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**PENTECOST: *Come, Holy Spirit!***

**The Editor's Notebook**

## You've Got a Friend

By David Garick, Editor



Having come of age in the 1960s, my mind sometimes retreats to one of the most comforting songs of that troubled era, *You've Got a Friend*. Carole King wrote and recorded it on her *Tapestry* album in 1971. The song tells us that when we are troubled and need some love and care, just close your eyes and think of me and "I'll be there."

All of us ache at times for that kind of comfortable assurance. Jesus understands that. That is why at the end of his earthly ministry, he assured his followers, and all of us who have followed over the generations, that while we will not be able to feel his comforting hand and gaze into his loving eyes, he will still be with us.

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, which the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows it. But you know it, because it remains with you, and will be in you. ... The Advocate, the Holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name—he will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid" (John 14:16).

We can visualize Jesus. We have some sense of God the Father. But the third person of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit, is beyond our senses. Nevertheless, it is the Holy Spirit who most often impacts our lives. Our very faith in Jesus is a direct result of the working of the Holy Spirit. As St. Paul teaches us, "No one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the

Holy Spirit." Even the simplest assertion of faith can only be made by the help of the Holy Spirit. Everything of grace and faith goes beyond our human understanding and is only opened up to us by the Holy Spirit.

It is through the Spirit that we find truth. Not the truth that comes from human logic, but the eternal truth of Christ himself, who transcends human understanding. Yet the Spirit opens that mystery to us and serves as our guide.

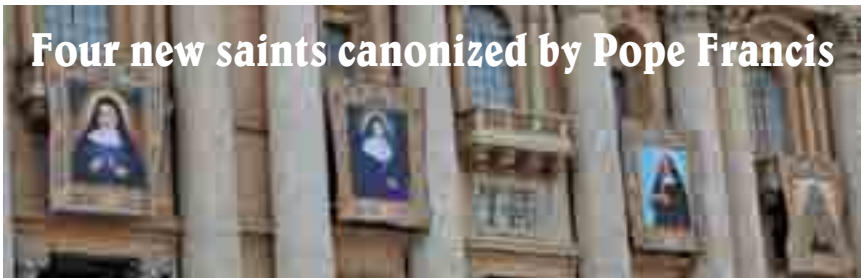
The Holy Spirit gives us strength. He does not intercede to prevent us from facing the troubles, illness, and heartbreak of life. Remember that Jesus faced rejection, pain, and heartbreak himself. But the Holy Spirit gives us the grace to live the way of Jesus. It helps us to accept whatever happens to us as Jesus did, with his kind of patience and absolute trust in God.

Finally, the Holy Spirit leads us to love. He instills us with the assurance of God's love for us. One of the most important ways he does that is through his action at Mass, enabling the priest to offer that great sacrifice and present to us the real body and blood of Jesus to be taken into our bodies so that we are in total communion with our Lord and Savior.

The Holy Spirit is at work in our lives. Let us go to the Spirit of Love who pours out the love of God in our hearts and leads us to serve one another in Christ.

This edition of *Catholic Times* will tell you something of how that is happening at our parish named for the Holy Spirit and at the nearby parish of St. Philip.

## Four new saints canonized by Pope Francis



Pope Francis canonized Blessed Marie-Alphonsine and Blessed Mary of Jesus Crucified, along with a French nun and an Italian nun, during a Mass in St. Peter's Square on Sunday, May 17.

The two new Palestinian saints were instrumental in the promotion of women in the Arab world and in efforts for interreligious dialogue toward peace, said Jordanian Father Rifat Bader.

But it is Blessed Marie-Alphonsine, who founded the Dominican Sisters of the Holy Rosary of Jerusalem, and Blessed Mary of Jesus Crucified, a mystic and member of the Discalced Carmelites, who have captured most of the media attention. They are the first modern saints to hail from the territory that made up historic Palestine.

"We view this grand event, which takes place for the first time since the days of the apostles, as a message of solidarity and encouragement to the Christians of the Holy Land, especially to the Christians and parishioners in all other Middle East countries, and to those who have been forcibly displaced and deported from their home countries, to all those who suffer from persecution," Father Bader said during a May 15 news conference at the Vatican.

The Palestinian aspect of the canonization was further highlighted by the presence of Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas at the Mass, one day after he had a private meeting on May 16 with Pope Francis. Israel was represented by its ambassador to the Holy See, Zion Evrony.

All married couples celebrating a 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, 55th, or 60th anniversary and every year thereafter are invited to the annual Jubilee of Anniversaries at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, June 28 in Westerville St. Paul Church, 313 N. State St.



Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Frederick Campbell, followed by an informal reception. Registration forms are available from your parish office. You also may register online at <http://familylife.coldsdioc.org> or by calling (614) 241-2560. Reservations are necessary and must be received by Friday, June 12.

### Catholic Times is on summer schedule!

Things slow down during the summer, and that includes the *Catholic Times*. During June, July, and August, we will only be publishing every other week. Look for the *Catholic Times* in your mailbox just prior to:

**June 7 & 14 July 5 & 19 August 2, 16 & 30**

*We will return to our regular weekly publication schedule in September*



**Front Page photo:** A scene from Pentecost is depicted in artwork at Our Lady of Divine Providence Church in Providenciales, Turks and Caicos Islands. The feast commemorates the Holy Spirit descending upon the apostles and marks the end of the Easter season.

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## DIOCESAN ALTAR SERVERS HONORED

The annual diocesan altar server awards, sponsored by the local chapters of Serra International, a lay organization which promotes vocations to the religious life, were presented on Sunday, May 10, at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral. Bishop Frederick F. Campbell presented the awards to 106 young people from across the diocese following a prayer service.

CT photo by Ken Snow

# PENTECOST

BY TIM PUET

Reporter, Catholic Times

Pentecost is the day when the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples who had gathered in the Upper Room at Jerusalem following Jesus' ascension.

That day is known as "the birthday of the church," because those disciples, on being filled with the Spirit, then went out to preach to the crowds of Jews who had gathered to celebrate a feast already known as Pentecost. Pope Francis noted in his 2014 Pentecost homily at the Vatican that "This extraordinary outpouring was not limited solely to that moment, but was an event that was renewed and still continues to be renewed.

"Christ glorified at the right hand of the Father continues to fulfill his promise, sending upon the Church the life-giving Spirit, who teaches us, reminds us, and lets us speak," the pope said.

"The Holy Spirit teaches us to follow him, to walk in his footprints," the pope continued. "More than a master of doctrine, the Holy Spirit is a master of life. And he surely takes part in life as well as in knowledge, but within the broadest and most harmonious horizons of Christian existence."

Further, Pope Francis said, "The Holy Spirit reminds us of all that Jesus said. He is the living memory of the Church, and when he reminds us, he helps us to understand the words of the Lord."

Finally, "He lets us speak with God in a prayer," the pope said. "Prayer is a gift that we freely receive, dialoguing with him in the Holy Spirit who prays in us and allows us to address God, calling him Father,

Dad, Abba, and this is not merely an expression, but a reality. We truly are children of God."

In addition, the Holy Spirit lets us speak through acts of faith and through prophecy, the pope said. "Without him there is no mission, there is no evangelization."

The Jewish feast of Pentecost was derived from the Greek name *pentekoste* (the fiftieth day), for Shavuot, one of three pilgrimage festivals required in the old Mosaic law.

It began on the 50th day after Passover. In the Old Testament, it originally was an agricultural festival celebrating and giving thanks for the first fruits of the early spring harvest. By the time of Jesus, that focus had changed, and it had become associated with the celebration of God's creation of the Jews as his chosen people and of their religious history.

Since celebration of the law of Moses was central to the feast, it was an appropriate time to proclaim that a new law as proclaimed by Jesus had superseded the old law.

Vestments for the day are red, the color of fire, symbolic of the Holy Spirit. The feast is a day of renewal, focusing on the Church's mission to the world, as Jesus' disciples are told in the day's Gospel reading to go forth in the name of the Lord and "renew the face of the earth."

It's also the day which ends what could be called the most dramatic part of the Church year, stretching from Easter and, in a longer sense, from Christmas to Pentecost. Trinity Sunday and the Feast of Corpus Christi follow on the next two Sundays before the resumption of Ordinary Time, or, as it used to be com-



monly known, the Sundays after Pentecost, which continues until the First Sunday of Advent.

