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## The Editor's Notebook

## Living the Challenge of Saint Patrick

By David Garick, Editor



Lent gets a little more colorful around the middle of March. Last Sunday, the purple of the penitential season lightened up to a springlike rose color for Laetare Sunday. *Laetare* means "rejoice" in Latin, a foreshadowing of the joy of Easter to come. This week takes on a green hue, though not in the liturgical setting, where purple vestments will continue to be the seasonal color. St. Patrick's Day is upon us. It is a time to revel in all things Irish.

I certainly do enjoy St. Patrick's Day and the joyous Irish traditions that surround it. I am sure that I will share a few pints of Guinness and delight to some Irish folk music and good company. But there is far more to this day than a boisterous ethnic festival. We celebrate the life and legacy of St. Patrick, a man who built the Irish nation into a people devoted to the Catholic faith.

As you will read in the story on Page 3, Patrick was sent to Ireland to convert the pagans and to restore the Christian community that had strayed from the truth of the Gospel back to unity with the Church.

It was no easy task. Patrick himself wrote of his mission, "If I be worthy, I live for my God to teach the heathen, even though they may despise me." Because of his faithfulness, generations of Irish now thank and revere him for bringing them closer to Christ.

That challenge still exists to-

day, over a much larger area than the Emerald Isle. We still live amid heathens. Today, they are called secularists. Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI spoke of them as having created a "dictatorship of relativism that does not recognize anything as definitive and whose ultimate goal consists solely of one's own ego and desires."

This week, a new pope will be chosen to continue the work of the New Evangelization, carrying on the exact same mission that Pope Celestine had entrusted to St. Patrick more than 1,500 years ago. This new evangelization is the mission of each of us. We all must be willing, as Patrick was, to risk the disapproval of the prevailing culture to speak the truth and bring people to Christ.

This issue of *Catholic Times* looks at the fine example of that missionary evangelization that is being carried out in Columbus at one of our oldest churches, the Columbus parish named for St. Patrick himself.

So, enjoy some Irish spirit this weekend, but also fortify yourself with some of St. Patrick's fervor to stand against the popular trends and to bring people to the true joy that comes from knowing our Lord and Savior. In Patrick's own words, "Christ beside me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ within me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me."

## IN PRE-CONCLAVE SERMON, CARDINAL SODANO CALLS FOR UNITY

By Francis X. Rocca  
Catholic News Service

Hours before the start of the conclave that will choose the next pope, the dean of the College of Cardinals celebrated the papacy as a source of unity among Catholics and of evangelization and charitable service to the world.

Christ "has established his apostles and among them Peter, who takes the lead, as the visible foundation of the unity of the church," Cardinal Angelo Sodano said in his homily at St. Peter's Basilica on March 12. "Each of us is therefore called to cooperate with the successor of Peter, the visible foundation of such an ecclesial unity."

Cardinal Sodano, 85 (pictured), celebrated the Mass *Pro Eligendo Romano Pontifice* (for the election of the Roman pontiff) with 170 other cardinals, including 115 under 80 who would be entering the conclave in the Sistine Chapel that afternoon.

At the start of the Mass, as a choir and the congregation chanted verses from the psalms, the cardinals processed up the main aisle of the basilica, wearing vestments in the red of Pentecost, signifying their invocation of the Holy Spirit to guide the papal election.

Cardinal Sodano's homily included words of thanks for the "brilliant pontificate" of Pope Benedict XVI, which prompted more than 30 seconds of applause.

The cardinal quoted the retired pope's description of charity as a "constitutive element of the church's mission and an indispensable expression of her being" and his warning that charity must not be reduced to "solidarity or simply humanitarian aid," since the "greatest work of charity is evangelization, which is the 'ministry of the word.'"



Christ's "mission of mercy," Cardinal Sodano said, "is especially entrusted to the bishop of Rome, shepherd of the universal church."

"The last popes have been builders of so many good initiatives for people and for the international community, tirelessly promoting justice and peace," the cardinal said. "Let us pray that the future pope may continue this unceasing work on the world level."

Given its timing, the homily at the cardinals' last Mass before a conclave is commonly interpreted as an exhortation to the cardinal-electors on the priorities they should follow in choosing the next pope.

## THE FEAST OF ST. PATRICK

BY TIM PUET  
Reporter, Catholic Times

The Feast of St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, is March 17, the generally accepted date of his death. That's one of the few things that is reasonably certain about him, because although he is one of Christianity's most widely known figures, what we know of his life is a combination of fact and legend.

This is not surprising, given that he lived in the fourth and fifth centuries, when most history was passed along through word of mouth and what few written documents existed were handwritten and could be afforded only by the rich.

Most historians agree he died on March 17, but the year of his death has been recorded as anywhere from 457, to 461 (the date listed in the Order of Prayer for the Church in the United States), to 493 (the date in *The Catholic Encyclopedia*), and other dates in between. Part of the reason for that confusion is that he often has been confused with Palladius, a bishop sent to Ireland in 431 by Pope Celestine I, who gave him the title *Patritius*, or "father of his people."

St. Patrick, like many other figures of the Church's earliest days, never has been formally canonized, but was first accepted locally as a saint and eventually became part of the universal church's list of saints.

One of the most popular tales about him is that he drove the snakes out of Ireland, but as Nigel Monahan, keeper of natural

history at the National Museum of Ireland, explains, that story is a legend with no basis in fact. "At no time has there ever been any suggestion of snakes in Ireland, so there was nothing for St. Patrick to banish," he said. The story probably relates to the use of snakes in the symbolism of the Druids, the pagans whose religion was the biggest obstacle St. Patrick had to overcome, and thus relates to the core of his mission in Ireland.

St. Patrick was born in Scotland near the end of the fourth century to a Roman family of high rank. His father held public office and was a Christian deacon. As a teenager, Patrick was taken prisoner by a band of Irish raiders who attacked his family's estate and was sent to Ireland as a slave to herd and tend sheep. The Druids were in control at this time, and during his captivity, Patrick learned their language and practices.

Most of what we know with certainty about St. Patrick comes from two written documents he left: the *Confessio*, a spiritual autobiography, and the *Epistola*, a denunciation of British mistreatment of Irish Christians. In the *Confessio*, he wrote that during his captivity, he turned to God in prayer.

"The love of God and his fear grew in me more and more, as did the faith, and my soul was roused, so that, in a single day, I have said as many as a hundred prayers and in the night, nearly the same," he said. "I prayed in the woods and on the mountain, even before

dawn. I felt no hurt from the snow or ice or rain."

After about six years, he escaped. He wrote that a voice he believed to be God's spoke to him in a dream and told him to go to the coast, where he found sailors who took him back to his family. After being reunited with them, he had another dream in which an angel told him, "We beg you, holy youth, to come and walk among us once more." That led him to begin studies for the priesthood.

The widely held belief that St. Patrick introduced Christianity to Ireland is incorrect because there already were scattered groups of Christians on the island. After his ordination, he was sent there to minister to those Christians and to convert the Druids and other pagans.

His earlier experience as a prisoner worked to his advantage because he already knew the language and culture of the Druids. Instead of trying to eradicate their beliefs, he acted in the missionary spirit of using those beliefs to explain Christianity. He used bonfires to celebrate Easter, since the Druids were used to honoring their gods with fire. He also superimposed the sun, a powerful Druid symbol, onto the cross of Christ to create what is known today as the Celtic cross.

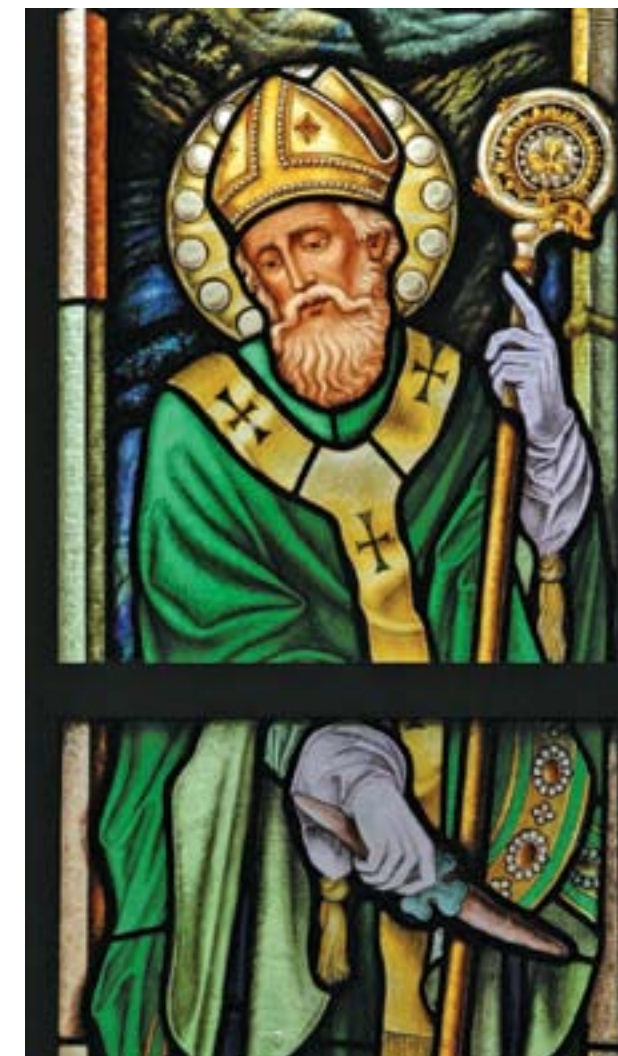
Most notably, he used the shamrock to explain the Trinitarian concept of three persons in one God. The three-leafed plant remains Ireland's national symbol today. The Druids had viewed the shamrock as a sym-

bol of rebirth and eternal life because of its green color and overall shape and because three was a sacred number to them. They also had a number of "triple goddess" groups, including Brigit, Eriu, and Morrigan, from which come the familiar Irish female names of Brigit, Erin, and Morgan or Morganna.

St. Patrick founded churches in all the provinces of Ireland and consecrated 350 bishops during his 30 or more years as a missionary, several of whom became saints in their own right. In his lifetime, he saw Druidism virtually vanish and Christianity take firm root, with his spiritual descendants spreading Christ's message on their own missionary journeys over the next 1,500 years.

Since March 17 is a Sunday this year, the Feast of St. Patrick is not on the Catholic Church's 2013 liturgical calendar for the United States. Because of that, St. Patrick's Day celebrations in this country are taking place on various dates, both in the Columbus area and nationwide.

The Shamrock Club of Columbus is having its annual St. Patrick's Day Mass at 9:30 a.m. Sunday at Sacred Heart Church, followed by a parade through downtown and an Irish family reunion at the Franklin County Veterans Memorial. Columbus St. Patrick Church is delaying its celebration until Monday, March 18. Events there will begin with Mass at 6:30 p.m., followed by a torchlight parade and an Irish tea party with music and



dancing.

Junction City St. Patrick Church will have a special Mass honoring St. Patrick for children of New Lexington St. Rose School, which serves all of Perry County, on Friday, March 15, and a St. Patrick's Day breakfast following its 9 a.m. Sunday Mass. London St. Patrick Church does not have any special events scheduled for the day.

Parades are a big part of St. Patrick's Day in places with large Irish populations, such as New York City and Chicago, or cities with Irish names, including Dublin, Ohio. All three will have their parades and associated events on Saturday,

March 16. Columbus joins Dublin, Ireland, in having a Sunday parade.

