the diocese’s pro-life efforts. Proceeds from the event will support the diocese’s pro-life efforts. Proceeds from the event will support the diocese’s pro-life efforts. Proceeds from the event will support the diocese’s pro-life efforts. Proceeds from the event will support the diocese’s pro-life efforts. Proceeds from the event will support the diocese’s pro-life efforts. Proceeds from the event will support the diocese’s pro-life efforts. Proceeds from the event will support the diocese’s pro-life efforts. Proceeds from the event will support the diocese’s pro-life efforts. Proceeds from the event will support the diocese’s pro-life efforts. Proceeds from the event will support the diocese’s pro-life efforts. Proceeds from the event will support the diocese’s pro-life efforts.
Holy Days of Obligation: Praying for Purgatory

**QUESTION & ANSWER**

**by FATHER KENNETH DOYLE**

**Catholic New Service**

What are we going to do about the Holy Days of Obligation? We no longer live in medieval times when a pause in our daily routine for the day. The only people who remember them are the true diehards. Please, encourage your priests and bishops to put the cele-

ation of Holy Days of Obligation on their agendas. It is the solemn obligation of all Catholics to participate in the Eucharist. (Copake, New York)

In the Catholic Church, we have a system of Holy Days of Obligation. In the United States, we have the following Holy Days of Obligation:

- January 1: New Year Day
- January 6: Epiphany
- August 15: Assumption of Mary, Mother of God
- November 1: All Saints’ Day

In the fourth century, the Christian Church established certain days as Holy Days of Obligation, which are days set aside for members of the Church to participate in the Eucharist. These days were intended to help Catholics remember important events in the life of the Church and to reinforce the central message of the Church’s teachings.

For example, January 1 is the New Year Day, which is observed to reflect on the past year and to begin each new year with a reflection on the importance of our faith. On January 6, we celebrate the Epiphany, which commemorates the visit of the Magi to the newborn Jesus. This day is a reminder of the importance of acknowledging Jesus as the Son of God and the Messianic King.

November 1 is All Saints’ Day, which honors all the saints and martyrs of the Church. This day is a reminder of the importance of praying for the souls in purgatory and for those who have already gone to heaven.

The Holy Days of Obligation are important because they remind us of our obligations as Catholics and help us to strengthen our faith. They also provide an opportunity for us to reflect on the teachings of the Church and to renew our commitment to living a faith-filled life.

**Questions may be sent to Father Kenneth Doyle at askfather-
doyle@gmail.com and 40 Hayden St., Albany NY 12208.**

St. Charles ranks 1st in graduation test scores

Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School, with an adjusted performance index score of 116.5, ranked first overall among all 1,008 high schools in Ohio which were included in an analysis of Ohio Graduation Test scores by Gerber Analytics, LLC, of Co-

lumbus. The analysis was based on an adjusted version of a state performance standard for all districts, and for all students for the months of the 2014-03 OGT. The performance index score was developed by the Ohio U.S. Bishops' conference that whenever Jan. 1 falls on a Saturday or a Mon-

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Centering Prayer Workshop

An introduction to Centering Prayer Workshop will take place from 12:15 to 2:15 on Sunday, Jan. 17 at the New Albany Church of the Resurrection, 6301 E. Dublin-

Granville Road.

The workshop, sponsored by Con

templative Outreach Ltd., will be presented by Carol Lemmon and Adele Sheffick, commissioned possessors for the Centering Prayer Center.

Centering prayer is a method of silent prayer which prepares people to receive the gift of contemplative prayer and to experience God’s presence within the heart. The method of prayer is both a relationship

with God and a discipline to foster that relationship. The cost of the workshop is $15. To register, call the church at (614) 855-1401 or send email to i2s.tea@st.com.

For more information about Centering Prayer, please visit www.centeringprayer.com.

Catholic Consumerism:

by Stephanie Rapp

Catholic Banker: A Fair Trade Advocate

As God’s children, we are part of a story that’s called love in voluntary association, in

our families, friends, neighbors, co-workers, and people like us who have never met.

The assumptions around the fair trade enterprise are that we are a community, not

separate commonwealths or shallow distrusts at the heart of so many people, both

nearby and far. On the contrary, it is a firm and persevering determination to commit

ones, close friends, and even strangers in need. The

At the Christmas Foundation this year. Just before Adv

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ance, along with Father David Sizemore of Sunbury

resource to help in achieving this goal: the Amazing

seek to inspire the faithful to get involved.

