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FOR THE BIRTH OF JESUS**

The Editor's Notebook

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed in light

By David Garick, Editor



Advent is here, a season of light. I've always loved the lights that herald the approach of Christmas. When I was a child, my dad would load the family in the car and we would drive around town looking at the beautiful displays of colored lights on homes and stores. We lived in Newark, and the highlight was always the lighting of the county courthouse on the day after Thanksgiving. In a child's eyes, this was really magical. The massive gray stone structure in the middle of the public square suddenly, in the blink of an eye, burst forth in a multitude of glorious color. The message was strong in my mind: Something special was coming and we needed to be alert and excited.

Light catches the eye. It draws attention. It pulls us toward it. During late November and December, the night grows longer, but in that gathering darkness, light shines forth with a wonderful message. In our homes and in our churches, we light the Advent candles one by one, a growing show of light signifying the approach of an event that is out of the ordinary, an event that impacts our lives in an overwhelming way.

During Advent, we call to mind one of the most dramatic and enduring declarations in all of Scripture. The prophet Isaiah cries out, "Prepare the way of the Lord, Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!" That cry is echoed in the New Testament by St. John the Baptist, who tells all who will listen that the day of the Lord has, indeed, come and the promise of Scripture is being fulfilled. If John had the advantage of electricity and brightly colored lights, I am sure he would have used them to

get everyone's attention. This is a message everyone needs to hear.

St. John the Apostle explains it by saying, "The light shines in the darkness and the darkness does not overcome it. A man named John was sent from God. He came to testify to the light. ... He was not the light, but came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world."

Those were dark days indeed. But the light of Christ burst forth and mankind received the greatest gift of all time, God himself came into the world in human form and, through his own sacrifice, provided a means for each of us to live with him eternally. This is a message that needs to be in lights.

We continue to live in dark times. Our world is burdened by a society that rejects God and papers over God's glorious creation with bland secularism, conventional wisdom, and reliance on man to solve the problems that man himself creates. The forces of evil are at work in the world, spreading death and destruction with acts of terrorism, much of it aimed at Christians. At Advent, we again see the lights that call out the good news that salvation is at hand. Like John the Baptist, we must not fear the power of evil that surrounds us. We must stand up in that light and proclaim the words of the prophet: "The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together." He tells us to go to a high mountain and spread the good news, to "cry out at the top of your voice. ... Here is your God! Here comes with power the Lord God!"



FATHER BERNARD J. McCLORY
PASSED AWAY ON
NOVEMBER 21, 2015



Funeral Mass for Father Bernard J. McClory, 88, who died Saturday, Nov. 21, was held Wednesday, Nov. 25 at Columbus St. Leo Church. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus.

He was born Oct. 31, 1927, in Columbus to Bernard and Ethel (DeVault) McClory.

He graduated from the college and philosophy program at the former St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Columbus in 1949, completing his theology studies and earning a licentiate in sacred theology at the Catholic University of America in 1953 and 1954, respectively. He was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Michael Ready on May 30, 1953, in Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral.

He served on a number of diocesan boards, committees, and commissions, and also served in several parishes, his last assignment being as pastor of St. Leo Church. He retired in 1997.

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Advent begins on Sunday, Nov. 29. The Advent wreath, with a candle marking each week of the season, is a traditional symbol of the period.

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Keep Christ in Christmas, fight pressure to conform to world, pope says

By Carol Glatz

Catholic News Service

Keeping the "Christ" in "Christmas" is part of not giving in to pressure to conform to the "norm" and become like nonbelievers, Pope Francis said in a morning homily.

Giving in to the things of the world is like saying, "Let's put our ID up for auction. We are the same as everyone," the pope said.

Celebrating an early morning Mass on Nov. 16, Pope Francis warned against the very small, hidden way worldliness takes root in a culture and leads to apostasy and religious persecution.

In fact, "the liturgy in these final days of the liturgical year" urges people to be careful of the "poisonous roots" that lead people away from God, he said.

The pope focused on the day's reading from the First Book of the Maccabees, in which many "children of Israel" wanted an alliance with the Gentiles in order to be better protected. They abandoned their religious practices and covenant with God and took to the pagan ways of the Gentiles.



The pope said the reading showed how the king's order to create one identical people led to apostasy.

"In the history of the church, in history, we have seen -- I'm thinking of one example -- how the name of religious holidays has been changed --

Christmas has another name, in order to erase identity."

This new "humanism" in which differences are not accepted leads to religious persecution, the pope said, as the day's first reading shows how those who were determined to keep to their

religious practices were condemned to death by royal decree.

"It begins with a root, it's small, and it ends in the abomination of desolation, in persecution. This is the deceit of worldliness," he said.

Today, too, there is pressure from "this humanism that comes to take the place of the true man, Jesus Christ, that comes to take away our Christian identity and leads us to a single way of thinking: 'Everyone does it this way, why not us?'"

He said people today must ask themselves, "What is my identity? Christian or worldly? Or do I say I'm a Christian because I was baptized as a baby and I was born in a Christian nation where everyone is a Christian?"

Worldliness seeps into one's life very slowly and then grows, it seems justified and backed by sound reason, "and in the end it contaminates, and many evils come from there," he said.

The pope asked people to pray that God protect them from taking on a worldly mentality and the desire to be "normal" and like everyone else. He also asked that the church always keep its identity grounded in Jesus.

High court's ruling prompts bishops' pastoral plan for family, marriage

By Carol Zimmermann

Catholic News Service

As a way to move forward in response to the Supreme Court's ruling on same-sex marriage this year, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops is planning to develop a pastoral plan for marriage and family life.

Plans for the document were announced by Bishop Richard J. Malone of Buffalo, New York, chairman of the bishops' committee on laity, marriage, family life, and youth on Monday, Nov. 16 in Baltimore during an afternoon session at the USCCB's annual fall general assembly.

Archbishop Salvatore J. Cordileone of San Francisco, chairman of the bishops' subcommittee for the promotion and defense of marriage, said the Supreme Court's decision was a "great disappointment," but was not unexpected.

In comments from the floor about the court's decision and how the



Bishop Richard J. Malone of Buffalo, New York, speaks during a news conference on Nov. 16 during the 2015 fall general assembly of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. CNS photo/Bob Roller

church should proceed, Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann of Kansas City, Kansas, said Catholic leaders need to approach the court's decision much like they did the *Roe v. Wade* Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion. He said the church has been active in advocacy work and in getting its pro-life message public.

Bishop R. Daniel Conlon of Joliet,

Illinois, similarly said the court's decision opened up opportunities for catechesis.

Bishop Jaime Soto of Sacramento, California, said the church also needs to look at economic reasons for why people aren't marrying and to reach out to these couples.

In a report on this year's observance of the Fortnight for Freedom, Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, chairman of the ad hoc committee for religious liberty, told the assembled bishops that the theme for 2016 will be "Witnesses to Freedom."

"The fortnight gives us an opportunity to remember those witnesses past and present through the church, witnesses who testify to the meaning of freedom of conscience and the obedience of the truth," he said.

The two-week event will include a nationwide tour of first-class relics of St. Thomas More and St. John Fisher, both of whom were martyred

for their faith.

Archbishop Lori said details of the tour have yet to be arranged, and that a schedule will be distributed when it is finalized.

The committee is producing a video on religious liberty that can be used by small parish groups and family gatherings to learn about the importance of religious liberty, the archbishop added.

The video's release will coincide with 50th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council's declaration on religious freedom, *Dignitatis Humanae*.

An excerpt of the video was shown to the assembly and received a loud round of applause afterward.

Companion study guides and discussion questions are being developed to coincide with the release, the archbishop said.

The effort is being worked on in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus.

PRACTICAL STEWARDSHIP

By Rick Jeric

Awake

Are we all faithfully and confidently enrolled in our Catholic faith? As we begin Advent, I want to share daily reflections based upon each day's Gospel. With thanks to my friend and colleague in Great Britain, Teresa Keogh, I hope you find these supportive of your daily prayer life. Our practical challenge is to reflect on these for a few minutes each day.



First Sunday of Advent: "Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man" (Luke 21:36). As we begin our Advent journey, we are reminded of the promise that one day, Our Lord will return. What if that happened today? How would I deal with meeting the Lord face to face? We are called to be ever watchful in mind and deed, to love one another, and to live the kind of life that God wants us to live. Today, I will ask for the grace to help me stay on the right path that leads to God.

First Monday: "Follow me," says the Lord, "and I will make you fishers of men" (Matthew 4:19). Today is the feast of St. Andrew, a disciple of Jesus, who was a fisherman by trade. He was called by Jesus to follow Him so that he in turn would lead others to Jesus and be a 'fisher of men.' We, too, are called to follow Jesus and lead others to Him, by showing our love for the Lord and our love for each other. I will try to live this day by being conscious that the Lord is in each person I meet.