The Irish capital and the rest of Ireland, both north and south, also will celebrate the day liturgically on Sunday because of St. Patrick's status as patron saint. He also is the patron saint of Nigeria, resulting from the work done there by Irish missionaries in the early 1900s, and of the Canadian province of Newfoundland and Labrador, which was a self-governing dominion of Great Britain until joining Canada in 1949. Ireland and Newfoundland are the only places where St. Patrick's Day is both a religious and a civil holiday.



## Front Page photo:

A statue of St. Patrick inside the Columbus church bearing his name. Since The Feast of St. Patrick, March 17, is on Sunday this year, the parish will delay its annual celebration of the day until Monday, March 18.

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## PRACTICAL STEWARDSHIP

By Rick Jeric

### Buhay-Katiwala

Did you take the time to really pray earnestly for a stronger spirituality last week? It is the type of prayer that becomes an ongoing petition. We pray for good health, for success, for our safety and comfort, for our children and families, for peace, and for our needs. How often do we pray for a greater and stronger spiritual life? I offer some questions for contemplation and meditation. Do I still rattle off the same old prayers I learned as a child, or do I use them as a basis for real prayer, focusing on the richness of the words and what they mean for my living the Gospel? Can I find a few minutes of quiet time each day, especially in Lent, to simply listen to God, or am I always dominating the "conversation" and asking for something? Has the quality of my prayer matured and elevated my spirituality, or am I frustrated and uneasy? Where is my mind and my heart for one hour at Sunday Mass, especially as I receive the Body and Blood of my Lord and my God? What am I thinking about, and what am I focused on? Why can I not get myself to go to Confession for the beauty of reconciliation and forgiveness? Prayer and the Sacraments are a critical part of the Spirituality of Stewardship.

My final reflections on the universal appeal of and commitment to stewardship as a way of life will focus on stewardship and the New Evangelization in the Philippines. "Buhay-Katiwala" is how the people refer to it. Bishop Broderick Pabillo offered many good thoughts on how we must be a "giving Church." Bishop Pabillo is a real champion of stewardship and the New Evangelization in the Philippines. "The main ideas behind stewardship are simple, but very profound and practical," he says. We are stewards of everything – our life, our time, our faith, our positions, our talents, our material resources – and they are gifts, undeservedly given to us. As stewards, we are not the owners, but we have the responsibility to take care of everything. We have to be in touch with the Owner so that we know how He wants His gifts to be used. We must be trustworthy then, knowing and doing the will of the Creator and Giver. God wants His gifts to be shared. Because God is generous with His gifts, then we can trust Him. As Jesus says in Matthew's Gospel, "Your Father knows what you need before you ask Him." A basic attitude of a Christian steward is gratitude. There will be a time of accounting for each of us. The parable of the conscientious steward (Matthew 24:45-51) reminds us that the Owner will ask us what we have done with the gifts we have received. The parable of the talents (Matthew 25:14-30) tells us that the Owner wants us to develop our talents and resources, and not just simply return them as we received them.

Our practical challenge this week is to pray for the grace of giving that is found in Buhay-Katiwala, the Spirituality of Stewardship, and the New Evangelization. The teachings of stewardship touch basic values that impact our work of evangelization. Pray that we have the courage to live and work this way. As Bishop Pabillo puts it, "The stakes for stewardship are high. The stake is our viability as a self-sustaining Church. The stake is our task of evangelizing our people, which is a very significant aspect of our identity and mission as Christian stewards. The stake is our capability of being a missionary Church. The stake is our capability to witness as Church."

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



## Newark Catholic High School bequest

The board of trustees of the Newark Catholic High School Foundation is pleased to announce a recent bequest of \$86,800 from the estate of Thomas L. Lusk.

This is the largest one-time charitable gift ever given to the foundation.

Lusk, who died on July 5, 2012, was a member of the Newark Catholic Class of 1961, graduated from St. Charles College, and received his master's degree from Xavier University. For the past 45 years, he worked as teacher, principal, and guidance counselor at Newark Catholic. He was devoted to the students and to the Newark Catholic community. Bryan LaBrake, a 2003

graduate of the school, said, "The NC community has lost a great asset in Mr. Lusk, but he's a legend who won't be forgotten."

With this bequest, the foundation has pledged to make a grant, to be called the Tom Lusk Matching Challenge Grant, of as much as \$75,000 in matching contributions to the Newark Catholic High School Capital Campaign, based upon new or increased pledges made to the campaign.

NC foundation board president Tom Marcelain said, "We owe Tom Lusk an enormous debt of gratitude for this amazing charity to his alma mater."

## Exhibit of Eucharistic Miracles at Holy Name Church

The Vatican's traveling display of Eucharistic miracles from around the world will be exhibited in the undercroft of Columbus Holy Name Church, 54 E. Patterson Ave., from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, March 17.

With an extensive assortment of photographs and historical descriptions, the exhibit displays about 140 panels depicting the principal Eucharistic

miracles that took place through the ages in various nations and have been recognized by the Church.

By means of the panels, one can "virtually visit" the places where the miracles took place.

The exhibit has visited more than 1,000 parishes in Italy and other nations and has been translated into many languages.

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## OHIO RIGHT TO LIFE LEGISLATION

Ohio Right to Life president Mike Gonidakis said his organization's most important priorities for the current legislative session involve expanding Medicaid in Ohio and gaining support for providing state funds to centers that provide alternatives to abortion.

Gov. John Kasich has proposed the Medicaid expansion, which is an option under President Obama's Affordable Care Act and would be funded fully for three years by the federal government. But he faces considerable opposition to the proposal from his own Republican party, which controls both houses of the Legislature.

Kasich defends the plan because of the \$13 billion he says it would return to Ohio over seven years and because it would free additional state money to treat the mentally ill. Gonidakis said he agreed with the governor because "this

expansion will support about 275,000 Ohioans who don't have health care because they don't have Medicaid. Giving them basic health care will allow them to avoid having to go to emergency rooms for routine health problems, giving workers there more time to concentrate on their vital tasks." Gonidakis also noted that Ohio's bishops and the Catholic hospitals of Ohio support the expansion.

Ohio has more than 150 non-profit organizations, such as the Pregnancy Decision Health Centers and the Women's Care Center in Columbus, as well as social service agencies and maternity homes statewide, which reduce abortions by providing material resources to women facing unintended pregnancies. Legislation supported by Ohio Right to Life would permit these agencies to be publicly funded.

"Women facing unintended pregnancies currently have two choices – Planned Parenthood and pregnancy centers," Gonidakis said. "I'm tired of Planned Parenthood receiving federal family-planning funds from Ohio and crisis pregnancy centers not having the same opportunity for public funding." By law, the public money Planned Parenthood receives for family planning cannot be used for abortions. However, that money may help free funds for other services to pay for abortions.

Other proposed legislation supported by the Right to Life organization includes a ban on the practice of performing an abortion based on the sex of the unborn child and an explicit prohibition of assisted suicide, which would include criminal penalties. Ohio law currently says assisted suicide is "against the public policy of the state," but is no more



Columbus All Saints Academy students at a Right to Life prayer service in Christ the King Church with Father David Schalk. Photo/All Saints Academy

specific than that and does not contain criminal penalties.

The organization also is working with an advisory group led by state Attorney General Mike DeWine on a proposal for improvement of Ohio's foster care system, and has been meeting with other groups on a plan to streamline adoption in the state.

The Legislature's 2011-12 session was marked by considerable success for pro-life

groups. In 2011 and 2012, state lawmakers approved a ban on abortion after 20 weeks when the child is proved to be viable and can live outside the womb; strengthened state law regarding parental consent for a minor to have an abortion; prohibited abortions at taxpayer-funded public hospitals; and banned taxpayer-funded coverage of non-therapeutic abortions in insurance plans of many public employees.

## COLUMBUS TRINITY "VISITS" JAPAN



The first-graders of Columbus Trinity Elementary School have been traveling around the world in their classroom since Christmas. On their "visit" to Japan, they were entertained by The Dream Shop, a group of Japanese women from central Ohio who entertained them with Japanese folk tales, songs, and language.

Photo courtesy Trinity School

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## JESUS AS "SON OF MAN"; RESPONSIBILITIES OF GODPARENTS



### QUESTION & ANSWER

by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE  
Catholic News Service

**Q.** We refer to Christ by various titles: the Messiah, the Lamb of God, Son of the Father, etc. But I have never understood why, in the Scriptures, Jesus refers to himself as the "Son of Man." That sounds, to me, a little less than divine. Why does Christ call himself that? (San Francisco)

**A.** Your question is an insightful one and has been the subject of considerable discussion by Scripture scholars. Pope John Paul II (on April 29, 1987) devoted one of his weekly audience talks to explaining what Jesus meant when he called himself "Son of Man." That title is used in the four Gospels, always within the sayings of Jesus, and, depending on the context, can refer either to Christ's humanity or to his divinity.

At certain times, the pope pointed out, Jesus seems to be highlighting the fact that "he took his place with that same name as a true man among men, as a son of a woman, Mary of Nazareth," one who shares entirely our earthly condition and suffering.

An example comes in Matthew's Gospel (8:20) where Jesus says, "Foxes have dens and birds of the sky have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to rest his head."

In other passages, though, Jesus uses the title with clear reference to the prophecy of Daniel (7:13-14), which was viewed by all as messianic: "I saw coming with the clouds of heaven one like a son of man. ... He received dominion, splendor and kingship; all nations, peoples and tongues will

serve him." When Jesus cures the paralytic who has been lowered through the roof, for example, he ascribes divinity to himself by first saying to those looking on, "But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority to forgive sins on earth ..." (Mark 2:10).

Even more patently, when on trial before the Sanhedrin, he is asked, "Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?" Jesus answers, "I am; and you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power and coming with the clouds of heaven" (Mark 14:61-62).

So the one title, Son of Man, had a dual purpose: to lay claim to Christ's unique nature, which was both human and divine.

**Q.** Several years ago, my wife and I were asked to be the godparents of five children whose parents were joining the Catholic Church at the time. We willingly agreed. Later, the couple had four more children; we were asked to be their godparents as well and were proud to do so.

Two years ago, though, the parents decided to leave the Catholic faith. Their children are now ages two through 13, and we are wondering what are our responsibilities to those children now? (Colfax, Ind.)

**A.** What pleases me, with your question, is how seriously you view your responsibilities as godparents. That is the ideal the church seeks to achieve, although many sponsors fall short. The church's Code of Canon Law in Canon

No. 872 states that a godparent "helps the baptized person to lead a Christian life in keeping with baptism and to fulfill faithfully the obligations inherent in it." So a continuing relationship is clearly envisioned.

Even in the circumstances you describe, you can continue to fulfill some of the responsibilities -- mainly, to continue to serve as examples of faith-filled Catholics by the tenor of your lives and sacramental practice and by praying regularly for the children you have sponsored.

You might even consider sending them a card or note each year on the anniversaries of their baptism, but this would depend on how that would be viewed by the children's parents, and you are in a better position to measure that than I.

If you lived in the same vicinity and if the parents had simply fallen away from Catholic practice through laziness or the general busyness of family life, you might even offer to take the kids to church and to religious education classes.

But what I suspect from your question is that the parents made a conscious decision to withdraw from the Catholic faith -- in which case you might drive them (and their children) farther away by pressing too hard.

If you are still friendly with the parents, you might consider having an honest discussion with them -- explaining to them that you still feel some personal responsibility for the children's growth in the faith but that you don't want to do anything that would offend, and asking the parents what they would be comfortable with.

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

## CONSCIENCE-PROTECTION BILL FOR HHS MANDATE INTRODUCED IN HOUSE

By Mark Pattison  
Catholic News Service

Three Republican members of the House of Representatives have introduced a bill to protect conscience rights for workers in the health care industry and for employers in light of the federal mandate requiring employers to cover contraceptives, sterilization, and abortion-inducing drugs.

