SERVING THE NEEDY ON THANKSGIVING
By David Garick, Editor

Saying Grace

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We enroll in our families. We enroll in God's mercy and forgiveness, and attribute all our success to His plan and grace. When we both win and lose with grace, it is salvation. When we live our lives. And at Thanksgiving, our gratitude is expressed willingly turned out to be less expensive to the parish’s predecessors, Mount Gilead Fathers, which served the Cardington School District’s intermediate school and soliciting other donations.

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Explaining Eucharist to child; Anger and holy Communion

I’m not even sure that a teenager is a ready person for a philosophical explanation of transubstantiation, but in fairness I think that I would try— as I certainly would with an adult. I’ve had to be diplomatic with my children, and will discuss this with them in the future, once they are old enough.

A few of them, however, have made many sacrifices on my behalf and helped me to become a successful community organizer. They can’t seem to free themselves of this historic grudge against them. Now this is bothering me a lot and I think they are doing it in order to bond with their parents and with God.

But I don’t think that you should stop receiving holy Communion. Feelings are entirely within our to- tal control; what we can manage, though, is what we say or do against the background of those feelings. I’m guessing that your behavior toward your par- ents is decent and your conversations with them kind— and your own preference would clearly be to free yourself of the angry feelings.

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Downtown St. Luke Church again is sponsoring a bus trip to the March for Life in Washington.

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By Mary McClusky

Sometimes the media doesn’t quite get it right. When Pope Francis recently wrote on the topic of women who have had abortions, headlines suggested that the Catholic Church’s outreach to those suffering after abortion is a new phenomenon. But nothing could be further from the truth. From Jesus himself to our current pontiff, the Church has a long history of emphasizing forgiveness and healing for all who repent and seek help.

Throughout salvation history, God has welcomed those who repent from wrongdoing with special joy. Jesus concludes the parable of the lost sheep by saying “there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance” (Luke 15:7). When Simon and other Pharisees were scandalized that Jesus allowed a “sinful woman” to bathe his feet with tears while dining at Simon’s house, he held her up as an example of humility, gratitude, and love: “Yeast,” he said, “has been forgiven you, hence she has shown great love” (Luke 7:46-47). Not even once does Jesus reject a humble, contrite sinner or woman.

As well as emphasizing reconciliation and healing at the heart of the Church’s mission, the Church has been on the forefront of post-abortion healing ministry for decades. Just after the Supreme Court legalized abortion nationwide, the nation’s Catholic Bishops recognized that those involved in abortion would have ongoing spiritual and pastoral needs. In their 1975 Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities, the leadership of the Catholic Church formally committed “the pastoral resources of the Church” to “the specific needs of those who have firsthand experience in an abortion” (no. 6). In line with this commitment, the nation’s bishops long ago affirmed the authority for priests in the U.S. States to pray for and with those involved in abortion and Pope Francis has affirmed worldwide.

Over the years, the bishops have continued this commitment to forgiveness and healing by establishing and strengthening diocesan-based post-abortion healing ministries, most often known as Project Rachel. This ministry gathers together the resources of the Church in the ongoing healing mission of Jesus. Indecision and paralysis throughout the nation, Project Rachel helps provide opportunities for God’s mercy to transform the hearts of those wounded from abortion.

Echoing earlier statements of Pope St. John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI, Pope Francis gave confidence in God’s love and mercy to women who suffer from abortion, urging them to seek forgiveness and healing. “I have met so many women who bear in their heart the scar of this agonizing and painful decision. What has happened is profoundly unjust. Yet only understanding the truth of it can enable one not to lose hope. The forgiveness of God cannot be denied to one who has repented, especially when that person approaches the Sacrament of Confession with a sincere heart in order to obtain reconciliation with the Father” (Letter of Pope Francis to Archbishop Rito Frachipan, president of the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization, Sept. 1, 2013).

During the Jubilee Year of Mercy beginning on Tuesday, Dec. 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Pope Francis is calling special attention to Christ’s mercy and the mission of the Church to bring the Gospel of mercy to all people. Pope Francis continues to shine light on Christ’s coming for all, since everyone is a sinner in need of mercy. If someone you know suffers because of involvement with abortion, please encourage him or her to talk to a priest or contact the nearest Project Rachel ministry by visiting the “Find Help” map at www.hopeafterabortion.com or www.esperanzaposaborto.com. And please pray that many will seek and receive the gift of God’s infinite mercy.

