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The Editor's Notebook

The Incarnated Christian

By David Garick, Editor



The final days of Advent 2015 are here. Soon, the star will beckon us to the lowly stable in Bethlehem where the Almighty God, creator and sustainer of the universe, burst forth into humanity in the form of a child, the Son of God.

That is what we have been preparing for. More than 2,000 years ago, the Virgin Mary was preparing for this event herself. The angel of the Lord had told her of the amazing role she would play as the Mother of God. In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear the story of her visit to her relative Elizabeth. This was no simple drive across town. Mary's journey, on foot while pregnant, from Nazareth to the hill country near Jerusalem would have been more than 100 miles each way. But in this episode, the incarnate Christ first made His human presence known, silently but powerfully, to both Elizabeth and to her as yet unborn son, John the Baptist.

This is important because it shows Jesus, while being truly God, was also really human in every way. As the child of Mary, He took up our being born, our gradual learning, our failures, our tiredness and hunger, our emotions, our daily work, our suffering, and, ultimately our dying. This human Jesus renewed the world. This life and death of Jesus is the substance of the new covenant between God and us.

Before the coming of Jesus,

people sought the good graces of God through prayer and sacrifices and the keeping of the Old Testament laws. Only through these actions could they draw close to God and win His favor. Once Christ became incarnate, a new way of salvation became possible because God was present with us.

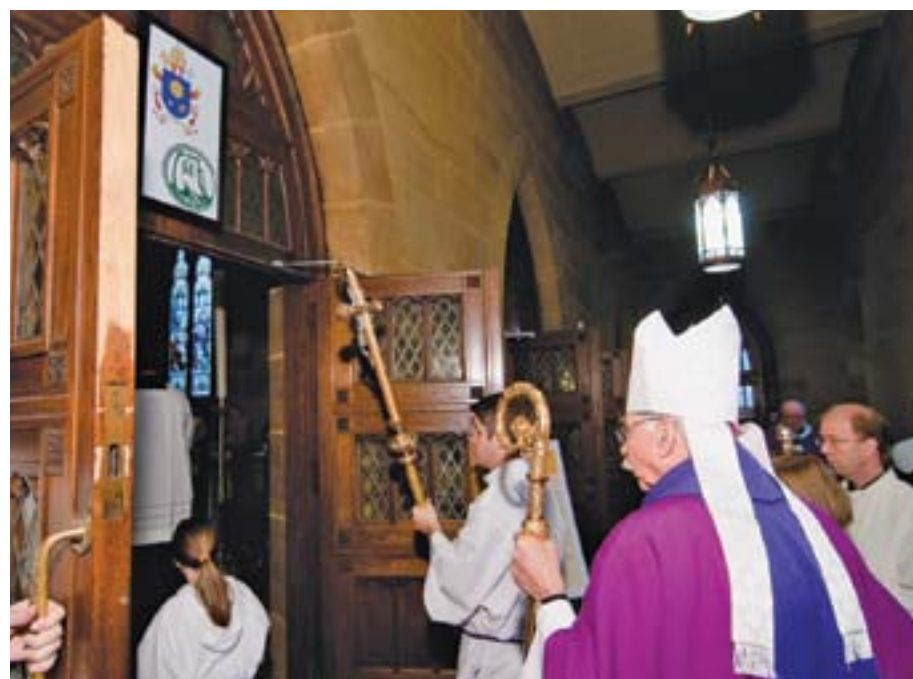
This is important because all the moments of Jesus' life were sacred, not just His suffering and death, but all His human experience, even from his time in Mary's womb. What we need to realize is that because of Jesus' incarnation, this sacredness is true for our lives. That is, all of our living can be sacred; all of our human moments – anger, fear, love, joy, hunger, learning, triumph, failure, suffering, and trials, everything except sin – can be sacred moments because they are joined to Jesus. St. Paul wrote, "Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

St. John wrote in his Gospel, "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as it were of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth."

Remember this Christmas that He became one of us so that we could be one with Him.



Bishop Campbell opens Holy Door for the Jubilee Year of Mercy



**Bishop Frederick Campbell officially opened the Holy Door at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral on Sunday, Dec. 13. He joined Pope Francis and bishops at cathedrals worldwide this week in beginning the celebration of the Jubilee Year of Mercy. The next 12 months in the Church will have a special emphasis on the works of mercy. Pope Francis has granted a plenary indulgence to all who pass through the Holy Door of any cathedral or other designated site in the coming year. A plenary indulgence is the remission before God of the temporal punishment due for sins already forgiven. To gain the indulgence, a person must also make a sacramental Confession, receive Eucharistic Communion, pray for the Holy Father, and be absent from all attachment to sin, even venial sin.**

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Permanent Deacon Candidates Advance to Ministry of Acolyte

Bishop Frederick Campbell installed 12 deacon candidates to the ministry of acolyte on Saturday, Dec. 12 at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral at the 5:15 p.m. vigil Mass for Gaudete Sunday.

The ministry of acolyte is the final step toward ordination to the diaconate. An acolyte's ministry is to assist the bishop, priest, and deacon at the celebration of the Eucharist and at other liturgical events when needed. The candidates were ordained to the ministry of lector at this time last year.

An acolyte can function as an extraordinary minister of the Eucharist anywhere in the diocese, not just at his home parish, and help purify the sacred vessels. Acolytes assist with the *Roman Missal* or other liturgical books and help the deacon prepare the altar.

During their installation ceremony, the 12 men knelt before the bishop and received the paten with hosts and the chalice with wine as a sign that they are ministers of the altar. As part of their final year of formation, Bishop Campbell has appointed each deacon candidate to a neighboring parish to help the pastor as needed.

The candidate is asked to spend three out of four weekends a month (or approximately eight to 10 hours a week) at this parish, getting to know the peo-



ple, assisting at the liturgies, and participating in educational and ministerial programs.

After another year of training, the acolytes can be ordained in November 2016 as permanent deacons of the Diocese of Columbus.

**Pictured are (from left), first row, Deacon Frank Iannarino (director, Office of the Diaconate), Stephen Petrill (Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare, serving at Powell St. Joan of Arc), Mark Weiner (New Lexington St. Rose, serving at parishes**

**in Perry County), Ron Onslow (Dover St. Joseph, serving at parishes throughout Tuscarawas County), Kevin Murrin (New Albany Church of the Resurrection, serving at Sunbury St. John Neumann), Jason Nguyen (Columbus Ss. Augustine & Gabriel, serving at Columbus St. Anthony), Deacon Marion Smithberger (chairman, Diocesan Diaconal Council); second row, Tom Rowlands (Columbus St. Margaret of Cortona, serving at Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help), Greg Waybright (Reynoldsburg St. Pius X, serving**

**at Pickerington St. Elizabeth Seton Parish), David Lozowski (Coshacton Sacred Heart, serving at Dresden St. Ann), Paul Zemanek (Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare, serving at Columbus St. Peter), Bishop Campbell, Michael Kopczewski (Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help, serving at Columbus St. Margaret of Cortona), Tom Phillips (Columbus St. Thomas, serving at parishes in the center city of Columbus), David Bezusko (Marysville Our Lady of Lourdes, serving at Plain City St. Joseph).**

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Sister Elizabeth Jackson, OP, Professes Temporary Vows

Dominican Sister of Peace Elizabeth Jackson, OP, professed temporary vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience on Saturday, Dec. 5 during the celebration of the Eucharist in the Columbus Motherhouse chapel. Sister Elizabeth affirmed that she will give witness to trust, belief, and the generosity of God through her vows, then made profession for three years into the hands of Sister Patricia Twohill, OP, prioress of the Dominican Sisters of Peace. Sister Pat presented Sister Elizabeth with the congregational pin, an outward sign of her profession, and the Constitutions of the Dominican Sisters of Peace, by which she has promised to live.

Sister Elizabeth graduated from St. Mary of the Springs College (now Ohio Dominican University) in 1965 and from the St. Louis University school of medicine in 1975. As a psychiatrist, she practiced in Ohio, Massachusetts, and Florida. She worked for the U.S.

Department of Veterans Affairs and specialized in post-traumatic stress disorder. In 2007, she became chief of mental health at the VA's Chalmers P. Wylie Ambulatory Care Center in Columbus, then served as acting chief of staff until her retirement in 2012. She currently volunteers at the Dominican Learning Center, a ministry of the Dominican Sisters of Peace. She also is liturgist and organist at the Columbus Motherhouse.

After the Mass, Sister Elizabeth shared the inspiration she received from older women in Scripture. "As you can see, after a period of discernment over some years, I decided to re-enter religious life and was accepted," she said. "I am reminded today about Sarah, who laughed as she received God's word, and of Elizabeth, my namesake, who heard God's Word and bore the announcer of that Word. I hope to hear the Word as well as my namesake did

and to live what the Word calls each of us to live."

Sister Elizabeth is the daughter of the late J. Harry and Marian Jackson. Before entering the Dominican Sisters of Peace, she belonged to Columbus St. Margaret of Cortona Church, where she was organist from 2007 to 2015.