One of the sponsors, Rep. Diane Black, R-Tenn., said it is possible that the bill, the Health Care Conscience Rights Act, could be folded into a continuing resolution being considered by the House to keep the federal government operating beyond March 27.

Two Catholic women who run businesses and appeared at a March 5 news conference on Capitol Hill said they do not want to have to choose between their conscience and their business.

"Nobody should be asked to make that decision," said Christine Ketterhagen, a co-owner of Hercules Industries, a heating and air conditioning company her father founded in Denver 50 years ago that now has operations in five states with 320 employees.

"We went to Catholic schools. Our children

went to Catholic schools. Our grandchildren go to Catholic schools," Ketterhagen said. "We're willing to pay for education," she added, but not for contraceptives or other mandated health care coverage that goes against their Catholic faith.

Sister Jane Marie Klein, a Franciscan Sister of Perpetual Adoration who is chairperson of the board of Franciscan Alliance, a Midwestern hospital group with 13 hospitals and 3,500 beds that provides an estimated \$171.5 million in charity care and community outreach, said, "All I can say is that we will not violate our conscience."

"I don't want to deal with" the possibility that the chain could be shut or sold, she added, saying she was counting on "good and faithful" people to "uphold our God-given rights."

Sister Jane Marie said, "God is good. He's still in charge. I think he's going to see us through this. We have sisters who are praying 24 hours a day, seven days a week for this -- along with the election of a new people right now."

The proposed law would offer a full exemption from the U.S. De-



partment of Health and Human Services' mandate for individuals and health care entities that refuse to provide, pay for, or refer patients to abortion providers because of their religious beliefs.

It would have given recourse to one Catholic nurse forced to participate in a 2009 abortion. Cathy Cenzone-DeCarlo (pictured) was an operating room nurse in a New York hospital. "They threatened my job and my nursing license" if she did not participate in the abortion, she said.

"I still remember the 22-week-old baby," she said. "I had to account for its twisted arms and legs and feet," she added. "I've had nightmares."

She filed suit in both state and federal courts, but was told that, even if being forced to participate in the abortion was illegal, she had no standing to sue.

Other nurses have been victimized for their beliefs. "Because of my Christian beliefs, I have been laughed at, marginalized, and had loss of employment," said Susan Elliott, director of the nursing department at Biola University in California, at the news conference.

Rep. John Fleming, R-La., a co-sponsor of the bill, told of nine nurses at an unidentified hospital who had lost their jobs for their refusal to participate in abortions. "The

nine nurses got their jobs back," Fleming said, "but only after help from their unions."

"I welcome the Health Care Conscience Rights Act and call for its swift passage into law," said a March 5 statement by Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, chairman of the U.S. bishops' Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty.

"While federal laws are on the books protecting conscience rights in health care, this act would make such protection truly effective," Archbishop Lori said.

"This overdue measure is especially needed in light of new challenges to conscience rights arising from the federal health care reform act."

On Feb. 1, HHS issued proposed new rules on the mandate aimed at accommodating objections raised by Catholic institutions. Those institutions said the exemption for religious employers was too narrow and that most such employers would be forced to stop providing employee health insurance because they object on moral grounds to the requirement that cover contraception, sterilization, and abortion-inducing drugs.

HHS removed three conditions that defined religious employers -- as groups whose purpose is the inculcation of religious values, who primarily employ persons of the same faith, and who serve those of the same faith. The fourth criterion remains: what is a non-profit organization under specific sections of the Internal Revenue Code.

No exemption, however, will be given to "for-profit, secular employers" whose owners have moral objections to providing the coverage. Catholic leaders are studying the new proposed rules, but many have said they do not go far enough. HHS is accepting comment on the rules until April. Final rules are expected by summer. At the Capitol Hill news conference, the speakers all decried a threat to conscience rights. Sister Jane Marie said her order had come from Germany to the United States 130 years ago in part because of an invitation by a bishop, but also in part because of restrictions to religious freedom being applied then in Germany.

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Two Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School seniors recently signed letters of intent to continue their athletic careers in college next year. Thomas Wiseman (left) will play soccer at Bellarmine University. Sean Fitzmartin will play football at the University of Dayton.

Photo courtesy St. Charles Preparatory School



## Msgr. J. Colby Grimes Scholarship

The Shamrock Club of Columbus will award five \$1,000 high school scholarships for the 2013-2014 academic school year in memory of the late Msgr. J. Colby Grimes, who was the club's chaplain before his death and was a huge supporter of Catholic education.

These scholarships will be awarded to one student from each of the five Columbus Catholic high schools who is a current freshman, sophomore, or junior, has a parent or relative who is a member of the Shamrock Club, or is recommended by a club member. If you do not belong to the club or don't know anyone who does, visit the club and introduce yourself, and someone will sign your application. For hours of operation, go to the club's website at [www.shamrockclubofcolumbus.org](http://www.shamrockclubofcolumbus.org).

The scholarship is awarded on the basis of academic success, leadership

skills, and community service, among other criteria.

The Shamrock Club's scholarship selection committee will interview two students from each school, with the top student from each school receiving a \$1,000 scholarship. The other students who are interviewed each will receive a \$200 scholarship from the tuition assistance fund of the diocesan Office of Catholic Schools. All scholarship money will be sent directly to the student's school, to be credited to his or her tuition account.

The deadline for application is Monday, April 8. Applications are available in guidance offices, or at the Shamrock Club's website, along with a letter explaining the application process. For more information, contact Francis Doyle at (614) 766-8184 or e-mail [fdoyle@columbus.rr.com](mailto:fdoyle@columbus.rr.com).

## The National Workshop on Christian Unity is coming to Columbus

The Sheraton Columbus at Capitol Square, 75 E. State St., will be the setting for the National Workshop on Christian Unity from Monday to Thursday, April 8 to 11. The event will be coming to Columbus for the first time since its inception in 1963.

Planned by national and local committees, this workshop will be sponsored by the National Ecumenical Officers Association and will celebrate the spirit of ecumenism. Some of the topics covered at nine seminars during this event will be Christian unity, ecumenical discussions, interchurch conversations, regional leadership, networking, and celebration.

Bishop Elizabeth Eaton of the Northeastern Ohio Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America will lead the opening worship. Dr. Karen Westerfield Tucker, a United Methodist minister and professor of worship at Boston University School of Theology, will

offer a "Protestant Perspective on Vatican II," followed by a response by Father Jared Wicks, SJ, a theologian who taught for many years at the Gregorian University in Rome and is scholar in residence at the Pontifical College Josephinum.

Students from Ohio theological schools will speak on "Race and Catholicity." Facilitator for the program will be the Rev. Tom Ferguson, dean of Bexley Hall Seminary in Columbus. Dr. Barbara Sutton, associate dean of outreach and formation at St. John's School of Theology Seminary in Collegeville, Minn., will conduct a Bible study on Luke 24:13-35.

Kathryn Lohre will deliver the closing address on "Seeing Beyond the Future: The Challenge of Identifying Today's Ecumenical Opportunities." She is director for ecumenical and inter-religious relations in the office of the presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

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Joseph, much like Jesus, lived a life of sacrifice and humility. He cared not for what material possessions he had, but concentrated on the needs of those around him. This simple act of courage, I believe, defines a man and his role in our society. His is the *nom de plume*, or the name usually hidden from most of life's invitations. But rest assured, his presence is felt and heard by those who are around him, love him, respect him, and admire him. He claims not to boast of his accomplishments. He would rather remain anonymous and sit in the shadows, knowing that his efforts in this life will be seen and rewarded by God.

This time of the year is especially important to men because it signifies the importance of Jesus and of the life He led. His was a lesson by example, and not an arrogant blessing of the people that surrounded Him. It is much like the role of fathers today, who carry that torch of enlightenment from St. Joseph. Ours is to be a way of truth, a way of gathering, a way of faith, and a way of love.

Pope Benedict XVI once said that "to be a father means, above all, to be at the service of life and growth." Through much hardship and happenstance, we experience what it means to be human. This

brings us closer not only to Christ, but to ourselves. By serving others, we are reminded of what we have to be thankful for and of what seems to be in limited supply – a home, a job, a family, food on the table, and clothes on our backs. When we are thinking selfishly, we need to be reminded of such blessings.

As fathers, we are ordinary people who often are relied upon to do extraordinary things. But these acts need not be acts of bravery or perilous flight. They can be as easy as sitting down and reading with your daughter, playing catch with your son, or saying prayers with the family. What we seem to expect of ourselves is often far less than what our children expect of us.

During our lifetime, we are constantly being shaped by the environment around us. Our family looks to

us to be the calm in a sea of storms. They see how we react to tragedy and triumph as they transform themselves into images of us. We are the mold by which they shape their lives, and it is up to us to allow them the freedom to do so.

By letting our children make mistakes, it allows them to develop a way of coping with life. I learned from my own experience that failure is often a catalyst for success. There we find the knowledge to accomplish great things and to grow in faith to God. St. Joseph had such an outlook on life. We and him are products of such sacrifice. Surround yourself with the things in life that matter. As a famous prayer once said, "May He grant you the serenity to accept the things you cannot change, courage to change the things you can, and the wisdom to know the difference." For this is our way – man, woman or child – the Father's way forevermore.

May you follow the way, the truth, and the light. May you have a humble and joyful Lent, may the wind be at your backs, and may His peace be with you always.

Joseph Thomas is a freelance writer and a member of Gahanna St. Matthew Church. He posts his thoughts online at <http://truegiftoffaith.blogspot.com>.

## Does God answer all prayers?

### By Father Pat Toner

Everyone remembers the verse in John 14:14: "If you ask for anything in my name, I will do it." It sounds as though all you have to do is present your list of demands to God in the name of Jesus and you will get whatever you want. This is what happens when we take a passage out of the context of the whole of Jesus' teaching.

In Matthew 6:8, Jesus reminds us that the Father knows what we need before we ask him. We should note the word "need." Jesus does not say what we "want." In Matthew 7:11, he goes on to say that the Father will give good things to those who ask. The "good things" God offers are not the same as

the "good things" we think we need.

In short, the answer to some prayers is "No." God will not give us everything we want. That is true even when we ask in faith, or when two or three agree in the name of the Lord. God is not concerned about our "wants."

When it comes to our "needs," God's answer may not be the "Yes" we expect. Sometimes he answers the prayer in a way we do not expect. When I answered the call to serve him, I believed I was giving up a life of exciting travel and challenges, but I prayed, "Your will be done." In answer to my prayer, God has led me around the world. I've celebrated Mass at the South Pole. Some of his answers are mysterious.

God does not promise to meet all of our physical needs. He is concerned about our spiritual needs. He gives himself totally to us so that our need for love can be truly filled. Whenever we ask for his grace, he responds with an infinite "Yes." I've always liked to mention the times in scripture where Jesus helps cater meals. At Cana in Galilee, he provided six jars containing 20 to 30 gallons each. With five loaves and a couple of fish, he fed thousands with 12 baskets of leftovers. On another occasion, he fed thousands again with a couple of loaves and had seven baskets of leftovers. I choose to think that he was not an incompetent caterer, but rather was showing us that his grace will always be more than we need.

So what do we pray for? Jesus taught us to pray that God's will be done. We should pray for the wisdom to recognize his will in our lives. We can also ask his blessings, and that can include physical blessings in our lives. When we do ask for those blessings, we should be ready to recognize how he chooses to bless us. After all, he does know what is best for us. We can be sure that he hears our prayers. Often in expressing our prayers, we come to realize what is really important. With that insight, God has already answered our prayers by directing our hearts to something better.