First Tuesday: "Happy the eyes that see what you see, for I tell you that many prophets and kings wanted to see what you see and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it" (Luke 10:23). Advent is the season of waiting. This Gospel verse speaks of people who waited. We are blessed that Jesus revealed some of the mysteries of God's kingdom to us. In this Advent season, we wait in hope — hope for Christ's coming among us at Christmas and for His return at the end of time. I will try to be a witness to that hope within me to at least one person today.

First Wednesday: "Large crowds came to Him bringing the crippled, the blind, the dumb, and many others; these they put down at His feet, and He cured them" (Matthew 15:30). The waiting in Advent gives us all time to stand back and take stock of our lives. Which parts of me are hurting and in need of God's healing touch? Who have I hurt? Come before Jesus in your brokenness. Try to spend some time sitting with Him today and reflect upon His compassion and healing touch. Today, I will be aware of my own brokenness and that of others, and place it in Jesus' hands.

First Thursday: "Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like a sensible man who built his house on rock" (Matthew 7:24). What are the foundations on which my life is built? To what extent do I live by the Word of God? To what extent do I follow the life and example of Jesus? Are my foundations firm? I will identify one thing in my life that leads me away from God. I will make a realistic plan of how I can change so my life is built on a firm foundation.

First Friday: "Do you believe I can do this? They said, 'Sir, we do' ... and their sight returned" (Matthew 9:28-29). We all have blind spots — areas in our lives that are perhaps too comfortable. Today, we might look courageously at a blind spot in our lives and ask Jesus to help us overcome it. Perhaps we could think about how we steward our material possessions or our time. Is there an opportunity today to act differently? I will consciously look at how I spend money and time today and not be blind to how I use these gifts.

First Saturday: "And when He saw the crowds, He felt sorry for them" (Matthew 9:36). Here we have a glimpse of the compassion of Jesus. What is it like to imagine Jesus looking at me with compassion? Spend a few minutes in that compassionate gaze. I will consciously reach out with the gift of God's compassion and mercy to a person in need today.

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

Year of Mercy Conference

To mark the Dec. 8 beginning of the Jubilee Year of Mercy proclaimed by Pope Francis, a Year of Mercy conference will take place from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5 at the Holy Family Soup Kitchen, 57 S. Grubb St., Columbus.

The keynote speaker will be Father Dermot Roache, SMA, of Brooklyn, New York, a member of the Society of African Missions and founder of the worldwide Divine Mercy Family Apostolate. He will speak on "The Image of Divine Mercy and the Role of Divine Mercy in Healing Families."

His talk at 2 p.m. will be followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 3, praying of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3:15, a gathering with some of the homeless people served by the mis-

sion at 4, dinner with them at 4:30, and distribution of clothes, sleeping bags, and blankets to them at 5:30. Brenden O'Rourke will provide praise and worship music throughout the day.

Father Roache will speak at all the Masses on Sunday, Dec. 6 at Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St., and will offer reflections on Divine Mercy following the 11 a.m. Mass. Confessions will be heard at this time, followed by the Rosary and the Chaplet.

Winter clothing and sleeping bags to be distributed at the event may be dropped off during the coming week at Holy Family Church. For more information, contact Tim McAndrew at (614) 565-8654 or mcandrewfourlife@att.net or the Holy Family office at (614) 221-4323, extension 103.

Holiday Art Market

Ohio Dominican University will host its 15th annual holiday art market from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3 in the Bishop Griffin Student Center on ODU's main campus, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus.

This event will feature a variety of items handcrafted by ODU students, faculty, staff, and local artists.

Items for sale will include jewelry, pottery, prints, paintings, and paper crafts.

The university also will open a new exhibit titled "Hope is the Thing with Feathers" at 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4 in the

Wehrle Gallery of Wehrle Hall.

The exhibit will continue through Sunday, Jan. 31, 2016. It will be open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free.

The exhibit will feature works created by ODU faculty, staff, and friends inspired by the avian world.

A range of media will be featured, from the stained glass of Dr. John Mascasine, associate professor of education, to the watercolor cranes of Dede Shine, ODU's director of international education.

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Columbus St. Anthony School students (from left) Stacy Sackey, Leia Riley, and A'aliyah Koroma have fun at the St. Anthony Bowling Lathon, a fundraising event at HPL Bowling Center which benefited the school.

Photo courtesy St. Anthony School

Diocese of Columbus Child Protection Plan

It is the goal of the Diocese of Columbus to make the Church a place of safety: a place of prayer, ministry and comfort. Everyone who enters our churches, schools, or facilities must be confident in this. Not one child or young person should suffer from abuse while at Church. In order to assure the safety of our youth, the Diocese of Columbus has enacted a complete program of protection. As part of this program, the Diocese of Columbus will provide appropriate, just, and pastoral care for anyone who has suffered the crime of sexual abuse of a minor at the hands of diocesan clergy or church employees or volunteers. The Diocese of Columbus will report any and all allegations of abuse reported to it to the authorities and will cooperate fully with those authorities.

Help is available: The Diocese of Columbus wants to hear from anyone who has suffered. If you wish to report an allegation of abuse or need pastoral and/or clinical care in order to begin or continue the process of healing from sexual abuse as a child at the hands of a member of the clergy or a church employee or volunteer, simply call the diocesan Victims' Assistance Coordinator. You can find contact information at the bottom of this notice. If you wish to receive a copy of the diocesan complaint form or any of the diocesan policies and procedures, simply call the number below or visit the diocesan web site at www.colsdioc.org

To contact the diocesan Victim's Assistance Coordinator, call:
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Holy Door Closing

Celebration of the Jubilee Year of Mercy in the Diocese of Columbus will begin Sunday, Nov. 29, the First Sunday of Advent, during the 10:30 a.m. Mass at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St. Bishop Frederick Campbell will ceremonially close two main doors of the church, which will remain shut for two weeks.

The doors have been designated as the diocese's Holy Doors for the Year of Mercy.

They will be "sealed" with the papal coat of arms and the coat of arms of the diocese and the bishop on each side. The door handles will be wrapped together with ribbon and sealed with the Holy Year logo.

Bishop Campbell will break the seal and open the doors at the cathedral's 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, Dec. 13. In the words of Pope Francis, "On that day, the Holy Door will become a Door of Mercy through which anyone who enters will experience the love of God who consoles, pardons, and instills hope."

Wilderness Outreach Hike

This year's Wilderness Outreach Adventure hike for men and boys will take place Saturday, Dec. 19 at Tar Hollow State Park, 16396 Tar Hollow Road, Laurelville.

Participants can choose between doing a 10-mile morning hike, a six-mile afternoon hike, or both.

The morning hike will begin at 7:30 a.m. with Morning Prayer at the big shelterhouse. It will take place on the northern loop of the Logan Trail.

The afternoon hike will start from the big shelterhouse around noon and proceed on the Ross Hollow Trail.

The big shelterhouse will serve as a base camp where the men will be treated to a roaring fire in the large stone fireplaces, coffee, hot chocolate, lunch, and supper.

Starting around 4 p.m., the men will gather for an evening that will include Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, celebration of the vigil Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Advent, and fellowship. Supper will be served and fellowship will proceed until 8 or 9 p.m.

Anyone who would prefer to just hang around a fire in the back country is also welcome. Men are needed to help stoke the fires and fix food and

The cathedral doors will remain open for the entire year so that pilgrims may enter and gain a plenary indulgence, which removes all temporal punishment for already forgiven sins, provided that the recipient fulfill the conditions of making a sacramental confession, receiving holy Communion, and praying for the pope's intentions, with all attachment to sin being absent.

The Year of Mercy will begin on Tuesday, Dec. 8, when Pope Francis opens the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica, and will continue until Sunday, Nov. 20, 2016, the Feast of Christ the King.

The pope has asked every diocese around the world to designate a door in its cathedral as a Holy Door to allow everyone to participate in and obtain the indulgences promised for the Jubilee Year.

More information on the celebration of the Year of Mercy in the diocese will appear in next week's *Catholic Times*.

hot drinks. Boys below the age of 18 must be accompanied by their father or legal guardian. The cost is a free-will donation.

If you are interested in helping or participating, contact John Bradford at (614) 679-6761 or john@wildernessoutreach.net

One week earlier, on Saturday, Dec. 12 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wilderness Outreach will sponsor its annual firewood fundraiser at 537 Tarkiln Road S.E., Lancaster. Tarkiln Road is near the southern end of the U.S. 33 bypass south of Lancaster.

From the bypass, take Tarkiln Road west or right and go one-and-three-fourths miles; on the left, look for a lake and a cluster of mailboxes. Make a hard left and take the road over the dam. Look for the signs.

Firewood will be cut, split, and loaded into your vehicle. All reasonable free-will donations will be accepted. Those in need will be given special consideration.

Fathers and sons are encouraged to attend to help. A special prep day will take place on Nov. 28.

For information, contact Bradford at the phone number or address listed above.

Selling in church; Interest on loans prohibited?



QUESTION & ANSWER

by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE
Catholic News Service

Q. I am wondering about church law (and your own feelings) on people coming to Mass and being confronted every week with different parish clubs and organizations trying to sell something.

In my parish on any given Sunday, there might be as many as three “sales” going on before and after Mass. (A couple of weeks ago, we even had a woman walking up and down the church aisle selling candy bars.)

