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“Remember, man, you are dust,
and unto dust you shall return.”

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The Editor's Notebook

Ashes on my forehead

By David Garick, Editor



I have ashes on my forehead. We are busy getting this week's edition of *Catholic Times* ready to go to press and I am sitting at my computer with ashes on my forehead. I can't see them unless I go by a mirror, but I know they are there and I know what they mean. In the midst of the routine tasks of everyday life, editing this newspaper, shopping for groceries, shoveling snow, I am reminded of how I fit into the great plan God has for His creation.

That's what Lent is all about. Lent is a time for us to be refocused on what is really important. This is the time when we should remember that the world does not revolve around us. That's a big issue for me. I want everything to be about me. I have the tendency to evaluate everything based upon how it impacts me. But now I feel those ashes on my forehead, and I am reminded that I came from the dust of the earth and will return there. It's not about me.

But Lent also teaches us that while we are as common as dust, we are possessed of a soul that is deeply loved and intimately connected to the almighty creator of the universe. We are loved so much that God Himself came into this world in the person of Christ to elevate us to His heavenly kingdom. During this period of Lent, we have a chance to focus on how the mighty God allowed Himself to be made of dust like us, how He lived among us and taught us how to love God, each other, and ourselves. He showed us how to

forgive each other and to seek forgiveness for our own shortcomings. He taught us how to endure hunger, envy, hatred, pain, and even death without losing our own connection to the love and saving grace of God.

During these 40 days of Lent, we will be making sacrifices to remind ourselves of how Christ sacrificed. We will be giving of our treasure, as Christ taught us to give to those in need. We will be spending time in prayer, just as Christ Himself went off from His disciples and spent time in prayer to God the Father. We will seek forgiveness because Christ has taught us that despite all of our weakness and imperfection, we are the special creations of God, and through Christ's saving act of death and resurrection, we are able to be saved from our sins and find perfection in Him.

Very soon, the visible ashes on my forehead will be wiped away. But whether we see them there or not, they should always be there to remind us of who we are. Through all of the prayer, fasting, and penance of this season, we look forward to the bright shining Easter morning when the last remnant of those mortal ashes are wiped away and we see the glory of eternal life. Until then, I will always have ashes on my forehead, I will know who I am and I will know where my God is leading me.

LENTEN MESSAGE OF OUR HOLY FATHER FRANCIS~2014

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As Lent draws near, I would like to offer some helpful thoughts on our path of conversion as individuals and as a community. These insights are inspired by the words of St. Paul: "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich" (2 Corinthians 8:9). The Apostle was writing to the Christians of Corinth to encourage them to be generous in helping the faithful in Jerusalem who were in need. What do these words of St. Paul mean for us Christians today? What does this invitation to poverty, a life of evangelical poverty, mean for us today?

First of all, it shows us how God works. He does not reveal himself cloaked in worldly power and wealth but rather in weakness and poverty: "though He was rich, yet for your sake he became poor. ..." Christ, the eternal Son of God, one with the Father in power and glory, chose to be poor; he came amongst us and drew near to each of us; he set aside his glory and emptied himself so that he could be like us in all things (Philippians 2:7; Hebrews 4:15). God's becoming man is a great mystery! But the reason for all this is his love, a love which is grace, generosity, a desire to draw near, a love which does not hesitate to offer itself in sacrifice for the beloved. Charity, love, is sharing with the one we love in all things. Love makes us similar, it creates equality, it breaks down walls and eliminates distances. God did this with us. Indeed, Jesus "worked with human hands, thought with a human mind, acted by human choice and loved with a human heart. Born of the Virgin Mary, he truly became one of us, like us in all

things except sin" (*Gaudium et Spes*, 22).

By making himself poor, Jesus did not seek poverty for its own sake but, as St. Paul says, "that by his poverty you might become rich." This is no mere play on words or a catchphrase. Rather, it sums up God's logic, the logic of love, the logic of the incarnation and the cross. God did not let our salvation drop down from heaven, like someone who gives alms from their abundance out of a sense of altruism and piety. Christ's love is different! When Jesus stepped into the waters of the Jordan and was baptized by John the Baptist, he did so not because he was in need of repentance, or conversion; he did it to be among people who need forgiveness, among us sinners, and to take upon himself the burden of our sins. In this way he chose to comfort us, to save us, to free us from our misery. It is striking that the Apostle states that we were set free, not by Christ's riches but by his poverty. Yet St. Paul is well aware of "the unsearchable riches of Christ" (Ephesians 3:8), that he is "heir of all things" (Hebrews 1:2).

So what is this poverty by which Christ frees us and enriches us? It is his way of loving us, his way of being our neighbor, just as the Good Samaritan was neighbor to the man left half-dead by the side of the road (Luke 10:25). What gives us true freedom, true salvation and true happiness is the compassion, tenderness and solidarity of his love. Christ's poverty which enriches us is his taking flesh and bearing our weaknesses and sins as an expression

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of God's infinite mercy to us. Christ's poverty is the greatest treasure of all: Jesus' wealth is that of his boundless confidence in God the Father, his constant trust, his desire always and only to do the Father's will and give glory to him. Jesus is rich in the same way as a child who feels loved and who loves its parents, without doubting their love and tenderness for an instant. Jesus' wealth lies in his being the Son; his unique relationship with the Father is the sovereign prerogative of this Messiah who is poor. When Jesus asks us to take up his "yoke which is easy," he asks us to be enriched by his "poverty which is rich" and his "richness which is poor," to share his filial and fraternal Spirit, to become sons and daughters in the Son, brothers and sisters in the firstborn brother (Romans 8:29).

It has been said that the only real regret lies in not being a saint (L. Bloy); we could also say that there is only one real kind of poverty: not living as children of God and brothers and sisters of Christ.

We might think that this "way" of poverty was Jesus' way, whereas we who come after him can save the world with the right kind of human resources. This is not the case. In every time and place God continues to save mankind and the world through the poverty of Christ, who makes himself poor in the sacraments, in his word and in his Church, which is a people of the poor. God's wealth passes not through our wealth, but invariably and exclusively through our personal and communal poverty, enlivened by the Spirit of Christ.

In imitation of our Master, we Christians are called to confront the poverty of our brothers and sisters, to touch it, to make it our own and to take practical steps to alleviate it. Destitution is not the same as poverty: destitution is poverty without faith, without support, without hope. There are three types of destitution: material, moral and spiritual. Material destitution is what is normally called poverty, and affects those living in conditions opposed to human dignity: those who lack basic rights and needs such as food, water, hygiene, work and the opportunity to develop and grow culturally. In response to this destitution, the Church offers her help, her diakonia, in meeting these needs and binding these wounds which disfigure the face of humanity. In the poor and outcast we see Christ's face; by loving and helping the poor, we love and serve Christ. Our efforts are also directed to ending violations of human dignity, discrimination and abuse in the world, for these are so often the cause of destitution. When power, luxury and money become idols, they take priority over the need for a fair distribution of wealth. Our consciences thus need to be converted to justice, equality, simplicity and sharing.

No less a concern is moral destitution, which consists in slavery to vice and sin. How much

pain is caused in families because one of their members – often a young person – is in thrall to alcohol, drugs, gambling or pornography! How many people no longer see meaning in life or prospects for the future, how many have lost hope! And how many are plunged into this destitution by unjust social conditions, by unemployment, which takes away their dignity as breadwinners, and by lack of equal access to education and health care. In such cases, moral destitution can be considered impending suicide. This type of destitution, which also causes financial ruin, is invariably linked to the spiritual destitution which we experience when we turn away from God and reject his love. If we think we don't need God who reaches out to us through Christ, because we believe we can make do on our own, we are headed for a fall. God alone can truly save and free us.

The Gospel is the real antidote to spiritual destitution: wherever we go, we are called as Christians to proclaim the liberating news that forgiveness for sins committed is possible, that God is greater than our sinfulness, that he freely loves us at all times and that we were made for communion and eternal life. The Lord asks us to be joyous heralds of this message of mercy and hope! It is thrilling to experience the joy of spreading this good news, sharing the treasure entrusted to us, consoling broken hearts and offering hope to our brothers and sisters experiencing darkness. It means following and imitating Jesus, who sought out the poor and sinners as a shepherd lovingly seeks his lost sheep. In union with Jesus, we can courageously open up new paths of evangelization and human promotion.