Father Pat Toner is pastor of Plain City St. Joseph Church.





**BY TIM PUET**

Reporter, Catholic Times

Columbus St. Patrick Church is located at the edge of downtown in an area surrounded by warehouses and Columbus State Community College, yet has nearly 1,100 registered families and draws more than 2,000 people, mostly from beyond the Interstate 270 outerbelt, to one of its five Masses on any given Saturday evening and Sunday.

Nearly all of those people have to drive past one or more other parishes to get to St. Patrick's, with some making round trips of 100 miles or more from communities such as Washington Court House, Centerburg, and Zanesville. Parishioners say what attracts them and keeps bringing them back every weekend is a combination of the spirituality of the Dominican friars who have served the parish for more than 125 years, respect for church tradition mixed with youthful enthusiasm, and a family-centered program with a variety of activities for all ages.

"It's a very interesting mix," said Father Michael Mary Dosch, OP, pastor of the church since 2010. "For our 9 a.m. and noon Sunday Masses, you see a lot of families, because our religious education classes start at 10:15." Other weekend Masses are at 5 p.m. Saturday and 7 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday.

"What's significant is that no one just drops their kids off for classes and goes elsewhere. Most of the parents gather for coffee and doughnuts while their children are in class, then they all go to Mass as a family at noon if they haven't already done it at 9. There's a real bond that develops among the families."

Dan DeMatte, director of religious edu-

cation and youth ministry for the parish, said between 400 and 450 young people attend its Confraternity of Christian Doctrine classes each Sunday. St. Patrick's doesn't have an elementary school, so that's where most of them receive the bulk of their religious education.

"The catechists we have here are great, and they communicate in a way that makes the kids want to come here on their own, rather than feel like they're being dragged here kicking and screaming," said DeMatte, himself in his late 20s and a nationally known speaker and writer who a few years ago was featured on an A&E television series about four young men considering whether they were called to the priesthood.

"More than half of the young people in our religious education program are home-schooled, so the activities here allow them to develop a lot of good friendships and cross-pollinate our other youth ministries," he said.

The religious education program starts with the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students. The Faith and Life series from Ignatius Press forms the basis of the program for first- through eighth-graders, Confirmation takes place in the sixth grade, with the size of recent classes ranging from 30 to 50.

One of the highlights of the year for the younger children in the program is an All Saints Day party which allows everyone to dress up as a favorite saint. Last year's party included a "Stump the Priest" game with Father Dosch and associate pastor

**A scene from St. Patrick Church's summer 2012 Vacation Bible School, "The Vatican Express."**

Photo courtesy St. Patrick Church

**Left: A scene from the 2012 Easter Vigil service at Columbus St. Patrick Church, at which seven people entered into full communion with the Church. Right: Pictured are (from left) St. Patrick parishioners Robert McGonigle and Gina Switzer, Dominican Fathers Thomas Blau, Michael Mary Dosch, and Gregory Schnakenberg, Dominican Deacon Reginald Lynch, and parishioners Dan DeMatte and Eunice Hayes. Photo courtesy St. Patrick Church (left); CT photo by Tim Puet (right)**

## ST. PATRICK CHURCH DRAWS MEMBERS FROM NEAR AND FAR

Father Gregory Schnakenberg, OP, trying to guess the identities of the costumed saints. In addition, Vacation Bible School for children takes place in mid-July.

St. Patrick's is one of the few diocesan parishes with a high school religious education program. DeMatte said about 100 students take part in it each week. It focuses on the sacraments and on the traditional Catholic method of allowing the intellect to lead a student to conversion and deeper contemplation.

The parish has youth ministry programs every Tuesday night for high school students and the first Tuesday of each month for sixth- to eighth-graders. Activities for middle-schoolers focus on the creed, the sacraments, Christian living, and prayer. The high school program features a different theme for each month, including



prayer nights, issue nights, peer ministry, and discipleship.

The young people also take part in many service and social events, including a retreat during the Christmas holidays, which this year took them to Appalachia for work with the Missionaries of Charity, and a recently completed spring retreat to Geneva Hills in Lancaster. They also make an annual trip to the March for Life in Washington, which is part of an active pro-life ministry throughout the parish that Ohio Right to Life has spotlighted in a video on the organization's website.

Young adults beyond high school age also have a ministry at the parish. St. Patrick's started a 20s group in 2011, and anywhere from 30 to 50 married and single people in their 20s have joined group leaders Mary Parker, Justin Hernandez,



**Inset: A plaque honoring Aquinas High School, which began at St. Patrick Church and later moved two blocks east to a building now belonging to Columbus State Community College. Right: The exterior and interior of the church, which has been in use for 160 years. CT photos by Tim Puet**



Nikita Phillips, Rebekah Richards, and Marissa Gerdes for the meetings at 7 p.m. each Thursday since then.

Each meeting starts with a Holy Hour. The meetings have a rotating monthly structure which includes catechesis study, Gospel study, a lecture night, and member talk. They conclude with participants going out to dinner together or having a dinner in the parish center.

The parish center, built in 2003 to celebrate the parish's 150th anniversary, includes two large meeting spaces – Patrick Hall and Aquinas Hall, the latter honoring the former Aquinas High School, now part of Columbus State, as well as several small and large meeting rooms.

The availability of such spaces, as well as St. Patrick's location close to downtown, allows the parish to serve as host for groups including the Catholic Men's Luncheon Club, which meets on the first Friday of most months, and Catholic War Veterans Post 1963, which gathers on the third Sunday of each month.

The parish's Dominican presence makes it the natural home for meetings of a chapter of the Third Order of St. Dominic. The chapter is named for St. Catherine of Siena and dates to 1939. In addition, a cenacle of the Marian Movement for Priests meets on the first Monday of most months for Mass and devotions dedicated to family life, and on the third Monday for Eucharistic Adoration and prayers for vocations.

St. Patrick's is one of two parishes in Ohio hosting monthly meetings of the

Calix Society, an association of Catholic alcoholics who, through affiliation with and participation in the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous, maintain sobriety. Father Thomas Blau, OP, the parish's other associate pastor, is the society's chaplain.

Father Dosch said the parish has about 40 adult groups which meet regularly. Besides those mentioned, others include a Marriage and Family Life group which sponsors children's concerts, Sunday coffee and doughnuts, dinners and speakers, trivia nights, and retreats; the Madonna Garden Club; the Martha-Mary Sewing Circle; a Women's Club which raised more than \$13,000 for the parish last year, mostly from bake sales; and Knights of Columbus Council 11207, which is hosting weekly Friday fish fries through March 22 and is sponsoring a "40 Cans for 40 Days" Lenten food drive and conducting an Easter lily sale.

The parish has just completed its annual Lenten mission, which this year featured Father Allan White, OP, the former Dominican prior provincial of England. RCIA coordinator Gina Switzer said 12 people preparing to become Catholics are taking classes at the church, and she expects at least nine to enter the Church at the Easter Vigil.

Other regularly scheduled devotional activities include a Respect Life Eucharistic Vigil on the third Friday of each month,



from 8 p.m. until 7 a.m. Saturday, followed by Mass and recitation of the rosary at a local abortion center; a Eucharistic Vigil for Vocations on the fourth Friday, also from 8 p.m. until 7 a.m. the next day; a Holy Hour with Benediction, from 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. every Friday; first Saturday Fatima devotions after the 7 a.m. Mass; and recitation of the Rosary after the 7 and 11:45 a.m. Masses daily.

Adult education opportunities include an ongoing Bible study with Father Blau, currently focusing on the Gospel of Matthew; occasional in-home catechesis programs in which a host invites family and friends for discussion; a "Why Be Catholic?" program for non-Catholics; and catechist certification activities. Father Blau last year conducted a series of talks on

some of history's great military battles and their impact on Catholicism and said he's considering another set.

Appropriately enough, the parish's major social event is on the Feast of St. Patrick, March 17 – moved this year to March 18 because the 17th is a Sunday. Mass at 6:30 p.m. will be followed by a torchlit procession to the Litany of Irish Saints, accompanied by pipes and drums. An Irish tea party is scheduled afterward, featuring scones, soda bread, shortbread, whiskey bread, tea, punch, beer, and wine. Whiskey Mile will play Irish music from 8:30 to 10:30, and parishioners involved in Irish dance programs have been invited to perform.

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Father Dosch reminds everyone that people visiting a parish church on its patron saint's feast day may obtain a plenary indulgence, provided that during the visit, prayers (the Creed and Hail Mary) are offered for the pope, and that one makes a sacramental confession and receives Holy Communion within 20 days.

Father Dosch is the 32nd Dominican priest to serve as pastor of St. Patrick's since the parish was entrusted to the Dominicans by Columbus Bishop John Watterson in 1885. The parish, the second-oldest in Columbus, was founded primarily to serve a growing Irish immigrant population. The church building was dedicated on Sept. 25, 1853 and has been almost continuously used for worship for 160 years, except for nearly a year of rebuilding which followed a devastating fire in May 1935 and a restoration project that began in 2000.

Just inside the front door is a shrine to Blessed Margaret of Castello, a Third

Order Dominican who was born blind and lame in 1287 but used her suffering to help others, visiting prisoners, the sick, and the dying until her death at age 33. Her incorrupt body lies under the altar of St. Dominic Church in her hometown of Castello, Italy.

There has been a special devotion to her at St. Patrick's since the 1930s. The shrine was established in the late 1950s and renovated for the parish's 150th anniversary. A Blessed Margaret Guild has been established at the parish to promote her canonization and to raise funds for "the unwanted" in all walks of life. Each Wednesday, a novena and canonization prayers for her are prayed at all Masses and a relic of her incorrupt heart is venerated, with other devotions to her taking place through the year.

Robert McGonigle, who is involved in at least a half-dozen parish activities, described St. Patrick's as "a microcosm of the church as a whole. People from all walks of life, all types of social sta-

**A boy displays a holy card he received at Columbus St. Patrick Church's annual All Saints Day party, sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 11207.**  
Photo courtesy St. Patrick Church



tus, come here because they like what they find here. I was away from the church for 38 years and God drew me back to Catholicism," he continued. "But I couldn't find a parish I was satisfied with until I walked through the doors here in 2006. Once I did, I felt I was home."

Eunice Hayes of Newark had similar words when describing why she's willing to make a 60-mile round trip to go to Mass at St. Patrick's each Sunday.

"I moved to the area 16 years ago, tried several parishes, and didn't feel they met my spiritual needs," she said. "I knew about St. Patrick's, but wasn't going to go there because I heard negative things about those Dominicans. One winter day, I wanted to attend another Catholic church and see what its Mass was like, but there was a snowstorm and I missed that Mass. St. Patrick's was the closest alternative, so I said 'Oh well, how bad can things be?' I went to Mass here, was impressed by its beauty and the quality of its music

and preaching, and felt this was where I belonged. I've come here ever since."

First-time visitors to St. Patrick's, especially those who grew up in the pre-Vatican II era, often are struck by how the parish has retained many historic elements of worship within the current context of the Mass.

These include having a Communion rail, kneeling to receive the Eucharist, traditional liturgical chant, and use of incense at many weekend and holy day Masses. The 7 and 9 a.m. Sunday Masses, as well as daytime holy day Masses, are incense-free for those who have allergic or other reactions to incense.

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Since St. Patrick's has three priests and a deacon, there is no need for it to have extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion at Mass, but 15 to 20 men and women serve in that role to bring Communion to the sick.