I’ve always thought that we go to Mass to show our reverence for the Lord and not to walk into a flea market. (Upstate New York)

A. From time to time, I have heard people decry the practice of selling anything on church property -- with the claim that it violates the direct teaching of Jesus, who is seen (in all four Gospels) evicting moneychangers from the temple.

A careful reading of those Gospel accounts, though, shows a more nuanced lesson: What troubled Jesus was not the practice itself but the fact that the merchants were defrauding people -- selling sacrificial animals at considerable personal profit or exchanging money at an extortionate rate.

The transactions themselves were understandable: Worshippers making their annual pilgrimage to Jerusalem’s sacred site could not be expected to carry sheep with them from a considerable distance, and the Roman currency of the realm was not acceptable for paying the temple tax.

How, then, does the action of Jesus translate to the current practice you reference -- selling food, religious books or tapes, raffle tickets, etc., in the gathering area (lobby) of the church? Note that I said the “gathering area.” Walking down the church aisle selling candy bars is, I agree, outrageous.

To your question, I am not aware of any church “laws” that relate to this, and there is certainly no absolute prohibition against it. Rather, it is, I believe, a matter of balance and discretion. From time to time in our parish, I have approved the sale of merchandise as people exit Mass -- handmade goods crafted by poor people from around the world; coffee to support efforts to raise people out of poverty; even, on occasion, Girl Scout cookies to support a local troop or tickets to an upcoming Christmas dinner for parish seniors.

I do, however, have rules. It should only happen occasionally and there should never be multiple sales on the same day (parishioners should not be made to “run the gauntlet” as though they were in a shopping mall). Also, it should be done as people exit Mass, not as they arrive.

I have two other concerns. First, we often have visitors to the parish, including non-Catholics who

have sometimes absorbed the myth that the Catholic Church cares most about raising money. I don’t want to foster that myth.

And I also have a philosophical concern: Rampant consumerism dominates America. Rather than promote it, I would prefer to create a space and a time on Sunday mornings for people to be free of the pressure to buy something.

Q. I am a 20-year-old Catholic from the United Kingdom who happened to stumble on your “Ask a Priest” page, and I am hoping that you can answer my question. I have always heard that usury is a sin, but I’m not sure exactly what usury is. Is it any interest on a loan or just an excessively high interest rate (more than just to cover the cost of handling the loan)? And if charging interest is a sin, can a Catholic morally take out loans which have interest, such as mortgages or student loans -- or even own a bank account which pays a small amount of interest? (London)

A. In modern times, usury is thought of as exploiting the poor by lending money at an exorbitant rate of interest. But for the first 1,500 years of the church, it was taken to mean charging any interest at all, and was generally condemned by church fathers, popes and councils. The history of how the current position evolved is a long, complicated one, and conflicting statements sometimes can be found.

In the Gospel of Luke (6:35), Jesus says, “Love your enemies and do good to them, and lend expecting nothing back.” Situated in the passage on the Beatitudes, this would seem to be an appeal for Christian generosity, rather than a proclamation on the intrinsic immorality of interest-taking.

In fact, in the parable of the talents, Jesus criticizes the “lazy” servant for failing to invest money where it could have borne interest (Matthew 25:14-30).

In the largely agrarian society of medieval Europe, lending money involved the few rich people making loans to their dirt-poor neighbors for basic needs such as food or winter clothing. In such circumstances, it was thought to be wrong to profit from another’s distress.

By 1515, though, usury had acquired a more nuanced definition, as stated by the Fifth Lateran Council: “That is the real meaning of usury: when, from its use, a thing which produces nothing is applied to the acquiring of gain and profit without any work, any expense or any risk.”

Moralists were slowly beginning to see that the borrower could legitimately be charged for the opportunity foregone by the lender to use the money himself and also for the risk that the lender might never get his money back.

So to sum up, charging a moderate rate of interest is permitted by the church. Mortgages and student loans meet the test, as does gaining interest on a bank deposit.

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



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‘Rest in Beauty’ Retreat

A retreat for caregivers, focusing on healing the wounds of compassion fatigue and titled “Rest in Beauty,” will take place from 12:30 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5 in the ballroom of the conference center at Columbus State Community College, 315 Cleveland Ave.

Free parking is available in the school’s lots, located across the street from Columbus St. Patrick Church and elsewhere. Following the retreat will be an opportunity for spiritual reflection including prayer, praise, and worship, or Eucharistic adoration and confession at the church, 280 N. Grant Ave. The church’s regular Saturday evening Mass will be at 5 p.m.

Lunch will not be provided, although attendees are welcome to bring a sack lunch. Registration will start at noon. Advance registration and sponsorship opportunities are available at www.gcrtl.org/retreat.

The event is being sponsored by Greater Columbus Right to Life, with support from the diocesan Office for Social Concerns. The keynote speak-

er will be Sister Mary Frances Seeley, OSF, executive director of The Upper Room crisis hotline in Joliet, Illinois. She is a nationally known speaker on compassion fatigue and ministry burnout. Father Joshua Wagner, pastor of Columbus Holy Rosary-St. John and St. Dominic churches, will present a talk on “Purpose, Presence, Focus, and Momentum.”

The retreat is open to all, but will be focused on caregivers, volunteers, and people who work in ministry-related professions and have been feeling spiritually or emotionally burnt out. Its theme evokes the words of St. Augustine, who said, “You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you,” and “O Beauty ever ancient, ever new, late have I loved you.”

Compassion fatigue is often defined as a secondary post-traumatic stress disorder among people who are first responders. In recent years, the concept has been expanded to include those who work in emotionally charged environments that are

high-pressure or that frequently experience loss or privation -- people such as social workers or emergency health care providers.

Often, people who see themselves as caretakers find great joy in caring for others and helping them through difficult moments, but that same dedication to a helping field can also take its toll on their physical, mental, and social well-being.

Each time we seek to right a wrong, we are coming in confrontation with privation and evil, and through that confrontation, we are wounded. Those wounds invite fatigue, burnout, and other barriers to continuing in ministry. Left unaddressed, they sometimes can lead to hurting the people we most desire to help.

As Christians, we are called to seek justice, feed the hungry, defend the widows and orphans, and help the afflicted and the poor. We do that best when we are spiritually and emotionally healthy and prepared to stay that way. The retreat is designed to help promote that condition.

St. Agatha Anniversary

Columbus St. Agatha Church, 1860 Northam Road, will conclude its 75th anniversary celebration with a Mass celebrated by Bishop Frederick Campbell at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 6. That date was chosen because it is close to Dec. 1, the day the first Mass was celebrated in the original church in 1940.

Former pastors and associate pastors will be celebrating with the bishop. A reception to follow in the parish hall will include the showing of a video history of the parish compiled by Doug Haas.

The parish grounds have been at the same location since the church was founded on what at the time was 19 acres of forest and swampland. A school was started in 1941, and the current church was dedicated in 1964, with a major expansion occurring in 1994.

Today, the church is at the center of life in the city of Upper Arlington, and the former farmland adjacent to it has been developed for decades and includes homes, Northam Park, Tremont Elementary School, and the city senior center and library.

Father Daniel Ochs has been pastor since 2007 and is only the fifth pastor in the church’s history. The others are the late Msgr. George Kennedy (1940-78), the late Msgr. Kenneth Grimes (1978-86), Msgr. Frank Meagher (1986-95), and Msgr. David Funk (1995-2007). The school recently was selected by the U.S. Department of Education to receive its National Blue Ribbon School honor for the second time.

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VETERANS REMEMBERED IN DIOCESAN SCHOOLS

Lancaster St. Bernadette School students dressed in red, white, and blue in honor of Veterans' Day, while samples of students' patriotic essays and artwork decorated the hallways. Students and teachers, with the assistance of the Blue Star Mothers, are collecting items that will be included in Christmas care packages for local servicemen and women. Student artwork and essays also will be sent in the packages.

Photo courtesy St. Bernadette School



The morning of Veterans Day, Wednesday, Nov. 11, was very foggy, but that didn't prevent students at Somerset Holy Trinity School from honoring local veterans. The men talked about the history of the American flag and how to care for it, and demonstrated how to raise the flag, retire it, and fold it. Holy Trinity graduate Steve Shumaker read the poem "I Believe in America." Photos courtesy Holy Trinity School



Army National Guard Staff Sgt. Robert "Bo" Janey and Logan St. John School student Shane Blevins shake hands following a Veterans Day program at Worthington Park in Logan attended by students at the school. Janey has served for 16 years with the Guard, including time in Iraq and Afghanistan and with homeland security in Washington, D.C., and currently serves as a recruiter. His nephew is Parry Boyle, a fifth-grade student at the school.