Pentecost also is known as Whitsunday, particularly in the United Kingdom and the Anglican Church, and the following week is known as Whitsuntide. The feast at one time was the day when those instructed in the Faith were baptized, as occurs now at the Easter Vigil, and so it was called "White Sunday" in honor of their white robes.

An alternative derivation is from "Wit or "Wisdom" Sunday, because it's the day when the Apostles were filled with wisdom by the Holy Spirit.

Outside of churches, celebrations of Pentecost are rare in the United States. But it's a significant event in some other nations. *The Catholic Encyclopedia* notes that "In Italy, it was customary to scatter rose leaves from the ceiling of the churches to recall the miracle of the fiery tongues; hence in Sicily and elsewhere, Whitsunday is called *Pascha rosatum*.

"In France, it was customary to blow trumpets during Divine service, to recall the sound of the mighty wind which accompanied the descent of the Holy Spirit. In England, the gentry amused themselves with horse races. The Whitsun Ales or merrymakings are almost wholly obsolete in England. At these ales the Whitsun plays were performed," the encyclopedia said.

# PRACTICAL STEWARDSHIP

By Rick Jeric

## "Soular"



Did you pray for all fathers last week? Did you also pray for all our U.S. veterans? If you are blessed to have one who is both, you are also blessed with double duty. In our recollection of all the things that make our dads and veterans so special, it cannot help but bring a warm smile to our faces. Even if Dad suffered at times, we know that it was not in vain. He did it for us, each and every one. So did our veterans. Same model as God our Father. The love of a father is often somewhat, hidden and can even be shielded by toughness, discipline, and challenge. That is a portion of the love we admire in our fathers, even when we do not recognize it as such at the time. Time, maturity, and experience open our eyes wider and wiser. I eulogized my father-in-law last week, and gave him much praise that is well deserved. I am very fortunate to still have my dad. He taught me so very much through practical applications throughout life, by way of example, and through the love that makes a child proud. And he continues to do so. How very blessed we are for dads and veterans.

On a recent morning drive to work, I was somewhat overwhelmed by the sunrise. My drive each morning is rather boring and seems to be about the same each day. The weather and the traffic are just about the only things that add variety, albeit unpleasantly. On this particular morning, I had an experience I would describe as "soular." As I made my usual left turn to head east, I was struck by the incredibly beautiful sunrise just beginning on the horizon. The sun was a huge orange ball radiating color and heat at the same time, reflecting off everything at once. What a truly beautiful site to see, and what a "soular" experience it was. My soul was warmed by the rising sun. This experience was physical, spiritual, and mental all at once. I immediately thought of God and the immense and intense beauty of His Creation. At the same time, I spontaneously uttered a prayer to God, thanking Him for the opportunity to have this "soular" experience. Again, the vivid color, warmth, and natural beauty were stunning. Almost simultaneously, I realized another reason I was able to have this experience. This Monday is Memorial Day. How can any of us appreciate each new day without recognizing our U.S. veterans? I could not fully appreciate that sunrise without pausing to say a quick prayer for the souls of all U.S. veterans who gave their lives for me, for you, and for everyone who has come before and will come after us. No one loves war. All too often, politicians start wars, and our young men and women die for us. These days, we enlist our brave young people to defend us against the insane and misguided religious fanaticism from around the world. I thank God, and I thank all our veterans for that "soular" experience.

Our practical challenge this week is to participate in Decoration Day. Memorial Day was first given this name, as it was an effort to decorate graves and honor those who gave their lives for their country in the Civil War. Pray, yes, but do something different and make an effort this year, to attend a Memorial Day service or ceremony in your community, or at one of the Catholic cemeteries in the Diocese of Columbus. If you are able, decorate the grave of a U.S. veteran. God bless them all.

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

## Gerry Faust Headlines 2015 ODU Black & Gold Club Kickoff



Former Notre Dame football coach Gerry Faust will be the keynote speaker for Ohio Dominican University's sixth annual Nationwide Children's Hospital Sports Medicine Black & Gold Club Kickoff event at 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 6 in ODU's Alumni Hall, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus.

Faust's 14-year career as a college head football coach began at Notre Dame from 1981-85 and includes a 1983 Liberty Bowl victory and 1984 Aloha Bowl appearance. Following his tenure at Notre Dame, Faust was head coach at the University of Akron from 1986-94. He came to Notre Dame following 18 years at Cincinnati Moeller High School, where he had a 174-17-2 record which included seven unbeaten seasons, five Ohio state championships, and four mythical national championships. He was a three-time letterman at quarterback at

the University of Dayton.

The Black & Gold Club provides financial support for ODU intercollegiate athletics and assists student-athletes, coaches and athletic department staff in achieving success on and off the field. The fundraiser includes a dinner, silent and live auctions, and a raffle. Since its inception in 2010, the event has raised more than \$400,000 for Ohio Dominican athletics.

Past keynote speakers at the event have been Jim Tressel, Archie Griffin, Clark Kellogg, Chris Spielman, and Joe Theismann.

ODU sponsors 16 varsity athletics programs and competes as a member of NCAA Division II in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

For more information on the Black & Gold Club, visit [www.ohiodominican.edu](http://www.ohiodominican.edu) and select "Athletics."

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## St. John Neumann's Alpha Course a Huge Success

What is Alpha? Alpha is an opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open, and informal environment. "It's dinner, a movie, and discussion among friends," said Father David Sizemore of Sunbury St. John Neumann Church. The parish had nearly 400 individuals sign up to take the Alpha course that met there from Feb. 5 to April 16. The course was so popular that the leadership team had to expand it from one weekly session to three weekly sessions, and still had a waiting list of interested participants.

The Alpha course is a practical introduction to the Christian faith, a place where guests have an opportunity to explore the meaning of life in a relaxed, friendly setting. It focuses on the basics of Christianity, answering questions such as "Who is God?", "Why and how do I pray?", and "How can I resist evil?" The course met once per week for 10 weeks and included a one-day getaway at the midpoint of the sessions. At each session, people enjoyed good food, live praise and worship music, and learned about the teachings of Jesus in a fun, friendly atmosphere where no question about life or God is seen as too simple or too hostile.

Alpha is a practical tool that parishes across the nation are using to inspire Catholic renewal and to answer the call of Christ and His Church to "go and make disciples of all nations." It is an effective tool for awakening faith in people who are on the fringe of parish life, as well as faithful Catholics and those outside the faith.

Each week, the Alpha team heard many stories of conversion. Many participants described their experience as "life-changing." One of the most impactful sessions was when participants were introduced to the power of heal-



Alpha course participants watching a talk by Nicky Gumbel, pioneer of Alpha.

ing prayer and had an opportunity to pray for each other's needs in their small groups. "Truly, the Holy Spirit was with us that evening, guiding our words and filling us with compassion for the needs of others," said Father Sizemore. Here is what some of the participants had to say about the course:

"I feel more in touch with being a Christian and I see my faith more clearly now. I read the Bible more and I pray more."

"Grew closer to the Lord with the support of Alpha and my small group."

"More aware of the meaning of the Scriptures, more at peace, more tolerant of others and more prayerful."

"Created new friends and enriched my spirituality."

"From Alpha, we are launching several new multiyear faith formation programs and discipleship groups for our adults, as well as a wide variety of volunteer opportunities to provide outreach to the poor," Father Sizemore said. "In addition, we will be offering Alpha each fall, encouraging all of our parishioners to experience it. And we will be reaching out to the dechurched and unchurched to gradually bring

them to a Christ-centered life." He hopes to start with the noncon-

## MOSES SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Marie Finotti, a senior at Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School, is the inaugural recipient of the Florence E. Moses Scholarship at the Mount Carmel College of Nursing in Columbus.



The scholarship was established to further nursing education and to honor and memorialize Moses, who died on July 27, 2007, after a nursing career in which she saw countless changes in medical care occur over seven decades, much of it alongside her husband of 63 years, Dr. Jacob Moses. She had six grown children, all of them college graduates and five of them graduates of Columbus Bishop Watterson High School. She was a great supporter of Watterson, Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School, and The Ohio State University.

The nonrenewable scholarship from the annual distribution of the fund will

frontational setting of Alpha, then take people deeper in their faith through discipleship groups and faith formation programs including That Man Is You!, Walking with Purpose, Beloved, and i.d.9:16 for young adults. Ultimately, the parish wants to have programs that interest all age groups and are offered at a variety of convenient times, removing barriers to participation.