DeMatte said the parish's retention of some of the things that have made Catholic worship distinctive through the centuries appeals to him and other young people to whom those elements were unfamiliar, and is why many young families have become members of St. Patrick's. "It's taking the beauty of the traditional church and preserving it in a new, vibrant way," he said.

Another unique element about St. Patrick's is that it's the only parish in the diocese offering confessions on a daily basis. The Sacrament of Reconcilia-

**Dancing and a torchlight parade from last year's St. Patrick's Day celebration at Columbus St. Patrick Church. This year's event will be on March 18.**  
Photos/St. Patrick's



tion is available on weekdays, except civic holidays and holy days, from the end of the 11:45 a.m. Mass until all are heard, as well as Saturdays from 4 to 5 p.m., and Sundays one-half hour before Mass. Father Dosch estimated that about 50 confessions a day are heard and that the priests are in the confessional about 12 hours a week.

The parish also has plenty of altar

boys available to assist at the Masses. Sixteen new servers fulfilled requirements for the position this past October, bringing the total to 108.

St. Patrick's retains the custom of using all male servers, which often helps those men discerning a priestly vocation. At the same time, St. Patrick's has also sought to develop programs for young women, such as its annual Brunch with the Sisters, which brings in speakers from various communities to help young girls discern a vocation.

St. Patrick's has been a fruitful source of vocations over the years for the Dominicans and religious life as a whole, with more than 20 sons and daughters of the parish currently serving as

priests or religious, and many others who have gone to their eternal reward. Seven men and four women from the parish are in formation for religious life and the priesthood.

"Dominican spirituality has always been appealing to young men and women who wish to grow in their faith, whether through the lay state or religious life," Father Dosch said.

"We Dominicans value our history and our roots. We cherish our tradition as preachers and teachers that goes back eight centuries. We've never changed for the sake of change, but always tried to retain what was valuable in the past with what is new and good, using it all to preach for the salvation of souls."

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## Fifth Sunday of Lent (Cycle C)

## A lesson in balancing justice with mercy



Father  
Lawrence L. Hummer

**Isaiah 43:16-21**  
**Philippians 3:8-14**  
**John 8:1-11**

Each week, I celebrate Mass with about 50 inmates at the Chillicothe Correctional Institution. After Mass, I enter Death Row, where I celebrate Mass with about 10 guys. Our numbers on Death Row have diminished by two since last March because the state killed them.

Often I use a ping-pong table for the altar, which I set up on one side of the net while the guards place the shackles of the men they bring in for Mass on the other side of the net. I never cease to be amazed as I stare at those shackles on one side while I set up the other side, knowing that it is the Bread of Life that sets them truly free from sin and shackles.

I think of this in connection with Sunday's Gospel, in which a woman "caught in the very act of committing adultery" is brought to Jesus. The scribes and Pharisees did this "to test him, so that they could have some charge to bring against him." The woman's guilt was not in question. What Jesus had to say about their understanding of law and punishment was in question.

Jesus refused to play their game and, instead, doled on the ground. When they pressed him, he finally said, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." Deuteronomy 22:23-24 requires stoning to death for an adulterous betrothed virgin. Leviticus 20:10 and Deuteronomy 22:22 simply say that the married adulteress shall die, without mentioning stoning.

So, adultery called for death according to these re-

ligious laws. Jesus refused to condemn the woman and challenged her accusers to look at their own lives before taking up a stone. Jesus' silence in the face of this woman's adultery was not to allow it to go on, but ultimately led to her release.

We must ask what our silence in the face of the death penalty means. Does our silence mean that we tacitly allow the death penalty to continue because we do not want to become involved? Is it somebody else's problem? Do we wash our hands of the violence and pretend the deaths of those condemned by the state will somehow bring back those who have died at their hands?

The example of Jesus here is one that many have found difficult to accept. Many still find it difficult to accept. But because it is difficult is not a reason to ignore it.

Only John's Gospel reports this encounter. Father Raymond Brown, in his "Anchor Bible Commentary on John," cites St. Augustine on this passage: "*re-licti sunt do, misera et misericordia*" (two were left: the miserable (woman) and Mercy). Father Brown adds, "And the delicate balance between the justice of Jesus in not condoning the sin and his mercy in forgiving the sinner is one of the great gospel lessons" (page 337).

If we, as members of the Church, refuse to acknowledge the mercy of Jesus and insist only on his judgment, we miss the heart and soul of Christian faith. Last week, we reflected on God as a forgiving Father, waiting for us to regain our senses and return. Nothing could illustrate that point better than what Jesus does in today's Gospel with this poor woman, whose adultery he does not condone, but whom he refuses to condemn. He also rejects what the Law condones and applies what mercy demands.

If we are serious about being Christian, we have a lot to learn about the need for mercy and forgiveness. Otherwise, we bounce back over the net and stay shackled to violence and death.

Father Lawrence Hummer, pastor at Chillicothe St. Mary, can be reached at [hummerl@stmarychillicothe.com](mailto:hummerl@stmarychillicothe.com).

## The Weekday Bible Readings

**MONDAY**  
Daniel 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62  
Psalm 23:1-6  
John 8:12-20

**TUESDAY**  
2 Samuel 7:4-5a,12-14a,16  
Psalm 89:2-5,27,29  
Romans 4:13,16-18,22  
Matthew 1:16,18-21,24a or Luke 2:41-51a

**WEDNESDAY**  
Daniel 3:14-20,91-92,95  
Daniel 3:52-56 (Ps)  
John 8:31-42

**THURSDAY**  
Genesis 17:3-9  
Psalm 105:4-9  
John 8:51-59

**FRIDAY**  
Jeremiah 20:10-13  
Psalm 18:2-7  
John 10:31-42

**SATURDAY**  
Ezekiel 37:21-28  
Jeremiah 31:10-13 (Ps)  
John 11:45-56

## DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE WEEK OF MARCH 17, 2013

**SUNDAY MASS**  
10:30 a.m. Mass from Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral on St. Gabriel Radio (820 AM), Columbus, and at [www.stgabrielradio.com](http://www.stgabrielradio.com).

Mass with the Passionist Fathers at 7 a.m. on WHIZ-TV, Channel 18, Zanesville, and 7:30 a.m. on WWHO-TV (the CW), Channel 53, Columbus. Check local cable systems for WHIZ's and WWHO's cable channel listings.

Mass from Our Lady of the Angels Monastery, Birmingham, Ala., at 8 a.m. on EWTN (Time Warner Channel 385, Insight Channel 382, or WOW Channel 378)

(Encores at noon, 7 p.m., and midnight). Mass from Kenton Immaculate Conception Church at 10 a.m. on Time Warner Cable Channel 6 (Hardin County).

Mass from Portsmouth St. Mary Church at noon on Time Warner Channel 24 in Scioto County.

**DAILY MASS**  
8 a.m., Our Lady of the Angels Monastery in Birmingham, Ala. (Encores at noon, 7 p.m. and midnight) See EWTN above; and on I-Lifetv (Channel 113 in Ada, Logan, Millersburg, Murray City and Washington C.H.; Channel 125 in Marion, Newark, Newcomerstown and New Philadelphia; and Channel 207 in Zanesville); 8 p.m., St. Gabriel Radio (820 AM), Columbus, and at [www.stgabrielradio.com](http://www.stgabrielradio.com).

We pray Week 1, Seasonal Proper of the Liturgy of the Hours



and speech departments. She also has helped with Vacation Bible School and the parish festival at Hilliard St. Brendan Church, as well as with Gospel Road, a mission camp of service to those in need, and with the Watterson St. Vincent de Paul Society, helping organize and pack Christmas toiletry bags for the Holy Family Soup Kitchen.

Marian Hutson, Columbus Bishop Watterson High School principal, presents the President's Volunteer Service Award to Katie Hamrock. Photo courtesy Bishop Watterson High School

## Watterson Students wins second Presidential Service Award

Columbus Bishop Watterson High School student Katie Hamrock is being recognized with the President's Volunteer Service Award for the second year in a row. This award recognizes Americans of all ages who have volunteered significant amounts of their time to serve their communities and their nation.

For the past three years, she has volunteered at the Nationwide Children's Hospital Close to Home Center in the physical and developmental occupational therapy

## The dynamics of Conclave 2013



THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE  
George Weigel

Despite an enormous amount of media chaff throughout April 2005, it was clear to those with eyes to see that Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger was the obvious, leading candidate to succeed John Paul II. There is no such clear frontrunner in 2013, although even more journalistic chaff is being vented into the atmosphere, primarily from Italian media sources whose ability to distinguish fact from fiction is not overly well-developed and who like to play Machiavellian games with this candidate and that.

Why no frontrunner? As the general congregations of cardinals began on March 4, no cardinal had anything resembling the stature and authority of Ratzinger in 2005; that's certainly one reason. But there are also unique dynamics shaping the 2013 conclave—and, ultimately, the selection of the next bishop of Rome.

1. Unlike 2005, there is an unsettling sense that the Church is in uncharted and perilous waters because of the abdication of Benedict XVI, an act that really has no precedent (other abdications having happened under very different circumstances). Will this abdication set up pressures on future popes, some of which cannot be imagined today? Does the possibility, already being bruited, that a very young man could be elected pope (because "he can do this for 15 years and then retire") suggest a fundamental alteration in Catholic understandings of the papacy, changes that reduce the papacy to a Catholic variant on the role of the archbishop of Canterbury in the Anglican Communion?

2. While there were concerns about the Vatican bureaucracy in 2005—there always are when conclaves

meet—there is, today, a widespread and firmly held conviction that the central administrative machinery of the Church is broken and that it must be fixed so that the Curia becomes an instrument of the New Evangelization, not an impediment to it. Needless to say, most of those involved in that curial machinery, i.e., cardinal-electors who are either serving in the Curia or are retired from it (and who are 20 percent of the electorate), have a different view. The disconnect between the reformers' perceptions of what's been going on and the defensiveness of many curial cardinals has led to an undercurrent of anger that was not discernible in 2005, and that could lead to real tensions.

3. These two currents have, in turn, led to a strong reaction against what is perceived as an excessive and failed re-Italianization of the Vatican, the results of which were to make Benedict XVI's life and work far more difficult. As with complaints about the Curia, complaints about "the Italians" are a staple of pre-conclave conversation; but the tone, this time, is dif-

ferent. As one Italian friend, a distinguished academic and active Catholic layman, put it to me, "our (Italian) culture has become corrupt," and he believed, sadly, that that corruption had seeped behind the walls of the Vatican through the re-Italianization of the Roman Curia. A determination to deal with this aspect of the present Roman dysfunction will be another element in Conclave 2013 that was not present—or at least with such intensity—in 2005.

4. The Church is in the midst of a major change in leadership cadres or cohorts. Twenty percent of the 2013 electorate is retired. Only eight percent of the cardinal electors are under 65. Men who have spent their entire ecclesiastical lives in the waning years of Counter-Reformation Catholicism are slowly being replaced by men who have grown into ecclesial maturity in the first phases of Evangelical Catholicism, the Catholicism of the New Evangelization. The latter are the future, but their relative weight in this conclave is slight, and that tension will also be felt.

5. Finally, many cardinals admit that they don't know their brother cardinals very well. That's a problem I anticipated in "Evangelical Catholicism: Deep Reform in the 21st-Century Church" (Basic Books), where I proposed a biennial or triennial meeting of the College of Cardinals to assess the progress of the New Evangelization—and to let these men take each other's measure, with an eye to future conclaves.

George Weigel is Distinguished Senior Fellow of the Ethics and Public Policy Center in Washington, D.C.