The Catholic Foundation’s own

pastors advisory council asked us to look for ways

to share with their parishes. This truly is a wonderful

to share with their parishes. This truly is a wonderful

Christmas gift, and I can’t thank our donors enough.

I hope this is just one of many future major initia-

ntes that The Catholic Foundation can use to sup-

port our priests and with the help, your founda-

tion can provide multiple grants to our parishes and

strengthens their communities in whatever way is best for them. It is up to the parishes to determine what they like, but with your help, The Catholic Foundation can help make their vision a reality.

As you make your resolutions for 2015, I encour-
age you to consider whether you can do more to

with other Catholic ministries as part of your estate planning. Most of our parishes and Catholic organizations depend on endowment funds administered by The Catholic Foundation, and if you have not yet said yes, now is the time. We’re here to help you. We’ve also had several field of interest funds that have been developed for special projects and initia-

tes such as the Amazing Parish conference. Please pray about making a contribution to one of our many funds, and for the success of this effort. We need your guidance.

I wish you and yours a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. God bless you.

Brown is the president and chief executive officer of The Catholic Foundation and a parishioner at Granville St. Edward Church.
Students at Delaware St. Mary School had a visit from St. Nicholas on the day before his Dec. 6 feast day. Each class in the school read stories and studied the history of the saint and shared their knowledge with him. Pictured are teacher Paula Reeves and her first-grade class.  

Photo courtesy St. Mary School

Members of Cardington Sacred Hearts Church took part in a live Nativity tableau in downtown Cardington, where they were joined by members of other churches from throughout Morrow County. Sacred Hearts Church is the Catholic church serving Morrow County. Its church building burned to the ground on Thanksgiving Day 2013, and the parish is actively raising funds in other churches from throughout Morrow County. Sacred Hearts Church is the tableau in downtown Cardington, where they were joined by members of Members of Cardington Sacred Hearts Church.  

Photo courtesy Sacred Hearts Church

About six years ago, Amy Knight of Columbus St. Francis of Assisi Church saw a three-piece Nativity set made out of gourds from Peru on display at a local shop. The self-taught artist and longtime preschool teacher (pictured with her work) thought she’d like to make something similar, and began with gourds she formed into Mary, Joseph, and the infant Jesus. Then she found a long, thin gourd which reminded her of a giraffe, which is not an animal one includes in a Nativity scene for her living room, but a friend persuaded her to display it at her parish in 2010. It has about 65 animals, 11 angels, three shepherds, a camel herder, the Holy Family, the three kings, and an Egyptian queen to represent the flight of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph into Egypt. Animals in the scene include a hippo, gazelle, cow, sheep, bull, donkey, and mouse. The original display had about 25 animals, five angels, three kings, and the Holy Family. Today, it includes about 65 animals, 11 angels, three shepherds, a camel herder, the Holy Family, the three kings, and an Egyptian queen to represent the flight of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph into Egypt. Animals in the scene include a hippo, gazelle, wildbeest, zebra, zorba, baboon, and mouse. This year’s additions are a mammoth, shark, honey and badge. Knight keeps accurate details in all the figures, but used no paint, dye, or stain. All the materials are as natural as possible, except for the guards representing the kings’ gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The Nativity scene is in the basement of the church, at 386 Buttles Ave. in Victorian Village, and may be viewed after Masses at 9 and 11 a.m. every Sunday and 6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and by appointment on weekdays through Sunday, Jan. 4, the Feast of the Epiphany. Call the church office at (614) 299-5781 for more information.

CT photos by Tim Puet

Give the gift of “presence” this Christmas

By Sister Constance Veit, LSP

Christmas is the feast of encounter, the celebration of God’s love and mercy. “The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth,” we read in St. John’s Gospel. God became one of us! He united himself to every man, woman, and child in every time and place in Jesus Christ, the sacrament of our encounter with God. Jesus’ coming among us in the incarnation is the ultimate encounter, but the Gospels also present the Nativity as a time full of meaningful human encounters. The first to meet the newborn infant and his parents were the shepherds. They represent the simple and lonely of this world, who are receptive to the Good News because they recognize their poverty and their need for God. The Magi who came from the East represent those with wealth, social standing, or fame. But the Magi, too, were inwardly seized by God and possessed the humility born of faith, which gave them the courage to leave all and undertake a long and arduous journey into the unknown.