"My goal is to have 100 percent of the parish involved in some type of discipleship activity, whether that is through education or through service, so that we live out our faith and prove that we are Catholics through our actions and our words, not just by sitting in the pews on Sunday," Father Sizemore said.

be paid directly to Mount Carmel and will help cover tuition, fees, room, board, and other direct educational expenses. It is to be awarded to a graduating senior from a Columbus diocesan high school and is being administered by The Catholic Foundation, assisted by the diocesan Schools Office.

Finotti is a student ambassador at DeSales and a member of the school's Run the Race Club. The club's adviser, Sarah Gantz, said Finotti "has planned, organized, and successfully impacted events that give (the club's) inner-city children the positive experiences and memories that foster their development. She genuinely seeks to serve and to be light and positive presence in others' lives." She also has been a four-year varsity letter winner in lacrosse and a cheerleader for four years.

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## HOLY WATER FONTS



**QUESTION & ANSWER**  
by: **FATHER KENNETH DOYLE**  
*Catholic News Service*

Q. At the entrance to our worship space, we have a free-standing baptismal font with a waterfall. Engraved around the top edge are the words, "I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Since we dedicated this space 10 years ago, we have been going to this font upon entering and leaving church and marking ourselves with the sign of the cross as a reminder of our baptism. (This, according to our liturgical architect, is what it was designed to be used for.)

Now, some parishioners have asked (and our pastor has agreed) that holy water fonts be attached to the wall (within two steps of the font). They say that it is inconvenient for people to walk the extra distance to the font and that children cannot reach the water in the font. Our pastor says that henceforward, the baptismal font is to be used only for baptisms.

I don't understand the theology of this. When the font was built, we researched this extensively and came to understand that the baptismal font is the "womb and the tomb" of our faith, and we catechized parishioners on the importance of approaching the font whenever they were entering or leaving the church.

Can you explain this for me and many of my fellow parishioners? (Virginia)

A. A fair number of churches now have a baptismal font, which flows continuously, reminding congregants of the "living waters" of baptism. Those arriving for worship do often bless themselves with this water, recalling their own baptism into Christ. Often, I would think, that water is technically not yet "holy water," since it is during the baptismal ceremony itself that the water is blessed for the sacrament.

Perhaps your pastor is simply placing the smaller fonts where worshippers (including both children and the elderly) can access them more easily, or perhaps he prefers to pronounce the customary prayers of blessing over that water before it is poured into the fonts.

Questions may be sent to **Father Kenneth Doyle** at [askfatherdoyle@gmail.com](mailto:askfatherdoyle@gmail.com) and **40 Hopewell St., Albany, NY 12208**.

### Diocesan Senior Citizens Day

The 38th annual diocesan Senior Citizens Day celebration will take place Tuesday, June 2, at Westerville St. Paul Church, 313 N. State St. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Frederick Campbell at 10:30 a.m., followed by a luncheon.

Registration is \$10. Registration is requested by Thursday, May 28.

This annual event is a great opportunity to meet with seniors from around the diocese. To register, send a check payable to the Office for Social Concerns, Catholic Diocese of Columbus. The address of the office is 197 E. Gay St., Columbus OH 43215. For questions, call (614) 241-2540 or email [socmailbox@coltsdioc.org](mailto:socmailbox@coltsdioc.org).

## IRISH LIFE EXPERIENCE SCHOLARSHIP

Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School junior Kelly Greene was selected as the 2015 recipient of the Daughters of Erin Irish Life Experience scholarship.



The value of this year's scholarship is \$5,100 which covers a 25-day, all-expenses-paid trip to Ireland, as well as the cost of a round-trip flight from Boston to Ireland.

The Shamrock Club, the Daughters of Erin, and the Greater Columbus Irish Cultural Foundation provide equal funding to fully support the scholarship.

Photo courtesy St. Francis DeSales High School

## UPCOMING CORPUS CHRISTI CENTER OF PEACE EVENTS

The schedule for the next two months at the Corpus Christi Center of Peace in Columbus includes a film about the nation's policy toward Native Americans, retreats for cooks and quilters, and a summer camp.

The documentary film, *The Canary Effect: Kill the Indian, Save the Man*, looks at the often misunderstood and frequently overlooked historic realities of the American Indian and on how policies aimed at isolating the Native Americans of the frontier era continue to have a negative effect on their descendants.

The film will be shown at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 4 and will be followed by a conversation with a representative of the Native American Indian Center of Central Ohio. A free-will donation will be taken to support the Corpus Christi center.

The monthly centering prayer program scheduled on the first Saturday of the month will take place from 10:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 6, but will not occur in July because that Saturday is July 4. The monthly Women to Women Listening Circle will meet from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, June 11 and July 9.

The cooking retreat, titled "Not by Bread Alone," will be from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday June 20. Susan Shelko of Pickerington will lead participants in everything from chopping vegetables to making noodles and sauce from scratch. On the menu will be Italian wedding soup, tossed salad, bread, and pasta. Families are invited, at a cost of \$20 per adult and \$5 per child under 12. Registration is required.

Sister Andre Kravec, OP, will lead the quilters' retreat, "Piecing Together God's Patterns in Our Lives," from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 18. Quilters are invited to spend the day reflecting on the contemplative dimension of their "art from the soul" and to bring a finished or unfinished project. The cost is \$30, including lunch. Registration is required.

The center has received grants from The Catholic Foundation and the Shalom Fund of the Dominican Sisters of Peace to host a free summer camp for six- to 12-year-olds from its neighborhood from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday, July 27 to 31. An Ohio Dominican University senior will be the intern in charge. She has recruited several volunteers, but is looking for many more.

Many of the children who are expected to take part don't get much to eat in the summer because they are recipients of free meals provided by Columbus Public Schools the rest of the year. So in addition to the lunch they will receive at the center, they will be given a bag supper of a sandwich, chips, carrot and celery sticks, fresh fruit, and a homemade cookie to take home. Volunteers are particularly needed to put together the suppers for each day, and can do this at home.

For more information about volunteering or about the center's programs, call (614) 512-3731, send an email to [corpuschristicenterofpeace@gmail.com](mailto:corpuschristicenterofpeace@gmail.com), or go online to [www.cccenterofpeace.org](http://www.cccenterofpeace.org).

### MARTIN DE PORRES CENTER WORKSHOP

The Martin de Porres Center will host a workshop by Trish McKinney on "Spiritual Awakenings," dealing with the relationship between art and spirit, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, June 19. She will speak about her work at a reception in her honor from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The work will be on display at the center, located at 2330 Airport Drive in Columbus, from Monday, June 8 to

Monday, Aug. 10. The workshop aims to nurture participants' creative souls by allowing their imaginations to play. No experience in art, drawing, or painting is necessary. The suggested donation for the day is \$50, which includes lunch. Register by Friday, June 12 by phone at (614) 416-1910 or online at [www.martindeporrescenter.net](http://www.martindeporrescenter.net).

In the marriage now voided KINSEY - HICKEY, 11:11, the Tribunal of the Diocese of Columbus, Ohio, is currently reviewing the petition submitted by MR. BRANE, M. HICKEY. The Tribunal heretofore advised her of the case and she has to contact REV. MGR. JOHN CODY R.T. Presiding and wife before the 15th day of JUNE 2015. Phone: 614-241-2540. Anyone who knows of the whereabouts of MRS. DIXIE M. HICKEY is heretofore asked to make the Tribunal known to her or to inform the Tribunal of her current address. From this 14th day of MAY 2015 REV. MGR. JOHN CODY R.T. Presiding judge.