Dear brothers and sisters, may this Lenten season find the whole Church ready to bear witness to all those who live in material, moral and spiritual destitution the Gospel message of the merciful love of God our Father, who is ready to embrace everyone in Christ. We can do this to the extent that we imitate Christ who became poor and enriched us by his poverty. Lent is a fitting time for self-denial; we would do well to ask ourselves what we can give up in order to help and enrich others by our own poverty. Let us not forget that real poverty hurts: no self-denial is real without this dimension of penance. I distrust a charity that costs nothing and does not hurt.

May the Holy Spirit, through whom we are "as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything" (2 Corinthians 6:10), sustain us in our resolutions and increase our concern and responsibility for human destitution, so that we can become merciful and act with mercy. In expressing this hope, I likewise pray that each individual member of the faithful and every Church community will undertake a fruitful Lenten journey. I ask all of you to pray for me. May the Lord bless you and Our Lady keep you safe.

LENT: A 40-Day School for Disciples

By Father Jimmy Hatfield

Pastor, Dover St. Joseph Church



We all know that Lent is a 40-day period of prayer, penance, and spiritual renewal in preparation for Easter. The example of Jesus' 40 days in the desert (while never forgetting the important influences of Moses and Elijah) paints a concise picture of what Lent is all about.

Of course, for us, Lent is nothing like spending 40 days in a scorched and burning desert, but that doesn't mean that our spiritual desert is any less real.

Scripture consistently tells us that the desert is the place where God is especially near. The desert is the place where, stripped of all that normally nourishes and supports us, we're exposed to chaos, fear, and demons of every kind. In the desert we're exposed, body and soul, we're made vulnerable to be overwhelmed by chaos and temptations of every kind.

Our temptations are perhaps less dramatic than those Jesus faced, but they are entangled in the same human dilemma that Jesus shared in three specific ways.

First, we're tempted to rearrange reality instead of living it like it is; second, we're tempted to follow secular rules and not God's (the myth of "having it all," and losing the importance of keeping the Sabbath holy are just two of Satan's favorite deceptions); third, we're tempted to insist on a safety net. All three temptations are reducible to one: distrust of God.

Our Lenten practices should first and foremost be exercises in renewing our trust in God. Then we can follow Jesus' command to pick up our crosses and follow Him into the desert with confidence.

Sometimes we allow ourselves to adopt a narrow and limited understanding of self-denial. We pick and choose at

random what we will give up and what we will do for Lent: "I'll give up movies and/or TV during Lent."

So we come up with a list of Lenten penances that only marginally challenge us and have no bearing on the "self-denial" Jesus speaks about when He tells us to pick up our crosses. Christ-like self-denial goes much deeper. It penetrates the facade which hides our hidden sins, our shortcomings, and our faults.

And when that happens, we see the real beauty of Lent and the numerous opportunities to really grow spiritually by attending one of the many Lenten programs offered by our parishes.

Lenten penance services are also an excellent way of allowing Jesus' forgiveness to release us from the spiritual baggage that has weighed us down and stymied growth. Having received forgiveness ourselves, we can then go out to reconcile ourselves with others with whom we have had conflicts.

So a wonderful way of grading the effectiveness of our Lenten sacrifices is to see how they take us out of ourselves to becoming ministers of forgiveness, life, and love to others in our lives.

Lent is our school for authentic discipleship, our opportunity to try out the life of the saints. If we can't instantly, or probably ever, be perfect all year round, we can certainly begin by making an honest effort to be perfect for 40 days.

Then we will have more reason than ever to celebrate with renewed joy the Resurrection at Easter!



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Men pray at Ash Wednesday Mass.

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PRACTICAL STEWARDSHIP

By Rick Jeric

Psalm 51



Have you prepared well for Lent? Ash Wednesday is upon us, and we immediately change many of our habits and everyday characteristics for the next six weeks. Can these changes be for the better? Yes, of course, but that is solely up to each of us. Lent reminds us of our purpose in life. Lent challenges us to acknowledge that we are all habitual sinners, and that we habitually need the grace of God to help us. Lent urges us to handle these challenges by way of reconciliation and forgiveness. Lent helps us to bear in mind that we seek and receive forgiveness from an all-loving God who is eternally merciful, and that we must also forgive others without condition or remorse. Which is more difficult? Too often, it is the latter. So much of what makes forgiveness so difficult has to do with desire for more. More of what? Whatever feeds our desire for wealth, power, riches, and whatever feeds our addictions. Last week we looked at the term "mammon" in the Gospel of Matthew. As we begin the disciplines of Lent, remember that we are challenged to reject the desires of mammon while seeking the everlasting love and mercy of Jesus Christ, who is our manna from Heaven.

Throughout the five Sundays of Lent and Palm Sunday, the readings and Gospels are rich with meditative material and solid direction for helping us to turn our lives around once again. The First Sunday of Lent gives us the familiar story in Genesis of Adam and Eve and their fateful first sin, succumbing to the temptation of the serpent and the allure of the pleasing and desirable fruit tree. The second reading reminds us of God's saving power over sin with the gift of His Son, Jesus Christ, and His Passion, death, and resurrection. The Gospel is also a familiar story of Satan going after a tired, weak, and hungry Jesus and tempting Him three times. Psalm 51 on this first Sunday is especially beautiful and provides a reflection that we should take with us beyond the Liturgy of the Word and Mass. The response is "Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned." That says it all, in very simple words. Do we earnestly say it with meaning and sincerity? Do we realize what we are asking? What an incredible fruit this is that is freely given to us by our God, without temptation involved. Listen and hear the beauty of this psalm and take it with you this week. "Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness; in the greatness of your compassion wipe out my offense. Thoroughly wash me from my guilt and of my sin cleanse me." We recognize the great compassion of our God, begging with confidence that we are forgiven. "For I acknowledge my offense, and my sin is before me always: 'Against you only have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight.'" We simply admit that we are sinners. "A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me. Cast me not out from your presence, and your Holy Spirit take not from me." Beyond forgiveness, we ask for a renewed spirit and heart. "Give me back the joy of your salvation, and a willing spirit sustain in me. O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall proclaim your praise." We are cleansed, and now we joyfully live the Gospel.

Our practical challenge this week is to pray Psalm 51 at least once each day. Meditate and pray beyond Sunday Mass. Use it as a beautiful mantra. Pray it over and over again. Lines such as "Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned" and, "A clean heart create for me, O God", can be themes that we pray throughout Lent. May we all get off to a great and prayerful start for this Lent.

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



Students advance to district science fair

Six Delaware St. Mary School students advanced to the district science fair after receiving superior ratings in the school science fair. They are (from left) Emma Tucky, Emilie Garey, Madison Eldridge, Mackenzie Yates, Claire Schenk, and Audrey Brackneridge.

Photo courtesy St. Mary School



Bishop Ready Signing Ceremony

Columbus Bishop Ready High School athletes who have signed letters of intent to continue their careers in college are (from left) Bran-Den Bailey, Notre Dame (Ohio) College, football; Zachary Jarrett, Capital, football; Akili Taylor, U.S. Naval Academy, football; Hunter Clanin, Bowling Green, baseball; Jason Foster, Wright State, baseball; John "Brady" Taylor, Ohio State, football; Joshua Gantz, Massachusetts-Lowell, basketball; and Matthew Yoho, Morehead State, football. Competing at a tournament and unable to attend the signing ceremony was Patrik Garren, University of Pennsylvania, wrestling.

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St. Brendan Math and Science Night

Parents of Hilliard St. Brendan School students discovered how much fun it is to do hands-on math and science activities with their children at the school's third annual family math and science night. The event was open to all kindergarten through third-grade students who attend St. Brendan School or St. Brendan Church.

Science teacher Marsha Duffey and math teacher Karen Harwell were the coordinators of the event. The students embraced doing math and science for "fun" with everyday materials. They were able to investigate, inquire, and examine by manipulating objects and actively participating with their parents.

Parents were able to increase their mathematical and scientific interests and knowledge and to relearn the importance and enjoyment of learning math and science.