The Christmas season traditionally comes to a close with the feast of Jesus’ Presentation in the Temple, the day when Mary and Joseph brought their Son to the Temple for the first time, where they were greeted by the elderly prophets Simeon and Anna. For me, these two figures have always symbolized the countless elderly residents of our homes, who live far from the public eye, but who lift up the world with their sanctified, faith-filled prayers. Unfortunately, many contemporary Simeons and Annas will spend this Christmas alone. In some cases, they have outlived their loved ones, while in others, they have essentially been forgotten by children and grandchildren who are all too caught up in the material pursuits that have come to define Christmas seasons in our culture. The irony is that not only do the elderly deserve our attention and care, but spending time with them would enrich us with the gifts that really matter – unconditional love, wisdom, patience, and kindness.

I would like to suggest that this Christmas, we focus here on ‘presence’ than ‘presents,’ especially in our relationships with the elderly. Whether we consider ourselves poor shepherds or kings of privilege, we have something to give, and much to receive, from our encounters with the elderly.

Here are five practical suggestions for this Christmas season and the new year.

Offer to help an elderly relative or neighbor decorate for Christmas, or offer to drive them to church for all the important celebrations of the holiday.

• Bring a home-cooked meal to an elderly relative or neighbor and take the time to enjoy it with them. Even better, give them the “homemade dinner of the month club” for the coming year.

• Similarly, give older people “a movie of the month club” by inviting them at home once a month for one of their favorite old movies. If your older friend or relative lives in a senior care facility, offer to sponsor a monthly movie night for a group of residents.

• Offer to complete some much-needed home repairs for an elderly loved one or neighbor.

• Ask an older person to teach you how to knit, crochet, bake, or play a favorite card game. Giving them the opportunity to share their experience and expertise will bring them much joy.

• Help a grandparent compile family photos into an album, photo book or video that could be shared with the family as a Christmas gift. You would be helping to create a precious family heirloom.

In giving the gift of “presence” rather than “presents,” you will nurture a spirituality of encounter between the generations by reaching out to the elderly in your midst. In doing so, you will make love incarnate in your midst and experience what Christmas is all about!

Sister Constance Veit is director of communications for the Little Sisters of the Poor.

BISHOP READY ANGEL TREE

Columbus Bishop Ready High School Student Council members are pictured with some of the gifts they were collected as part of the school’s Angel Tree project. In conjunction with the Salvation Army and the Diocese of Columbus, the school collected toys and clothes for children ages one through 14. The gifts, two for each child, were distributed in the Columbus area.
BY TIM PUELT, Catholic Times Reporter

2014 YEAR REVIEW

A mong the highlights of the year 2014 in the Diocese of Colum ban was the arrival of another order of sisters in the diocese. Three members of the Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, which is based in India, took up residence during the summer in the convent at Chillicothe St. Mary Church and began evangelizing in Ross and Pike counties.

This was the third convent to be estab lished in the diocese in two years. Mem bers of the Dominican Sisters of the Immaculate Conception have been living in a converted residence at 957 E. Broad St. in Columbus since September 2013 and working in various locations in and near downtown.

Three sisters from the Missionary Ser vant of the Word established the order's second Columbus convent later that year at Columbus Christ the King Church, where they are working with the parish's large Latino population. Other sisters from that order have been at Columbus St. Stephen Church since 2009 and have been joined there by priests from that order. The parish previously had been staffed by diocesan priests.

A community of six Franciscan Brothers Minor who had been living in Columbus for two years, first at St. James the Less Church and then at Our Lady of Peace Church, moved to South Bend, Indiana, following the end of the school year at the Pontifical College Josephinum, where some of the brothers had been studying for the priesthood.

Bishop Giles Moly, FFSM, said that al though Our Lady of Peace is only five miles from the Josephinum, the comm unating time between the two sites, com pounded by Interstate 270 construction near the college, made it too hard for the brothers to attend classes full-time while maintaining the prayer life called for in the Rule of St. Francis. He said that the trip between their new church home and Holy Cross College in Notre Dame, Ind iana, where the brothers now are study ing, is more manageable.

It was a year of significant change for Columbus Catholic Girls High School, the est est church in the diocese. The church was closed for about two months late in the year. Activities which normally take place there were moved to St. Joseph Cath edral, allowing work on the 118-year old church to proceed faster. The floor in the church's nave was replaced, pews were renovated, new wainscoting was placed in some areas, an LED lighting system was installed, and some painting and carpeting improvements were made. The work did not affect the daily food distribution at St. Lawrence Haven, lo cated in the old Holy Cross School next to the church. The improvements were completed by mid-December, in time for the Filipino Catholic community's annual eight-day Simbang Gabi celebration leading up to Christmas.