Msgr. Frank Lane presided at the liturgy, with concelebrants Father Vincent McKiernan, CSP, Father Michael Trainor, OP, and Father Steve Fitzhenry, OP. Several Dominican Sisters of Peace participated in the profession ceremony, including Sister Cathy Arnold, OP, who welcomed Sister Elizabeth's family and friends, sisters, and Dominican Associates to the Eucharistic celebration. Sister Arleen Kisiel, OP, called Sister Elizabeth to the altar and invited Sisters Mary Edmund Gibson and Mariellen Phelps, OP, to witness to her readiness for profession. Sisters Joan McGough, Margaret Ormond, and



Rebecca Nolan, OP, witnessed Sister Elizabeth's signing her vows.

**Photo: Sister Patricia Twohill, OP, prioress of the Dominican Sisters of Peace (left), gives Sister Elizabeth Jackson, OP, the pin symbolizing her membership in the congregation.**

Photo courtesy Dominican Sisters of Peace



Front Page photo:

**The sanctuary of Worthington St. Michael Church, which was dedicated in 1964. The parish was established in 1946.**

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## PRACTICAL STEWARDSHIP

By Rick Jeric

### Fruit

Fourth Sunday of Advent: "Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." (Luke 1:43). Today, we hear the account of the Visitation from Luke's Gospel. It is a familiar, yet deeply moving account. We hear of Elizabeth's reaction to Mary when she first realizes that Mary is carrying Jesus in her womb. We also hear the reaction of Elizabeth's unborn child. It is through this extraordinary witness that we can appreciate the significance of what has happened. I will spend some time today thinking about ways in which I can give greater witness to God through my words and actions.



Fourth Monday: "Why should I be honored with a visit from the mother of my Lord?" (Luke 1:43). Today's Gospel reading is the same as yesterday's, the account of the Visitation from Luke's Gospel. Elizabeth feels honored that Mary, the mother of God, has come to visit her. We, too, feel honored when we become aware of God's presence in our lives, guiding us toward Him. Today, I pray that I can continue to feel honored by God's presence in my life. In thanksgiving for that faithfulness and love, I will visit someone in need or talk to someone who would appreciate a call. I will then reflect upon the gifts I received through doing that.

Fourth Tuesday: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord.... He has pulled down princes from their thrones and exalted the lowly" (Luke 1:46, 52). Today's Gospel is the Magnificat, where Mary reflects on God in the world. God turns the world upside down – God casts down the mighty, exalts the humble, feeds the hungry, and sends the rich away empty. This is the God we profess. I commit to doing something for those on the margins today – it could be something significant or it could be something small. It could be the good stewardship of my treasure, my faith, or simply praying for those in need. It might just be to pray for the grace to act in the ways of God.

Fourth Wednesday: "All those who heard of it treasured it in their hearts. 'What will this child turn out to be?' they wondered" (Luke 1:66). Today's Gospel reading shows Zechariah naming his son John. This week, we are moving toward the celebration of the birth of Jesus. The theme is anticipation and expectancy – although the media are trying to focus on gifts and post-Christmas sales. We need to sustain our focus on Advent as we prepare for the coming of the Christ child. We know what He will turn out to be. There is an opportunity here to reflect on our own journey through life. I spend some time today reflecting on my own journey. Who have I turned out to be? For which parts am I most grateful? Are there things I need to change – things that do not resonate with the Christian life?

Fourth Thursday: "Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, for He has visited His people, He has come to their rescue and He has raised up for us a power for salvation" (Luke 1:68-69). This prophecy, spoken by Zechariah, is part of the Benedictus, which is part of the prayer of the Church that is prayed by so many each day around the world. At this time of year, we have the darkest days, but the nights are starting to get lighter. Is that also true of our Advent journey? Spend some time today thinking about the blessings the Lord has bestowed on you. How will you share those blessings? Find one way to do so this week. Make it your gift to the Christ child.

The Nativity of the Lord: "Today a Savior has been born to you. You will find the baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger" (Luke 2:11-12). Today, I offer my gifts of time, talent, and treasure as a response to God gifting us with the gift of Jesus.

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

## TRINITY "HOUR OF CODE"



Earlier this month, Columbus Trinity Elementary School students in fourth through eighth grades participated in the national Hour of Code. All the school's computers were linked to a national network which taught students a lesson on computer coding and its importance in today's technological world. Photo courtesy Trinity Elementary School

### Young professionals group to attend NHL game

The Catholic Foundation's young professionals group will attend the Columbus Blue Jackets' NHL game against the Colorado Avalanche on Saturday, Jan. 16.

There will be a networking session at

Nationwide Arena before the game.

If you are interested in attending and taking advantage of a preferred ticket rate for the group, RSVP to <http://www.meetup.com/Catholic-Young-Professionals-Columbus-Meetup>.

### Our Lady of Peace School open house

Columbus Our Lady of Peace School, 40 E. Dominion Blvd., will host an open house for parents of prospective students from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Sun-

day, Jan. 10.

The event will include tours of the school and opportunities to meet with teachers.

## WORKSHOP AND RETREAT ARE AMONG CORPUS CHRISTI CENTER OF PEACE EVENTS

A daylong workshop on the spiritual practice of journaling and a weekend retreat in the spirit and style of the Taize community are among events scheduled for the first two months of 2016 at the Corpus Christi Center of Peace, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus.

Catholic Times columnist Mary van Balen will lead the "Journaling the Journey" workshop from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16.

She will share examples of her own

journaling and help participants learn to use their journals to become awake to the extraordinary in daily life. A jeweler's loupe, which is a small magnifier, will help participants look more closely, slow down, and be still. Poetry, music, and images will introduce fresh ideas. Participants are encouraged to bring their own journals or a favorite photo to help inspire them.

A \$25 participation fee includes lunch and coffee breaks. Journals will

be available for purchase.

The "Come Away and Pray" Taize retreat will take place from 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13. It will be led by the center's coordinator, Anita Davidson, and Pete McClermon, music director of Hilliard St. Brendan Church.

The Taize community is an ecumenical monastic group in France of about 100 brothers from more than 30 nations who want their lives to be a sign of reconciliation between divided Christians and separated peoples. Each summer, tens of thousands of young people make a pilgrimage to Taize for a week of living in and with the community. The prayer of Taize is known especially for its simple, yet beautiful chants, the proclamation of sacred Scripture, and extended periods of silent meditation.

The cost of the retreat is \$100, including overnight accommodations and breakfast and lunch on Saturday. For commuters, it is \$40, including lunch.

Scholarships are available for those

needing financial assistance. Donations are welcome to the center's fund for those scholarships.

Events being planned for the site are a day of centering prayer on Saturday, Feb. 20, and the center's third annual yarncrafters' retreat from Friday to Sunday, Feb. 26 to 28.

The center's final period of reflection for the Advent season will take place at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 21, with the same program at both times. Its centering prayer group now meets on the third and fourth Saturdays of the month, with the next meetings being Dec. 19 and 26 at 10:30 a.m. Its Women to Women Listening Circle continues to meet on the second Thursday of each month from noon to 1:30 p.m., with a simple soup lunch at 11:30 a.m. All women of any age or circumstance are welcome to share their experiences. Child care is not available.

For more information, call (614) 512-3731, go to [www.cccenterofpeace.org](http://www.cccenterofpeace.org), or email [corpuschristicenterofpeace@gmail.com](mailto:corpuschristicenterofpeace@gmail.com).

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## Christian Response to ISIS; Charity and Responsibility



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

**Q.** What is the Christian response to ISIS? (Harrisonburg, Virginia)

**A.** The Christian response to ISIS is to deplore its violence and to seek the most effective means to stop it.

In March 2015, in what was seen as an unusually blunt endorsement of military action, the Vatican's representative to the United Nations in Geneva called for a coordinated international force to stop the "so-called Islamic State." Archbishop Silvano Tomasi said any anti-ISIS coalition should include the Muslim states of the Middle East and should unfold under the sponsorship of the United Nations.

Archbishop Tomasi noted that everything possible ought to be done first to achieve a political settlement without violence, "but if that is not possible, then the use of force will be necessary."

Following the ISIS bombings in Paris in November 2015 (which Pope Francis deplored as "intolerable" and said "using God's name to justify this path is blasphemy"), Vatican Secretary of State Cardinal Pietro Parolin backed the possibility of global military action against ISIS militants. He referenced the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (No. 2308), which states that "as long as the danger of war persists and there is no international authority with the necessary competence and power, governments cannot be denied the right of lawful self-defense, once all peace efforts have failed."

A parishioner happened to ask me, after the Paris bombings, how he could ever "forgive ISIS." I told him that he didn't have to, because forgiveness (in my mind) presumes remorse on the part of the perpetrator and a pledge of changed behavior, both of which are notably lacking

in the ISIS terrorists. I said that we should pray for those benighted individuals and leave judgment of them to God -- while also remembering, of course, to pray especially for their victims.

**Q.** I am the mother of three adopted children, ages 5 to 15. We live in a small house with no extra space. A year ago, we came to my mother-in-law's rescue when she was having some problems and offered her temporary shelter until she could get back on her feet.

Now, though, she is still with us and depends on us to do everything for her. She just sleeps, eats (she weighs over 300 pounds), and talks on her cellphone. She interferes in the life of the family and refuses to help with any chores of the house. I am on disability myself, our family life is unhealthy, and the children are suffering from her presence in our midst.

My question is this: Would it be uncharitable for me to tell her to go live on her own and to leave this house before I go crazy? (City of origin withheld)

**A.** Your first obligation is to your husband and to your children. If, as you say, your mother-in-law's presence is seriously impacting your family's health and happiness, she needs to leave. And you need, very quickly, to have an honest conversation with your husband as to how to accomplish this in as kind a manner as possible (keeping in mind that there is, of course, no perfect way).