## "Wagon Train" Theme for 2013 BiblioBenefit

"Come, JOIN the Wagon Train" on Friday, April 26, at 7 p.m. in the parish hall of Columbus St. Andrew Church, 1899 McCoy Road, as the ninth annual BiblioBenefit for JOIN, the Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs, takes on a Western theme.

Guests will enjoy an evening of food from the gourmet chuckwagon, entertainment in words and music by diocesan clergy, and opportunities to win raffle prizes. Guests will be able to shop at a trading post for books and a variety of items.

The previous eight BiblioBenefits have raised more than \$200,000 to benefit the mission of JOIN to help the poor in central Ohio and assist them in returning to lives worthy of the children of God.

The pioneer spirit that spread the population and faith across the American continent was manifested in St. Rose Philippine Duchene (1769-1852), who will be the honored saint of the BiblioBenefit in this Year of Faith. She is a saint for her time, as well for our time of the new evangelization

A sister of the Society of the Sacred Heart, St. Rose came from France after the French Revolution to educate and spread the Good News in the new world. After seven weeks at sea, she and four other sisters arrived in New Orleans and traveled

on the Mississippi River to St. Louis.

Her goal was to work and teach among Native American children. But to her disappointment, the bishop sent her to what she called "the remotest village in the U.S.," St. Charles, Mo.

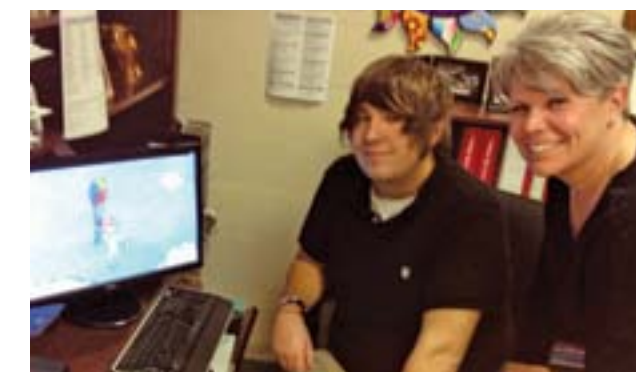
There, she founded the first house for the Society of the Sacred Heart outside of France, and then the first free school for girls west of the Mississippi.

Although she struggled with the English language, she eventually founded six more houses for her society and continued to open more schools.

When a school opened in Kansas for children of the Potawatomi tribe, her dream came true, and she worked among them taking care of the sick and teaching until she became ill, returning to St. Charles, where she died at age 83.

She was truly the "missionary of the American frontier" and was called "woman-who-prays-always" by those she served"

Reservations for the event are required by Friday, April 19, and may be made by calling Alice Heller at (614) 846-4523 or sending a check made out to JOIN BiblioBenefit IX to: Alice Heller, JOIN BiblioBenefit IX, 578 E. Main St., Columbus OH 43215. The cost is \$50 per person.



## Zane Prindle wins Gold Key award

Zane Prindle, a senior at Zanesville Bishop Rosecrans High School, is a recipient of a Gold Key award from the national Scholastic Art and Writing Awards for his animated stop-motion work "Skykids." He is pictured with Rosecrans principal Jennifer Mallett.

Founded in 1923, the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards is the nation's longest-running educational initiative supporting student achievement in the visual and literary arts. The program has a 90-year legacy of acknowledging creative talent and is today's largest source of scholarships for creative teens.

The awards recognize student achievement in the visual and literary arts in 28 categories, including poetry, graphic design, fashion, science fiction, and video game design.

Among those winning prizes from the program when they were students are Andy Warhol, Robert Redford, Sylvia Plath, Joyce Carol Oates, Ken Burns, and Truman Capote.

Prindle won his Gold Key award during regional judging in Iowa. It advances him to the national round of judging in New York City. "Skykids" will be judged in the film-animation category.



# Pray for our dead

**BARKER, Jean, 89, Feb. 25**  
St. Mary Church, Portsmouth

**CAPUTO, Joseph R., 90, Feb. 23**  
Immaculate Conception Church, Dennison

**CARTER, Charles L., 84, March 6**  
St. Aloysius Church, Columbus

**DULIN, Frances E., 92, March 9**  
St. Mary Church, Groveport

**FULLER, William, 82, March 8**  
St. Paul Church, Westerville

**GRASSBAUGH, Daniel J., 85, March 3**  
St. Elizabeth Church, Columbus

**HALBY, John J., 85, Feb. 26**  
St. John Church, Logan

**HENSLEY, Nancy J., 74, March 5**  
St. James the Less Church, Columbus

**LEONARD, Ann, 81, March 3**  
St. Michael Church, Worthington

**MULHOLAND, Jean H., 77, March 4**  
St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, Pickerington

**O'NEAL, Air Force Lt. Col. (Ret.) Jack A., 83, March 6**  
St. Pius X Church, Reynoldsburg

**UCKER, James T., 77, March 6**  
St. John Church, Logan

**VAN ECHO, John A., 92, March 4**  
St. Thomas Church, Columbus

**VETTER, Lois W., 85, March 1**  
St. Mary Church, Portsmouth

**WATSON, William J., 70, March 7**  
St. Matthias Church, Columbus

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## “Service Saturday” Program

Catholic Social Services is sponsoring its semiannual Service Saturday program on May 4. Volunteers will help older adults and disabled individuals in Franklin County who need help with small home repairs, painting, yardwork, or other special projects.

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# H A P P E N I N G S

## MARCH

**THROUGH MARCH 24, DAILY**  
**40 Days for Life**  
6 a.m. to 9 p.m., sidewalk in front of Complete Healthcare for Women, 5888 Cleveland Ave., Columbus. 40 Days for Life campaign of daily vigils at clinic. Individuals may sign up for one- or two-hour shifts. Churches, schools, and other organizations may select one day in which their representatives will cover all shifts. **614-445-8508**

**14, THURSDAY**  
Lenten Study Group at St. Leonard  
6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Social hall, St. Leonard Church, 57 Dorsey Mill Road, Heath. Lenten study group discussing Father Robert Barron's "Catholicism" video series. **740-344-5709**  
20s Group Meeting at Columbus St. Patrick  
7 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Weekly meeting of parish's 20s Group. All young adults invited. Begins with Holy Hour, followed at 8 by program. **614-406-9516**

**15-17, FRIDAY-SUNDAY**  
**Charismatic Retreat at St. Therese's**  
St. Therese's Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus. Retreat for men and women, sponsored by diocesan Catholic Charismatic Renewal, led by Father Robert Hogan, BBD. **614-237-7080**

**16, 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. **614-565-8654**  
**Catholic Advocacy Workshop at St. Paul**  
9:30 a.m. to noon, preceded by 8:30 a.m. Mass, St. Paul Church, 313 N. State St., Westerville. Catholic advocacy workshop discussing health care, poverty, education, religious liberty, and other issues. Sponsored by diocesan Office for Social Concerns and St. Vincent de Paul Society. **614-241-2540**  
**NFP Information Session at Newman Center**  
10 a.m. to noon, St. Thomas More Newman Center, 64 W. Lane Ave., Columbus. Information session for Natural Family Planning. **614-291-4674**

**15, FRIDAY**  
Living Water Concert at Wellston Ss. Peter and Paul  
6 p.m., Ss. Peter and Paul Church, 227 S. New York Ave., Wellston. "The Way of the Cross," a concert narrative with Christian band Living Water. **740-384-2359**

All fund-raising events (festivals, bazaars, spaghetti dinners, fish fries, bake sales, pizza/sub sales, candy sales, etc.) will be placed in the "Fund-Raising Guide." An entry into the Guide will be \$18.50 for the first six lines, and \$2.65 for each additional line. For more information, call Deacon Steve DeMers at 614-224-6530 or 800-511-0584.

**17, SUNDAY**  
**St. Patrick's Day Mass at Sacred Heart**  
9:30 a.m., Sacred Heart Church, 893 Hamlet St., Columbus. Mass in honor of the Feast of St. Patrick, followed by parade through downtown and Irish family reunion at Franklin County Veterans Memorial, 300 W. Broad St., sponsored by the Shamrock Club of Columbus. **614-491-4449**

**St. Christopher Adult Religious Education**  
10 to 11:15 a.m., St. Christopher Parish Center, 1420 Grandview Ave., Columbus. Reading aloud of excerpts from "The Everlasting Man" by G.K. Chesterton. **614-488-1971**  
**Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit at Holy Name**  
10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Holy Name Church, 54 E. Patterson Ave., Columbus. Exhibit of about 140 panels depicting Vatican-approved Eucharistic miracles around the world.

**Talk on St. Augustine at Josephinum**  
7 p.m., Jessing Center, Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 N. High St., Columbus. "An Interpretation of St. Augustine's Confessions" with Dr. Herbert Hartmann of Aquinas College. Part of college's "Priests, Poets and Philosophers" series. **614-885-5585**  
**Lenten Speaker Series at St. John Neumann**  
7:30 to 8:30 p.m., St. John Neumann Church, 9633 East State Route 37, Sunbury. Fourth talk in Friday Lenten speaker series on "The Least Among You." Topic: "The Elderly" with Debbie Fox, owner of two assisted living facilities. Preceded by Stations of the Cross at 7. **740-965-1358**

**Year of Faith Talk at Delaware St. Mary**  
7:45 p.m., St. Mary Church, 82 E. William St., Delaware. Talk on "The Lord Calls Us to Action" with Jerry Freewalt of the diocesan Office for Social Concerns. Fifth of six-week series of Friday-evening talks related to the Year of Faith. Preceded by Stations of the Cross at 7. **740-363-6461**

**17-21, SUNDAY-THURSDAY**  
**Parish Mission at Blessed Sacrament**  
7 p.m., Blessed Sacrament Church, 394 E. Main St., Newark. Parish mission with Father George McInnis, CPM. Theme: "Christ Our God, Truth Incarnate." Topics: "The Truth," Sunday; "The Commandments," Monday and Tuesday; "The Mass and the Real Presence," Wednesday; "The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God," Thursday. **740-345-4290**

**18, MONDAY**  
**Biblical Walk Through the Mass at Delaware St. Mary**  
2 and 7 p.m., Room 309, St. Mary School, 82 E. William St., Delaware. Conclusion of three-part "Biblical Walk Through the Mass" series with Dr. Edward Sri.  
**Columbus St. Patrick Church Celebration**  
6:30 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Mass celebrating the Feast of St. Patrick, followed by torchlit procession to the Litany of Irish Saints, accompanied by pipes and drums, and traditional Irish tea party, with music by Whiskey Mile. Traditional Irish dancers in the parish are invited to perform. **614-224-9522**  
**Charismatic Prayer Group at St. Thomas**  
7 p.m., St. Thomas Church, 2692 E. 5th Ave., Columbus. Meeting of Charismatic Prayer Group. **614-832-9525**

**Pick Life Forum on Abortion Clinic**  
7:30 p.m., Trinity Family Life Center, 6389 State Route 204, Pickerington. Community forum to introduce Pick Life organization and discuss its efforts to halt plans for an abortion clinic near St. Elizabeth Seton Parish. Information at www.pick-life.com.

**18-20, MONDAY-WEDNESDAY**  
**Parish Mission at St. Margaret of Cortona**  
7 p.m., St. Margaret of Cortona Church, 1600 N. Hague Ave., Columbus. Parish mission with Father Joshua Wagner. Theme: "The Four Phrases That Will Change Your Life." **614-279-1690**

**19, TUESDAY**  
**Quiet Morning of Reflection at Corpus Christi**  
10 a.m. to noon, Center of Peace, Corpus Christi Church, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus. Quiet Lenten morning of reflection led by Anita Davidson. **614-443-2828**  
**Serra Club of North Columbus Meeting**  
Noon, Refectory dining room, Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 N. High St., Columbus. Serra Club of North Columbus meeting. Speaker: Sister Margaret Ormond.