Photo courtesy St. John School



Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School seniors (from left) Gabby Morgan, Jenna Nie, Matt Bidni, and Ragan Tuffey at the school's Veterans Day flag raising ceremony. All hope to continue their education at a military academy next fall. The ceremony took place before the start of classes on Wednesday, Nov. 11. The school band played and students and school staff members placed flags in the school's front lawn, creating a field of heroes. Photo courtesy St. Francis DeSales High School



No One Should Have No One at Christmas

By Sister Constance Veit, LSP

Each year, British retailer John Lewis creates a seasonal buzz with its creative, emotionally charged Christmas advertisements. This year, the department store chain has teamed with Age UK, Great Britain's largest charity for senior citizens, to raise funds and awareness of the scourge of loneliness among the elderly today. The heart-wrenching commercial depicts a young girl reaching out to an elderly "Man on the Moon" and ends with a simple, yet haunting slogan: "No one should have no one at Christmas."

What does a British ad campaign have to do with us? When I saw the ad, it struck me how much it is in synch with Pope

Francis' repeated appeals on behalf of the eldest members of our society. "It's brutal to see how the elderly are thrown away," he proclaimed earlier this year. "It is a brutal thing, it is a sin!" Pope Francis recounted a visit he paid to a retirement home one August. He met a woman who told him about her large family, and when he asked her about the last time her children had come to visit she replied, "for Christmas." "Eight months without being visited by her children — abandoned for eight months!" he exclaimed. "This is called mortal sin!"

Our Holy Father issued a similar plea during the Festival of Families in Philadelphia earlier this year: "We have

to care in a special way for children and for grandparents. ... Taking care of grandparents and taking care of children is the sign of love — I'm not sure if it is the greatest, but for the family I would say that it is the most promising — because it promises the future. A people incapable of caring for children and caring for the elderly is a people without a future, because it lacks the strength and the memory needed to move forward."

Christmas is the perfect time to take our Holy Father's urgings to heart. The holidays can be lonely and stressful for many people — even more so for the elderly who have limited mobility and limited resources, who have outlived their loved ones, or who have been virtually forgotten by children and grandchildren caught up in the material distractions that have come to define the Christmas season in our culture. The irony is that not only do the elderly deserve our attention and care, but spending time with them can enrich us

even more than it does them.

Pope Francis suggests that cultivating meaningful family relations is not as complicated as we might think. "Love is shown by little things," he said during his final homily in America. Such simple gestures "get lost amid all the other things we do, yet they do make each day different. They are the quiet things done by mothers and grandmothers, by fathers and grandfathers, by children, by brothers and sisters. They are little signs of tenderness, affection, and compassion. ... Like a blessing before we go to bed, or a hug after we return from a hard day's work. Love is shown by little things, by attention to small daily signs which make us feel at home."

Age UK and other charities devoted to the elderly began reporting a significant upswing in donations and gestures of solidarity toward the elderly as soon as the John Lewis ad appeared on television and social media. If a secular ad campaign can inspire thousands of people in Great Britain to be more attentive to lonely seniors this Christmas, how much more should Pope Francis' words and example during his visit to the United States motivate us to reach out to the elderly with our caring presence this Christmas and throughout the new year dedicated to mercy. Such familial love and solidarity would be a most beautiful and lasting fruit of Pope Francis' first visit to our nation. Let's make sure that no one has no one this Christmas!

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



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ADVENT ONCE AGAIN

By Father Eugene Hemrick
Catholic News Service

If we are receiving Christ regularly in the Eucharist, why do we need Advent? Isn't his coming into our life an endless Advent?

To answer this, we need to ask why we celebrate birthdays. No doubt it is to revel in the first moment we entered this life. Although birth is a once-in-a-lifetime event, celebrating its precious moment calls for heartwarming repetition.

Birthdays are a special time for gathering with loved ones, prizing the community we inherited, and being grateful for the nourishing relationships we enjoy.

Like a memorable birthday, Advent is an opportunity to once again reflect on that precious moment when we were born and God came into our lives. It is also a time to reflect on the wonderful supportive relationships that have sustained us.

Advent is likewise a call to renew our awesomeness in being selected to be a participant in God's creation. As wonderful as is receiving the Eucharist repeatedly, it can become perfunctory and lose some of its awesomeness. Special moments of gratitude, such as Advent, need to be generated to deepen our awesomeness.

Advent encourages us to examine Christ's impact on our life more closely. Has our understanding of

him during the year caused us to grow in exemplifying his example?

Pope Francis points out in his encyclical *Laudato Si'* that our world is interconnected by the laws of nature with which God endowed it. Advent encourages us to recall how these interconnecting laws sustain our life. It is a time to appreciate the world's interconnectedness, the beauty of nature it generates, and the horn of plenty it provides.

Most important, Advent is an opportunity to reflect on the depth of our loving service and how well we have imitated Christ's unselfish love in dying for us.

Celebrations like Advent are essential to lives that sometimes get distracted, preventing us from getting as close as we should to Christ. It is an opportunity to counter our hurried environment and leave it behind for a moment.

In his book, *Leisure: The Basis of Culture*, author Josef Pieper highlights the importance of gazing in a way in which distractions are minimal and we make time for one person. In the case of Advent, the person we make time for is Christ. We put other things aside to focus on Christ and his birth and existence. No better joy exists than cultivating this intimacy.

Simply put, this relationship helps us achieve a sacramental union, and that is the heart of Advent's purpose.

Churches and other organizations throughout the Diocese of Columbus will be conducting special holiday programs and collecting goods for the needy throughout the Advent and Christmas seasons. In addition to the events listed, a number of parishes have scheduled penance services at various times throughout the season.

The following is a sampling of seasonal events in the diocese:

Buckeye Lake Our Lady of Mount Carmel – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by prayer service, Sundays, Nov. 29 and Dec. 6, 13, and 20, 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.

Chillicothe St. Peter – Gifts will be collected for nursing home residents and teenagers and for patients at the Veterans Administration hospital in Chillicothe. Parish knitting group is making gifts for homebound parishioners.

Columbus Corpus Christi – Quiet mornings and evenings of reflection, led by center coordinator Anita Davidson, Mondays, Nov. 30 and Dec. 7, 14, and 21, 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Morning and evening sessions are identical. Holiday benefit concert with local choirs, guest musicians, and soloists, co-sponsored by Edgewood Civic Association, Sunday, Dec. 6, 3:30 p.m.

Columbus Holy Cross – *Simbang Gabi*, a Filipino Christmas tradition, featuring celebration of Mass for nine consecutive days, Tuesday, Dec. 15 to Wednesday, Dec. 23, 7:30 p.m. The Dec. 23 Mass will be at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral, followed by a potluck in the cathedral undercroft.

Columbus Our Lady of Victory – Concert featuring Advent and Christmas music from various

traditions and styles, featuring parish choir and an orchestra, Sunday, Dec. 13, 3 p.m.

Columbus St. Elizabeth – “Silent Night, with St. Nicholas” concert, featuring parish adult and children's choirs, Sunday, Dec. 6, 3 p.m. Anointing of the Sick following 5:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday, Dec. 12 and 9 and 11 a.m. Masses on Sunday, Dec. 13. Evening Prayer, followed by Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, Dec. 13, 5:30 to 7 p.m. Parishioners will place a piece of straw in the empty parish manger each Advent weekend for every act of kindness and mercy they have performed for others, providing a soft bed of straw for the infant Jesus. Parish St. Vincent de Paul Society is distributing 101 Christmas bags to be filled with essential-care items for needy community members, who will receive them at a private concert by the choir off-site. Giving Tree has 200 ornaments representing gifts to be given to children through St. Vincent Family Center.

Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral – Lessons and carols with cathedral choir and chamber orchestra, Sunday, Dec. 13, 3 p.m. Giving Trees provide items for residents of Bryden Place nursing home and gift cards for Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs, and assistance for families of cathedral and Columbus Holy Cross Church parishioners.

Columbus St. Mary – Annual Columbus Maennerchor holiday concert, with parish organist Bill Antoniak and parish handbell choir, Sunday, Dec. 6, 4 p.m., with German Village Lights event following at 5. Christmas performance by St. Mary middle school students, Thursday, Dec.

17, 7 p.m. Parish Adopt-A-Family campaign began on the weekend of Nov. 21 and 22, with gifts and cards due Sunday, Dec. 13.

Columbus St. Patrick – Sung Advent Vespers, Sundays, Nov. 29, Dec. 6, and Dec. 20, 7 p.m. Advent lessons and carols, Sunday, Dec. 13, 7 p.m.

Columbus St. Peter – 40 Hours of Eucharistic Adoration, Thursday, Dec. 3 at 3 p.m. to Saturday, Dec. 5 at 7 p.m. in day chapel. Carol festival with all parish choirs, Sunday, Dec. 19, 7 p.m., admission one can of food. Adopt-A-Child program benefits Columbus Holy Rosary-St. John Church and the Homeless Families Foundation.

Columbus St. Thomas More Newman Center – Eighth annual “Blue Christmas” Liturgy of Hope for people who may not be feeling joyful during the holidays or may be experiencing life challenges, Wednesday, Dec. 24, 8 p.m.