Can you help guide your mother-in-law into an alternate living arrangement? (Perhaps a local parish priest or Catholic social services agency could advise you on some suitable alternatives that would address her physical and psychological concerns.) Far from prohibiting this course of action, charity in fact demands that you take this courageous step for the greater good of your entire family.

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



St. Nicholas visits kindergarten students at Lancaster St. Mary School.

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Guest Commentary:

## Practicing Works of Mercy Toward the Elderly

Sr. Constance Veit, LSP

Pope Francis has a "burning desire" during this special Jubilee year. He wants us to reflect on and practice the corporal and spiritual works of mercy so that we may "enter more deeply into the heart of the Gospel where the poor have a special experience of God's mercy."

Many of us memorized the works of mercy as children, but a little review might help us to "rediscover" them as this Jubilee Year gets underway. The corporal works include feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, clothing the naked, welcoming the stranger, healing the sick, visiting the imprisoned, and burying the dead. The spiritual works of mercy include counseling the doubtful, instructing the ignorant, admonishing sinners, comforting the afflicted, forgiving offenses, bearing patiently with those who do us ill, and praying for the living and the dead.

Let's take a look at how we can practice the first two corporal works of mercy toward the elderly on a material and a spiritual level. We'll begin with our bodily needs.

Many people on fixed incomes subsist on foods that are less than ideal from a nutritional standpoint. Fast foods and other processed items are generally cheaper than wholesome fresh food, but they also are lower in nutrients and higher in unhealthy ingredients such as sugar, fat, and sodium. This is not good for seniors.

The elderly may also experience mobility issues or lack the transportation needed to get out shopping on a regular basis, so it's much harder for them to obtain fresh foods. Here are a few ways we can practice mercy by helping to feed and give drink to the elderly:

1. Take your elderly loved one or neighbor grocery shopping with you.
2. If that is not possible, offer to shop for him or her on a regular basis.
3. Gift the elderly with nutritious home-cooked meals.
4. In addition to delivering meals to them, take the time to dine with your elderly neighbors or relatives at home, or take them to their favorite restaurant from time to time. Many widows and widowers lack the motivation to cook for



themselves when they live alone. Having a dinner companion on a regular basis could both improve their health and lift their spirits (and yours, as well).

5. Help a senior sign up for Meals on Wheels or access other similar resources.

6. Become a Meals on Wheels volunteer.

7. If your loved one is hospitalized, try to be present at mealtime whenever possible to ensure that he or she has proper nutrition.

8. If your loved one resides in a long-term care facility, bring favorite treats or nutritional supplements to

stimulate his or her appetite. The care team can give you recommendations in this regard.

9. Ask your elderly loved one to share recipes or expertise for making his or her favorite holiday or ethnic specialties. In addition to nourishing the body, this will celebrate family traditions, honor the person's heritage and experience, and create new memories. Sharing in this way could be more enriching for you than for your loved one!

These are a few of the ways we can practice mercy by feeding the elderly. But as Christ said, no one lives on bread alone. Only Jesus can satisfy our ultimate hunger, since he himself is the Bread of Life. Just as it is often difficult for the elderly to go grocery shopping, they also may be unable to get to church to satisfy their spiritual hunger. An important way of feeding our older friends and relatives is to ensure that they are able to get to weekly or even daily Mass. If they are housebound, make sure someone in the parish brings them holy Communion or take responsibility for this yourself. It's a beautiful ministry.

Whether we bring an older person a pot of soup, a batch of homemade cookies, a bowl of fresh fruit, or holy Communion, we also bring the warmth of our presence, our friendship, and our solidarity. At the same time, we encounter Jesus Christ himself, who will one day say to us, "When I was hungry, you gave me to eat; when I was thirsty, you gave me to drink. Come to the banquet in my Kingdom of Love!"

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

### POLAR EXPRESS AT OUR LADY OF BETHLEHEM



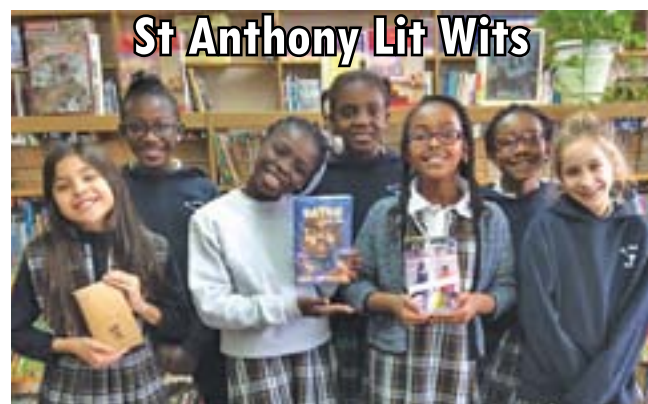
The Polar Express stopped at Columbus Our Lady of Bethlehem School and Childcare for a little Christmas spirit. The school is solely for preschool and kindergarten students. Photo courtesy Our Lady of Bethlehem School

### REINDEER FOR SENIORS



Columbus St. Andrew School fourth-grade students are shown with reindeer they made from soap and washcloths for residents of the Danbury Senior Living community. The students also made Christmas cards for the seniors. One of the students' parents visits the community once a month with her service dog. Photo courtesy St. Andrew School

Columbus St. Anthony School's Lit Wits program, created by school librarian Claire Hatem, challenges fourth- and fifth-grade students to read books and participate in a quiz competition to showcase their knowledge. The students work in teams, with each student making a long-term commitment to read seven books from a chosen list. Teams compete in March, answering questions about the books. The club meets once a month. Members of one of the teams are (from left): first row, Katherine Dortmund, Adonai Adusei, Rebecca Fekru, Audrey Riddle; second row: Mary Tano, Bridget Womber, Caroline Sarpong. Photo courtesy St. Anthony School



St Anthony Lit Wits



### Bishop Visits All Saints

Bishop Frederick Campbell greets Columbus All Saints School students at an all-school Mass. Photo courtesy All Saints School

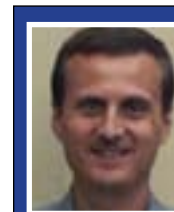


### St. Nicholas in Gahanna

Gahanna St. Matthew School kindergarten student Cole Pendleton seems more interested in the staff of St. Nicholas than in the saint himself, portrayed by Terry Otting. Photo courtesy St. Matthew School



### My Most Memorable Christmas



Lighting the Way  
J. P. Leo Thomas

It's that time of year when our thoughts most rightfully turn to loved ones and to those we care deeply about. We celebrate who we are with today, as well as those whom we miss that have passed from this life. The memories of things I seemed to have forgotten over 53 Christmases come like a wave of emotion. I begin to remember the small things my parents did for us, and I am drawn back by their simple nature.

They made the holidays real for us kids. They made them into something really special. I tend to forget the sacrifices they made, the long hours they worked, and the love they had for the season. My parents went out of their way to make sure the experience was special to each of their children.

We tend to forget how precious time is and how little time we have with each other. My personal fear is that I will begin to lose those memories as the years roll by. There is a particular Christmas that I will long remember as a kind of non-Christmas, perhaps my most solemn Christmas.

I prayed an awful lot that year for my mom to get well. I do not remember having time or even buying gifts that year. We held our gifts to each other and would not celebrate the holidays. We felt it was not right for us as long as she was suffering and in pain.

The only thing we had was hope that we would celebrate with her when she returned home.

My faith was questioned that year. Why her, and why at this time? This was supposed to be a celebration of birth, of renewal, of the things we most truly cherished. I wondered if my prayers were even being listened to.

They say that for each child who enters this world, there is an adult that succumbs to the expectations of a long and fulfilled life. It has taken me many years since my mother's passing to realize that it is not for us to know when and where, but to trust in God's plan for us all. I learned that our prayers are answered, although most times not in the way we would have liked. I began to understand that being chosen for a life of eternity with Him was the greatest gift anyone could ever receive.

We ended up opening our gifts the next year and we all shed a tear or two, remembering the times we had together and missing her all the more. I began to appreciate the small things she did and the way she smiled through every one of them. As long as we keep her memory alive, she is alive in our hearts and in our minds and in the way we give to others. And I have come to realize, that in the window of time and in my life, this was to be my most memorable Christmas -- maybe not the happiest, but assuredly the most unforgettable.

My wish to all of you is that you have a happy holiday and remember it is not about the presents, the tree, the parties, or the shopping. It is about sharing your time with your family and about the majesty of a star and simple acts of kindness. May His love be with you, may your prayers be answered, and may His peace be with you always.

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### DRIVE COLLECTS 225 TURKEYS AND CASH

Parishioners of the New Albany Church of the Resurrection donated 225 turkeys and \$2,153 in cash before Thanksgiving for families at Columbus St. Dominic Church and the Columbus St. James the Less Church food pantry. Volunteers at St. Dominic's are pictured with some of the turkeys. More than 650 families benefited from the collection. Photo courtesy Church of the Resurrection

# ST. MICHAEL PARISHIONERS “RISE UP NOW!” TO SERVE COMMUNITY

**BY TIM PUET**

*Reporter, Catholic Times*

The prophet Nehemiah was sent to Judah by God around 445 BC to direct the people to rebuild the gates and walls of Jerusalem. In the book bearing Nehemiah's name, they respond to his call by saying, "Let us rise up and build!"