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Delaware St. Mary School graduates Ragan Tuffey (left) and Nick Reardon were awarded the rank of Eagle Scout on Sunday, May 3 at an Eagle court of honor. Tuffey is a junior at Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School and Reardon is a junior at Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School. Photo courtesy St. Mary School

## Diocesan Eagle Scouts



Columbus Bishop Ready High School senior David Wood, pictured with Ready dean of students Matt Brickner, recently completed the requirements to reach the rank of Eagle Scout. For his Eagle service project, he landscaped the grounds and refurbished and repainted an adjacent bench, parking lines, and blocks at the nonprofit VOICEcorps organization in west Columbus. He is a member of Columbus St. Margaret of Cortona Church. Photo courtesy Bishop Ready High School

## Bishop Hartley signees continue on with sports in college



Several Columbus Bishop Hartley High School athletes have announced their intent to continue playing sports in college. They are (from left) Shelby Chesko, volleyball, Mercyhurst; Jack Casebolt, golf, Columbus State; Elijah Dowdy, track, Notre Dame (Ohio); McKenna Welsh, soccer, Ohio Northern; and Adam Lowe, baseball, Viterbo. Others not pictured are Kristopher Hill, wrestling, Eastern Michigan; and Destiny Sampson, lacrosse, Ottawa (Kansas). Photo courtesy Bishop Hartley High School

## Marion Rotary honors students for academic achievement



Three Marion St. Mary School fifth-graders were honored for academic excellence by the Marion Area Rotary Club. Pictured are (from left) Maddie King, Jerome Douglas, and Jasmin Macuixtle. Fifth-grade students from all Marion County schools were honored with a lunch and certificates of achievement. Photo courtesy St. Mary School

## May Crowning Ceremonies in the Diocese

The Villas of St. Therese conducted a May crowning ceremony on the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima, Wednesday, May 13, following the morning daily Mass at the Columbus facility, where members of the



Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm provide services to aid senior citizens in independent and assisted living. Several retired diocesan priests are among the residents of the Villas. Father Carl Claggett celebrated the Mass and crowned a statue of the Blessed Mother. Concelebrants were Father Frank Stanton (standing), Father Robert Noon (seated), Father Richard Engle, Father Michael Nimocks, and Father Frank Meagher. CT photo by Tim Puet



Columbus St. Anthony School students conducted a May crowning ceremony to honor Mary, the mother of Jesus. As part of the ceremony, eighth-grader Lauren Akainyah and second-grade first communicant Rebecca Burt placed a crown of flowers on the head of a statue of Mary. Pictured are the eighth-grade class and Rebecca surrounding the statue. Photo courtesy St. Anthony School

### MOUNT VERNON CENACLE



A Divine Mercy Cenacle prayer group at Mount Vernon St. Vincent de Paul Church has become formally affiliated with the Eucharistic Apostles of The Divine Mercy, a lay outreach ministry of the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception. The Marian Fathers bring the message of Divine Mercy to communities around the world, working together with the National Shrine of The Divine Mercy and the Association of Marian Helpers in Stockbridge, Massachusetts. An induction ceremony for the Mount Vernon group, which included a Mass concelebrated by Father Vince Nguyen and Father Homer Blubaugh, took place last month. Father Mark Hammond, pastor of the Knox-Licking Consortium of Catholic Churches, was special guest. The prayer group, which has 17 members, was formed last fall, but its roots go back to the early 1990s. Group members pictured are (from left): first row, Shelley Craft, Barbara Burrell, Mary E. Rousseau, and Carol Mee; second row, Maggie Maczrowski, Barbara Perry, Carolyn Hallan, Sarah Main, and Joanne Carrier; third row, T.J. Krivda, Theresa McAlpin, and Denise Smith; fourth row, Father Homer Blubaugh and Father Vince Nguyen. Photo courtesy Mount Vernon St. Vincent de Paul Church

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## “My Son Was Innocent, Too”

By Laura Koebel

Even after being a mother for 11 years, I could not identify with Mary as a mother. While I was up in the middle of the night nursing my children, I couldn't picture Mary tending to a sick or feverish Jesus. And while I was trying to potty-train my little munchkins, I couldn't picture Mary potty-training Jesus. To tell the truth, I couldn't picture Jesus as a little munchkin. I guess I saw Jesus as the perfect child, and, therefore, Mary wouldn't have needed to deal with the everyday problems that I did. So how could Mary understand my motherly concerns?

When I had my last child, Doug, who is physically and mentally handicapped, identifying with Mary became even harder. How could she understand my problems when she was the mother of the perfect child? What

did she know of the endless hours I spent in the hospital with Doug? He had kidney surgery, eye surgery, tongue surgery, and hip surgery. During his hip surgery, his bones had to be broken, placed into his hip sockets, and then pinned into place. This procedure took several hours to complete and required many months of recuperation in a full body cast. The pins, which were several inches long, had to stay in his hips until the cast was removed. Those pins protruded three inches out the side of the cast.

Doug needed to be turned every two hours to keep him from getting sores all over his body. Lying on those pins was part of his rotation schedule.

We brought him home, rented a hospital bed, and spent several months sleeping on a couch next to him.

One night, as I sat next to Doug praying, the Holy Spirit settled on me

in a warm and gentle way. He brought Mary to mind.

As I thought of Mary, I started to cry and told her that I didn't think it was fair that my innocent son had to suffer. I sensed her saying to me, "I know how you feel. My Son was innocent, too."

At that moment, I thought of Mary in a totally different way. My son had been pricked by IV needles. Her Son had been crowned with thorns.

I had watched my son suffer several times in a hospital. She had watched her Son suffer and fall several times on the way to Calvary.

I saw my son's deep incision from his kidney surgery as the nurse removed the bloody bandages. Mary saw her Son's whipped, bloody back as soldiers stripped off Jesus' clothes.

I saw my son's bloody pins seeping

and protruding out the side of his hips. Mary saw the nails being hammered into her Son's hands and feet.

I thought of how she must have felt when the soldier pierced Jesus' side with a spear. I thought of Mary watching and crying.

I had never pictured Mary crying at the foot of the cross. But what mother, no matter how strong, could watch her child suffer and not cry? I thought of how she must have felt holding her dead Son in her arms. At least my son was alive.

That night, the Lord showed me another side of His mother. He showed me a woman with whom I could talk. He showed me a mother like myself, who had to watch her innocent son suffer. He showed me a mother who would intercede for me and my son to her Son. He gave me a new friend.

Laura Koebel lives in Gahanna.

## Homeless Jesus Statue Installed at Bishop Ready

A lifesize *Homeless Jesus* statue has been installed in the peace courtyard at Columbus Bishop Ready High School, replacing a smaller statue which was dedicated last fall and served as a stand-in. Manufacturing delays and a wet winter caused delivery of the larger statue to be delayed. Ready graduate Dan Modlich donated the granite bench on which the figure of Jesus rests and also did the installation.

*Homeless Jesus* is an original design of Canadian sculptor Timothy Schmalz, who attended last fall's dedication ceremony. Since then, lifesize models have been installed at Christ Church Cathedral in Dublin; Catholic Charities in Washington, D.C.; St. Jude City, Alabama; and Buffalo, New York. The smaller statue has been

donated by the artist to Bishop Frederick Campbell. The artist insisted that the gift to the bishop be made both in his name and in the name of Bishop Ready High School.

The lifesize statue will have several dedications, with each of the school's religion class creating its own ceremony. "The statue is awe-inspiring," said Ready principal Celene Seamen. "Schmalz has created a piece of artwork that brings home the very spirit of what Pope Francis is teaching and preaching: Don't look beyond



the poor, the homeless, the unnamed. They all represent, in a very real way, Jesus himself. And here, Jesus represents them."

Installation of the statue was made possible through the generous donations of anonymous donors. Photo courtesy Bishop Ready High School

# HOLY SPIRIT, ST. PHILIP HAVE MUCH IN COMMON

BY TIM PUET

Reporter, Catholic Times

Holy Spirit and St. Philip churches have always been close to each other in terms both of geography and of having common roots in the housing boom that occurred after World War II in eastern Franklin County. Members of the two parishes, which are about two miles apart, have been attending each other's Masses



Holy Spirit Church in Whitehall, built in 1960 and 1961 for a parish founded in 1947 as a result of post-World War II growth in eastern Franklin County. CT photos by Tim Puet

and special events ever since St. Philip was founded in 1956 in Columbus, nine years after the formation of Holy Spirit in Whitehall.

Today, they share an additional bond, with Father William Arnold serving as pastor of both since March 2013 as a result of the changes in demographics and priest availability which have led to clustering of two or more parishes under one pastor in more than 20 locations through-

out the diocese. Holy Spirit and St. Philip also share the services of Deacon George Zimmermann and Sister Joan Popovits, OP, pastoral minister.

Father Arnold, who has been at Holy Spirit since 2009, said that cooperation between the two parishes has strengthened considerably as a result of the new arrangement, but that both also have been able to retain distinct identities.