**Praise Mass at Seton Parish**  
11:15 a.m., St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, 600 Hill Road N., Pickerington. Praise Mass with contemporary music by parish's small musical groups. **614-833-0482**  
**St. Padre Pio Secular Franciscans**  
2 to 5 p.m., St. Matthew Church, 807 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna. Rosary and ongoing formation followed by social time, general meeting, Liturgy of the Hours, and initial formation with visitors. **614-282-4676**  
**Dave Orsborn, OFS**  
**Exposition, Vespers, Benediction at Lancaster St. Mary**  
4 to 5 p.m., St. Mary Church, 132 S. High St., Lancaster. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, with sung Vespers at 4:40 and Benediction at 5. **740-654-1893**  
**Spanish Mass at Columbus St. Peter**  
7 p.m., St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road, Columbus. Mass in Spanish. **706-761-4054**

**17-21, SUNDAY-THURSDAY**  
**Parish Mission at Blessed Sacrament**  
7 p.m., Blessed Sacrament Church, 394 E. Main St., Newark. Parish mission with Father George McInnis, CPM. Theme: "Christ Our God, Truth Incarnate." Topics: "The Truth," Sunday; "The Commandments," Monday and Tuesday; "The Mass and the Real Presence," Wednesday; "The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God," Thursday. **740-345-4290**

**18, MONDAY**  
**Biblical Walk Through the Mass at Delaware St. Mary**  
2 and 7 p.m., Room 309, St. Mary School, 82 E. William St., Delaware. Conclusion of three-part "Biblical Walk Through the Mass" series with Dr. Edward Sri.  
**Columbus St. Patrick Church Celebration**  
6:30 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Mass celebrating the Feast of St. Patrick, followed by torchlit procession to the Litany of Irish Saints, accompanied by pipes and drums, and traditional Irish tea party, with music by Whiskey Mile. Traditional Irish dancers in the parish are invited to perform. **614-224-9522**  
**Charismatic Prayer Group at St. Thomas**  
7 p.m., St. Thomas Church, 2692 E. 5th Ave., Columbus. Meeting of Charismatic Prayer Group. **614-832-9525**

**Pick Life Forum on Abortion Clinic**  
7:30 p.m., Trinity Family Life Center, 6389 State Route 204, Pickerington. Community forum to introduce Pick Life organization and discuss its efforts to halt plans for an abortion clinic near St. Elizabeth Seton Parish. Information at www.pick-life.com.

**18-20, MONDAY-WEDNESDAY**  
**Parish Mission at St. Margaret of Cortona**  
7 p.m., St. Margaret of Cortona Church, 1600 N. Hague Ave., Columbus. Parish mission with Father Joshua Wagner. Theme: "The Four Phrases That Will Change Your Life." **614-279-1690**

**19, TUESDAY**  
**Quiet Morning of Reflection at Corpus Christi**  
10 a.m. to noon, Center of Peace, Corpus Christi Church, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus. Quiet Lenten morning of reflection led by Anita Davidson. **614-443-2828**  
**Serra Club of North Columbus Meeting**  
Noon, Refectory dining room, Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 N. High St., Columbus. Serra Club of North Columbus meeting. Speaker: Sister Margaret Ormond.

OP, prioress, Dominican Sisters of Peace. Reservations required.

**Soup Supper, Talk, Stations at St. Edward**  
6 p.m., St. Edward Church, 785 Newark-Granville Road, Granville. Final parish Lenten soup supper, followed by Stations of the Cross at 7. Sister Thoma Swanson, OP, speaks on "Justice for Victims of Domestic Violence and Slave Trafficking of Women." **740-587-3254**  
**Rosary for Life at St. Joan of Arc**  
Following 6:15 p.m. Mass, St. Joan of Arc Church, 10700 Liberty Road, Powell. Recital of Rosary for Life, sponsored by church's respect life committee.

**Parent Speaker Series at St. Andrew**  
7 to 8 p.m., Bryce Eck Center, St. Andrew Church, 3880 Reed Road, Columbus. School's parent speaker series presents talk by Loren McKeon, consultant and program developer for McKeon Education Group, on "Telecommunications and Your Child." **614-205-9430**

**Landings Program at Newman Center**  
7 p.m., St. Thomas More Newman Center, 64 W. Lane Ave., Columbus. Fifth session of eight-week Landings program for returning and inactive Catholics. **614-313-7801**  
**NFP Class at Mount Carmel St. Ann's**  
7 to 9 p.m., Mount Carmel St. Ann's Hospital, 500 S. Cleveland Ave., Westerville. First of four Natural Family Planning classes and one follow-up taught by diocesan-trained teachers in the symptothermal method. Cost \$65 per couple; preregistration required. **614-241-2560**

**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. **740-653-4919**

**20, WEDNESDAY**  
**Property Tax Exemption Workshop at Corpus Christi**  
11 a.m., Center of Peace, Corpus Christi Church, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus. Workshop with Franklin County Auditor Clarence Mingo on property tax exemption program for senior citizens and the permanently disabled. "Catholicism" at Delaware St. Mary  
2 and 7 p.m., Kavanagh Hall, St. Mary Church, 82 E. William St., Delaware. Father Robert Barron's "Catholicism" video series. Conclusion: "World Without End: The Last Things."  
**Via Crucis at St. Ladislav**  
6 to 6:30 p.m., St. Ladislav Church, 277 Reeb Ave., Columbus. Stations of the Cross (Via Crucis) in Spanish. **614-443-2828**

**'Oremus' at Delaware St. Mary**  
6 p.m., St. Mary Church, 82 E. William St., Delaware. "Oremus," an eight-week retreat-like experience featuring a 30-minute DVD with Father Mark Toups, followed by faith sharing. Part 5: "Spiritual Senses." **740-815-4133**  
**Study of Lenten Readings at Corpus Christi**  
7 to 8 p.m., Center of Peace, Corpus Christi Church, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus. Study of this week's Lenten readings, led by Father Rod Damico. **614-443-2828**  
**Lenten Talk at Logan St. John**  
7 p.m., St. John Church, 351 N. Market St., Logan. Talk by Lisa Keita of the St. Francis Center in McArthur. Conclusion of five-week series of Wednesday night Lenten talks.

**20-21, WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY**  
**St. Matthew School Presents 'Annie Jr.'**  
6:30 p.m., St. Matthew School, 795 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna. School's seventh grade presents the musical "Annie Jr." Free admission; donations to American Cancer Society accepted. **614-471-4930**





BOOK REVIEW

## The story of John XXIII and Vatican II

By Greg Tobin

Reviewed by:  
**Rachelle Linner**  
*Catholic News Service*

"The Good Pope" is a well-written and thoughtful biography of Pope John XXIII and a helpful study of the events, personalities, and issues of the Second Vatican Council. This timely book coincides with the 50th anniversary of the opening of the council (1962-65) and serves as an accessible work of church history.

Tobin clearly admires John XXIII, who was born Angelo Roncalli, the son of a large, impoverished Italian farming family who grew up "surrounded by God and church" and, from his childhood, had a clear

sense of vocation. "I can't remember a time," he later wrote, "when I did not want to serve God as a priest."

One of the pleasures of this biography is the way Tobin illustrates the growth of that call, the maturation of the man through his education in Bergamo and Rome, and the formative 10 years he spent as priest-secretary to Bergamo Bishop Giacomo Maria Radini-Tedeschi. His mentor "taught him that there was a way to apply changes within the church while preserving older traditions."

Father Roncalli's personality, and thus his priesthood, was shaped by prayer, theology, and church politics. Equally

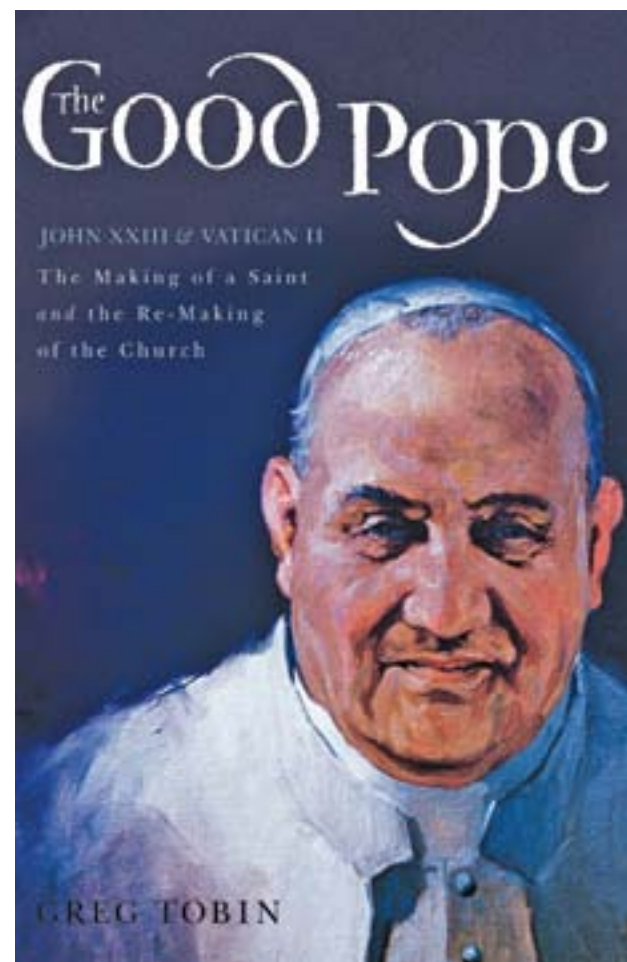
definitive were lessons he wrested from his immersion in the enormous challenges and sufferings of the first half of the 20th century. He served as a medical orderly and chaplain in the Italian army during World War I and, after the war, was assigned to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

In 1925, he was appointed an archbishop and named apostolic visitor to Bulgaria, a largely Orthodox nation with a small Catholic population. "Already bearing within his heart the seeds of ecumenism, ... (Roncalli) understood that he needed to approach the Orthodox faithful in a spirit of love and respect rather than condemna-

tion," Tobin writes.

Ten years later, Archbishop Roncalli was appointed apostolic delegate to Turkey and Greece, but "as the world headed toward another great war, with Italy one of the aggressors, suspicions fell harder on the church in Rome and its powerful prelates." These assignments honed the archbishop's diplomatic skills, and the war years saw him engaged in heroic charity, particularly in assisting Jewish immigration to Palestine.

His most important diplomatic role was the years (1944-1953) he spent as the apostolic nuncio to France. In 1953, he became the cardinal of Venice, and the five years he spent there



were "perhaps the happiest time in his life. ... He was finally able to realize his long-held desire to be, above all, a priest and minister of souls."

Cardinal Roncalli was 76 when he was elected pope on Oct. 20, 1958. Because of his age some regarded him as a transitional pope. But, as Tobin makes clear in the second half of this book, John XXIII "wasted no time" and entered his papacy with a "full agenda."

Tobin provides a straightforward chronology of John XXIII's remarkable papacy. He outlines the themes, and reception, of his eight encyclicals and writes about the pope's urgent concerns about international conflict and the proliferation of nuclear weapons.