"There were some naysayers among them, but the people, inspired by Nehemiah's call, went ahead with the mission entrusted to them, not being deterred by the many obstacles in their way," said Father Anthony Dinovo, pastor of Worthington St. Michael Church.

Since the parish festival on Labor Day weekend of 2014, Father Dinovo and the parish have used Nehemiah's "Rise Up Now!" command as their theme for bringing about a new vitality to the parish through participation in sacramental life, evangelization, and service to others. The theme is carried out throughout the parish in its bulletins, on its website, and on banners and posters.

"It's a call to action in many ways," said parishioner Martha Bogue. "It encourages people to not just sit and be passive. I think parishioners have been paying more attention to it as they have seen the message repeated. We had a stewardship fair in October that provided a good example. It seemed a lot more people than at similar events in the past were expressing interest in being part of parish groups."

The theme also encourages people to learn more about who Jesus really is. This January, parishioners will be offered an opportunity to deepen that knowledge and to better understand their own mission as Christians through Bishop Robert Barron's new DVD study program "Priest, Prophet, and King." The seven-part series will be shown at the parish at 7 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays of each month from Jan. 7 to April 7.

Another adult education activity which began in the parish this year is the That Man Is You! men's spirituality program. Parishioner Alex Jamieson said 110 men registered for the program when it was offered in September, and 60 to 65 regularly show up every Saturday from 6:30 to 8 a.m. for breakfast, fellowship, and

teaching designed to help men grow in faith and be better leaders, husbands, and fathers.

This past May, the parish took part in a simple, but popular method of community outreach by distributing hot dogs and lemonade to people on their way to and from Worthington's Memorial Day parade, which passes by the church.

"The parish pastoral council thought this would be a good way to show our appreciation for people's service in the armed forces," Bogue said. "We had a banner saying 'Rise Up Now! and Salute the Veterans.' We had 500 hot dogs and gave them all away. This gave us a great opportunity to talk with lots of people, mostly young people, about what the parish does."

The parish's most familiar outreach effort is its annual three-day festival, a fixture on Labor Day weekend since 1976. It's the only parish festival in the diocese that weekend, drawing crowds from all over for what parishioner Alice Heller described as "sort of the last hurrah of summer, like it was when school didn't start until the day after Labor Day."

It's an all-volunteer effort. "We still have booths from the 1970s," Jamieson said. "We don't have outside help because we've always had a lot of enthusiastic people in the parish taking care of things. It's great to see former parish families and kids home from college coming back each year to renew acquaintances." He said proceeds from the event usually are around \$60,000 to \$70,000 annually, with the money used for general parish expenses.

The church is one of the many throughout the diocese with a Friday fish fry during Lent. "A couple things that are distinctive about our fish fry is that it runs longer than most, from 5 to 8 p.m., and it's one of the few with drive-through service," he said.

This past Sunday, the men of the parish hosted a pancake breakfast with Santa for children. That event is one of several Advent activities taking place in preparation for Christmas at St. Michael's. The parish St. Vincent de Paul Society set up Giving Trees and distributed the gifts it collected to West Portsmouth Our Lady of Sorrows Church and the St. Francis Center in Vinton County. Parish senior citizens

and youth ministry participants each had Christmas parties.

A seasonal program which started before Advent and is continuing through the winter is the St. Vincent de Paul Society's fifth annual coat drive. As of earlier this month, it had provided 308 warm winter coats and 95 hoodies to 83 Worthington school families. More than 450 hats, gloves, or scarves, and 30 pairs of boots also were issued. In addition, 40 coats were given to clothing-room client families and 65 to the St. Vincent de Paul downtown Columbus location. All students and families requesting a coat received one.

The church hired a new youth minister, Samantha Hightower, at the beginning of the year. She has revived the parish's high school youth group, which meets Sundays from 7 to 9 p.m. and has renovated its meeting area, giving it a 1950s diner look. The group mixes social and fun activities ranging from dodgeball to talks on vocations, and plans to attend the March for Life in Washington in January. Hightower also plans to start a separate group for middle school students in the fall of 2016.

Faith formation activities for adults in their 20s and 30s include a Bible study on alternate Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. The group currently is studying the Epistle of James.

The Parish School of Religion for students in public elementary schools meets from 4:30 to 5:45 p.m. Sundays, led by religious education director Kathleen Henry. She also is in charge of Vacation Bible School for children ages five to 10. It usually attracts about 100 children, and this year will meet on mornings from June 9 to 12.

For the past several years, St. Michael's has offered a Mom's Day Out program on Fridays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. This faith-based babysitting cooperative allows mothers (and fathers) with young children a chance to meet other parents and share their concerns. Bogue said about 15 children come each week. "The families don't have to be members of the parish," she said. "But as the parents talk, it becomes another evangelization opportunity. We've had at least one family join

the church as a result."

Knights of Columbus Council 11445 serves the parish in a variety of ways, including sponsoring the fish fries, running a food tent during the festival, taking part in the Knights' annual statewide Measure-Up drive for the developmentally disabled, and working with the Knights of Council 15009, one of the state's newest councils, which consists of seminarians from the Pontifical College Josephinum, a short distance north of St. Michael's.

Parish music director and organist Ron Barrett leads a choir which participates in the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sundays and special occasions such as Holy Week events and the Christmas midnight Mass. A Resurrection Choir sings at funerals. The choirs are accompanied by an organ which was refurbished about four years ago.

The parish also has a senior citizens group known as the Live Wires which meets once a month, with members bringing sandwiches and the parish providing coffee and dessert. The group also travels periodically to local restaurants and sites such as the Hollywood Casino and Buckeye Lake (before its recent closing).

The parish Helping Hands organization provides lunches on request for funerals, and for special occasions such as Father Dinovo's installation as pastor in September 2012. A group known as the Ladies in Waiting assists with wedding rehearsals and weddings.

The post-World War II growth of Columbus led to the simultaneous establishment of Columbus Our Lady of Peace and Christ the King and Worthington St. Michael churches in 1946 by Bishop Michael Ready. Father John P. Byrne was St. Michael's founding pastor and remained in that position for 30 years. During his tenure, the current church, at 5750 N. High St., was built in 1964, when the parish had about 750 families. St. Michael School was founded at the same time as the church, with the current building dating to 1954. A major renovation of the parish campus was completed in 1999.

Today, the parish has about 1,350 families, a figure which has remained stable for a few years as Worthington has be-

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Insert: Fr. Matthew Morris, parochial vicar. Above: St. Michael Church. Below, from left: Srs. Maris Stella Ragetli, Christiana Bui, Mary Gabriel Whitney, Mary Perpetua Ha, and John Paul Maher.



Below: Father Anthony Dinovo, pastor of Worthington St. Michael Church, and parishioners (from left) Alice Heller, Martha Bogue, and Alex Jamieson.



Worthington St. Michael School was founded in 1946 at the same time as the parish. The current school building was dedicated in 1954 and renovated in 1999. The school has about 450 students.



Above: "St. Nicholas" visits St. Michael School students on Friday, Dec. 4, two days before his feast day. Below: Children and parents taking part in the parish's Mom's Day Out program.



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come fully developed. Father Dinovo is assisted by Father Matthew Morris, parochial vicar, and Deacons John Creland, Bill Demidovich, and Klaus Fricke.

A new ministry center building, which connects to the church, was dedicated at the end of December 2013, nine months after construction started. The center includes an adoration chapel, parish offices, meeting rooms, the St. Vincent de Paul pantry, and a pre-kindergarten classroom. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel is continuous, except when Masses are being celebrated and during the Sacred Triduum. "We haven't been using the building that long, but already it's nearly filled to its maximum space," Heller said.

Many of the ministries housed in the new center had been located in a convent which was vacated when the Joliet Franciscan sisters ended their teaching mission at the school in 1974. The convent later served as a retirement home for priests.

In 2011, those ministries moved to the center after four Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist arrived at the school from Ann Arbor, Michigan, enabling the convent again to be used for its original purpose. Now there are five sisters and more than 50 fac-



**Fr. Matt Morris**  
Parochial Vicar

ulty and staff members at the school, led by principal Sister John Paul Maher, OP, the only principal in the Diocese of Columbus who is a member of a religious community.

The school has about 450 students from Worthington and other areas of the diocese. Its mission statement says "St. Michael School is a Catholic community committed to academic and moral

excellence because Christ is the center of our lives."

"Students succeed here because of the strong academic and moral emphasis provided by our dedicated teachers, the presence and leadership of the sisters, and the virtues curriculum the school has adopted," Sister John Paul said. "At St. Michael, the sisters are continuing the Dominican tradition in Catholic education which goes back to the earliest days of the Catholic Church's presence in Ohio."

Dominican sisters have served in the Diocese of Columbus since 1830, with that service being honored recently in the Ohio Statehouse as part of an exhibit marking the 800th anniversary of the founding of the Dominican Order.

The program to which Sister John Paul was referring, formally known as the *Disciple of Christ - Education in Virtue* curriculum, was developed in 2011 by

the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, and is being used by more than 275 schools and religious education programs in 71 dioceses in 37 states.

It is based on the theological virtues of faith, hope, and charity, the cardinal virtues of prudence, justice, fortitude, and temperance, the good habits which are related to those virtues, and

the gifts of the Holy Spirit which the Church teaches are received at baptism. It also talks about vices which are opposed to each of the virtues, and lists ways to cultivate each virtue and gift of the Holy Spirit.