Dover St. Joseph – Caroling for homebound parishioners, Sunday, Dec. 6. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Tuesday, Dec. 8, from end of 6 p.m. Mass to 1 a.m. Dec. 9. Advent and Christmas lessons and carols, with choirs from other area churches joining parish choir, Sunday, Dec. 13, 6 p.m. Giving Tree benefits local Share-A-Christmas fund and needy parish families.

Granville St. Edward – Four-week Advent challenge by adult faith formation ministry. Themes: Nov. 29, pray the rosary; Dec. 6, focus on the Sacrament of Reconciliation; Dec. 13, do acts of service; Dec. 20, discover new prayers. Faith formation ministry also is distributing copies of Matthew Kelly book *Rediscovering Jesus*. St.

Vincent de Paul Society sponsors Giving Tree for families and, as part of Catholic Social Services Baskets of Love program, for homebound seniors.

Lancaster St. Mark – Eighth annual Christmas cantata, *Let There Be Christmas*, Sunday, Dec. 13, 7 p.m.

Lancaster St. Mary – Family Advent event featuring seasonal fun and crafts, Sunday, Nov. 29, 12:30 p.m. Church is last stop on candlelight tour of six downtown churches, sponsored by Fairfield Heritage Association, Sunday, Dec. 12, 6 p.m. Giving Tree gifts go to nursing homes and to the homebound and needy in the parish.

Marion St. Mary – Parish Respect Life group sponsors Giving Tree for 150 nursing home residents.

New Albany Church of the Resurrection – *On a Night Like This* concert narrative featuring local Christian music group Living Water, Sunday, Nov. 29, 6 p.m. Biennial Christmas concert with parish adult, children's, contemporary folk, and praise choirs, Friday, Dec. 18, 7:30 p.m.

New Philadelphia Sacred Heart – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and confessions, ending with Evening Prayer, Mondays, Nov. 30 and Dec. 7, 14, and 21, 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Newark St. Francis de Sales – Church is last stop of 15th “Sights and Sounds of Christmas” tour of eight downtown churches, with proceeds going to Licking County Food Pantry Network, Thursday, Dec. 3, 6 p.m. Advent lessons and carols, Sunday, Dec. 13, 5 p.m.

Ohio Dominican University – Tree lighting, Monday, Nov. 30, 7 to 8 p.m., in front of Erskine Hall. Lessons and carols, followed by blessing of

creche, Tuesday, Dec. 1, 6 p.m., Christ the King Chapel.

Portsmouth Holy Redeemer and St. Mary – “The Longing,” an Advent retreat for women with sister Miriam James, SOLT, Saturday, Dec. 5, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Holy Redeemer activity center. “Encounter” Advent mission with Sister Miriam James, Saturday Dec. 5, 6:30 to 8 p.m., Sunday Dec. 6, 6 to 8 p.m., with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament both nights, Sacrament of Reconciliation available Saturday, and penance service Sunday, St. Mary. Annual holiday tour of St. Mary and other churches in Boneyfiddle historic district, Friday, Dec. 11, 6 to 8 p.m. Meet at Scioto County Courthouse, tours every half-hour. Sorting and distribution for Catholic Social Services Portsmouth office Giving Tree program, helping children and school-aged teens, Monday, Dec. 14 to Friday, Dec. 18, St. Francis Outreach Center (former St. Joseph Adoration Monastery). Pickerington St. Elizabeth Seton Parish and Catholic Social Services distribution of holiday food baskets, Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 19 and 20, Holy Redeemer activity center.

Powell St. Joan of Arc – 23rd annual performance of *A Bethlehem Carol* children's Christmas musical, with about 60 children participating, Saturday, Dec. 5, 7:30 p.m. Family Christmas festival sponsored by parish men's club, Friday, Dec. 11, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Giving Tree benefits needy people in the parish, senior citizens, and Kids 'N' Kamp organization for children with cancer.

Reynoldsburg St. Pius X – Advent evening of reflection, Thursday, Dec. 3, 7 p.m. Parish's 37th annual Adopt-A-Child program collects toys

and clothes for local children, Saturday, Dec. 5 and Sunday, Dec. 6. Communal Anointing of the Sick, Saturday, Dec. 5 following 5 p.m. Mass and Sunday, Dec. 6 following 8:30 a.m. Mass.

Sts. Peter and Paul Retreat Center, Newark – Morning of reflection with Sister Louis Mary Passeri, OP. Theme: “Waiting in Darkness,” Saturday, Dec. 12, 9 a.m. to noon.

Sugar Grove St. Joseph – “Silent Night in Sugar Grove” Christmas programs, beginning at St. Joseph's and continuing at Sugar Grove United Methodist and St. Matthew Lutheran churches, Sunday, Dec. 6, 6 p.m.

Sunbury St. John Neumann – Catholic movie nights, Thursdays, 7 p.m. Schedule: *Of Gods and Men*, Dec. 3; *A Man for All Seasons*, Dec. 10; *Millions*, Dec. 17. Community service featuring Eucharistic Adoration, prayers for peace, and music, Wednesday, Dec. 9, 7 p.m. Children's Christmas party sponsored by parish men's club, with children bringing food for Big Walnut Friends Who Share, Saturday, Dec. 12, 10 a.m. Christmas play *Meet Me at the Manger* with kindergarten through fifth-grade students, Sunday, Dec. 13, 7 p.m. Giving Tree benefits Columbus Holy Rosary-St. John Church. High school youth group sings carols at Countryview Nursing Home. Other programs benefit Run the Race Club, Socks for the Homeless, and St. Joseph Cathedral Back Door Ministry.

West Jefferson Ss. Simon and Jude – Giving Tree provides items for Arbors West care center, Madison County Children's Services, Lifepointe Family Center, and West Jefferson Fire Department.



SEASONAL EVENTS IN THE COLUMBUS DIOCESE

Eucharistic Devotion During Advent at Diocesan Churches

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

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

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

Buckeye Lake Our Lady of Mount Carmel – Exposition: Sundays of Advent, 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.

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

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

Columbus Holy Cross – First Fridays, from end of 7:30 p.m. Mass to 11:30 p.m. Eucharistic vigil begins with Mass, followed by communal prayers, confession, litanies, rosaries, hymns, and quiet time between prayers, concluding with Benediction at 11:30.

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

Columbus Holy Name – Exposition: Thursdays, 6 p.m., featuring prayers in the Cenacle format of the Marian Movement of Priests; Fridays, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., Holy Hour and Benediction, followed by Mass. Adoration: Saturdays following 8:30 a.m. Mass.

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

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

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

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

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

Columbus St. Andrew – Exposition: Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays,

from end of 6:30 a.m. Mass to 8:15 a.m.; Tuesdays, from end of 8:30 a.m. Mass to 9 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Columbus St. Margaret of Cortona – Exposition: Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. year-round, with sung Vespers and Benediction at 7 p.m. on the Thursdays of Advent.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dover St. Joseph – Exposition: Thursdays from 9 to 10 a.m.

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

Gahanna St. Matthew – Exposition: 24 hours, seven days a week, except during the Sacred Triduum, in basement adoration chapel. Open to the general public from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily. If you wish to visit at other times when church is locked, call Bryan Gebhart at (614) 226-9617.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

London St. Patrick – Adoration: First Fridays, from end of 9:30 a.m. Mass to Benediction at noon.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Plain City St. Joseph – Exposition: 6 to 11 a.m. and 6 to 11 p.m. Monday through Friday (Mass 8 a.m. Monday and Friday).

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

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

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

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

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

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

Westerville St. Paul – Holy Hour: Thursdays, 6 to 7 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

ST. JOSEPH OF ARIMATEA SOCIETY AT BISHOP WATTERSON



Columbus Bishop Watterson High School inducted 27 young men into its St. Joseph of Arimathea Society, a group named after the man who took the body of Jesus from the cross and placed it in his own new tomb. The group, now in its fourth year, consists of juniors and seniors who have been trained and commissioned for the service of assisting at the burial of the departed as pallbearers. The society has a monthly meeting to discuss issues, talk about experiences, and to pray for the faithful departed, especially those whom its members have recently served. Society members are (from left): first row, Ryan Mar, Nicholas DiCello, Jacob Ritzenthaler, Thomas Scherer, Michael Hardesty, Evan Rasor, Christian Kroger, and David Szolosi; second row, Todd Harklerode, Michael Grunenwald, Riley Taylor, Patrick Holthus, Andrew Cotter, Matthew Clark, Parker Cantwell, and Oliver Schroeder; third row, Andrew Wagner, Connor Hoyng, Francisco Cortes-Fontuberta, Joseph Jaquier, Casey Douthitt, Thomas Abrams, and teacher Dominic Marchi; fourth row, Michael Massinople, Will Fortkamp, Nathan Meyers, Jack Jeffries, Joseph Heutel, and teacher Michael Fry. Photo courtesy Bishop Watterson High School



TRINITY SCOUTS MAKE CUPCAKES

Cadette Girl Scouts of Columbus Trinity Elementary School Troop 2381 made cupcakes for Huckleberry House in Columbus, which provides temporary shelter for young people ages 12 to 17. Pictured in the photo are (from left) Abigail Iannitto, Abigail O'Toole, and Marie Grassi. Photo courtesy Nick Iannitto

STUDENTS LEARN TO PLAY MULTIPLE TYPES OF DRUMS



Eric Paton, a musician, performer, and educator who specializes in percussion from around the world, gave Columbus St. Andrew School students an opportunity to learn to play multiple types of drums. Paton, a Capital University faculty member, grew up in Japan. His presentation included the dynamic style of Japanese taiko drumming and the rhythms of samba from Brazil and of Afro-Caribbean drum styles. Photo courtesy St. Andrew School

First Sunday of Advent (Cycle C)

Redemption springs from the well of mercy



Father
Lawrence L. Hummer

Jeremiah 33:14-16;
1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2;
Luke 21:25-28,34-36

Oh, to dwell safely and securely in the land! This is Israel's constant cry, especially when the prophets speak. As it turns out, it is the cry of all people in every age. For all of modern technology and weaponry, it doesn't take much to render us silent in the face of the evil we can inflict on each other.