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CRS Rice Bowl Lenten program has new twists: an app, recipes, contest

By Patricia Zapor
Catholic News Service

When trying to change eating habits, especially cutting calories, there's nothing like getting some made-to-order recipes from a popular chef to help keep a person motivated.

At least that's part of the thinking behind one of the new approaches to Catholic Relief Services' annual Rice Bowl program for Lent.

Weekly recipes created by a celebrity chef of sorts -- Father Leo Patalinghug, host of Grace Before Meals, a family apostolate focused around meals -- have been linked this year to Rice Bowl, the 39-year-old CRS campaign to raise awareness about hunger and raise funds to combat hunger and poverty.

Five recipes -- one for each week of Lent -- and short videos about them by Father Patalinghug, a Baltimore archdiocesan priest, will be available on YouTube or the CRS website. Joan Rosenhauer, CRS executive vice president for U.S. operations, said the recipes and videos will feature low-cost, meatless ingredients. Rosenhauer introduced them at a thematic breakfast on Feb. 5, the last day of the annual Catholic Social Ministries Gathering. The meal was typical of breakfast in the Philippines: eggs, rice, bread, juice, and fresh tomato and cucumber slices.

Other elements of the program were related to relief work CRS has been doing in the Philippines since Typhoon

Haiyan wiped out hundreds of thousands of homes, crops, and much of the fishing industry in one region of the nation in November.

Traditional dancers and a percussionist from the Philippine Cultural Society at George Washington University, Philippine craft pieces on the dining tables, and other elements rounded out what Rosenhauer suggested as a model for how parishes or dioceses might launch their own Rice Bowl campaigns.

In addition to the recipes, CRS has a free Rice Bowl app available for smartphones and tablets. It will allow users to schedule delivery of daily reflections during Lent, to set and track progress toward a Lenten goal, and to view the recipes or see stories about people whose lives have been changed by the program, notes a CRS release.

CRS also will host a photo contest in conjunction with Rice Bowl. Weekly winners will receive a small fair-trade prize, and a grand prize winner at the end will receive an Easter basket full of fair-trade items.

In 2013, CRS raised more than \$7 million to support Rice Bowl programs internationally. The dioceses where funds are raised keep 25 percent of the revenue for local needs.

The app can be downloaded at: iTunes and the Google Play Store or at crsrice-bowl.org/app. Other information about the campaign is available at crsrice-bowl.org.

Former St. Joseph Academy students to gather

Former students of the old Columbus St. Joseph Academy will gather to honor the school's patron saint on Saturday, March 22 at Columbus St. Agnes Church, 2364 W. Mound St.

Mass will be at 11 a.m., with a box lunch and raffle to follow. Reservations may be made to Ce Ce Dooley Matyac at (614) 853-1492 or dcmatyac13@att.net. The deadline is Friday, March 14.

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Frequency of priest's confession; non-Catholic saints



QUESTION & ANSWER

by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE
Catholic News Service

Q. I have often heard priests encouraging Catholics to go to confession more regularly, and I'm wondering how often priests themselves go to confession. Is there a rule on this? And if there is no rule, what is the general practice? (Toms River, N.J.)

A. The church's *Code of Canon Law* in No. 989 notes the obligation of Catholics to confess grave sins at least once a year. (Of course, if you are conscious of having committed a grave sin, you should not wait for an annual confession, but instead confess as soon as reasonably possible in order to reopen your pathway to God and render yourself eligible to receive the Eucharist.)

Technically, if you are not aware of having sinned gravely (i.e., "mortal sin"), you are not obliged to seek the sacrament of penance. That having been said, it would be foolish to ignore this very helpful means of pardon, spiritual progress, and peace. Almost universally, spiritual writers have encouraged Catholics to confess regularly, perhaps monthly.

Beyond that general norm, there is no specific requirement as to how often priests must confess, although Canon No. 276.5 urges the clergy "to approach the sacrament of penance frequently."

At a weekly audience in November 2013, Pope Francis revealed that he receives the sacrament of penance every two weeks and considers confession to be the best path to spiritual healing and health. "My confessor hears what I say, offers me advice, and forgives me," said the pope. "We all need this."

I've not seen any studies on this, but it's safe to say that most priests do not confess their sins nearly as often as the Holy Father. Probably, several times a year would be a reasonable estimate, generally on their annual retreat, sometimes at clergy days of recollection or gatherings of priest support groups, or

when time allows.

One of the sad consequences of the shortage of priests is that the frenzied pace of pastoral duties can induce us to ignore our spiritual growth. In this, as in many things, we would do well to look to Pope Francis as a model.

Q. In some Catholic churches, I have heard Martin Luther King, Gandhi, and Dietrich Bonhoeffer invoked during the chanting of the Litany of the Saints. Are they saints we can pray to? (Grand Island, Neb.)

A. By canonization, the Catholic Church declares with the fullness of its authority that a person is in heaven and worthy of veneration. Theoretically, I suppose that the church could make that judgment of a non-Catholic, but to date it has not done so.

This is not because we believe that heaven is populated only by Catholics. To the contrary, the teaching of the church is that heaven may be granted through God's grace to people who live morally and follow the promptings of God.

There is a reluctance on the church's part to usurp another religion's role in evaluating the life and works of its members. Additionally, classical Protestantism, while it sets up historical figures as worthy of admiration (Martin Luther, for example, or John Wesley), does not invoke their prayerful intercession.

To enroll Dr. King or Pastor Bonhoeffer formally in our own Litany of the Saints could be seen as an ecumenical *faux pas* -- although I would have no problem enlisting such heroes (along with Gandhi) in private prayer, as I do with members of my family who have gone before me.

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



Art Competition Winners

Five Columbus Our Lady of Peace School eighth-grade students had their works chosen to be displayed through most of March at various public buildings in Columbus after entering them in art competitions.

The students, all taught by Christina Hickey, are Ryan Ulibarri, whose colored-pencil drawing is being shown in the Youth Art Month exhibition from March 1-31 at the State Teachers Retirement System building; Marie Dock, whose pastel-and-glue still-life drawing is being shown at the young people's art exhibition from March 2-28 at the Rhodes State Office Tower, and Riley Fortkamp, Alexandra Frye, and Chloe Pi, whose drawings are part of the Central Ohio Art Education Association's juried student art exhibition from Feb. 22 to March 22 at the main branch of the Columbus Metropolitan Library. Fortkamp and Pi's works are pastel-and-glue still-life drawings and Frye's is a colored-pencil drawing.

Pictured are (from left): Riley Fortkamp, Alexandra Frye, Marie Dock, Chloe Pi, and Ryan Ulibarri.

Photo courtesy Our Lady of Peace School

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT DISCUSSION

Ohio Dominican University welcomes former death row inmate Joe D'Ambrosio and Father Neil Kookoothe to share their powerful experiences and insights in a presentation on "The Death Penalty in Our Penal System." This free event is scheduled from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Tuesday, March 18 in the Colonial Room at Sansbury Hall on ODU's main campus at 1216 Sansbury Road, Columbus. This presentation is co-sponsored by ODU's Center for Dominican Studies and office of academic affairs. To register, contact the center at (614) 251-4722 or ambrosim@ohiodominican.edu.

D'Ambrosio, an Army veteran, was convicted of murder in 1988 and sat on Ohio's death row for 22 years. Kookoothe is the pastor of St. Clarence Church in Cleveland and

a civil lawyer who advocates for an end to capital punishment. He met D'Ambrosio in 1998. After reading the case's court transcripts, Kookoothe worked with D'Ambrosio and attorneys to challenge the conviction. In 2010, D'Ambrosio became the sixth person on Ohio's death row to be exonerated.

"More than two decades of Joe D'Ambrosio's life were spent behind bars," said Sr. Mattie Sterner, OP, director of the Center for Dominican Studies. "We look forward to hearing Joe's story and how his close relationship with Father Kookoothe helped save his life and correct an injustice. Their example is both complex and profound and will offer unique insight as we discuss capital punishment in today's justice system."

LENTEN EVENTS IN THE DIOCESE OF COLUMBUS

BY TIM PUET

Reporter, Catholic Times

Churches throughout the Diocese of Columbus will be presenting a variety of Lenten programs focusing on prayer, penance, and preparation for Easter.

Most parishes will conduct penance services, either individually or in conjunction with other parishes in their deanery. Many also will offer the traditional Lenten devotion of Stations of the Cross.