St. Michael School students learn how to apply virtue to their daily life as dif-

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The complete creche at Worthington St. Michael School. Many of the pieces were handmade by contemplative religious sisters in France and sponsored by parents of students.

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to apply virtue to their daily life as different virtues are part of a schoolwide focus throughout the year, with the faith formation curriculum's overall purpose being to show students, school staff, and parents that, in the words of materials accompanying the program, "Living virtuously is what it 'looks like' and 'sounds like' to be a disciple of Christ."

One symbol of the program is a tree whose branches list the various virtues and gifts. The tree is on the cover of a newly introduced aspect of virtue formation taking place at the school - a "Growth in Virtue" album which was distributed to all students in grades three through eight on Dec. 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and the beginning of the Jubilee Year of Mercy.

The albums are intended to hold saint cards which look like baseball cards or other trading cards. But instead of including things like batting averages and other statistics, they feature a virtue and a saint who practiced that virtue, with a brief prayer, Scripture verse and gift of the Holy Spirit that correspond to the virtue featured.

On Dec. 8, each student received saint cards corresponding to the virtues of respect, patriotism, and gratitude, which the school has featured so far this year. During the rest of the school year, they will receive other cards, based on the virtue the school is emphasizing at the time. The cards will be presented at the school's monthly Disciple of Christ days, when students who have displayed particular virtues during the previous month are honored.

Students have the opportunity to receive additional cards as recognition

for specific acts of virtue witnessed or as encouragement in the practice of a particular virtue.

"The album is intended to be a keepsake for children through their years at St. Michael's," Sister John Paul said. "Students seem to really enjoy the idea of checking off the saint cards received on the back-page checklist. Some already are talking about trading cards to fill their album up with different kinds."

For Advent, students in grades six and seven received a *Disciple in Christ-Education in Virtue* Advent journal with season-specific art, which is designed to introduce them to the *Lectio Divina* method of prayer and Scripture study. They will receive a similar journal for Lent.

These are preparation for eighth grade, when they will receive *Life of Christ: A Lectio Divina Journal*, written by another member of the sisters' congregation, who is principal of a school in Ann Arbor. This book takes students through the whole year and includes Scripture passages and related prayers, questions, spaces for responses and meditation, and artwork.

"This is part of an effort to try to create moments where children can experience beauty and a sense of wonder," Sister John Paul said. "Such moments bring an interior quiet and stillness which create more opportunities for students to encounter Christ - the ultimate goal of our school."

Also for Advent, the school received sponsorships from supportive parents to purchase creche pieces which were handmade by contemplative religious sisters from the community of Bethlehem in France. The creche is in the school office, with new pieces added



A scene from the fish fry sponsored every Friday during Lent at Worthington St. Michael School by Knights of Columbus Council 11445. Photo courtesy St. Michael Church

each week to build the sense of excitement and anticipation for the arrival of Jesus at Christmas. "All of this is meant to bring students a little closer to 'seeing' Jesus," Sister John Paul said.

Several parents who recently were asked to describe why their children attend St. Michael School described it as being a "home away from home" where they know the students are learning more than just dates, facts, and numbers.

Vice principal and parent Tina Keller said, "As an educator, I know the importance of building a solid academic foundation. At St. Michael School, students not only receive that, but they also grow deeply in our Catholic faith. That is why I work at the school and have chosen to send my own children here."

Another parent, Katie Gregory, said, "We chose St. Michael for our children because we were so moved by the re-

ligious presence throughout the school day, as well as the tremendous offering of special services and classes, such as Spanish and information technology. Our children are excelling academically, and their experience learning the virtues is obvious in their behavior and in the ways in which they interact with other people."

Added parent Julie Greenwald, "We decided to switch from the public school system to allow our children the opportunity to receive a great education while learning in a faith-based atmosphere with Jesus as the focus. It's reinforced daily how to live the Gospel."

**The school is offering information sessions at 9 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4. For more information or to schedule a visit, go to [www.stmichael.ceducation.org](http://www.stmichael.ceducation.org), email [contactsms@ceducation.org](mailto:contactsms@ceducation.org), or call (614) 885-3149.**

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## Fourth Sunday of Advent (Cycle C)

## The insignificant Bethlehem will produce a mighty king



Father  
Lawrence L. Hummer

**Micah 5:1-4a;  
Hebrews 10:5-10;  
Luke 1:39-45**

“You, Bethlehem-Ephrathah, too small to be among the clans of Judah” could also be rendered “least among the clans of Judah.” The point is that the insignificant Bethlehem (five miles south of Jerusalem) will produce a mighty king for *Israel*, the northern kingdom, as opposed to the southern kingdom, which was *Judah*.

Sometimes “Israel” refers to the whole collection of tribes who emerged from slavery in Egypt as the Hebrew people. After the time of King Solomon (King David’s son), a civil war divided the kingdom into the north (Israel) and the south (Judah). In the Psalms and sometimes in the Prophets, “Israel” could mean either.

Because Micah was roughly contemporary with Isaiah and spoke for the most part to Israel, the northern kingdom, we understand that “Israel” here means the northern kingdom. On the other hand, Micah 4 had referred to Judah and the Temple in Jerusalem, which leads many interpreters to think the prophet is speaking about Judah here, or about both kingdoms. Practically, after Israel was destroyed in 722 BC, Judah alone survived and sometimes was called Israel.

Finally, the woman who was about to give birth was understood as the one who would give birth to Israel’s (and Judah’s) Messiah. Thus began the future hope for a Messiah who would succeed David as king. Matthew uses “proof texts,” citing passages like this one from Micah (Matthew 2:6) as “proof” that the Messiah would come from Bethlehem. The tradition in the oral stage of the Gospel that Jesus had come from Bethlehem must have been strong. It was strong enough that both Matthew and Luke refer to Bethlehem as the place of Jesus’ birth.

In Sunday’s Gospel, Luke is more interested in the

Visitation, and it is to this account that we now turn. We note that Elizabeth, Mary’s kinswoman, lived in the “hill country of Judea,” which is hard to locate, precisely because most of Judea is mountainous or desert or hilly. There is some coastal plain, but most think Luke meant one of the towns near Jerusalem. Ain Karim, about five miles west of Jerusalem, has been a pilgrimage spot commemorating this visit since the sixth century AD.

The scene is lively, with Mary greeting Elizabeth while the baby leaps in Elizabeth’s womb. Then Elizabeth is filled with the Holy Spirit, which, by Luke’s careful arrangement, fulfills what the angel had said to Zechariah – that the son to be born would be filled with the Holy Spirit, “from his mother’s womb” (Luke 1:15). The Holy Spirit enables Elizabeth to proclaim Mary “Blessed among women,” and she adds the same participate for Jesus – “blessed is the fruit of your womb.”

John’s leap, while still in Elizabeth’s womb, represents his share in the Spirit by recognizing the arrival of the Lord (in the womb of Mary), thereby fulfilling his role as herald of the Most High (Luke 1:76). At the same time, it was John’s leap that “kick-started” Elizabeth’s recognition of what John was revealing by his action. This small example shows how masterly Luke creates his work.

Elizabeth acknowledges Mary as the “mother of my Lord.” This has to be understood as the product of Luke, not necessarily of the historical Elizabeth. We have no idea what the historical Elizabeth, wife of Zechariah, believed at the time. One could argue endlessly about what she knew and when she knew it (recalling a line from the Watergate hearings), but we have here a Lukan construction, depicting a visit of the two pregnant mothers of two key figures in the Gospel, before either child was born.

**Father Lawrence Hummer, pastor of Chillicothe St. Mary Church, can be reached at hummerl@stmarychillicothe.com.**

In the marriage case styled REYES - MEDIOLA, 2015/0191, the Tribunal of the Diocese of Columbus, Ohio, is currently unaware of the present address of MR CRESCENCIO MENDIOLA VANEAGAS. The Tribunal herewith informs him of the case and invites him to contact REVEREND MR JOHN CRERAND JCL, Presiding and sole Judge, no later than 11 JANUARY 2016. Phone: 614-241-2500. Anyone who knows of the whereabouts of MR CRESCENCIO MENDIOLA VANEAGAS is herewith asked to make this Citation known to him or to inform the Tribunal of his current address. Given this 9th day of DECEMBER 2015. REVEREND MR JOHN CRERAND JCL, Presiding Judge.

## The Weekday Bible Readings

MONDAY  
Songs 2:8-14 or Zephaniah 3:14-18a  
Psalm 33:2-3,11-12,20-21  
Luke 1:39-45

TUESDAY  
1 Samuel 1:24-28  
1 Samuel 2:1,4-8d  
Luke 1:46-56

WEDNESDAY  
Malachi 3:1-4,23-24  
Psalm 25:4-5b,8-10,14  
Luke 1:57-66

THURSDAY  
2 Samuel 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16  
Psalm 89:2-5,27,29  
Luke 1:67-79

FRIDAY (Midnight)  
Isaiah 9:1-6  
Psalm 96:1-3,11-13  
Titus 2:11-14  
Luke 2:1-14

SATURDAY  
Acts 6:8-10;7:54-59  
Psalm 31:3cd-4,6,8ab,16bc,17  
Matthew 10:17-22

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10:30 a.m. Mass from Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral on St. Gabriel Radio (AM 820), Columbus, and at www.stgabrielradio.com.  
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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).