"Holy Spirit (located at 4383 E. Broad St.) has about 800 families," he said. "Whitehall was Columbus' first real post-war suburb, and the parish grew with the city, which always was a diverse community and remains that way today. St. Philip (at 1573 Elaine Road, just off Livingston Avenue) has about 300 families, most of which consist of people age 55 and older.

"The big growth years for both parishes were in the 1950s and 60s. Today, they're more stable, particularly St. Philip. One thing that's notable about them is that a lot of people who grew up in the parishes continue to come back regularly, although they have moved out of the area. That helps bring about a strong sense of continuity."

One thing that brings people of the parishes together every year is their biggest annual event, the Holy Spirit Festival, which this year is scheduled from Thursday to Saturday, Aug. 6 to 8. Besides attracting current and former parishioners, it draws people attracted by the carnival rides and games that are easily visible from the road on a drive down East Broad Street, the area's main east-west thoroughfare.

Food specials at the festival include Cuban sandwiches, Italian sausage, ribs, muffuletta sandwiches, and corn on the cob. There is live entertainment each night, a bake sale, and, on Saturday, a silent auction. "We have the most amazing array of baskets of all types – food, beverages, crafts, sports-themed, you name it" available at the auction, said St. Philip parishioner Fran Orr.

Father Arnold said the festival makes about \$30,000 for the parish and Holy Spirit School, with about half of that income coming from the silent auction.

The school, which has 274 students in preschool through eighth grade, has been in existence since 1952. Linda Saelzler has been part of the Holy Spirit family for almost half that period, spending 30

years at the school, including the last 13 years as principal. She will be retiring at the end of the school year and will be succeeded by Victoria Brake, who has been a mathematics teacher at several diocesan schools.

"Today, I think our school is called to be of service to families and to share the Gospel message more than ever," Saelzler said. "All are welcome here. We serve a diverse community, and it's reflected in our student population. About 60 to 70 percent of the students are non-Catholic. Recently, we've begun serving a large number of students with an Ethiopian Orthodox background. Having a school with a strong faith component is extremely important to them.

"That's the case with most of our students, Catholic and non-Catholic alike. They come here not because they're looking for a private school, but because they believe in the spiritual aspect of education and want lessons in faith to be passed on to their children."

Saelzler said the school is equipped with the latest technology. This includes SMART boards and tablet computers known as LearnPads, which are specifically designed for classroom use and easily monitored by a teacher. The school also has purchased two interactive televisions for classroom use.

Holy Spirit School is a short walk from the new Whitehall branch of the Columbus Metropolitan Library. The school has benefited considerably from a \$750,000 bequest left to the school library in 2008 by the late Carol Snowden, a longtime Whitehall children's librarian.

"Our faculty and staff are dedicated to working together for the success of all our students academically, emotionally, and physically," Saelzler said. "We have a well-rounded academic program that also includes Spanish, music, art, physical education, tutoring by adult reading partners who come in twice a week, an eighth-grade science fair, the Power of the Pen program, and a spelling bee. We also offer the services of a speech pathologist and an intervention specialist. To further build our school family, our seventh- and eighth-graders attend Camp Kern in southwest Ohio, and travel to Washington, D.C., every other year."

St. Philip had a school which closed a number of years ago, joining with Co-



lumbus St. Thomas and Christ the King schools to form All Saints Academy at the Christ the King site. But the former St. Philip School building continues to serve students, as it now houses the Renaissance Academy of Multimedia Arts, a charter school for kindergarten through eighth-grade students.

"A neighborhood is better when a school is in it," Father Arnold said. "I wanted the school building to continue to have an educational presence and was impressed by this school's specific mission." In addition to operating during the school year, the academy offers a summer school, keeping the building busy all year long.

Both parishes offer separate Parish School of Religion programs for kindergarten through eighth grade, with St. Philip's, directed by Brad Walters, meeting from 10 to 11 a.m. Sundays and Holy Spirit's from 9:15 to 10:30 a.m. Sundays. They will combine this coming Saturday, May 23, at 4 p.m. at St. Philip for a joint reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Kathie Rath, youth minister for both parishes, said a combined youth group meets once a month and has taken part in a number of events throughout the year, including the diocesan youth rally, Bosco Bash, and Walking Stations of the Cross, weekend game nights, and a visit to the Nativity display at State Auto Insurance in downtown Columbus.

This summer, the group will be attending the Steubenville Youth Conference in mid-June and taking part in the diocesan

Gospel Road program in July. The young people also have taken part in service activities including leaf-raking, the Catholic Social Services Fall Service Saturday, and the Whitehall City of Pride beautification program, for which they have built ramps, cleaned houses, fixed fences, and painted for senior citizens.

A joint Vacation Bible School for children entering kindergarten through fifth grade, with the theme "Camping in God's Creation," will take place from Monday, June 28 to Friday, July 2 at the Holy Spirit parish hall from 6 to 8 p.m. "The evening time works best for our parish because we have many families where both parents work during the day," Father Arnold said.

Mark Butler, religious education director at Holy Spirit, said that for several months in 2014-15, the parishes offered the Jeff Cavins *Bible Timeline* series, which proved successful enough that another extended Bible study of some type will take place beginning this fall. Holy Spirit currently is presenting Father Robert Barron's *Catholicism* series on Monday nights through mid-June.

Both St. Philip and Holy Spirit have strong choir groups, directed by Paulo Demaria and Julie Cottrill respectively. St. Philip has a traditional choir, a folk group, and a funeral choir. Holy Spirit also has a traditional and funeral choir, as well as a handbell choir for special Sunday and holy day celebrations.

Sister Joan Popovits serves both parishes as pastoral associate for the hospitalized



Left: Father William Arnold accepts offertory gifts from children making their first Communion at St. Philip Church. Above: The church's exterior. Below: Parents and students make first Communion liturgy banners. CT photo by Tim Puet (church); photos courtesy St. Philip Church



and homebound. "I could not possibly imagine being able to serve this important group without her help," said Father Arnold. Sister Joan serves approximately 65 parishioners from both communities. She has visited as many as 25 different nursing homes and has regular visits to five different area hospitals. She also sponsors a grief support group, which meets monthly at Holy Spirit.

Another special ministry directed by Sister Joan is the "People of God," an outreach to adults and children with special needs. She is supported by Marian Council 3864 of the Knights of Columbus Council and Beth Robine of Christ the King Church, who has provided her professional leader-

ship for more than 30 years.

Both parishes have extensive food pantry programs and St. Vincent de Paul Society activities. Orr and Marti Todd, administrative assistant at St. Philip, said that parish's pantry served about 18,000 families last year – a number which continues to grow, even though figures say the economy is getting better. The pantry is open from 6 to 7 p.m. each Wednesday for people in the 43213, 43237, and 43232 ZIP codes. Walk-ins are welcome.

Pat Morris of Holy Spirit said the pantry there is open from 10 a.m. to noon Thursdays for residents of the 43213 ZIP code,

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which covers Whitehall. Orr and Morris said that besides providing for needs of their own parishioners, the two parish St. Vincent de Paul conferences make sandwiches once a month at separate times for St. Lawrence Haven, which the diocesan SVDP society operates six days a week in the former Columbus Holy Cross School building downtown.

"That's always a great experience," Orr said. "We feed probably 100 people in an hour, and we know the volunteers want to be there and the clients appreciate us. They're happy, and it's a happy setting."

A number of Giving Tree programs take place in the parishes during the Christmas season, benefiting everyone from children served by Whitehall's community Christmas program to senior citizens at the Regency Manor nursing home. A separate ministry known as Warm Hands, Warm Hearts provides knitted or crocheted hats, scarves, gloves, mittens, and other warm clothing to those needing such items.

The two churches each have senior citizens activities, to which those from neighboring parishes (and others) are always invited. St. Philip's Silver Stars meet on the second Monday of each month for lunch at the MCL cafeteria in Whitehall, and have a Thanksgiving dinner at the TAT Restaurant in Columbus. Holy Spirit's Happy Spirits group gathers on the first Thursday of the month in the parish hall.

A joint parish picnic takes place around Pentecost Sunday at Holy Spirit. Pentecost is this coming Sunday, May 24, but perhaps because of the Memorial Day weekend, this year's picnic took place last Sunday, May 17. The annual Altar-Rosary Society women's breakfast for the two parishes is scheduled Sunday, May 31 at the TAT.