In addition to those activities, special seasonal activities planned by parishes of the diocese include the following:

Buckeye Lake Our Lady of Mount Carmel – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Sundays, 9 to 11 a.m. Retreat led by Dr. Perry Cahall, Pontifical College Josephinum professor. Theme: "Joy and Hope: Vatican II and Our Role as Baptized Catholics in the Modern Culture – Social Justice and Family Living." Includes prayer service, concludes with supper. Sunday, March 16, 3 to 6 p.m.

Columbus Christ the King – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Fridays (except Good Friday), 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Columbus Holy Spirit – "The Way of the Cross" concert narrative presented by Columbus-area praise and worship band Living Water, Wednesday, April 7, 7 p.m.

Columbus St. Andrew – "Walk with Jesus," a 40-minute presentation of Jesus' Passion by parochial school eighth-grade class, Tuesday, April 8 and Thursday, April 10, four presentations, beginning at 8:50 a.m.; Wednesday, April 9, two presentations, beginning at 4:15 p.m.

Columbus St. Christopher – Parish mission led by Kimi and Tom Tomaszek, co-directors of The Five Loaves online spiritual renewal ministry, Sunday, March 23 to Tuesday, March 25, 7 to 9 p.m. Topics: "Signed in Baptism," March 23; "Sealed with the Holy Spirit," Monday, March 24; "Sent to Be Disciples," Tuesday, March 25.

Columbus St. James the Less – Parish mission led by Father Rene Costanza. Theme: "Take Me to the King!" Monday, March 31 to Wednesday, April 2, 7 p.m.

Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral – Walking Stations of the Cross, an annual four-mile walk, stopping at 14 sites around downtown to commemorate Je-

sus' crucifixion, Friday, April 18, 8 to 11 a.m., starting at cathedral. Tenebrae service, designed to recreate the sense of betrayal, abandonment, and agony related to Good Friday, featuring the Cathedral Schola and including Thomas Tallis' *Lamentations of Jeremiah*, Friday, April 18, 8 p.m.

Columbus St. Leo – Mass celebrated by Father Joshua Wagner, Saturday, March 8, 4 p.m. Stations of the Cross, Wednesdays, March 12 to April 16, 3 p.m. Mass celebrated by Father Wagner, Saturday, April 12, 4 p.m. Showing of silent film *King of Kings*, directed by Cecil B. DeMille, with musical accompaniment by Columbus Holy Family Church organist Shawn Kenny, Saturday, April 12, 7 p.m. *Church is not the location of a parish, but remains open for special events.*

Columbus St. Margaret of Cortona – Sung Vespers, Thursdays, approximately 7:50 p.m. following Stations during weekly Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Columbus St. Matthias – Special evening Mass celebrated by Msgr. Anthony Missimi, Wednesdays, 7 p.m.

Columbus St. Patrick – Parish mission led by Father James Moore, OP. Theme: "Contemplation to Action: Lenten Preparation for Evangelization." Monday, March 10 to Thursday, March 13, 7 p.m. Solemnity of St. Patrick Mass, followed by torchlit procession and tea party, Monday, March 17, 6:30 p.m.

Columbus St. Thomas More Newman Center – "Healing Life's Hurts – An Invitation from Jesus" morning retreat with Father Vinny McKiernan, CSP, and center's reconciliation team, Saturday, March 15, 9 a.m. to noon. "Conversion – Following the Call of Christ" DVD series with Father Robert Barron, Wednesdays, March 19 to April 23, 7 to 9 p.m. Living Stations of the Cross presented by center's middle-school group, Friday, April 11, 7:30 p.m. #40TextsofLent daily Twitter initiative, available by texting "followbuckeye-catholic" to 40404.

Coshocton Sacred Heart – Evening Prayer with Exposition, Adoration, and Benediction, Sundays, 4 to 5 p.m. "Were You There?" Way of the Cross with narration from *Doing It Their Own Way* CD by Father Jeff Bayhi and Aaron Neville, with handbell accompaniment, Friday, March 28, 7 p.m. Centurion's Way of the Cross, Friday, April 11, 7 p.m. and Fri-

day, April 18, 3 p.m.

Delaware St. Mary – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Fridays (except Good Friday), 7 to 9 p.m. Presentations for married couples based on book *The 5 Love Languages*, Thursdays, March 13 and 27, 6 p.m., Kavanagh Hall. Child care provided. Lent by Candlelight evening for women, with speaker Maggie Wright on "Living Out Holy Simplicity in Your Life," Wednesday, March 26, community room, Snyder-Rodman Funeral Home. Talks with Father Michael Watson for teens and adults on "Evangelization Through Eros, a Path to True Love," Mondays, March 31, April 7 and 14, 7 to 8 p.m., Beitel Commons. Assembling of Easter baskets for children in need, Saturday, April 5, 10 a.m. to noon, Beitel Commons. Living Stations of the Cross presented by St. Mary School students, Thursday, April 10, 12:30 p.m. and Friday, April 11, 7 p.m., with Friday presentation followed by confessions until 9 and Exposition, and Benediction at 9. Showing of film *The Passion of the Christ*, Wednesday, April 16, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Walking Stations of the Cross, followed by ecumenical prayer service, Friday, April 18, 11 a.m. Blessing of Easter food baskets, Saturday, April 19, 8:30 a.m.

Dresden St. Mary – Commentary on the seven last words of Christ, followed by beginning of the Divine Mercy novena, Friday, April 18, 12:30 p.m.

Gahanna St. Matthew – "The Mass: What Is It?" with Catholic author and liturgical commentator Jake Tawney, Monday, March 10, 7 to 8 p.m., preceded by Liturgy of the Hours at 6:30.

Granville St. Edward – Lenten soup suppers, Tuesdays, 6 p.m. Speakers: Bill Sparks, "Getting Families Involved in Sharing Faith With Others in the Community," March 11; Elizabeth Ficocelli, "Building Faith in Your Family During Lent," March 18; JoAnn and Chuck Wilson, "Building Faith as Grandparents and As Parents of Adult Children," March 25; John Marc and Teresa Grodi, "Building Faith As A Couple With Young Children," April 1; "Building Faith Families from A Father's Point of View," April 8. Ecumenical cross walk starting at church and ending at Swasey Chapel of Denison University, Friday, April 18, 10:45 a.m.

Lancaster St. Mary – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Sundays, March 9 to April 13, 4 to 5 p.m., with sung Vespers at 4:40, and concluding with Bene-

diction.

Marion St. Mary – Lenten talk and concert series, Mondays, 7 p.m. Speakers: Father Joshua Wagner, "Presence Makes Perfect," March 10; "Music for Lent and Passiontide" concert with organists Elizabeth Iacobucci, Angela Carbetta, and Father Thomas Buffer, March 17; Deacon Todd Tucky, "The Joy of the Gospel," March 24; Msgr. Eugene Morris, "By Your Holy Cross You Have Redeemed the World," March 31.

Marysville Our Lady of Lourdes – "The Cries of the Young" concert featuring mezzo soprano Lianna Williams and pianist Paul Melcher, parish music director, Sunday, March 9, 3 p.m.

New Albany Church of the Resurrection – "The Way of the Cross" concert narrative presented by Columbus-area praise and worship band Living Water, Friday, March 14, 7:30 p.m.

New Philadelphia Sacred Heart – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by prayer service, Mondays, 5:30 p.m.

Powell St. Joan of Arc – Parish mission led by Father David Schalk. Theme: "Athletics: How Different Sports Reflect Catholic Principles," Sunday, March 17 to Tuesday, March 19, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Reynoldsburg St. Pius X – Film *Restless Heart: The Confessions of St. Augustine*, shown in two parts, Sundays, March 9 and 16, 7 p.m. Lenten Bible study groups: "Praying with the Psalms I," Wednesdays, March 12 to April 16, 7 to 8:15 p.m.; "Praying with the Psalms II," Tuesdays, March 11 to April 15, 9:15 to 10:30 a.m. Soup suppers, Wednesdays, March 12, March 26 and April 9, 5 to 6:30 p.m. Anointing of the Sick, Saturday, March 29, after 5 p.m. Mass and Sunday, March 30, after 8:30 a.m. Mass. Children's Stations of the Cross, Sunday, April 13, 5 p.m. Tenebrae service, Wednesday, April 16, 7:30 p.m. Blessing of Easter food baskets, Saturday, April 19, 1 p.m.