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Mass from the Archdiocese of Milwaukee at 6:30 a.m. on ION TV (AT&T U-verse Channel 195, Dish Network Channel 250, or DirecTV Channel 305).

DAILY MASS  
8 a.m., Our Lady of the Angels Monastery in Birmingham, Ala. (Encores at noon, 7 p.m. and midnight). See EWTN above; and on 1-Lifetv (Channel 113 in Ada, Logan, Millersburg, Murray City and Washington C.H.; Channel 125 in Marion, Newark, Newcomerstown and New Philadelphia; and Channel 207 in Zanesville); 8 p.m., St. Gabriel Radio (AM 820), Columbus, and at www.stgabrielradio.com.

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

## Remembering two great bishops



THE CATHOLIC  
DIFFERENCE  
George Weigel

We American Catholics are, in the main, notoriously uninterested in our own history. So it likely escaped the notice of many that Thursday, Dec. 3 marked the bicentenary of the death of John Carroll, one of the greatest who ever lived among us.

The adjective “first” is applied to John Carroll more frequently than to any other figure in U.S. Catholic history. And with good reason: He was the first “Superior of the American Mission” in the independent United States, the first U.S. bishop (of my native Baltimore), the first metropolitan archbishop (also of Baltimore), the first bishop to ordain priests and consecrate bishops in the United States, the founder of the first Catholic college and the first Catholic seminary in the United States, the benefactor of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (and thus the first patron of Catholic schools in the United States), the builder of the first cathedral church in the United States, and so forth and so on.

Carroll set a pattern of Catholic engagement with American civil society and American public life that his wiser successors in the American episcopate have followed, even as he tried to explain this strange American *novus ordo seclorum* (as the Great Seal puts it) to often-puzzled and sometimes hostile Roman officials.

By holding the tiller steady amid the ideological storms let loose by the French Revolution, Archbishop Carroll kept the young Church in the United States tethered to its Roman source of unity, even as Catholicism in America pursued the unique possibilities opened up by the First Amendment: a journey that eventually influenced Vatican II’s Declara-

tion on Religious Freedom.

During the past 225 years, precisely 1,400 bishops have followed John Carroll in the Catholic hierarchy within the borders of today’s United States. Yet none of them had a greater impact on Catholic life in America than the first of that episcopal line, who faced challenges unparalleled in world Catholic history and met them with singular wisdom. That Catholicism in the United States today is the most vital and vibrant local Church in the developed world has a lot to do with a son of Maryland, John Carroll, whose memory we should reverence, now and in the future.

And while we remember Archbishop John Carroll, let’s also remember another great American churchman who died this past April 17: Cardinal Francis Eugene George, OMI.

Of those 1,400 bishops who have followed Archbishop Carroll, none has had a keener intellect, nor a more penetrating insight into the Church, or the America of his time, than Cardinal George. During his 17 years of service in the College of Cardinals, he was its most respected American member.

He was a gifted linguist who could speak to virtually every fellow cardinal in a language he under-

stood; he was manifestly a man of faith and deep piety, whose courage in battling post-polio syndrome and cancer was a model of suffering born with Christian nobility; his brother cardinals sought his counsel, not only because they knew him to be intelligent, pious, and gifted, but above all because they knew him to be good.

He took up a very difficult task in Chicago in 1997, for the archdiocese was becalmed in the post-Vatican II doldrums and he was called to lead it from that shallow, brackish water into the brisk, bracing, if turbulent seas of the New Evangelization. That he did, not least by remaking Mundelein Seminary, an accomplishment that will bear fruit in Chicago and throughout the Midwest for decades to come.

By the time he died this past April, he had earned the affection and respect of a tough town, which came to recognize in its first native-son bishop a man who loved the Windy City even as he called it to a nobler vision of itself.

Cardinal George also led the U.S. bishops to recognize that being a Church faithful to the John Carroll legacy now required challenging the public authorities to recommit themselves to the first freedom -- religious freedom. That path, reconfirmed at November’s bishops’ conference meeting, is another memorial to Francis George, one of the greatest of Carroll’s successors.

May these two heroes rest in the peace of Christ, whom they served so well.

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

## World Meeting of Families: Going Forward



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

Last week, I proposed that the renewal of family life first requires that families “become what they are” by building a society of truth, goodness, and beauty.

Second, the renewal and strengthening of family life requires that we understand the wounds everyone faces. Cardinal Luis Tagle of Manila, at his keynote address for the World Meeting of Families, spoke of the wounds everyone has and how Jesus Christ, the wounded one, has compassion, not by eliminating suffering, but by bearing these wounds with us.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* takes us to the heart of the matter: “According to faith the disorder we notice so painfully does not stem from the nature of man and woman, nor from the

nature of their relations, but from sin” (CCC 1607). It continues: “Nevertheless, the order of creation persists, though seriously disturbed. To heal the wounds of sin, man and woman need the help of the grace that God in his infinite mercy never refuses them. Without his help man and woman cannot achieve the union of their lives for which God created them ‘in the beginning’” (CCC 1608).

Families need the grace of a regular sacramental life. In addition to Sunday Mass, we can avail ourselves of monthly Confession and weekly Eucharistic

Adoration. It is only through a greater reverence and devotion to our Lord in the Holy Eucharist that families will be able to draw from this wellspring of love, and then go and do as Christ commanded, to “love one another as I have loved you.”

Beyond the sacramental life of the Church, families need a regular daily prayer life. Pope Francis suggests that the beginning of family prayer could simply be grace before meals and thanksgiving after meals, or perhaps an Our Father and a Hail Mary before bed. These beginnings of family prayer are meant to foster an ever-deeper family prayer life.

Every family in the diocese can work toward recovering two very powerful devotions in the home: the consecration of the family to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and the family rosary.

In consecrating the family to the Sacred Heart, we invite Jesus to be king of our family life and lord of our home. As Bishop Campbell instructed us, “The Sacred Heart offers us courage in times of difficulty and joy in times of celebration. Placed in the center of the home, the Sacred Heart of Jesus supports marriage and family life – both under such threat and confusion today – and affirms the family as the basis of a stable society and a certain means of transmitting the faith.”

Also, the family rosary is a powerful weapon against the forces of evil that seek to undermine and destroy family life. By entrusting one’s spouse and children to the loving protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary, she never ceases to draw us and those we love ever closer to her divine Son. She is truly the Mother of Mercy, our life, sweetness, and hope.

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# Pray for our dead

- ASKEW, Daniel A., 42, Dec. 7**  
St. Matthew Church, Gahanna
- BJORK, Jack F., 69, Dec. 10**  
St. Matthew Church, Gahanna
- BLOWERS, Daniel T., 57, Nov. 29**  
St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark
- BYRNE, Thomas C., 89, Dec. 8**  
St. Brigid of Kildare Church, Dublin
- CRAWFORD, Judithann, 80, Nov. 30**  
St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark
- DOOLEY, Paul A., 67, Nov. 24**  
St. Nicholas Church, Zanesville
- ERNEST, Richard, 73, Dec. 9**  
St. Joseph Church, Dover
- FOX, Edward A., 86, Dec. 4**  
Our Lady of Victory Church, Columbus
- FRAME, Barbara A., 84, Dec. 10**  
St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Zanesville
- HARTMAN, Laurence, 88, Dec. 7**  
St. Agatha Church, Columbus
- JEVREM, Stephen C., 65, Dec. 10**  
Holy Spirit Church, Columbus
- MAST, Gloria, 83, Nov. 30**  
St. Bernadette Church, Lancaster
- MCKENZIE, Mary M., 97, Dec. 10**  
St. Stephen Church, Columbus

- NAOME, Laura, 90, Dec. 6**  
St. Anthony Church, Columbus
- NEFF, James E., 78, Dec. 9**  
St. Agnes Church, Columbus
- ORLOSKY, Bernard "Barry," 93, Dec. 9**  
St. Joseph Church, Circleville
- PEDDICORD, George C., 64, Nov. 25**  
St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Zanesville
- RIEGER, Beverly, 84, Dec. 10**  
St. Joseph Church, Dover
- STALTER, Frederick F., Nov. 19**  
Our Lady of Peace Church, Columbus
- STEIL, James W., 84, Nov. 28**  
St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Zanesville
- SWOPE, Mary E., 94, Nov. 26**  
St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Zanesville
- UCKER, Joseph A. "Andy," 83, Dec. 8**  
St. John Church, Logan
- VASS, John R. Jr., 80, Dec. 6**  
St. Mary Church, Delaware
- WALTERS, Norma J., 85, Dec. 8**  
St. Brendan Church, Hilliard
- WIEBER, Jerry J., 67, Nov. 29**  
St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark
- YOUNG, Mary E., 82, Dec. 9**  
St. Pius X Church, Reynoldsburg

## Father Joseph Rigali, OFM

Funeral Mass for Father Joseph Rigali, OFM, 84, who died Friday, Nov. 27, was held Saturday, Dec. 5 at St. Paul's Archbishop Leibold Home in Cincinnati. Burial was at St. Mary Cemetery in St. Bernard, Ohio.