By the time Jeremiah announced that "The days are coming, says the Lord ..." all of Israel/Judah's greatness had been wiped away, and the people found themselves enslaved once again, as in days of old. Still, the Lord promises to "raise up for David a just shoot" (from the stump of Jesse). He will do what is "right and just in the land." Then the people will be secure and dwell safely in the land. From this, the hope for a Messiah to accomplish this task grew.

Such hopes for the future remained unfulfilled ever after, but for brief interludes. After the rebellion against Rome (in 70-73 AD) was lost, hopes for Biblical Israel remained future-oriented, as Jews scattered throughout Europe to wherever they could find safe dwelling.

Christians, too, have longed for safety and security as we await the coming Kingdom of God. It is, at times, a frustration to reflect on the Kingdom as always something which lies ahead. It remains always "near" or "at hand," but being near does not mean "here." Some have thought the Kingdom was here at

various historical periods when the papacy and the Church enjoyed too much "earthly power." Possession of the Papal States and large parts of Europe eventually gave way to Vatican City State today.

Luke, whose Gospel readings will hold our attention this liturgical year, wrote of frightening events that will precede the coming of the Son of Man. Let the others die of fright. Luke says to stand erect because "your redemption is at hand." Vigilance and prayer should be the rule "at all times" as we prepare to stand before the Son of Man.

Retired Bishop James Griffin asked me recently to write about "mercy" during this Holy Year of Mercy declared by Pope Francis and beginning Tuesday, Dec. 8. As space permits, I will include from time to time some reflections on "mercy" during the coming year.

One thing we might note at the outset of this year is that the meaning of "redemption" (as used in Sunday's Gospel) in Greek, means "to be released from" or "freed" or even "pardoned." Redemption, then, is like mercy on steroids.

That means that the disciples are released from all that holds them bound, not just from sin and punishment and hatred for those who have done them wrong. Redemption is also the ability to actually love enemies and pray for persecutors. Redemption is actually putting mercy into effect. In the immediate context of Luke 21, redemption is deliverance for all those being persecuted in Luke 21:12-19.

Prisoners awaiting parole, death row inmates waiting "for a date" (of execution), those imprisoned in poverty, even a mother in labor – all know what it is to hope for redemption. Redemption necessarily springs from the well of mercy, and now we begin to see the centrality of mercy to Christian faith.

Because God acts with mercy, always and everywhere, we who are sinners hope for mercy. This adds a future element to every prayer for redemption we utter. That is why we speak of the eschatological (or end-time) nature of our redemption. We know instinctively that life as we know it will end. Meanwhile, we sing "With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption."

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Men's Conference Choir

The Columbus Catholic Men's Conference is looking for a few good men to sing in the choir for the event, scheduled Saturday, Feb. 27 at the state fairgrounds.

There will be one or two rehearsals before the event at a date, time, and location to be determined.

Contact Christopher Walsh at cwalsh5358@gmail.com or (614) 464-2392 to sign up or for more information.

The Weekday Bible Readings

MONDAY
Romans 10:9-18
Psalm 19:8-11
Matthew 4:18-22

TUESDAY
Isaiah 11:1-10
Psalm 72:1-2,7-8,12-13,17
Luke 10:21-24

WEDNESDAY
Isaiah 25:6-10a
Psalm 23:1-6
Matthew 15:29-37

THURSDAY
Isaiah 26:1-6
Psalm 118:1,8-9,19-21,25-27a
Matthew 7:21,24-27

FRIDAY
Isaiah 29:17-24
Psalm 27:1,4,13-14
Matthew 9:27-31

SATURDAY
Isaiah 30:19-21,23-26
Psalm 147:1-6
Matthew 9:35-10:1,5a,6-8

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 29, 2015

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 Channel 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 1-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 Week I, Seasonal Proper of the Liturgy of the Hours

As the Church Year Concludes, We Transition to a New Season

This past Sunday brought an end to the Church year with the Feast of Christ the King. It's hard to believe we are now in Advent and preparing for Christmas. For the universal Church, the Feast of Christ the King is fairly new. It was celebrated in some parts of the world, and not in others until Pope Pius IX added it to the calendar in 1925.

Here in the United States, throw in Thanksgiving, a government holiday with lots of religious interpretations, and we have the perfect segue into Advent and Christmas. Canadians celebrate Thanksgiving, but they do it October. In this country, it is rather natural to us that Thanksgiving is a lead-in to the Advent and Christmas season.

It seems throughout salvation history that whenever God creates something good, the Evil One always tries to attack with something artificial to take its place. It's sort of like thinking you are buying an expensive gift for a loved one, and the diamond ring or watch you purchased turns out to be fake.

The Evil One always tries to trick, and then makes us feel foolish. How many people look forward to Christmas being over because they are stressed out making sure the gifts they buy for loved ones are the right gifts? They can't even enjoy this miraculous season because they are stressed trying to keep up with a false reality. It wasn't supposed to be this way.

Our ancestors didn't have these worries. They had more pressing matters to attend to, like feeding the family and keeping everyone warm. Stress, whether



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of our own making or brought on by forces outside our control, can harm and kill us. Unfortunately, it often takes a tragedy for many to realize what is really important. Something tells me that for many people in Paris and throughout France, this Advent and Christmas season may be a little more special and spiritual. When you're facing evil, you reflect more on the good you may have taken for granted.

Older Catholics may remember France being called "the elder daughter of the faith," for she is the home of many holy saints and apparitions. It is in France where the Blessed Mother appeared at Lourdes and La Salette. It is the home of St. Catharine Laboure and the Miraculous Medal. It also the home of hundreds of other saints, some of the most notable being Bernard of Clairvaux, Joan of Arc, Francis de Sales, Vincent de Paul, John Vianney, and, most recently, Therese of Lisieux the "Little Flower."

Before we accuse the French of taking their great saints for granted, how many of us could name five saints who were either born in the United States or immigrated to our nation? Un-

fortunately, it seems taking the Lord's blessings for granted is universal.

While we are saying prayers for France, we also had better include the Christians of the Middle East in our prayers. Some of those Christians come from families which have been Catholic since apostolic times. Jesus literally preached at the modern Syrian border. Within 100 years after Christ's death and resurrection, much of eastern Syria and western Iraq, which are now under the control of ISIS, was Catholic. This remained unchanged until 600 years later and the arrival of conquering Islamic armies.

All of this should make us very conscious of our blessings. We should make a mental note of all these special days that are to come and are celebrated in the Church's calendar. They should help remind us that for some people, this time of the year may not be so special.

We may know some people who are having a hard time. Now is the time to act on that mental note, so that we can help those known to us and those not known to us, in ways only we know. This could involve visits, surprise gifts, or some sort of financial contribution. What a great way to live out our faith during this special time of year, by doing something truly special for someone.

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World Meeting of Families: Going Forward



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

On, Saturday, Sept. 26, Pope Francis spoke these words at the Festival of Families in Philadelphia: "Families always, always, have crosses. Always. Because the love of God, the Son of God, also asked us to follow him along this way."

This theme of the cross is a recurring one for Pope Francis. During his first Mass as pope, he said this to the cardinals gathered in the Sistine Chapel: "The same Peter who professed Jesus Christ now says to him, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. I will follow you, but let us not speak of the cross. That has nothing to do with it. I will follow you on other terms, but without the cross.' When we journey without the cross, when we build without the cross, when we profess Christ without the cross, we are not disciples of the Lord; we are worldly."

high premium on personal satisfaction and worldly comforts.

Cardinal Sean O'Malley of Boston remarked at the World Meeting of Families that the most difficult mission territory today is right here in the United States, precisely because we seek to eliminate all forms of suffering and discomfort. But the cross is necessary for Christian discipleship.

For the single, the engaged, the divorced and civilly remarried, and those with same-sex attraction, chastity and abstinence are for some a huge cross. Yet this cross, when borne with Christ, becomes a powerful school of love. It becomes not a burden, but a joy, as it fashions the heart to be open to giving and receiving authentic love.