Scioto County parishes – Soup suppers, Fridays, 6:30 p.m. March 7, 28 and April 4, Portsmouth Holy Redeemer; March 14 and April 11, Portsmouth St. Mary. *Oremus*, a retreat-like experience featuring a 30-minute DVD with Father Mark Toups, followed by faith sharing, Tuesday, March 11, Sunday, March 16, Tuesday, March 25, Tuesday, April 1, Sunday April 6, Tuesday, April 8, Sun-

Answering God's Call

A PRIEST WITH BALANCED LIFE WILL FULFILL HIS MISSION



Fr. Donald Franks

by Tim Puet

Father Donald Franks says the key to being a happy priest is living a balanced life.

"A phrase I always keep in mind and which I try to tell younger priests is 'Work, play, and pray,'" he said. "All three are necessary to live a fulfilling life, but you have to keep an equilibrium between them. Every day is different, but I always try to spend around 12 hours serving my parishioners and 12 hours on my own requirements – eight hours of sleep, four hours in devotions of some kind, four hours in the office, an hour or two to eat, and the rest visiting parishioners or doing whatever is needed on that day.

"Jesus said to love your neighbor as yourself, but it's good to remember that the Lord gave equal weight to loving ourselves and taking sufficient care of our own needs. Doing that makes a priest better able to serve others. Among all the things on that daily list, the most important for me as a priest is prayer, followed by administering the sacraments. Bound up with that is the pastor's role of being present to parishioners and being a good listener. A priest who does that well will fulfill his mission at any parish."

Father Franks said his pastor while growing up at Newark St. Francis de Sales Church, Msgr. Herman Mattingly, gave him a model he tries to follow every day. "Other than my parents, Msgr. Mattingly was the most important person in my life," he said. "He was the holiest man I've ever met, and made a great effort to cultivate holiness in others."

Father Franks said his current assignment gives him a unique chance to honor his mentor. Since last August, he has served as pastor of St. Ann Church in Dresden and its mission, St. Mary Church in Mattingly Settlement, which took its name from the family of the late Msgr. Mattingly, who was a priest for 55 years and was the founding editor of the Catholic Times and its predecessor, The Columbus Register. Father Franks also is Catholic chaplain at Muskingum University in New Concord.

Other priests who had a great influence on Father Franks' life were the late Cardinal Avery Dulles, SJ, and Msgrs. Edward Fairchild and Anthony Missimi. "Father Dulles (who was appointed a cardinal by Pope John Paul II in 2001) taught me dogmatics at Catholic University of America and gave me a tremendous love for the Catholic Church. He had a better grasp of the church than anyone I know," he said.

"Msgr. Fairchild was pastor at Seton Parish in Pickerington when I was an associate there. He had a tremendous impact on my faith and remains close to my family. Msgr. Missimi was pastor at Columbus Holy Spirit, my first assignment after ordination. He's a very holy man whose homilies were phenomenal, a real grass-roots priest who was close to the people."

He said three diocesan laywomen who have made a major impact on his life are Ruth Beckman, longtime director of the Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs; Frances Carr, who directed the Holy Family Soup Kitchen in Columbus for 29 years; and Luna Alsharaiha, principal of Columbus St. Mary School.

"I first worked with Ruth as a deacon at Columbus Christ the King in 1978, then spent a lot of time with her and Frances as diocesan vicar of Catholic Charities and social concerns from 1988 to 1992," he said. "I would go down and visit them and talk to the poor and homeless people they served, and it was just a marvel, the way they enriched the growth and spirituality of those they served and of the diocese.

"When I became pastor at St. Mary's in German Village in 2011,

I got a chance to work with Luna and found her to be someone who is truly in love with serving the poor. Everyone at the school can see her tremendous faith. She makes herself very present to all the children and has made a real difference there."

Father Franks' parents, Charles and Margaret, remain very active in his home parish. His father and the recently named diocesan Catholic Man of the Year, Mike Stickle, have worked together at St. Francis de Sales on many projects. He is one of four siblings, along with a brother, John, who lives in rural Muskingum County, and sisters Rosann and Annette of Buckeye Lake and Columbus respectively.

As Stickle did in his award acceptance speech, Father Franks credited Sister Mary Giles, OP, his first-grade teacher in Newark, with forming him in the faith through her lessons. He also said Sister Emerita, OP, his second-grade teacher, gave him a love for the Eucharist which has continued to grow.

He said that although he also educated himself for the business world, he knew from an early age that he would be a priest. He graduated from Newark St. Francis School and Newark Catholic High School, received his undergraduate degree from the University of Notre Dame, completed his priestly studies at Catholic University, and was ordained by Bishop Edward Herrmann on May 19, 1979.

He was an associate pastor at Holy Spirit (1979-82), Seton (1982-85), Columbus St. Matthias (1985-87), Delaware St. Mary (1987), Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral (1988-90), and Columbus Our Lady of Peace (1990-91). His pastorates at Chillicothe St. Mary (1991-2000) and Lancaster St. Mary (2000-11) both were highlighted by major rebuilding projects.

He was pastor of Columbus St. Mary, St. Ladislav, and Corpus Christi from August 2011 until being assigned to Dresden and Mattingly Settlement last year because of the illness of Father Jack Maynard, the former pastor there, who died last September. In addition to serving as vicar for social concerns, he was a teacher at Columbus Bishop Hartley (1979-85) and St. Francis DeSales (1985-87) high schools.

While at Lancaster St. Mary, he worked with a youth group known as The Upper Room at Fisher Catholic High School. That group included recently ordained Father Matthew Morris, diocesan seminarians Andrew Maynard and Nic Ventura, Sister Teresa Margaret, OCD (Lauren Turner), and several other young people who began studies for religious life and ultimately discerned that their vocational call involved service to the church and community as laypersons.

"I had the most powerful faith experience of my life with them," Father Franks said. "The night Pope John Paul II died, the vigil of Divine Mercy Sunday and the Octave of Easter, young people spontaneously gathered in the church, until we had about 80 students and three priests praising and worshiping God and adoring Jesus in the Eucharist. I've never seen such an outpouring of grace."

Another memorable experience involved meeting Blessed Mother Teresa when she visited Catholic University. "She got up to speak, and nobody moved," Father Franks said. "She talked of her love for Jesus – this while, as was revealed after her death, she was undergoing a long period of spiritual dryness. After the talk, she was walking by and I just reached out to her, and she embraced me. It was a very powerful moment. Grace just flowed from her."

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Pray the Rosary



Lent calls us to bring faith into our lives here and now

I am a lover of winter, but even I am ready for spring this year. Snow, ice, and frigid temperatures just keep coming and coming. As I arranged a small "prayer table" in my dining area, I decided to add flowers. Sometimes I have placed small branches in a vase, or a container of stones and bulbs, forcing them to sprout and bloom by the end of Lent. This year, I am starting with blooms. I'm not feeling particularly "spiritual." I need a reminder that even in the midst of winter, spiritual as well as physical, God's love is present.

Besides flowers, the space holds a book of Scripture readings, a Tibetan singing bowl to call me to prayer, a small bronze cross, and some bits of nature gathered or given by friends. A candle sits atop a tall wrought-iron stand fashioned for me by my daughter many years ago. For some reason, this year I think I will need all these sacramental objects to keep me focused and hopeful.

It's not just winter weather that has made my spirit weary. Life has been busy with writing projects, healing, and work. News of world conflicts, genocide, drought, and famine, while not unique to this moment, weighs particularly heavy on my heart. Closer to home, political rancor and intolerance continue to grab headlines. Our world needs hope. It needs Easter.

Winter has not been without moments of beauty and grace. One was a sing-along gathering of people from



GRACE IN THE MOMENT

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around the city to remember and honor Pete Seeger, who died at the end of January at 94 years young. Parking a few blocks away from the Mennonite church where it took place, I joined others walking in the street to avoid icy, unshoveled sidewalks. The space was packed. Led by a trio on guitar, banjo, and bass, we raised our voices (in harmony, no less), singing the old songs. It felt good. The day Pete Seeger died, I took my guitar out from under my bed and played for a couple of hours, wondering why I didn't do that much any more. Singing and playing are prayer for me, much like writing.