It was announced in September that the cathedral and Holy Cross would be clus tered because of demographic changes and changes in the number of priests available to serve the diocese. Father Mi chael Lumpe, rector of the cathedral, was assigned by Bishop Frederick Campbell as pastor at Holy Cross. Fathers Ramon Oweza, CFC, and Augustine Okpe are in residence at Holy Cross, and Fathers Paul Noble and Hilary Ihe reside at the cathedral.

Massing began in July at Mount Ver on St. Vincent de Paul and Downtown St. Luke churches and the Church of the Assumption in Johnsonstown, where Father Mark Hammond is serving as pastor and Father Vincent Nguyen as parochial vicar. There are now 21 parish clusters among the 106 parishes of the diocese, with more to occur as necessary to ad dress changes in diocesan demographics, resources, and needs.

Ground was broken Oct. 1 for the new Carthage Sacred Hearts Church and at tached hall, which will replace a building that burned down on Thanksgiving Day of 2013. The parish is about $225,000 short of raising the funds needed to cover the $2.3 million cost of the building. About $1.2 million was received in an insurance settlement, the parish had $100,000 in re serve funds, and gifts and pledges from parishioners and others totaled $775,000 as of mid-December.

London St. Patrick Church's new parish activity and recreational center was dedicated in January. The $1.8 million project, paid for through donations from parish funds and the return of Bishop's Annual Appeal funds raised by the parish in excess of its goal, includes a gymna sium large enough for the parish to host Di ocesan Recreation Association events, a stage, a concession area, and rest rooms.

St. Vincent Family Center in Columbus broke ground for a 21,000-square-foot addition that will include 17 classrooms for children who attend school at the center, where they receive treatment for behavioral problems. Small, inadequate lit rooms will be replaced with larger rooms and natural lighting, and the addi tion will include a courtyard with a thera peutic play area for children ages three to five.

Catholic Social Services combined with the St. Vincent de Paul Society and local parishes to combine all Catholic outreach services in the Sco to County area under one roof, opening the Mercy House Outreach Center at the former St. Joseph Monastery in Portsmouth on Oct. 1.

Services offered there include emergen cy food assistance, clothing, counseling, and other programs staffed by parish vol unteers. In addition, Catholic Social Ser vices' Portsmouth office will be at the site. Cristo Rey High School students be come Volunteer Ministers for the Diocese's Catholic Men's Luncheon Club for 12 years as assistant superintendent, and more than 55 years with the diocesan Schools Office.

Dr. Christine Wynd became president and dean of the Mount Carmel College of Nursing on July 31. Wynd, who had been dean of the nursing school at Ursuline College in suburban Cleveland, suc ceeded Dr. Ann Schleich, who had been with the Mount Carmel Health System for 53 years, 48 of them with the col legiate. Schleich, now the institution's pres ident emeritus, became its president and dean in 1990 at the time of its transition from a diploma-granting nursing school to a degree-granting college. At the time of her retirement, she was the longest serv ing college or university president in Ohio.

Michael Stickle of Newark Blessed Sacrament Church was selected as di ocesan Catholic Man of the Year by the Catholic Men's Luncheon Club for his multiple activities and maintenance work for the parish and his assistance in helping the Children of Mary com mUNITY.
December was a very productive, very busy month at Wellston Sts. Peter & Paul School. At the beginning of the month, students completed a collection of cards to be sent to soldiers, more than 20 cards for each of the 30 soldiers, which works with adults with special needs, more than 4 dozen for The Rose Center, a domestic violence shelter in McArthur, and more than 50 for the South Jersey Funeral Home. At the beginning of the month, first- and second-graders baked cookies, which resulted in the donation of 14 boxes of food items to the St. Francis Center in McArthur. The following week, students collected donations of new and used toiletries, resulting in the donation of two prizes for the Diocese of Columbus at St. Joseph Cathedral on May 24. Father Cyprian Haddad is a parish priest at Hillard St. Brendan Church, and Father Victor Nguyen is in parochial charge of the new Family Lending Community of Catholic Churches in Mount Vernon, Danville, and Ulica.

Father Paul Shelton, SJ, a Columbus native, was ordained a Jesuit priest on June 24, 1981. He attended the Jesuit novitiate in the Green of Milwaukee by recommendation of the Auxiliary Bishop Richard Skiba. He completed his Jesuit novitiate, which serves a primary role as a Jesuit formation community, in the Pilsen neighborhood of Chicago, serving a parish in that city.