Mary McClusky is executive director for Project Rachel ministry development at the secretariat of.pro-life activities of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. For confidential help after abortion, visit www.hopeafterabortion.com or www.esperanzaposaborto.com.
Volunteers at the annual Thanksgiving dinner sponsored by Columbus St. Alphonsus Church pray before serving the first of more than 500 meals at the event.

**BY TIM PUYE**

Times

For most of the past 40 years, Thanksgiving Day has been the busiest day of the year at Columbus St. Alphonsus Church, and this year should be no exception. In 1975, the church, which is a landmark on West Broad Street in the city's Hilltop neighborhood, has been serving a free Thanksgiving dinner to anyone who comes to its family center after the day's 9 a.m. Mass.

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It’s a strong mindset, instead of one that was preposterous and silly.

Do you find that prayer helps to keep you centered on Christ?

I think everyone can look back and see that the times they slid in their faith were also the times they were not praying or they were not helping. The opposite of this is also true — when we pray well, we live well.

One way you’ve lived well is by going on mission trips. What did you learn from them?

I’ve been to Nicaragua and Peru once each, and then to Ghana three different times. In Nicaragua, we were in a very rural, poor area. To give you an idea, we had a house made of one wall and a tarp coming from the top of the wall down to the ground as an angle. That was it. The school there was not spectacular either, so we built a new one. It was a worthwhile thing to leave behind something that will last.

In Ghana, the missions were medically oriented. Their health care, their supply of medicines, what we did and helped people with, some of which they had gotten from other medical personnel. There was a 13-year-old boy walking with a cane because of an infection in his foot. He was given him improperly. Seeing him and others like him makes you grateful for what you have. You stop seeing things as being difficult, you see them as almost any other people. Again, another good thing about the mission trips is seeing that the Catholic Church is all over the world. The Mass might be in a language you don’t know, but you do know the Eucharist. That’s something you can connect to.

Do you plan on becoming a doctor like your father?

I do. I might be able to play elsewhere as well, in medical school next fall. I was made for football, I think, because of my father, and the same can be said for him because of mine. So I can help you know where to show up and help people with.

You could also say that what my father has done for my outlook on religion. My mother is a lifelong Catholic, and my father converted when I was in second or third grade. They would openly talk about being Catholic, so it was something that I (and my sisters and brothers) was made comfortable with.

When I first came to Ohio State, there was a family I knew nearby that drove me to Mass at St. Patrick Church in Columbus. Now that I’m in my fifth year, I’ve become a part of the Catholic churches in the area, and Joe Burger and I go to Mass two or three times a week. Staying a active Catholic in college would have not happened without the upbringing I had.

Do you have a patent sought?

No, not currently. There’s one reason I chose St. John the Apostle as my confirmation saint. My father taught me to be someone who cares for everyone else. St. John stayed by Jesus, even when things were not going well. That’s an admirable standard that any of us can use as motivation. It’s easy to be good when things are pleasant, but when there are setbacks, it takes courage to be good for reasons.

My paternal grandfather is a super example of this. He has been battling cancer for years. He knows it by his conduct. He’s always very friendly, he’s willing to talk anybody and get out of his way to help people. He was my football coach in high school, and for years now, he’s been very involved in this cancer, which was very-specific, considering his condition. One of my best high school memories was when we had a SportsLever-sponsored jersey.

Each player’s father was supposed to talk briefly about his son and then give him a football jersey. I thought my father was doing that, but my grandfather surprised me by arriving and doing it. That was a great moment, and I started tearing up.

My grandfather shows how illness or any suffering can make into something good. The saints have spoken of this and do themselves.

That’s the cross is all about — taking something bad and making the best of it.

Trent Beattie writes from Seattle.

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Father Lawrence L. Hummer

Praying the Rosary

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HAPPENINGS

Mary Jane Kuhn

She was a member of Zanesville Aerie 302, and the Good Sam Legion, Fraternal Order of Eagles.

The daughter of Edward and Dora Gelonese.