For the married couple, the cross can come as the duty to remain faithful to each other until death or to remain always open to the gift of a child, the supreme gift of marriage. The cross can come in the form of caring for a

disabled child or an aging parent. The cross can come as infertility for some or in the form of periodic abstinence when the spacing of children is necessary. The cross can come as forgiving a spouse who has seriously wronged or even abandoned the other, or just trying to make ends meet.

For some, life's crosses may seem almost unbearable. Yet when borne with Christ, faithfulness to the truth of the marriage vows becomes a joy, because they teach us how to love. They teach us the very essence of love. And, in reality, this is exactly what everyone desires deep in his or her heart.

Yes, this is challenging. It is a true sacrifice of love! Yet, in faith we have the hope, founded on Jesus Christ, that living the truth of Christ is possible, it is attainable, for every man, woman, and child, with the grace and mercy of God. I wish to pick up here next week, with the joy of the Gospel for families.

The First Friday Fish Fry is Back!



The Knights of Columbus, St. Jude Council 5801 has the only First Friday Fish Fry Social Event in the Diocese of Columbus
On December 4, 4:30 – 7 p.m.
at St. Matthew's Hutta Gym

Enjoy all you can eat wonderfully fried cod, crispy french fries, green beans, cheese pizza, fresh salad, and thirst quenching drinks.
Cold beer, pop, and newly added dessert will not be included in the meal price.
The price for the adult early bird special from 4:30 PM to 5:30 PM is \$7.00 and from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM the price is \$8.00. Children 10 to 18 are \$4.00 and under age 10 are free.
For the month of December we are asking you to bring non-perishable food items equal to your dinner price admission to assist the St. Matthew Charitable Ministry for those less fortunate during the Christmas Holiday.
Come, join us and enjoy the fellowship of our parish. Bring the family or a friend. Invite them to come and see what true hospitality brings. Perhaps, introduce them to our Divine Mercy Chapel for an hour of prayer and a great meal.
So enjoy! We all need a little food for our bodies, why not then a little food for our soul. For Saint Theresa once said "people are hungry for God". What are you truly hungry for?

Pray for our dead

BEAMER, Richard, 80, Nov. 1
Immaculate Conception Church, Dennison

BUCHANAN, David F., 31, Nov. 19
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Grove City

CABRAL, Gloria "Bobbie," 88, Nov. 20
St. Philip Church, Columbus

CHAFIN, Henry H., 89, Nov. 21
St. John XXIII Church, Canal Winchester

CURRY, John E., 74, Nov. 16
St. Aloysius Church, Columbus

EDIE, Jerry, 73, Nov. 6
Immaculate Conception Church, Dennison

GOUHIN, Neil J., 86, Nov. 12
St. Paul Church, Westerville

GRASS, Mathilda "Cookie," 66, Nov. 22
St. Cecilia Church, Columbus

GUAGENTI, Brian A., 38, Nov. 18
St. Paul Church, Westerville

HARRIS, Robert A., 60, Nov. 15
Holy Spirit Church, Zanesville

HART, Lena, 87, Nov. 1
Immaculate Conception Church, Dennison

JACOBS, George E., 81, Nov. 14
St. Mary, Mother of God Church, Columbus

KALISZAK, Roman M., 85, Nov. 18
Holy Family Church, Columbus

KESSLER, Margaret A., 84, Nov. 3
St. Bernadette Church, Lancaster

KUHN, William D., 56, Nov. 18
St. Matthew Church, Columbus

LIBERATOR, Patricia A., 82, formerly of Columbus, Nov. 15
St. Peter Church, Canton

MARTONHEGYI, Christa M., 85, Nov. 16
St. Patrick Church, Columbus

Sister Catherine Platt, OP

Funeral Mass for Sister Catherine Platt, OP, 64, who died Wednesday, Nov. 18, was held Saturday, Nov. 21 at the Motherhouse of the Dominican Sisters of Peace. Burial will be at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Philadelphia.

She was born in 1951 in Philadelphia to the late Addison and Catharine (Crossin) Platt, and earned a degree in religious studies from Villanova University.

MASTENBROOK, Sarah E., 73, Nov. 14
St. Philip Church, Columbus

MIGYANKO, Michael, 91, Nov. 11
St. Mary Church, Waverly

MILEM, Ann R., 81, Nov. 15
Our Lady of Peace Church, Columbus

MILLER, Jean, Nov. 15
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

MILLER, Marilyn J., 81, Nov. 15
St. Mary Church, Marion

NOGA, Donna W., 64, Nov. 18
Immaculate Conception Church, Columbus

ROMANELLI, Anthony, 46, Nov. 20
St. Paul Church, Westerville

RYAN, John R. Jr., 63, Nov. 16
St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark

SECKEL, Roger M., 75, Oct. 21
St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark

STABILE, Ignatius S., 90, Nov. 17
Our Lady of Peace Church, Columbus

TANLEY, Mary J., 75, Nov. 5
Immaculate Conception Church, Dennison

WALTERS, Amanda, 77, Nov. 8
Immaculate Conception Church, Dennison

WEAVER, James, 99, Nov. 15
St. Joseph Church, Dover

WEILBACHER, Faye J., 83, Nov. 21
St. Ladislav Church, Columbus

WEINER, Joseph E., 76, Nov. 18
Church of the Ascension, Johnstown

WEINER, Paul A., 74, Nov. 19
St. Patrick Church, London

WESTBROOK, George T., 64, Nov. 21
St. Peter Church, Columbus

WHALEN, Margaret E., 92, Nov. 15
Christ the King Church, Columbus

Father Terence Tobin, OFM Conv

Funeral Mass for Father Terence Tobin, OFM Conv, 92, who died Tuesday, Nov. 17, at St. Francis Senior Ministries in Tiffin, was held Saturday, Nov. 21 at the Basilica of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey.

He was born William Patrick Tobin on Feb. 1, 1923, in Marion to Maurice and Clara (Mulvey) Tobin.

After serving in the Navy during World War II, he entered the Conventual Franciscan Order in 1946. He professed simple vows on July 13, 1947, and solemn vows on July 14,

1950. He was ordained a priest on May 30, 1953. After eight years in pastoral and education ministry in Ohio, he left for Africa, where he served as a missionary for more than 50 years in Zambia.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Father Robert Tobin, MM, and Maurice; and sisters, Sister Moira Tobin, SC, Theresa Mayer, Kathleen McAndrew, Eloise Vogel, and Anna Mae Johnston. Survivors include a brother, Frank (Noreen); and many nieces and nephews.

It can be difficult for Catholics to find a Mass when traveling or when it is not practical to attend their regular parishes. The website www.MassTimes.org makes it much easier to search for a Mass by presenting all the possibilities in a geographical area on one page. It includes Mass schedules for 117,000 churches in 201 nations or territories. The service also is available by phone. The number is (1-858) 207-6277.



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NOVEMBER

28, 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.

29, SUNDAY

Exposition at Buckeye Lake Our Lady of Mount Carmel
9:15 to 10:15 a.m., Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church,
5133 Walnut Road S.E., Buckeye Lake. Exposition of the

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H A P P E N I N G S

Blessed Sacrament every Sunday during Advent.

740-928-3266

Holy Doors Closing at Cathedral

10:30 a.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Bishop Frederick Campbell performs ceremony closing the cathedral's Holy Doors for two weeks to begin diocesan celebration of Jubilee Year of Mercy.

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

Family Advent Event at Lancaster St. Mary
12:30 p.m., St. Mary Church, 132 S. High St., Lancaster. Family Advent event featuring seasonal fun and crafts. 740-653-0997

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

Living Water at Church of the Resurrection

6 p.m., Church of the Resurrection, 6300 E. Dublin-Granville Road, New Albany. Christian band Living Water presents its Advent-themed concert narrative "On a Night Like This." 614-855-1400

Spanish Mass at Columbus St. Peter

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

Vespers at Columbus St. Patrick

7 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Sung Vespers for First Sunday of Advent. 614-224-9522

30, MONDAY

Advent Reflection Sessions at Corpus Christi

10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., Corpus Christi Center of Peace, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus. Advent reflection sessions led by center coordinator Anita Davidson. Morning and evening programs are identical. 614-512-3731

Adoration, Evening Prayer at New Philadelphia

5 p.m., Sacred Heart Church, 139 3rd St. N.E., New Philadelphia. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, with Sacrament of Reconciliation available, concluding with Evening Prayer at 6:30 on all Advent Mondays. 330-343-6976

Ohio Dominican University Tree Lighting

7 to 8 p.m., in front of Erskine Hall, Ohio Dominican University, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. University's annual Christmas tree lighting.

DECEMBER

1, TUESDAY

Lessons and Carols at Ohio Dominican

6 p.m., Christ the King Chapel, Ohio Dominican University, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Lessons and carols program, followed by blessing of creche.

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

7:30 p.m., St. Raymond Room, St. Mark Center, 324 Gay St., Lancaster. Light of Life prayer group meeting. 740-654-6928

3, THURSDAY

Christmas Tour of Newark Churches

St. Francis de Sales Church, 40 Granville St., Newark, will be the last stop of the evening "Sights and Sounds of Christmas Tour" of churches in and around downtown Newark. \$5 donation for Licking County food pantry network. 740-345-9874

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 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

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

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.