He was born July 20, 1931, in Lima to Joseph and Mildred (Pistor) Rigali. After graduating from St. Meinrad (Indiana) Seminary High School, he entered the Order of Friars Minor in 1949, receiving the religious name Lucius. He professed his first vows as a Franciscan in 1950 and his solemn vows in 1953. He completed his religious studies at Duns Scotus College in Southfield, Michigan, and Holy Family Theologate in Oldenburg, Indiana, and was ordained a priest on June 13, 1958. He later received master's and doctoral degrees from Boston University.

His service as pastor of Columbus

Corpus Christi Church from 1986-90 was part of a 57-year career in the priesthood as pastor, educator, retreat master, vocation director, campus minister, missionary, and chaplain in Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Texas, Louisiana, and Jamaica.

He retired from active ministry in 2009, only to be called back into action in New Orleans to restore spirits and buildings devastated by Hurricane Katrina. After retiring a second time in 2011, he was called to be resident chaplain at St. Paul's Archbishop Leibold Home. His third retirement, in 2014, was his last as he met the challenges of declining health.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Betty Gaull and Helen Kitzmiller; and stepbrother, Tony Dell. He is survived by sisters, JoAnn Rigali and Mary Moritz.



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**Carol J. Davey**

Funeral Mass for Carol J. Davey, 78, who died Monday, Dec. 7, was held Thursday, Dec. 17 at Columbus Holy Family Church.

She was born Dec. 9, 1936, to Joseph and Edith (Heller) Sabo.

She worked for many years at the Columbus Holy Family School cafeteria and later at the same site when it became the Holy Family Soup Kitchen, where she was known as the "candy lady." She also worked at the West Side Day Care Center for more than

30 years. She was a member of the Holy Family Confraternity of Christian Mothers.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Benjamin; daughter, Chris (Andrews-Marcum) Davey; brother, Jimmy; and a great-grandson. Survivors include sons, Benjamin (Arlene), Michael (Celeste), Brian (Christina) and Bart (Lisa); daughters, Peggy Davey and Mary (Phil) Posten; 12 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

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# HAPPENINGS

## DECEMBER

- 17, THURSDAY**  
**Cenacle at Holy Name**  
 6 p.m., Holy Name Church, 154 E. Patterson Ave., Columbus. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, with prayers in the Cenacle format of the Marian Movement of Priests.  
**Holy Hour of Reparation at Columbus Sacred Heart**  
 7 to 8 p.m., Sacred Heart Church, 893 Hamlet St., Columbus. Eucharistic Holy Hour following Holy Hour of Reparation prayer format, concluding with Benediction and social period. **614-372-5249**  
**Catholic Movie Night at St. John Neumann**  
 7 p.m., St. John Neumann Church, 9633 E. State Route 37, Sunbury. Third of three Advent Catholic movie nights. Feature: "Millions," about two young brothers who find a bag of money and try to spend it without telling their parents. **740-965-1358**  
**Abortion Recovery Network Group**  
 7 to 8 p.m., Gateway Center, 2670 N. Columbus St., Lancaster. Pregnancy Decision Health Center abortion recovery network group meeting for anyone interested in recovering from abortion or who has been through a recovery program and wants to stay connected. **614-888-8774**
- 18, FRIDAY**  
**Christmas Concert at Church of the Resurrection**  
 7:30 p.m., Church of the Resurrection, 6300 E. Dublin-Granville Road, New Albany. Biennial Christmas concert with parish adult, children's, contemporary folk, and praise choirs. **614-855-1400**
- 19, SATURDAY**  
**Wilderness Outreach Advent Hike and Vigil Mass**  
 7:30 a.m. Tar Hollow State Park, 16396 Tar Hollow Road, Laurelville. Wilderness Outreach Advent hike for men and boys, with Morning Prayer and hikes of 10 miles in the morning and six miles in the afternoon, followed at 4 p.m. by Eucharistic Adoration, vigil Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Advent with Father William Hahn, supper, and fellowship until 8 or 9 p.m. Boys under 18 must be accompanied by their father or legal guardian. **614-679-6761**
- 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.  
**Centering Prayer Group Meeting at Corpus Christi**  
 10:30 a.m. to noon, Corpus Christi Center of Peace, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus. Centering prayer group meeting, beginning with silent prayer, followed by Contemplative Outreach DVD and discussion. **614-512-3731**
- 20, SUNDAY**  
**Exposition at Buckeye Lake Our Lady of Mount Carmel**  
 9:15 to 10:15 a.m., Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 5133 Walnut Road S.E., Buckeye Lake. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Sunday during Advent. **740-928-3266**  
**Blessing of St. Gerard Majella at Holy Family**  
 After 9 and 11 a.m. Masses. Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St., Columbus. Blessing of St. Gerard Majella, patron of expectant mothers, for all women who are pregnant or wish to become pregnant. **614-221-1890**  
**Angelic Warfare Confraternity at Columbus St. Patrick**  
 Following noon Mass, St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Monthly meeting of Angelic Warfare Confraternity, with talk on chastity-related issues followed by Holy Hour. **614-224-9522**  
**St. Padre Pio Secular Franciscans**  
 1:30 to 5 p.m., St. John the Baptist Church, 720 Hamlet St., Columbus. Fellowship and ongoing formation followed by adoration and prayer, Liturgy of the Hours, and initial formation with visitors. **614-282-4676**  
**Bakhita Dancers at St. Mary Magdalene**  
 3 p.m., St. Mary Magdalene Church, 473 S. Roys Ave., Columbus. Liturgical dance presentation by the Bakhita Dancers of Columbus St. Dominic Church. Free-will offering. **614-274-1121**  
**Prayer Group Meeting at Christ the King**  
 5 to 7 p.m., Christ the King Church, 2777 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus (enter at daily Mass entrance). Weekly parish prayer group meets for praise, worship, ministry, and teaching. **614-886-8266**  
**Spanish Mass at Columbus St. Peter**  
 7 p.m., St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road, Columbus. Mass in Spanish. **706-761-4054**  
**Vespers at Columbus St. Patrick**  
 7 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Sung Vespers for Fourth Sunday of Advent. **614-224-9522**  
**Carol Festival at Columbus St. Peter**  
 7 p.m., St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road, Columbus. Carol festival with all parish choirs; admission one

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- 21, MONDAY**  
**Advent Reflection Sessions at Corpus Christi**  
 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., Corpus Christi Center of Peace, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus. Advent reflection sessions led by center coordinator Anita Davidson. Morning and evening programs are identical. **614-512-3731**  
**Adoration, Evening Prayer at New Philadelphia**  
 5 p.m., Sacred Heart Church, 139 3rd St. N.E., New Philadelphia. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, with Sacrament of Reconciliation available, concluding with Evening Prayer at 6:30 on all Advent Mondays. **330-343-6976**  
**Labyrinth Walk at Shepherd's Corner**  
 7 to 8:30 p.m., Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner road, Blacklick. Labyrinth walk with musician Barbara Hamilton. Theme: "Balance Point," seeking the stillness that centers all motion. Suggested donation \$5. Registration deadline Dec. 19. **614-866-4302**
- 22, TUESDAY**  
**Prayer Group Meeting at St. Mark**  
 7:30 p.m., St. Raymond Room, St. Mark Center, 324 Gay St., Lancaster. Light of Life prayer group meeting. **740-654-6928**
- 24, THURSDAY**  
**'Blue Christmas' Mass at Newman Center**  
 8 p.m., St. Thomas More Newman Center, 64 W. Lane Ave., Columbus. "Blue Christmas" mass, a traditional Christmas Eve liturgy designed to be more quiet and reflective for people who do not feel joy during the holiday season. **614-291-4674**
- Midnight Mass with Bishop at Cathedral**  
 11 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Seasonal music with the Cathedral Choir and Brass, followed by midnight Mass celebrated by Bishop Frederick Campbell. **614-241-2526**
- 26, 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.  
**Centering Prayer Group Meeting at Corpus Christi**  
 10:30 a.m. to noon, Corpus Christi Center of Peace, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus. Centering prayer group meeting, beginning with silent prayer, followed by Contemplative Outreach DVD and discussion. **614-512-3731**
- 27, SUNDAY**  
**Praise Mass at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal**  
 11 a.m., Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refugee Road, Columbus. Praise Mass with upbeat contemporary music. **614-861-1242**  
**St. Catherine of Bologna Secular Franciscans**  
 2:30 to 5 p.m., St. Francis of Assisi Church, 386 Buttles Ave., Columbus. Rosary, Meet in church for prayer, followed by general meeting, ongoing formation, and social.  
**Prayer Group Meeting at Christ the King**  
 5 to 7 p.m., Christ the King Church, 2777 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus (enter at daily Mass entrance). Weekly parish prayer group meets for praise, worship, ministry, and teaching. **614-886-8266**  
**Spanish Mass at Columbus St. Peter**