Holy Spirit has a mother's club which supports the school and the parish, sponsoring events including a winter carnival, candy sale, flower sale, and teacher appreciation luncheon, as well as a men's club which sponsors Monte Carlo nights three or four times a year to benefit school athletic programs and recently built a Marian grotto outside the church.

Other annual events at the two parishes including a meal before the Holy Thursday Mass at Holy Spirit, days of reflection, an annual retreat sponsored by St. Philip at the beginning of Lent at St. Therese's Retreat Center, hospitality Sundays on the first Sunday of the month at Holy Spirit and the third Sunday at St. Philip, Easter egg hunts on Palm Sunday at St. Philip and Easter Sunday at Holy Spirit, a Christmas extravaganza at St. Philip in which children can buy gifts for their parents, and a "trunk or treat" night at Holy Spirit, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

Both parishes are in the midst of raising funds for needed repairs, encouraging donations through the Bishop's Annual Appeal, which returns all funds a parish collects beyond its BAA goal to the parish, sav-



Top: Holy Spirit and St. Philip parishioners (from left): first row, Marti Todd, Pat Klingler, Angie Carfagna, Fran Orr, Pat Berry, Linda Saelzler, and Father William Arnold, pastor; second row, Mark Butler, Deacon George Zimmermann, Kathie Rath, JoAnn Dumas, Pat Morris, and Natalie Chemutai. Bottom: Preparing St. Philip's Easter egg hunt. CT photo by Tim Puet; photo, St. Philip Church



ing the parish the overhead charges a separate campaign would entail and providing other incentives.

"Our parishes have been fortunate over the years to have a number of Catholic men and women dedicated to being a continuing Catholic presence in eastern Franklin County as the area has undergone change over the years and continues to do so," Father Arnold said. "I'm grateful to all of them for doing the work God has given us to do in the place where we are, and know he will continue to bless us with the means we need to succeed together."

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Advertisement for St. John's Hermitage 'TASTE & SEE' event, an open house style wine tasting and small plates event for newly ordained priests on Monday, June 1st from 6-9 p.m. at Mia Cucina, 230 W. Olentangy St., Powell, OH.

Mary Garden Dedication

Gahanna St. Matthew Church celebrated the dedication of the parish's Mary Garden on Sunday, May 3, marking the completion of a yearlong project to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The parish's pastor, Father Theodore Sill, officiated at the dedication, assisted by Deacons Michael Hartge and Joseph Meyer. The parish children's choir led the more than 200 people in attendance in singing Marian hymns.

A statue of Mary that the parish acquired in 1980 and recently refurbished serves as the garden's devotional centerpiece. The statue is surrounded by a stone wall, accented with a stained-glass window depicting the name of Jesus. Specially designed lighting illuminates the statue at night.

"Thanks to a generous bequest and donations for engraved pavers, the Mary Garden is now a re-



ality," Father Sill said at the dedication. "I am sure Our Blessed Mother is pleased to have a permanent home."

Anyone interested in making a donation toward a memorial paver in the garden may contact the St. Matthew Church office at (614) 471-0212.

Photo courtesy St. Matthew Church



Watterson signees will continue to play sports

Eleven Columbus Bishop Watterson High School students recently announced their intent to play postsecondary sports. They are (from left): first row, Jack Haley, football, Heidelberg; Jack Heidenthal, soccer, Mount Union; Alicia Margello, swimming, Ohio Wesleyan; Avery Wakefield, softball, Eckerd; Paul Mokrzan, soccer, Washington & Jefferson; and Zac McKenna, hockey, Sugar Land (Texas) Junior Imperials; second row, Derek Petrucci, lacrosse, Otterbein; Matt Froehle, football, Ohio Northern; Marissa Washel, cross country and track, Otterbein; Chuck Eberhart, volleyball, Wittenberg; and Sam Maglicic, football, Youngstown State.

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**ALMOND, Jessie A., 93, May 8**  
St. Elizabeth Church, Columbus

**ALTIER, Paul W., 74, May 6**  
St. Bernard Church, Corning

**BAKER, Ann, 80, May 15**  
St. Paul Church, Westerville

**BELLISARI, Joanne S., 69, May 10**  
Our Lady of Victory Church, Columbus

**BONZI, Jack, 85, April 30**  
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

**BRONOWSKI, Paula J., 67, May 12**  
St. Paul Church, Westerville

**BURNS, Judith A., 46, May 8**  
St. Paul Church, Westerville

**CARIS, Sharon, 78, April 28**  
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

**CLEARY, Patricia A., 86, May 9**  
Immaculate Conception Church, Columbus

**COCCIA, Daniel, 91, May 6**  
St. Mary Church, Marion

**EGAN, Mildred L., 90, April 30**  
St. Pius X Church, Reynoldsburg

**EPIFANO, Dominic S. "Butch" Jr., 70, May 9**  
St. Rose Church, New Lexington

**HOLLISTER, Joseph E., 72, May 10**  
St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark

**HOMSY, Odette M., 79, May 16**  
Holy Resurrection Melkite Catholic Church,  
Columbus

**LECKRONE, Mary L., 83, May 5**  
St. Rose Church, New Lexington

**LEITER, Wilbur F., 91, May 12**  
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

**LUPICA, George, 87, May 7**  
St. Mary Church, Marion

**RUSSELL, Susan, 68, May 8**  
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

**SALERNO, Steven, 57, May 15**  
St. Paul Church, Westerville

**SMITH, Charles A., 90, May 10**  
St. Rose Church, New Lexington

**STEVENSON, Evelyn, 89, April 24**  
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

**WEST, Ronald W., 80, April 20**  
St. Mary Church, Groveport

**WOLFE, Carol A., 64, May 9**  
St. Mary Church, Bremen

**ZENO, Yolanda, 95, April 21**  
Immaculate Conception Church, Dennison

## Barbara A. Calvert

Funeral Mass for Barbara A. Calvert, 77, who died Wednesday, May 13, was held Monday, May 18, at Newark St. Francis de Sales Church. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Newark.

She was born April 17, 1938, in Cambridge to Elias and Ann (Koval) George and was a graduate of Cambridge St. Benedict Church.

She retired from Newark St. Francis de Sales Church as head cook, and also worked for Champion Spark Plug in Cambridge.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, James. Survivors include sons, James (Kim) and Robert (Keely); daughters, Tricia (Rick) Kane, Annette (Artie) Ghiloni, and Tonya (Scott) Thomas; brothers, James (Elizabeth), Michael (Patricia), William (Linda) and Richard (Kelly); sisters, Maria (Gary) Whitis, Ann (Donald) Moore, and Janice Kafury; eight grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and one step-great-grandchild.

## Read Across America Day



To celebrate Read Across America Day, Hilliard St. Brendan School second-grade students learned about Dr. Seuss. His birthday was celebrated by reading his books, sharing a favorite book with the students' eighth-grade buddies, and writing and illustrating book reports. Students pictured are (from left) Reese Boyle, Thomas Rice, Amber Regan, John Rice, Maggie Kane, and Grant Rice.

Photo courtesy St. Brendan School

## BECOMING PEACE

"Becoming Peace: One Person at a Time" will be the theme of a prayer service at 4 p.m. Sunday, June 7 in Reynoldsburg St. Pius X Church, 1051 S. Waggoner Road. The one-hour event will be planned and presented by Sister Maxine Shonk, OP, St. Pius pastoral minister, and parishioner Esther Burns, who has been involved in interfaith activities since the 1960s.

The service is part of a monthly series of such events for people of all faiths, sponsored by the Columbus Faith Coalition Against Violence to pray for an end to violence in the area and for those affected by the violence. The coalition

was formed by many religious leaders and groups in Columbus, including the Dominican Sisters of Peace, under the auspices of the Interfaith Association of Central Ohio.

The coalition's mission statement says, "Recognizing that the foundation of true peace is the commitment of each individual to nonviolence in personal thinking, life, and actions, the Columbus Faith Coalition Against Violence pledges to sponsor a monthly hour of prayer/meditation, open to all, aimed at deepening the personal commitment of those attending to achieve this frame of thinking and living."