"This Lent, I'll sing more," I told myself.

Pete Seeger used to say that we shouldn't wish for a great leader. Instead, we should hope for lots and lots of good leaders who work hard right where they are. Think globally. Act locally. It will be participation that saves the world, he'd say.

Lent is like that for me this year. I'm trying to nurture the awareness of being part of something much bigger

than myself, bigger than my little world of home and work, family and friends. Jesus gave us the big picture, the call the help in bringing the kingdom. But he calls us to "act locally." He didn't ask his followers to become national figures or world leaders. He called them to love one another, to respect and to serve, right where they were.

When those he healed wanted to go with him, he often told them to stay put and tell their story to those with whom they lived and worked. It's harder to do that. Leaving one's routine behind sounds exciting. It's easier to love people we don't know that well.

It's easier to think about big events and projects than about calling our political representatives, taking time to visit with a grumpy neighbor, or becoming aware of how we might live more consciously of our effect on the planet. Following Jesus is more little steps than giant leaps. It's more nitty-gritty than glitz.

Lent's about embracing death, sure of life to come. It's also about enjoying flowers in the wintertime. It's about giving ourselves down time to remember that even when we don't feel God with us or in our world, the Holy One lives in us all. Lent reminds me of this winter that prepares the earth for spring.

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New school logo at St. Agatha School



"Learning, Living, and Thriving in Faith." That sums up, in a few words, the educational experience of children who attend Columbus St. Agatha School.

It's also the new tagline which recently was developed and released – along with a new logo – as part of the school's 2014 marketing efforts.

The school's marketing committee, an arm of the school advisory board, has been working for the past several months to bolster marketing efforts in order to increase enrollment, consistent with the school's five-year strategic plan. Last fall, the committee contracted with a writer to help capture in a concise, expressive way the many things that set St. Agatha apart from other educational options.

"The writer conducted focus groups with school

board members, teachers, and parents to get a better understanding of our school," said school principal Joan Mastell. "Through those focus groups, one consistent theme emerged: St. Agatha is not only a school where a child learn and succeed academically, but it's a place where they truly thrive. We knew early on that this would be our tagline. It really sums up the St. Agatha experience."

Other themes also emerged from the focus groups. These themes are included in the school's new "creative voice brief" and include:

- We believe in the power of community. Relationships are cherished and nurtured.
- Every student has unique, God-given gifts, and we do everything in our power to recognize them, encourage them, and teach each child to use them to the fullest.

- We are committed to the whole child.
- We don't just talk about our faith. We live it.
- We believe in small class sizes and an expansive curriculum.

The marketing committee also updated the school's logo. Developed by David Yugovich, parent of students in St. Agatha's kindergarten and second grade, the logo incorporates evergreen laurels, symbolizing children growing and thriving, as well as a gold cross, symbolizing the school's Catholic identity and integrating parts of the former school logo.

The tagline and logo are being used in marketing tools which were created to support the school's information night in January. New brochures, yard signs, advertisements, and flyers also were developed.

If you are interested in learning about or sharing information with others on the St. Agatha difference, visit the school at 1880 Northam Road or call (614) 488-9000.

2014 COLUMBUS CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE



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BY TIM PUET

Reporter, Catholic Times

Courage isn't something that's limited to a battlefield or a dramatic, life-and-death type of situation. As the participants of this year's diocesan Catholic Men's Conference were reminded, it takes courage every day to follow Catholic principles in a world that's hostile to those ideas.

The record crowd of 2,300 men who gathered at the Voinovich Center at the state fairgrounds for the 17th annual event on Saturday, March 1 heard from Damon Owens, executive director of the Theology of the Body Institute, on "The Courage to Be the Man God Created"; Father William Casey, CPM, on the courage it takes to acknowledge sins and be transformed through the Sacrament of Reconciliation; Columbus Bishop Hartley High School football coach Brad Burchfield on "The Courage to Be a Leader"; and Father Tony Stephens, CPM, on "Courageous Hope," as displayed in the Korean War by Father Emil Kapaun, chaplain, Congressional Medal of Honor winner, and candidate for sainthood.

Owens began his message by saying "our path to holiness is not a Lone Ranger business, but a posse business" which involves a constant need to both come together and be sent out, as expressed in the Latin words *communio* and *missio*.

He said that although he was brought up in a Catholic family, with "the pile of Catholic stuff" that goes with it, and his father was a deacon, he never understood what the faith meant until he had two personal encounters with Jesus.

The first came at age 13 during a retreat, when he recognized that "God is not Zeus in the great chair, but he's Daddy, and he wants to say 'I'm so proud of you and I love you,'" Owens said. He said that encounter sustained him against temptation for the next five years, but once he entered college, he forgot the lessons he had learned.

"I became dangerous," he said.



Damon Owens

"At 22, I was studying for my master's degree at Berkeley when I met the most beautiful woman I'd ever seen (who eventually became his wife), and I was more dangerous to her than any man should be." A few months after they began dating, they met a priest whose insights led to a second life-changing encounter that made Owens again focus on things beyond immediate gratification.

The priest's influence inspired Owens to give up the life of pleasure without consequences which he had come to accept, but he said it wasn't an easy decision because "It's annoying to be good. ... It's difficult to be in love and to will the good of another. Love is a dangerous, risky thing because of how it makes you come out of yourself, but true, authentic love results in a joy nothing else can give."

He said men face three great dangers today: pornography, "not because it shows so much of the body, but because it shows so little of the person"; contraception, "because it's opposed to the gift of having children, to which couples are called and which gives the deepest meaning to marriage"; and same-sex attraction. "The church loves and accepts those with same-sex attraction, but at the same time recognizes that it is at odds with God's view of sex as an expression of marital love," Owens said.

"God has called us to be men and women to reveal who we are and to



Doug Lessells

reveal who he is as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit," he said, adding that he was going to ask his listeners not to rhetorically set others on fire, but to "set yourselves on fire" so that others may feel the glow and catch a spark.

Father Casey, superior general of the Congregation of the Fathers of Mercy, told audience members they need to refocus on four fundamental facts of existence: "First, we have been created for heaven. ... Second, God is going to get you there, as long as you are faithful. ... Third, God has a great love for you that will end in eternal glory if you cooperate. ... Fourth, God is always faithful to his promises."



Father William Casey, CPM

He said that although gun control has been prominent in the news for the past year because of several mass shootings in places such as schools and theaters, most of the coverage of those events has missed an important point.

"What amazes me most is that with all of the focus on guns themselves and on the shortcomings of our mental health system, there's no talk about morality, nothing that gets to the heart of the issue," he said. "The most effective way of gun control is observing the fifth commandment, 'Thou shalt not kill.' Today, most of our young people don't know the Ten Com-



mandments. There's no sense of the sanctity of human life, the sense of being created for something higher. You can't receive what hasn't been given to you."

Much of Father Casey's talk involved preparation for reception of the Sacrament of Penance, which was administered by about 50 priests during the conference's lunch break. "The only source of true peace is the sure knowledge that God loves us," he said. "God didn't make you to abandon you, and if you think this, you don't know what you truly are in the

sight of God. ... The most powerful channel of God's mercy is the Sacrament of Penance."

"Be men of prayer, faith, devotion, and courage, not just good guys and nice guys," he said. "We are called to be holy men, created by and for God to be saints."

Burchfield, who has been Hartley's coach for six seasons, leading the Hawks to four regional titles and a 2010 state championship, spoke of the opportunities athletics has given him and his coaching staff to share Christian values.

"I say a blessing before almost every play," he said. "I'm a nervous type and I feel I need guidance, protection, and clarity of heart and mind at all times. I say the same kind of prayer in the classroom, not because I want God on our side but because, as Abraham Lincoln said, I pray that we're on God's side."

He said that when asked why his teams are successful, he responds that "as generic as it would sound, it's the people." His talk began with a video presentation on Hartley football using the song *Lean On Me* in the background. Burchfield said the words of the song about people depending on each other represent the philosophy he wants the team to follow.