She was a member of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Holy Cross in Canada, where she served as a teacher for many years. She also had great-great-grandchildren.

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A funeral service for Mary Jane Kuhn, 85, was held Monday, Nov. 9 at Mount St. Mary's Church. She entered the Sisters of St. Francis of the Holy Cross in Canada in 1957, and did additional graduate studies at St. Francis de Sales University and a master of science degree in education at the University of St. Francis in California.

A funeral Mass for Sister M. Paula Fox, OSF, 94, who died Wednesday, Nov. 11, was celebrated Saturday, Nov. 14 at the chapel of the Sisters of St. Francis of Penance and Christian Charity in St. Joseph Church, Reynoldsburg. Burial was at the sisters’ cemetery.

She was born Dolores Fox in Buffalo, N.Y.

She received an alumni award from D'Youville College in 1984.

She was born April 23, 1933 in Zanesville.

She was a member of the Diocese of Buffalo. She was president of D'Youville College Holy Name Province from 1977-83 and provincial minister of her congregation’s Holy Name Province from 1977-83.

She was a member of St. Brigid of Kildare Church, Dublin and did additional graduate studies at St. Francis de Sales University and the Ohio State University.

She was born on Oct. 9, 1922 to Clara and Anna Fox and was a funeral director for many years. She also was a member of the American Legion, Auxiliary Order of Eagles.

She was a member of the State University and a master of science degree in education at the University of St. Francis in California.

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More than 150 children will perform alongside professional dancers in BalletMet’s annual holiday production of The Nutcracker from Friday, Dec. 11 to Sunday, Dec. 27 at the Ohio Theater, 55 E. State St., Columbus. Thirteen of those dancers are from Catholic churches in the Diocese of Columbus. They are (from left) first row, Katie Bartlett; second row, Melody M. Crigger, Elizabeth Bruening, Matt Rees, Isabelle Lapierre, Matt Rees, Alana Sayat, and Kaitlyn Hanna; third row, Sidney Flynn, Lily Rosati Yoos, Elizabeth Hudelson, Katie Alexander, and Katherine O’Sullivan.

Playing roles such as young Clara, mice, and angels, the children will have the unique opportunity to be a part of the company’s rehearsal process from start to finish, with some even taking on company roles and traveling to Detroit to perform the ballet.

“The Nutcracker is a wonderful introduction to classical ballet that has become a holiday tradition for many families,” said BalletMet Academy director Timothy Lynch. “I am thrilled that so many of our academy students have the opportunity to be a part of the production this year and dance beside the company members they aspire to be one day.”

The Nutcracker was choreographed by former BalletMet artistic director Gerard Charles, who, along with Robert Post, are co-creators of the BalletMet production. With help from exquisite costumes and scenery and music from the Columbus Symphony, the ballet weaves the timeless story of Clara’s journey with her nutcracker prince. The Nutcracker will run for 16 performances in Columbus and seven performances at the Detroit Opera House.

The schedule of Columbus performances is: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11; 1 and 5:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 12 and 13; 7:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Dec. 17 and 18; 2 and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19; noon and 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 20; 7:30 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 22 and 23; 2 and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 26; and 1 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 27.

Ticket prices range from $32 to $89. Tickets may be purchased at the CAPA ticket center next to the Ohio Theater, all Ticketmaster outlets, and ticketmaster.com. To purchase tickets by phone, call (614) 469-0939.

The New Albany Church of the Resurrection, 6300 E. Dublin-Granville Road, will present central Ohio Christian band Living Water presenting its concert narrative On a Night Like This at 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29.

Living Water has shared its unique brand of musical ministry with central Ohio since 2003, appearing at a variety of venues. The band has produced two live, full-length CDs, with a third one due to debut at this concert. In the concert narrative On a Night Like This, the band uses Scripture, narration, and song to tell the story of the Advent journey to Christmas from the perspectives of the persons who experienced the original event. This provides a deeply emotional experience of that Scripture story.

The drawing above, depicting St. Joan of Arc, St. Martin of Tours, and St. Therese of Lisieux, was done by 15-year-old Katy Orsborn of Columbus St. Patrick Church. She had attended a Mass and rosary following the tragedy in Paris and was moved by the power of prayer and our need to invoke the great array of saints to aid us in our earthly struggles.
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