## MEN'S LUNCHEON CLUB

The next meeting of the Catholic Men's Luncheon Club, on Friday, June 5, will feature a presentation by corporate attorney David A. Martin on "What Can One Man Do?" to share our faith in today's culture. Martin and his wife have young children and are parishioners at Columbus St. Andrew Church.

The talk will take place at Columbus

St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., following the 11:45 a.m. Mass, and will conclude by 1 p.m. No reservations are necessary. A \$10 donation is requested to cover lunch and meeting costs.

For information on the club, visit [www.ColumbusCatholicMen.com](http://www.ColumbusCatholicMen.com) or contact John Schechter, CMLC president, at [jschechter@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jschechter@sbcglobal.net).

## MAY

### 21, THURSDAY

**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**

### 22, FRIDAY

**Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center Open House**  
10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. Center, a ministry of the Dominican Sisters of Peace, will be open, weather permitting, for tours. **614-866-4302**

### 23, 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.

**Alfred Tibor Reception at Jubilee Museum**  
3 to 5 p.m., Holy Family Jubilee Museum and Catholic Cultural Center, 57 S. Grubb St., Columbus. Reception for sculptor Alfred Tibor, whose work is on display at the museum through June 14. **614-600-0054**

**Catholic Charismatic Renewal Pentecost Mass**  
7 p.m., St. John Neumann Church, 9633 East State Route 37, Sunbury. Mass for the Feast of Pentecost, sponsored by diocesan Catholic Charismatic Renewal, celebrated by Fathers G. Michael Gribble and David Sizemore, preceded by rosary at 5:30 and praise and worship, with personal prayer available, at 6. **614-237-7080**

**Labyrinth Walk at Shepherd's Corner**  
7 to 8:30 p.m., Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. "Joining Spring in the Laby-

rinth" walk, with Dale Sparlin of Mindful Labyrinths. Suggested donation \$5. Registration deadline May 21. **614-866-4302**

### 24, SUNDAY

**Mass for Those Who Recently Joined the Church**  
10:30 a.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Bishop Frederick Campbell celebrates annual diocesan Pentecost Mass for neophytes (those who recently joined the Catholic Church, mainly at the Easter Vigil), followed by reception. **614-221-4640**

**St. Catherine of Bologna Secular Franciscans**  
2:30 to 5 p.m., St. Francis of Assisi Church, 386 Buttles Ave., Columbus. Rosary, Meet in church for prayer, followed by general meeting, ongoing formation, and social. **Patriotic Organ Concert at Columbus St. Mary**  
4 p.m., St. Mary, Mother of God Church, 684 S. 3rd St., Columbus. "Tribute to Our Veterans," a program of patriotic music for the organ, with parish organist William Antoniaki. Veterans are invited to come in uniform. **614-866-4302**

**Prayer Group Meeting at Christ the King**  
5 to 7 p.m., Christ the King Church, 2777 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus (enter at daily Mass entrance). Weekly parish prayer group meets for praise, worship, ministry, and teaching. **614-886-8266**

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

### 25, MONDAY

**Bethesda Post-Abortion Healing Ministry**  
6:30 p.m., support group meeting, 2744 Dover Road, Columbus (Christ the King convent, first building west of the church). **614-718-0277, 614-309-2651, 614-309-0157**

**Our Lady of Peace Men's Bible Study**  
7 p.m., Our Lady of Peace Church, 20 E. Dominion Blvd., Columbus. Bible study of Sunday Scripture readings. **614-459-2766**

### 26, TUESDAY

**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**

### 27, WEDNESDAY

**Westerville Theology on Tap Meeting**  
7:30 to 9:30 p.m., Old Bag of Nails, 24 N. State St., Westerville. Meeting of Theology on Tap group for young Catholics. Topic: "Living Eucharist in the World: How We Live As Eucharistic People," with Mike Hall, director of the diocesan Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry. **614-882-2537**

### 28, THURSDAY

**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**

### 29, FRIDAY

**Contemplative Walk at Shepherd's Corner**  
7 to 8:30 p.m., Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. Evening contemplative walk throughout the farm, led by Sister Marguerite Chandler,

OP, and AmeriCorps volunteer Matt Jones. Suggested donation \$5. Registration deadline May 27. **614-866-4302**

### 30, 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.

### 31, SUNDAY

**Msgr. Ciotola's 50th Anniversary Mass**  
11 a.m., Our Lady of Victory Church, 1559 Roxbury Road, Columbus. Msgr. Romano Ciotola's 50th anniversary Mass of Thanksgiving, followed by reception. **614-488-2428**

**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**

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## JUNE

### 1, MONDAY

**Aquinas Alumni Luncheon**  
11 a.m., Aquinas Room, Holy Family Jubilee Museum and Catholic Cultural Center, 57 S. Grubb St., Columbus. Monthly Columbus Aquinas High School alumni luncheon.

**Marian Movement for Priests Cenacle**  
7 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Holy Hour for family life. **614-235-7435**

### 2, TUESDAY

**Diocesan Senior Citizens Day at St. Paul**  
10:30 a.m., St. Paul Church, 313 N. State St., Westerville. 38th annual Diocesan Senior Citizens Day sponsored by diocesan Office of Social Concerns, with Mass celebrated by Bishop Frederick Campbell, followed by luncheon. Registration \$10. Registration deadline May 28. **614-241-2540**

**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**

### 4, THURSDAY

**Holy Hour at Holy Family**  
6 to 7 p.m., Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St., Colum-

bus. 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**

**'The Canary Effect' at Corpus Christi**  
6:30 p.m., Corpus Christi Center of Peace, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus. "The Canary Effect: Kill the Indian, Save the Man," a documentary about the nation's policies toward Native Americans, followed by a conversation with a representative of the Native American Indian Center of Central Ohio. Free-will offering will be taken for the Corpus Christi center. **614-512-3731**

**Back in His Arms Again Meeting**  
7 p.m., Panera restaurant, 782 N. State St., Westerville. Monthly meeting of Back in His Arms Again support group for mothers who have experienced the loss of a child. **614-906-3115; 614-800-8888**

### 5, 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.

**Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center Open House**  
10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. Center, a ministry of the Dominican Sisters of Peace, will be open, weather permitting, for tours. **614-866-4302**

**Catholic Men's Luncheon Club**  
12:15 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Catholic Men's Luncheon Club meeting. Speaker: Attorney David Martin on "What Can One Man Do?"

**St. John Chrysostom First Friday Sale**  
4 to 6 p.m., St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church, 5858 Cleveland Ave., Columbus. First Friday sale of pirogi, stuffed cabbage, noodles, baked goods. **614-882-7578**

**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.

### 5-6, FRIDAY-SATURDAY

**Girls Discernment Weekend at Chillicothe St. Peter**  
St. Peter Convent, 126 Church St., Chillicothe. Discernment weekend for girls ages 13 to 18, sponsored by Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. **740-774-0474**

### 6, SATURDAY

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

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

## BOOK REVIEW

*Serenity prayer key to peace and happiness, says priest-author*

## SERENITY PRAYER

Reviewed by Jan Kilby

Catholic News Service

*"The Way of Serenity: Finding Peace and Happiness in the Serenity Prayer" by Jonathan Morris. HarperOne (San Francisco, 2014). 231 pages, \$24.99.*

In *The Way of Serenity*, Father Jonathan Morris examines the appeal and value of the popular "serenity prayer."

Its words are familiar to many: "God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference."

Father Morris, a Catholic priest serving in the Archdiocese of New York, is an analyst for the Fox News Channel and former program director of the Catholic Channel on SiriusXM satellite radio. He also serves in campus ministry at Columbia University and is the author of two previous books.

In his new book, he shares some profound insight about the simple three-line prayer written by American Protestant theologian Reinhold Niebuhr.

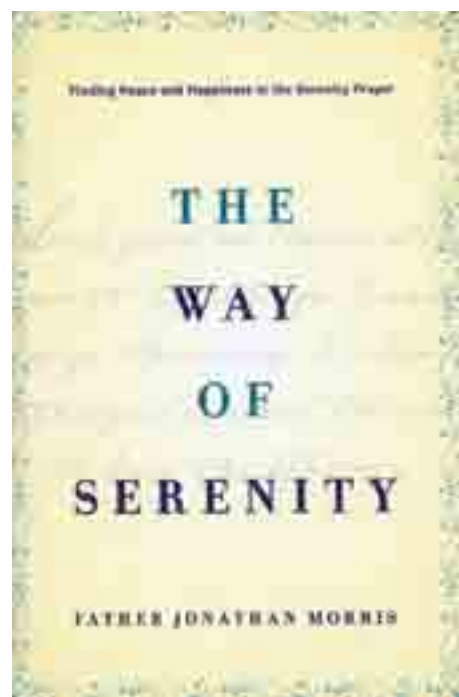
He organizes the book's chapters into three parts, each devoted to one line of the prayer. Within each, he discusses what a petitioner requests in the line, why it is important, ways to attain it, and barriers to doing so.