"We treat everyone the same, and our kids know this," he said. "Sometimes guys who want to play here ask me what kind of offense we run, how many chances they might get to carry the ball. I tell them they need to see our academic dean, our house director, our campus minister before they decide whether they want to come here. Those are the people who make things work socially, spiritually, and academically at Hartley. If things work well there, they will work well on the football field."

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He said the sense of family, faith, and tradition which is part of Hartley football starts in the grade schools of the surrounding parishes, and credited coaches of those schools for fostering strong attitudes of prayer and reflection among their players at an age when those young people are very receptive to the message.

"Fathers and sons each have great responsibilities to each other, and it takes courage to accept those responsibilities," said Burchfield, a father of eight-year-old twins. "It's easier to coach kids than to raise kids." He said one important key to being successful in both coaching and raising a family was consistency in dealing with behavior issues. "You have to be vigilant all the time," he said. "Be who you say you are. Don't stop. Be 'The Voice.'"

He also talked about the challenge of persuading a child or a player to forgo immediate desires in the pursuit of long-term goals. "Life is hard no matter what age you are,



Brad Burchfield



Fr. Tony Stephens, CPM

and we all want something easier," he said. "That desire for a short-term high isn't going to go away. We want our kids to feel good, but we want to give them a long-term high.

"We want them to be the most successful person at the 20th anniversary reunion, not the most popular kid in the 11th grade, and we have to use whatever strategy will work to help get that point across." He said this includes be-

coming familiar with and using social media. "Even the pope has a Twitter account," he said. "Social media aren't going away, any more than the light bulb or the automobile."

Father Stephens, a 2005 graduate of the Pontifical College Josephinum, said Father Kapaun's example provided an inspiration for all men in war and peace. Father Kapaun, a

priest of the Diocese of Wichita, Kan., served as a military chaplain in World War II and in the Korean War, where he was taken prisoner in November 1950 and died in a POW camp in May 1951.

"He did ordinary things in an extraordinary way," Father Stephens said, "He was there to be a priest and to set an example, was fearless in the way he put himself in harm's

way on many occasions, and was like a good shepherd." Father Stephens pointed to several examples of how Father Kapaun gave his fellow soldiers hope in the midst of a desperate situation, doing practical things such as boiling water, picking lice, stealing food from under the camp guards' noses, using colorful language on occasion to make his point, and saving one man by carrying him for miles on his back to keep him from being shot.

The conference closed with a Mass celebrated by Bishop Frederick Campbell. The day's Gospel contained St. Mark's account of how children were brought to Jesus to be blessed. In his homily, the bishop urged the men in attendance to "be childlike, not childish" by retaining their senses of innocence, awe and wonder, and deep trust and confidence in God. "Have the courage to be innocent, ... to be encouraged by the wonder Our Lord has given us, and to experience that quiet and persistent joy that is the grace of Christ well-lived," he said.

Doug Lessells, sportscaster for WSYX-TV and St. Gabriel Catholic Radio, was master of ceremonies. Brief talks were given by Chip Stalter on enthronement of the Sacred Heart; Chuck Wilson on St. Gabriel Radio; Kevin McNamara of the My House anti-pornography program; and Marty Burke on behalf of the "That Man Is You!" men's faith-sharing groups. The Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School men's choir provided musical accompaniment.

Next year's conference will feature talks by Ralph Martin and Peter Herbeck, nationally known Catholic authors and broadcasters; Father Dave Pivonka, TOR, director of the Franciscan Pathways outreach program; and one other speaker.

Columbus St. Leo Lenten activities

Several activities are scheduled for this Lenten season at Columbus St. Leo Church, 221 Hanford St. The church has not been the location of a parish since mid-1999, but thanks to the continuing efforts of caretaker Mike Wolf and members of the St. Leo Preservation Society, it remains open for special events and is the home of the Columbus Korean Catholic community's 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass.

Father Joshua Wagner will celebrate Mass at the church at 4 p.m. Saturday, March 8 and Saturday, April 12. On both days, St. Leo will be the final stop of Father Wagner's Pope John Paul II tour of seven historic Columbus churches. Anyone who wants to

view the 111-year-old church's restored stained-glass windows, Carrera marble altar, and restored organ is invited to join the tour participants for Mass.

Anyone attending the April 12 Mass can make it a full evening by going to a nearby restaurant for dinner and returning to the church for a 7 p.m. showing of the 1927 silent movie *King of Kings*, directed by Cecil B. DeMille and telling the story of the last weeks of Jesus' life. It was the most-expensive movie ever made in Hollywood to that time and the highest-grossing picture of the silent era.

Providing organ accompaniment will be Shawn Kenny, organist at Columbus Holy Family Church and assistant director of the Reynoldsburg High School

marching band.

Choral music will be featured at the church on Saturday, March 22 at 7 p.m., when the Kilbourne Singers, the advanced mixed ensemble of Worthington Kilbourne High School, directed by Matthew Zabiegala, present a concert titled "The Journey Onward."

There is no charge for either the movie or the concert, but a free-will offering will be taken for the ongoing renovation of the church's stained-glass windows.

In addition, the traditional Lenten devotion of the Stations of the Cross will be presented at the church at 3 p.m. Fridays March 12, 19, and 26 and April 2, 9, and 16.

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Eucharistic Devotion in the Diocese of Columbus

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

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

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

Buckeye Lake Our Lady of Mount Carmel – Exposition: All Sundays of Lent, 9 to 11 a.m.

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

Columbus Christ the King – Exposition: All Fridays of Lent and First Fridays the rest of the year, 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Columbus Holy Cross – First Fridays, from end of 7:30 p.m. Mass to 7:30 a.m. Saturday. All-night Eucharistic vigil begins with Mass, followed by communal prayers, litanies, rosaries, hymns, and quiet time between prayers until 11:30, then exposition and private prayer until 7:30 a.m.

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

Columbus Holy Name – During day in chapel, followed by Vespers and Mass at 5:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

Columbus St. Andrew – Exposition: Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, from end of 6:30 a.m. Mass

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Columbus St. Margaret of Cortona – Exposition: Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., with Stations of the Cross at 7:30 p.m., followed by sung Vespers and Benediction on the Thursdays of Lent.

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

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

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

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

Columbus St. Stephen – Exposition: Wednesdays, 6 to 7 p.m., first Fridays,



8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., other Fridays, 5 to 9 p.m., first Saturdays, 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. Sunday.

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

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

Delaware St. Mary – Exposition, First Sundays, from end of 12:15 p.m. Mass to 3 p.m.; Mondays, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m.; Fridays during Lent, 7 to 9 p.m.

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

Gahanna St. Matthew – Exposition: Second and fourth Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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

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

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

Kenton Immaculate Conception – Exposition: First Fridays, from after 8 a.m. Mass to 5 p.m.

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

Lancaster St. Mary – Exposition: Each Sunday from March 9 to April 13, 4 to 5 p.m., with sung Vespers at 4:40, and concluding with Benediction.

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

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

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

Mount Vernon St. Vincent de Paul

– Exposition: 5 p.m. Thursday to 5 p.m. Friday, followed by Mass and Benediction.

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

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

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

New Philadelphia Sacred Heart – Exposition: 9 a.m. Tuesday to 5:15 p.m. Wednesday. Confession and Adoration, followed by prayer service: 5:30 p.m. Monday, March 10, 17, 24, 31, April 7 and 14.

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

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

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

Plain City St. Joseph – Exposition: 6 to 8 a.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays; 6 a.m. every Thursday to 8 a.m. Friday; 6 to 9 p.m. Fridays, following 5:30 p.m. Mass and Vespers.

Portsmouth Holy Redeemer – Exposition: Tuesdays, 5 to 6 p.m.

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

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

Sunbury St. John Neumann – Exposition: 5 p.m. Monday to 6 p.m. Tuesday. Church is locked from 6 p.m. Monday to 8 a.m. Tuesday. Non-scheduled adorers who wish to visit during these hours should contact amydavis@hotmail.com. Fridays during Lent (except Good Friday), 7:30 p.m.