- can of food. **614-889-2221**
- 7 p.m., St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road, Columbus. Mass in Spanish. 706-761-4054**
- 28, MONDAY**  
**Bethesda Post-Abortion Healing Ministry**  
 6:30 p.m., support group meeting, 2744 Dover Road, Columbus (Christ the King convent, first building west of the church). **614-718-0277, 614-309-2651, 614-309-0157**  
**Our Lady of Peace Men's Bible Study**  
 7 p.m., Our Lady of Peace Church, 20 E. Dominion Blvd., Columbus. Bible study of Sunday Scripture readings.
- 29, TUESDAY**  
**Padre Pio Prayer Group at St. John the Baptist**  
 12:30 p.m., St. John the Baptist Church, 168 E. Lincoln Ave., Columbus. Padre Pio Prayer Group meeting, including rosary, devotions, and 1 p.m. Mass. **614-294-5319**  
**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**
- 31, THURSDAY**  
**Cenacle at Holy Name**  
 6 p.m., Holy Name Church, 154 E. Patterson Ave., Columbus. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, with prayers in the Cenacle format of the Marian Movement of Priests.  
**Holy Hour of Reparation at Columbus Sacred Heart**  
 7 to 8 p.m., Sacred Heart Church, 893 Hamlet St., Columbus. Eucharistic Holy Hour following Holy Hour of Reparation prayer format, concluding with Benediction and social period. Prayers for intention of deepened holiness and an increase in the virtue of fortitude for bishops and priests. **614-372-5249**

## JANUARY

- 1, FRIDAY**  
**Eucharistic Vigil at Holy Cross**  
 Holy Cross Church, 205 S. 5th St., Columbus. 7:30 p.m. Mass, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with various prayers, ending with Benediction at 11:30.  
**All-Night Exposition at Our Lady of Victory**  
 Our Lady of Victory Church, 1559 Roxbury Road, Columbus. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 8 p.m. until Mass at 8 a.m. Saturday, sponsored by church's Knights of Columbus council and Columbus Serra Club.
- 2, SATURDAY**  
**Mary's Little Children Prayer Group**  
 Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refugee Road, Columbus. 8:30 a.m., confessions, 9 a.m., Mass, followed by Fatima prayers and Rosary (Shepherds of Christ format); 10 a.m., meeting. **614-861-4888**  
**Life and Mercy Mass in Plain City**  
 9 a.m. Mass, St. Joseph Church, 140 West Ave., Plain City. Saturday Life and Mercy Mass, followed by rosary and confession.  
**Lay Missionaries of Charity Day of Prayer**  
 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sacred Heart Church, 893 Hamlet St., Columbus. Monthly day of prayer for Columbus chapter of Lay Missionaries of Charity. **614-372-5249**
- Filipino Mass at Holy Cross**  
 7:30 p.m., Holy Cross Church, 204 S. 5th St., Columbus. Mass in the Tagalog language for members of the Filipino Catholic community. **614-224-3416**



BOOK REVIEW

# MEGA VIN-A-MINS

If you are going to be a priest serving a community as diverse and fast-paced as The Ohio State University, you'd better have your wits about you. And a sense of humor would be a good thing, too.

That's just what the Columbus St. Thomas More Newman Center at OSU found in Father Vinny McKiernan, CSP. Father Vinny understood that you don't have much time to get the attention of college students and get a message across to them. You need to be quick and pack a punch.

Many years ago, Father Vinny started inserting *Vin-a-mins* – short, clever spiritual messages – into the center's Sunday bulletins. "Each one was meant to be a 'spiritual vitamin' for the week, hence the name *Vin-a-mins*," Father Vinny said.

People enjoyed the little messages so much that Father Vinny decided to put them together in booklet form in 2008 to share with a wider audience. The *Vin-a-mins* collection consisted of 200 of his favorite spiritual messages. That little book was so successful that he followed it up in 2011 with a new collection, fittingly titled *Multi Vin-a-mins*. Now Father Vinny is back with a third

edition, *Mega Vin-a-mins*.

Many of the *Vin-a-mins* are delightful plays on words: "'Awe' that you and I are 'a we.'"

Some drill home a point of scripture in startlingly few words: "'You have duped me, O Lord' (Jeremiah 20:7). ... The Lord is a duper. The Lord is a super duper!"

He also has included a group of messages in which he puts his own spin on the quotes of others: "*Creatio Divina*: 'Sacred writings are bound in two volumes: that of creation and that of Holy Scripture' – St. Thomas Aquinas. How revealing of God!"

*Multi Vin-a-mins* is printed with one message per page on heavy card stock. It is in compact form, much like a page-a-day calendar, with large rings for binding and a cover designed to serve as a stand, so your message of the day can sit on your desk, kitchen counter, or nightstand.

We all need to spend more time reading about our faith. We also complain that we don't have time to do that. Well, everyone has time for a daily *Mega Vin-a-min*. And, you'll feel better for it. It's



a great gift to get your new year off to a delightful and insightful start.

Father Vinny's *Mega Vin-a-mins* are

available at Generations Religious Gifts, 1095 Dublin Road, Columbus, or the Newman Center, 64 W. Lane Ave.

## Christmas in Italian Village

**Sacred Heart Church    St. John the Baptist Church**

893 Hamlet St.

720 Hamlet St.



**December 24**

**4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass ~ Sacred Heart**

**6:00 p.m. Vigil Mass ~ St. John the Baptist**

**10:00 p.m. Mass during the Night ~ St. John the Baptist**

**December 25**

**10:00 a.m. Mass ~ Sacred Heart**

## Advent Concert at St. Mary Magdalene features dancers

Columbus St. Mary Magdalene Church, 473 S. Roys Ave., will host the Bakhita Dancers from Columbus St. Dominic Church at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 20. A free-will offering will be taken. The purpose of the Bakhita Dancers is to glorify God through their expression and movements in dance and to say "thank you" to him for all he is and all he has done, is doing, and will do in our lives.

## NEWS IN PHOTOS FROM AROUND THE WORLD



Pope Francis walks forward to venerate an image of Our Lady of Guadalupe during a Mass marking the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican on Dec. 12. CNS photo/Paul Haring

Pilgrims hold up images of Our Lady of Guadalupe during an annual pilgrimage in her honor at the cathedral in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, on Dec. 12. The Vatican announced on Dec. 12 that the pope will visit Mexico from Feb. 12 to 17. His trip will include a stop in Ciudad Juarez, the city across from El Paso, Texas, that is known for drug-related violence. CNS photo/Jose Luis Gonzalez, Reuters



The casket of San Bernardino, California, shooting victim Tin Nguyen rests during her funeral Mass at St. Barbara Catholic Church in Santa Ana, California, on Dec. 12. Nguyen was one of 14 victims killed in a Dec. 2 mass shooting at a social services center in San Bernardino. CNS photo/Patrick T. Fallon, Reuters

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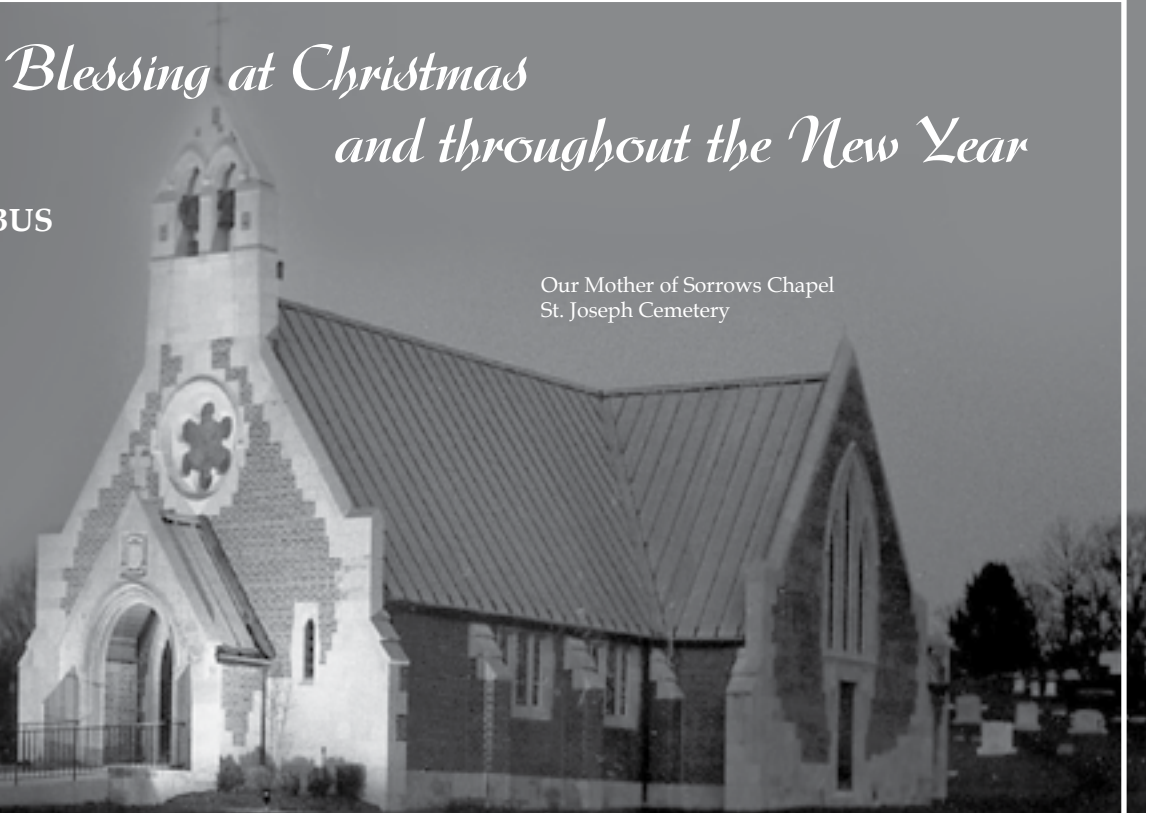
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Our Mother of Sorrows Chapel  
St. Joseph Cemetery



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Lewis Center, Ohio 43035  
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