He believes the prayer has appeal because it "strikes a chord that transcends the boundaries of particular religious experiences to touch something intimately related to our common humanity."

Father Morris first became aware of the prayer's power when he heard it recited by those at an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting. "It was a calm cry in the darkness of their own insufficiency to a greater power to whom they had attached their will and hopes," he said. "It was the purest and most genuine act of self-abandonment to God's will I have ever witnessed."

The prayer soon became part of his spiritual practice.

In the book's first part, he analyzes



what petitioners must accept that they cannot change. He cites these as the "unchangeable realities in our life."

These include "parents, siblings, education, talent (or lack thereof), traumas and tragedies, our good and bad choices and their consequences," he says.

"We are asking God for the serenity to let go of the reins when hanging on to them is doing us no good anyway," he says. "If we let him, he will bring forth from our trial a greater good than anything we could ever imagine."

This requires trust in God in "working out the drama of our existence" and patience, he states.

In the second part of the book, he focuses on the desire of the prayer's petitioners for courage to change what they can. This process often means changing themselves first and "leading with mercy," he says.

Father Morris explains what can prevent this from happening. "Discouragement normally shows itself when we stop looking at God (for whom all things are possible) and become fixated

on ourselves (who can do nothing without him)," he reminds readers.

Finally, he examines the prayer's line asking for the wisdom to know the difference between what must be accepted and what can be changed.

"Wisdom is not really about knowing many things, but rather knowing (discerning) what is important," he says.

Citing the advice of St. Ignatius of Loyola in his *Spiritual Exercises*, Father Morris advises that we "evaluate our present actions by considering what we will appreciate on our deathbed."

This can be difficult to know, he says, because God reveals his desires in "whispers" to our conscience. But Father Morris asserts that wisdom ultimately means "to live for others, always" because "getting to heaven is what matters most."

Clergy and lay readers of all faiths should enjoy this inspiring book.

*Kilby is a writer in San Antonio.*

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## WRITING CONTEST STATE FINALISTS

Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare School sixth-grade students (from left) Caitlyn Spyra, Anne-Marie Arnold, Ellie Hanson, Bryndley Pitman, and Rachel Hare were chosen as state finalists in the national Letters About Literature writing contest. They were among 165 Ohio students whose letters were selected for judging by the Library of Congress staff in Washington.

Hare was chosen as a state honorable finalist, meaning her letter finished among the top seven in the state. All honorable finalists were invited to an awards ceremony and luncheon in their honor at the Cleveland Public Library. The Hare family and English language arts teacher Jill Cecutti attended the event, at which Hare received a certificate and prizes for her letter, which was written to Tony Abbott, author of *Firegirl*.

The national writing contest is open to all students in grades four through 12 in all 50 states. It integrates



English language arts learning standards with an authentic writing opportunity that allows students to express their personal feelings about a book and its effect on them, in the form of a letter to the author.

Photo courtesy St. Brigid of Kildare School

## NEWS IN PHOTOS FROM AROUND THE WORLD



Relief workers from the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Assumption Parish in Lalitpur, Nepal, distribute food items and tents on top of Baretol mountain. The village was affected by the magnitude-7.3 earthquake on April 25. CNS photo/Anto Akkara

Pope Francis meets Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas during a private audience at the Vatican on May 16. Vatican and Palestinian representatives have finalized the text of a formal agreement recognizing freedom of religion in the "State of Palestine" and outlining the rights and obligations of the Catholic Church, its agencies, and its personnel in the territory.

CNS photo/Alberto Pizzoli, Reuters pool



Thousands of people wearing white participate in the March For Life, Peace and Justice to protest against violence in El Salvador in late March in San Salvador. March marked one of the deadliest months in a decade with 481 people murdered, an average of 16 homicides a day, much of it committed by violent and ubiquitous gangs, said officials from the National Civil Police.

CNS photo/Rodrigo Sura, EPA

## NATIONAL BUSINESS HONOR SOCIETY CHAPTER INDUCTEES

Columbus Bishop Watterson High School recently inducted 14 students into its National Business Honor Society chapter, which was created in 2013 as the first such organization in central Ohio and the second in the state. Membership in the NBHS is based on academics, service, and leadership, with the academic portion based on both overall grade point average and GPA in business classes. A minimum of four business classes are required, with two of them required to be advanced placement and/or dual enrollment. Watterson NBHS chapter members are (from left): first row, Kylie Dougherty, Maggie McCarthy, Steve Markos, Abby Malone, Morgan Hull, Claire DiOrio, Clau-



dia Valachovic, Marissa Wierzbicki, and Abby Reinhard; second row, induction ceremony guest speaker Jason Janoski, Noah Slade, Sam Lewis, Paul Mokrzan, Connor McCarthy, Mary Patton, Keely Loesing, Collin Ruegg, Sydney Simmons, Elise Miller, chapter adviser Sheri Cook, and school principal Marian Hutson.

Photo courtesy Bishop Watterson High School

## Mount Vernon School Expansion Groundbreaking Celebration

Mount Vernon St. Vincent de Paul School completed a successful fundraising campaign with a ground-breaking ceremony on Monday, May 11.

The campaign raised nearly \$500,000 in gifts and pledges, which will be invested in the first addition to the school building in more than 60 years, creating a more secure and welcoming entrance, as well as expanded learning space for students. In addition, windows installed in the 1930s will be replaced with modern, energy-efficient updates. The work is scheduled to be completed by the time classes resume in August.

The initiative has benefitted from strong support by St. Vin-

cent de Paul Church parishioners and area businesses, as well as leadership gifts provided from the Knox County Community Foundation and the Ariel Foundation.

“We asked parishioners and school parents what mattered most to them, and they gave us great guidance about how to continue building on the positive impact the school has on the lives of our students and their families,” said school principal Martha Downs. “The incredible generosity of families and friends from the parish and community allows us to make investments we know will pay dividends for generations to come.”

The fundraising effort, with

the theme “There Is Unity in Community,” was led by Air Force Col. Chris Salvucci, a parishioner. “It’s gratifying to see this all start to take shape – from drawings and ideas to the real world – thanks to a very supportive and thoughtful group of dedicated donors willing to invest in helping our kids, and not just the school kids, but all the families who will be able to benefit from the improvements,” Salvucci said.

Remodeling of the school cafeteria was included in the overall fundraising effort. Dollars raised for this initiative allowed the space to be updated and modernized as a meeting area available to the school and

parish community.

Father Mark Hammond, pastor of St. Vincent de Paul and the Knox-Licking Consortium of Catholic Parishes, said, “It is truly a blessing and fortifying for all of us at St. Vincent de Paul to see that so many come together to invest in the

future of our students and parish community. We are continually blessed and nourished by the goodness of this incredible generosity. Whenever I have asked for support, I have been overwhelmed by the spirit of charity and giving our community shares in its response.”




Pictured at the Mount Vernon groundbreaking are (from left) Mark Stewart, school maintenance supervisor; Mayor Richard Mavis; donors Kevin Spearman and Jim Matusik; Father Mark Hammond, pastor; Martha Downs, principal; donors Lance Spearman and Doug Brenneman; Kitty Quinn of the diocesan Schools Office; William Davis, school advisory board president; Col. Chris Salvucci, fundraising drive chairman; donor David Stein; and architect Steve Stein.

Photo courtesy St. Vincent de Paul School

*A Special Invitation*


**Diocesan Re-Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus**



You are cordially invited to join  
Bishop Frederick F. Campbell, DD., Ph.D.  
for a very special Mass in the life of our Diocese.  
During the Mass he will  
re-consecrate the Diocese of Columbus  
to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus  
Friday, June 12th, 2015  
At 7:30 PM

St. Joseph Cathedral  
213 East Broad Street  
Columbus, OH 43215



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