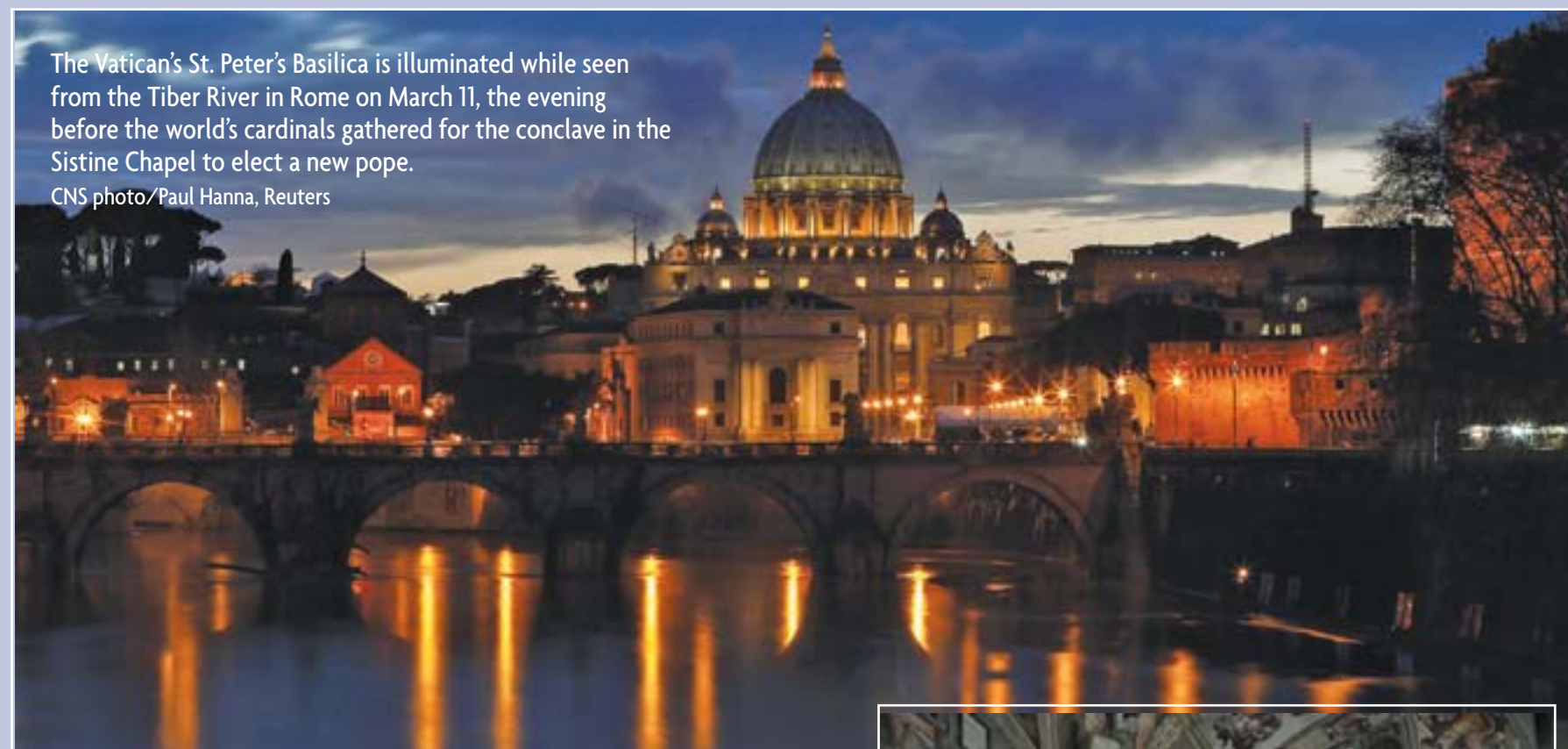
The majority of this section is, appropriately, given over to a discussion of the first session of Vatican II, the only one John XXIII saw be-

fore his death on June 3, 1963. Tobin explains doctrinal and theological issues and illustrates the contentious atmosphere between liberals and conservatives in the council. His factual and nonpolemical discussion is particularly welcome.

"The Good Pope" concludes with a moving narrative of John XXIII's dying and the outpouring of love and grief that accompanied him on this final stage of his journey. His last clear words were those of St. Peter: "Lord, you know that I love you."

Angelo Roncalli's love for God was the luminous thread in his extraordinary life, and Greg Tobin shows us how that love was made manifest. The result is a book that is not only a fine biography, but an edifying meditation on a life of fidelity and surrender.

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The Vatican's St. Peter's Basilica is illuminated while seen from the Tiber River in Rome on March 11, the evening before the world's cardinals gathered for the conclave in the Sistine Chapel to elect a new pope.  
CNS photo/Paul Hanna, Reuters

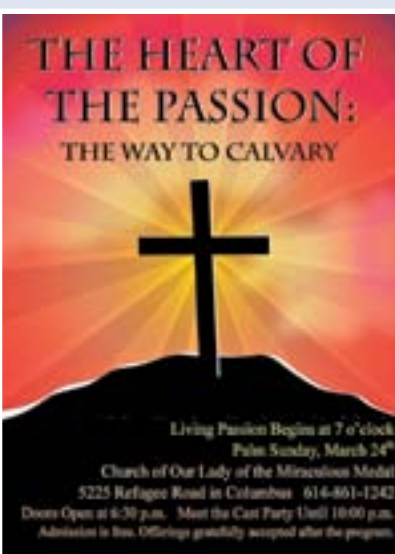
## THE PAPAL CONCLAVE BEGINS



Jesus gives St. Peter keys in this detail seen at St. Peter's Basilica. Cardinals began a conclave on March 12 to elect a new pope, successor of St. Peter.  
CNS photo/Paul Haring



The Sistine Chapel is seen prepared with tables where cardinals were to sit during the conclave in a picture released by L'Osservatore Romano on March 12. The world's cardinals gathered in the chapel later that day for the conclave to elect a new pope. CNS photo/L'Osservatore Romano via Reuters



### Second Annual Lenten Play Promises to Be Unforgettable, Emotion-Driven Experience

The Columbus Church of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, 5225 Refugee Road, will present "The Heart of the Passion: The Way to Calvary," a Passion story that will draw on a broad range of talents of parishioners, for the second straight year on Palm Sunday, March 24, at 7 p.m.

"Even those who saw last year's showing will be in for a new experience," show director Joanne Farrell said, "We have added roles and have other new actors creating their own scripts, based on prayerful interpretation."

Unlike other depictions of Christ's Passion, this account of the moments leading up to his crucifixion focuses less on the historical account and more on the emotional reaction of those who witnessed the world-changing event.

The play is a truly collaborative event, with parishioners contributing their talents in a variety of ways including lighting, sound, scenery, costumes, publicity, photography, ushers, and hospitality.

The show promises to be an unforgettable experience.





## CLERGY NIGHT SCHOLARSHIPS 2013

The Ohio Knights of Columbus scholarship program presented checks to nine students from the Diocese of Columbus at the Knights' 15th annual clergy appreciation dinner at the Villa Milano Banquet Center.

Bishop Frederick Campbell, Bishop James Griffin, and more than 170 priests, deacons, seminarians, and religious sisters were the guests of more than over 600 Knights and their families at the event.

The scholarship program, instituted in 1995, awards 30 scholarships of \$1,000 each every year to outstanding Catholic high school students throughout Ohio to help cover the cost of their high school tuition. Since its inception, the program has awarded more than \$498,000.

Scholarship recipients pictured with Knights officers are (from left): first row, Jordan Bair (Columbus Bishop Ready), Alicia Kunkler (Zanesville Bishop Rosecrans), Anita Ferguson (Columbus Bishop Watterson), Bethany Patellos (Newark Catholic), Maggie Yocum (Newark Catholic), and Jacob Milani (Portsmouth Notre Dame); second row, Robert Byers (Knights state warden), David Helmstetter (Knights state deputy), Connor Colvin (Columbus St. Charles), Sierra Mergliano (Columbus St. Francis DeSales), Bishop Campbell, Anna Thompson (New Philadelphia Tuscarawas Central Catholic), Dennis Shonebarger (past state deputy), and state scholarship chairman Kevin Miller (Knights state advocate). Photo courtesy Knights of Columbus

## They said "Yes"

"Once you respond, you place yourself in a special relationship with God," Father Thomas Petry told middle- and high-school students during a commissioning ceremony at Columbus St. Anthony Church for Society of St. Vincent de Paul youth conferences in the Diocese of Columbus.

"You didn't have to be here," he said. "You are asked. That's how calls come."

Answering the call were students from Columbus Bishop Ready, Bishop Watterson, St. Charles Preparatory, and St. Francis DeSales high schools, and Westerville St. Paul, Columbus St. Anthony, Groveport St. Mary, and Newark St. Francis de Sales junior high and middle schools.

The young Vincentians received pins and holy cards during the Mass concelebrated by Father Petry, pastor at St. Anthony; Father Charles F. Klinger, St. Vincent de Paul Society spiritual adviser and pastor at St. Paul, assisted by Deacon Craig Smith. The Groveport St. Mary folk choir provided music.

"I love helping people, making cookies and cards," said Mary Safowah of the St. Anthony Middle School SVDP conference.

Members of the group recently helped feed the hungry at St. Lawrence Haven near Holy Cross Church in downtown Columbus. "We actually had a guy say our sandwiches helped him. It was the only meal he got that day," she said.



Alex Polinsky of St. Charles, who participated in the March for Life, said the St. Vincent de Paul Society helps students stand up for the right things and teaches them how to be moral.

St. Charles is the most recent school to join the youth conferences. Mike Warner, conference adviser, said it is a natural progression for the school's service group, Cardinals for Life. Last year, the group conducted a garage sale, with proceeds going to Darfur in Sudan. This year's money will help St. Vincent de Paul charities.

In deciding which projects to work on, "I try to let it be

student initiative," Warner said.

St. Francis DeSales High School has participated for 15 years. "One reason we can keep it going is we have activities all year, so all students have a chance to be part of the group," said Donna Kuhn, a faculty moderator. That way, students involved in sports and other groups can be involved when they have more time.

Among the activities the DeSales conference is involved in are helping at the after-school program at St. Stephen's Community Center, including hosting Halloween and Easter parties; making sandwiches for Columbus Holy Rosary-St. John Church and St. Lawrence Haven; and making cards and doing activities with severely disabled adults.

"We are all called," said Bill Sparks, diocesan St. Vincent de Paul Council president. "And I congratulate you for answering the call."



## Undefeated season for St. Matthew boys

The Gahanna St. Matthew Mustangs eighth-grade boys basketball team won the diocesan American-National League regular-season championship with a 10-0 record. The team went on to win the postseason tournament at Columbus Bishop Watterson High School with a 38-37 buzzer-beater victory over Columbus St. James the Less in the championship game to finish 13-0 overall. Team members pictured are (from left): first row, Jared Daly, Wil Price, Cameron McCauley, Alex Dawes, and Jared Ozarzak; second row, Matt Downing, Ian Cook, Michael Zelina, and Bryce Twente. Coach Leo Brown is in the back. Coach Bill Dawes is not pictured.



## St. Mary Science Fair

Twenty-three students from Lancaster St. Mary School received superior ratings on their science fair projects, allowing them to move on to the district science fair at Ohio University-Lancaster on Saturday, March 23. Students pictured are (from left): first row, Josh Leach, Tyler Bevan, Shea Goss, Jonah Adkins, Beau Boyden, and Ethan Henry; second row, Aaron Van Fossen, Zach Vogel, Hunter Wotruba, Jacob Lynch, Sam Wells, and Chris Carter; third row, John Lewis, Robert Hartman, Brock Conrad, Julia Youssef, Emma Tobin, Bailey Fields, and Halle Harris; fourth row: William Ullom, Maggie Palsgrove, Keirston Marion, and Alex Blackston. Photo courtesy St. Mary School