Father Joseph T. Leadley, 64, who was ordained a priest of the Diocese of Columbus and spent most of his career in the military and in Florida, died on June 9 in Sunny City, Florida. He was a priest for 62 years, serving in the Columbus area from 1952-88. He spent 21 years as a chaplain with the Navy and the Marine Corps, including a tour with the aircraft carrier USS Oriskany in the Gulf of Tonkin during the Vietnam War. After retiring from the military in 1976, he served as a rector director in Speaking, Washington, and at several parishes in Florida.

Msgr. Ralph J. Huntertanger, 99, a priest for 54 years, died on July 30. He was pastor at Columbus St. Mary from 1975-94 and spent several years as an educator, serving as a teacher at the former St. Charles Seminary in Columbus from 1954-55 and 1956-65, and principal there from 1968-71, and as spiritual director and pastoral activities director at the Pontifical College Josephinum from 1971-79.

Father William J. Motzger, 77, died on Nov. 11. He was a priest for 65 years, serving as pastor at Columbus Holy Rosary (1976-79), LaSalle St. Joseph (1979-86), Waverly St. Mary (1986-98), and Waverly St. Mary churches from his or - dination to his death, and served as spiritual director and pastoral activi - ties director at the archabbey and its affiliated seminaries.

Mr. Anthony Borrelli, 83, died on Thursday, April 24, about a month after he had announced his retirement from the diocese.

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ST. MARY’S SCHOOL GALA AND AUCTION

The Best House at Conference Park
Saturday January 31 – 6:00 P.M.
Tickets $100 each or $900 for a table of ten.
Ticket includes: parking, cocktails and non-alcoholic beverages, hors d’oeuvres, dinner, and a healthy food cafe.

All fundraising events (festivals, ba
ties, dances, sales, bake sales, soap sales, sun
d sales, etc.) will be placed in the "Classified" section. For more information, contact David Garrett at 614-624-5135.

HAPPENINGS

DECEMBER

1, SATURDAY


2, FRIDAY

Spanish Mass at Columbus St. Peter, 7429 N. High St., Columbus, Ohio 43204. Weekly Spanish Mass, 6 p.m. Parish office at 614-886-8266.

3, SATURDAY


4, SUNDAY

11 a.m., Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refugee Rd., Columbus. Rosary, Liturgy of the Hours, followed by rosary and fellowship. Mass in Spanish.

5, MONDAY


6, TUESDAY

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The 35th season of the Early Music in Columbus concert series continues with The Early Interval in “A British Twelfth Night Celebration” on Saturday, Jan. 3 and Sunday, Jan. 4 at First Congregational Church, 444 E. Broad St., Columbus.

The Jan. 3 concert begins at 8 p.m., with a preliminary lecture at 7:30. The Jan. 4 concert begins at 3:30 p.m., preceded by a lecture at 3. The Early Interval is returning to Britain for its annual celebration of Twelfth Night. “A British Twelfth Night Celebration” will feature music from the 12th through 17th centuries from Great Britain.

Among the selections will be medieval carols; the music of William Byrd; music for a consort of viols by John Dowland and other composers; music from courtly masques; music for two recorders and continuo; and lively English country dances.

The Early Interval will perform vocally and on recorders, bass dulcian, crumhorns, medieval and Renaissance harps, violas da gamba, medieval lute, theorbo, Renaissance and Baroque guitars, rebec, vielle, violin, and pipe and tabor.

Members of The Early Interval are Ron Cook, director, Jim Bates, Janice Cook, Sean Fungyson, Lys Liddell, and Tamara Seckel. The Early Interval will be joined for this concert by bass viol player Matthew Utt.

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

Tickets are $27 general admission, $22 for seniors, and $12 for students, and may be purchased through the website 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.

Columbus St. Andrew School celebrated Las Posadas, a traditional Hispanic depiction of Mary and Joseph’s search to find a place to stay in Bethlehem. Preschool and elementary school students joined together to celebrate. The students learned prayers, songs, and the sign of the cross in Spanish to enhance the celebration.

The Christmas tree and Nativity scene decorate St. Peter’s Square at the Vatican after a lighting ceremony on Dec. 19. New LED lighting also was unveiled on the facade and dome of St. Peter’s Basilica during the ceremony.

Priests offer prayers as worshippers carry bread during a Dec. 12 Mass for around 600 Iraqi Christian refugees at a church in Hazmiyeh, near Beirut. Iraqi Christians who sought refuge in Lebanon after Islamist militants tore through their homeland said they had no idea when they would be able to return.

Devotees take part in the first of a nine-day pre-dawn Mass, locally called “Misa de Gallo,” before Christmas at a church in Manila, the Philippines, on Dec. 16. The Mass is one of the most popular traditions among Filipinos during the Christmas season.
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