Advent Evening of Reflection at St. Pius X

7 p.m., St. Pius X Church, 1051 S. Waggoner Road, Reynoldsburg. Advent evening of reflection. 614-866-2859

Catholic Movie Night at St. John Neumann

7 p.m., St. John Neumann Church, 9633 E. State Route 37, Sunbury. First of three Advent Catholic movie nights. Feature: "Of Gods and Men" about Trappist monks surrounded by civil war in Algeria. 740-965-1358

3-5, THURSDAY-SATURDAY

40 Hours of Adoration at Columbus St. Peter

3 p.m. Thursday to 7 p.m. Saturday. Day chapel, St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road, Columbus. 40 Hours of Eucharistic Adoration. 614-889-2221

4, FRIDAY

St. Cecilia Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

St. Cecilia Church, 434 Norton Road, Columbus. Begins after 8:15 a.m. Mass; continues to 5 p.m. Saturday. Monthly Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refugee Road, Columbus. Begins after 9 a.m. Mass; continues through 6 p.m. Holy Hour.

Catholic Men's Luncheon Club

12:15 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Catholic Men's Luncheon Club meeting. Speaker: Father Michael Hartge, parochial vicar of Chillicothe St. Peter, Washington Court House St. Colman of Cloyne, Waverly St. Peter, and Zaleski St. Sylvester churches, discusses his life as a priest since being ordained earlier this year.

No St. John Chrysostom First Friday Sale

St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church's monthly First Friday sale of pirog, stuffed cabbage, noodles, and baked goods will not take place this month. Its annual Christmas cookie sale will take place on Friday, Dec. 11.

Avian-Inspired Art Exhibit at Ohio Dominican

5 p.m., Wehrle Gallery, Ohio Dominican University, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Opening reception for "Hope Is the thing with Feathers" exhibit of artwork by ODU faculty, staff, and friends inspired by the world of birds.

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 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.

4-6, FRIDAY-SUNDAY

Bishop Watterson Presents 'A Christmas Carol'

7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 2:30 p.m. Sunday. Bishop Watterson High school, 99 E. Cooke Road, Columbus. School theater department presents "A Christmas Carol -- A Ghost Story of Christmas," Michael Wilson's adaptation of Charles Dickens' holiday classic. Dec. 6 performance includes Sunday With Santa event from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m., benefiting Nationwide Children's Hospital, with Santa photos, crafts, bake sale. 614-268-8671

5, SATURDAY

Women's Day of Recollection at Holy Family

8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St., Columbus. Women's day of recollection hosted by parish Confraternity of Christian Mothers, with Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and two talks by Father Stash Dailey. Theme: "Becoming an Instrument of Peace." Admission: diapers, baby item, or nonperishable food. Free-will offering for continental breakfast and lunch.

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

Advent Retreat for Women at Holy Redeemer

9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Holy Redeemer Church, 1325 Gallia St., Portsmouth. "The Longing" Advent retreat for women, led by Sister Miriam James, SOLT. Cost \$15, includes meals. 740-354-4551

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

Retreat for Caregivers at Columbus State

12:30 p.m., Conference center, Columbus State Community College, 315 Cleveland Ave., Columbus. Retreat for caregivers and others suffering from compassion fatigue, sponsored by Greater Columbus Right to Life with support from diocesan Office for Social Concerns. Theme: "Rest in Beauty," Speakers: Sister Mary Frances Seeley, OSF, of The Upper Room crisis hotline in Joliet, Illinois, and Father Joshua Wagner. Free; Bring sack lunch.

Giftmaking Workshop at Shepherd's Corner

1 to 2:30 p.m., Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. Workshop for making felt Christmas ornament centers and design-your-own gift tags, led by Sister Diane Kozlowski, OP, and AmeriCorps volunteer Kaitlyn Lowry. For anyone 6 and older; children 6 to 12 must be accompanied by an adult. \$15 per person. Registration deadline Dec. 1. 614-866-4302



THEATER PRODUCTION



A Christmas Carol - A Ghost Story of Christmas

The theater department of Columbus Bishop Watterson High School, 99 E. Cooke road, will present *A Christmas Carol -- A Ghost Story of Christmas* at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, Saturday, Dec. 5 and Friday, Dec. 11 and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6.

There will be a special performance on Dec. 4 for eighth-graders from the schools that feed into Watterson.

The eerie, more ghostly tone of Michael Wilson's adaptation of Charles Dickens' classic Christmas tale is sure to delight audiences of all ages.

Ebenezer Scrooge will be played by Marty McKew. Elizabeth Riser doubles as the ghost of Jacob Marley and Mrs. Dilber, and the ghosts of Christmases past, present, and future will be played respectively by Emma Koehler, Jillian Fountain, and Paige Carter. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cratchit will be played by Zach Uhazy and Anna Ehret. Nolan Kelly doubles as the young Scrooge and his nephew, Fred, while Maya Steller will play Scrooge's fiance, Belle, and Fred's wife.

The stage manager is Grace Beckman.

The rest of the cast and crew will include students from every grade in the school and alumni from all the feeder schools.

The Dec. 6 matinee show will be paired with the Watterson business club's annual Sunday with Santa charity event, which will include photos with Santa, crafts, and a bake sale, from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

All proceeds from the event will go to the Nationwide Children's Hospital Christine Wilson Burn Unit. Wilson, a 2001 Watterson graduate, died in a 2003 house fire near The Ohio State University.

Sunday with Santa admission for youngsters is \$5. A combination \$7 ticket will enable young people to attend both Dec. 6 events.

For *Christmas Carol* ticket information, contact Gina DeMarco at gdemarco@cde-ducaiton.org. DeMarco is director of the play and also teaches American Literature and Honors 10th-Grade English.

Enjoy this holiday season!



Advent and Christmas Music

Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral ~ 212 E. Broad St.
Advent Afternoon of Music
Lessons and Carols
Sunday, December 13 at 3 p.m.

The Cathedral Choir and Cathedral Brass present their annual program of music for Advent and Christmas. Scripture readings are juxtaposed with choral music to tell the story of the Christ child, from the foretelling by the prophets to the visit of the Magi. The audience also will be able to join the choir, brass, and organs in singing the traditional carols of the season. Admission is a suggested donation of \$10 at the door.

Columbus Our Lady of Victory ~ 1559 Roxbury Road
Advent Afternoon of Music
Sunday, December 13 at 3 p.m.

The parish choir, accompanied by an orchestra, will perform Advent and Christmas music, beginning with the simplicity of the 15th-century melody *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* and concluding with the joyful chorus "And the Glory of the Lord" from Handel's *Messiah*.

Music of various traditions and styles will be sung, including a 16th-century Advent anthem, rhythmic African and Spanish songs, and a lovely arrangement of "Silent Night."

Come and experience the message of Advent and Christmas through music. A free-will offering will be taken.

Newark St. Francis de Sales Church ~ 40 Granville St.
Advent Lessons and Carols
Sunday, December 13 at 5 p.m.

The parish choir will present a special service of Advent lessons and carols, followed by a reception.

This service is a moving combination of the Scriptural prophecies of Christ's coming and the carols of Advent, sung by choir and congregation. The service is sung by choirs of many denominations and is most famously broadcast by the choir of King's College in Cambridge, England (where it originated a century ago), on BBC radio on Christmas Eve.

Consider making this service part of your preparation for Christmas. It can be a welcome moment of prayerful rest in the busy weeks of Advent.

NEWS IN PHOTOS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Franciscan Sister Alicia Torres makes her final vows at Chicago's Mission of Our Lady of the Angels on Oct. 4. Father Bob Lombardo, director of the mission, holds her hands while she makes her profession. Sister Alicia won a special Thanksgiving competition on the Food Network's "Chopped." She said her \$10,000 in winnings would go to feed the poor in the community. CNS photo/Karen Callaway, Catholic New World



Workers break a brick wall to reveal the Holy Door, covered since the Holy Year 2000, in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican on Nov. 17.

CNS photo/L'Osservatore Romano via Reuters



The Christmas tree is positioned in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican on Nov. 19. The tree is an 82-foot spruce fir from Germany's Bavarian region. It arrived earlier than usual to be ready for the Dec. 8 opening of the Holy Year of Mercy.

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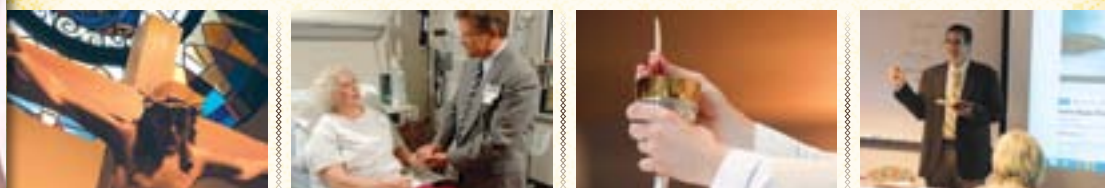
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