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

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First Sunday of Lent (Cycle A)

Two temptations with very different outcomes



Father
Lawrence L. Hummer

Genesis 2:7-9;3:1-7

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11

The Genesis reading for Sunday accounts for the creation of the man (*adam* in Hebrew) from the ground (*adamah* in Hebrew), but not of the woman. The man does not become a living being, however, until the Lord God blows into the man's nostrils the breath of life. This powerful portrait of blowing life into the nostrils of the man is a unique feature of this second account of creation in Genesis. The first account, in Genesis 1:27-28, is far less dramatic, although it does take pride of place in the arrangement of the stories in Genesis.

The reading jumps from the man's creation to the temptation story in the garden. This means that the Lord God's actual command to the man in Genesis 2:17 (not to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil) is not in Sunday's reading. In Latin, the word for "evil" is *malum*, which could also mean "apple," and that is how people came to believe it was an apple tree. Jewish tradition thought it was a fig tree, because they covered themselves with fig leaves.

The serpent as the most cunning (*arum* in Hebrew) of all the animals is given a speaking role in this story to add to his talents and demonstrates his cunning by the question he asks. The last verse of Genesis 2:25 said that the man and the woman were naked (*arumim* in Hebrew), which makes a play on words evident. The end of the story will see them covering up their nakedness. The serpent twists the question to indicate something that God did not actually say. Note the serpent

says "God" rather than "Lord God." The woman also says "God" rather than "Lord God," but she correctly points out that it was only the tree in the center of the garden which was forbidden.

In the end, the serpent's cunning becomes a lie ("You certainly will not die"). She then sees that the tree is good for food, pleasing to the eyes, and desirable for gaining wisdom. The die was cast. She couldn't resist. She took it and she ate it and she gave it to her husband, and he ate it. There was no doubt left by the Genesis author about the guilt. They both ate from the forbidden fruit. It was their fault and though they will later cast blame on the serpent, it remains clear that they were responsible for their own action.

In Matthew, the obvious reading is the temptation scene, in which Jesus is led by the Spirit to be tempted by the devil. In imitation of Israel's 40 years in the desert, Jesus spends 40 days and nights. After this long period of fasting, he is hungry. It is not until then that the tempter strikes. His opening line comes from what had happened at Jesus' baptism when the voice from heaven said "This is my beloved son." So the tempter says, "If you are the son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread." Jesus quotes Deuteronomy 8:4 in response.

In the second temptation, also in response to the conditional phrase "If you are the Son of God," the devil himself quotes Scripture when he cites Psalm 91:11-12. Jesus again cites Deuteronomy (6:16): "You shall not put the Lord your God to the test."

The devil finally offers all the world's power, which is his proper bailiwick, if Jesus will only worship him. For a third time, Jesus quotes Deuteronomy (6:13): "The Lord your God shall you worship and him alone shall you serve." Jesus thereby demonstrates he is, indeed, the steadfast Son of God by effectively dismissing the devil and his power over people. "Begone Satan!"

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day April 13, Tuesday, April 22, 7 p.m., Wheelersburg St. Peter in Chains. Mission and novena in preparation for the Feast of the Annunciation, Sunday, March 16 to Tuesday, March 25, 7 p.m. (6 p.m. March 25), St. Mary. Reconciliation, Mass, and Lenten talk by Father Stephen Virginia, Thursdays, March 27 and April 3 and 10, 6:30 p.m. Pond Creek Holy Trinity. Living stations of the Cross, followed by soup supper, Sunday, April 13, 3 p.m., St. Peter in Chains. Tenebrae service, Wednesday, April 16, 8 p.m., St. Mary. Walking Stations of the Cross, Friday, April 18, 6 p.m., from St. Mary to Holy Redeemer (indoors at Holy Redeemer if

inclement weather.)

Sunbury St. John Neumann – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Fridays (except Good Friday), 7:30 p.m. Parish mission on the Eucharist led by Msgr. Eugene Morris, Sunday, March 16 to Tuesday, March 18, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Topics: "Our Source and Our Summit," March 16; "Our Life of Mystery and Sacrifice," March 17; "Our Mission and Our Plan of Life," March 18. Tenebrae service, Sunday, April 13, dusk.

Westerville St. Paul – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Thursdays, following 8:30 a.m. Mass and continuing until Benediction at 6:45 p.m.

The Weekday Bible Readings

MONDAY
Leviticus 19:1-2,11-18
Psalm 19:8-10,15
Matthew 25:31-46

TUESDAY
Isaiah 55:10-11
Psalm 34:4-7,16-19
Matthew 6:7-15

WEDNESDAY
Jonah 3:1-10
Psalm 51:3-4,12-13,18-19
Luke 11:29-32

THURSDAY
Esther C: 12,14-16,23-25
Psalm 138:1-3,7c-8
Matthew 7:7-12

FRIDAY
Ezekiel 18:21-28
Psalm 130:1-8
Matthew 5:20-26

SATURDAY
Deuteronomy 26:16-19
Psalm 119:1-2,4-5,7-8
Matthew 5:43-48

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE WEEK OF MARCH 9, 2014

SUNDAY MASS

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

Mass with the Passionist Fathers at 7:30 a.m. on WWHO-TV (the CW), Channel 53, Columbus. Check local cable system for WWHO's cable channel listing.

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

(Encores at noon, 7 p.m., and midnight). Mass from 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 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 (820 AM), Columbus, and at www.stgabrielradio.com.

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

Simplify Your Life During Lent

How many times have we heard that most people want to simplify their lives and get away from the stress? Lent offers us that opportunity to get the clutter out of our lives and give up something we truly don't need, all the while helping those in need. The older we get, the more we long for the simple joys of life. I was thinking about this as I was putting together this column.

A couple of weeks ago, when it was extremely cold and the Winter Olympics were on television, our family developed a sort of ritual. I would light a fire and the family would gather around the TV to watch some of the Olympic events. Though my wife and I watched intently, our small children's shorter attention spans quickly began to be noticeable, so we turned to one of the plethora of cartoon-oriented cable stations to watch *Scooby Doo*. The shows were a repeat of what my wife and I watched when we were kids in the 1970s.

The evenings would take a familiar path as our nearly two-year-old son would yell, "A ghost coming," while our nearly five-year-old son would adroitly assure him that it wasn't really a ghost, but just a "bad man" who would end up in jail. The joy on our children's faces caused my wife and I to repeatedly talk about how blessed we felt.

It had been quite a struggle for us to have children. We married later in life and battled fertility issues. We tried Natural Family Planning before we felt that

Singing Buckeyes

The Singing Buckeyes male *a cappella* chorus is looking for potential singers and invites men who enjoy singing in the shower, in the car, or in the privacy of their homes to "go public" and let others enjoy the sound of their voices. As the group's slogan puts it, "Focus on singing with freedom and cast out your fears!"

The group is sponsoring an open house at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 18, in the rehearsal hall of Advent Lutheran Church, 3660 Kenny Road, Upper Arlington. It also invites interested men to attend any of its rehearsals at the same site from 7 to 9:30 p.m. each Tuesday. A free voice analysis is available at any rehearsal.

The group's next concert will be at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 18 at the Lincoln Theater, 769 E. Long St. For more information, go to www.singingbuckeyes.com.

Charismatic Retreat

The Columbus Catholic Charismatic Renewal is sponsoring its annual men's and women's retreat from Friday to Sunday, March 21 to 23 at St. Therese's Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus. The retreat director will be Walter Matthews.

For more information, contact the Catholic Charismatic Renewal Center at (614) 914-8556 or email jackietemple91@gmail.com.



THE TIDE IS TURNING
TOWARD CATHOLICISM

David Hartline

God had called us to have children via adoption. We felt comforted by prayers of family and friends, and yet there were a few individuals who said, "Why would you want to have kids in the first place, or why not try *in vitro* fertilization. Who cares what the pope says?"

Sadly, these folks thought they were helping us. Their complete lack of knowledge of the Catholic faith was topped only by how much they were in tune to the popular culture that has no idea why the Church teaches what it does, and doesn't realize that Natural Family Planning has a higher rate of success than *in vitro* fertilization. Believe me, when you are in the hospital and the nurse hands you your baby, you aren't thinking about whether the child has your DNA. You are overwhelmed by being a father or mother, and you are forever grateful to God for the privilege!

Lent may be a time to tune out the influences of those who claim they dislike the Catholic Church or any church, but the truth is that the real problem

for such people is with the words and teachings of Jesus himself and those he appointed to lead and teach us. The best thing we can do for them is pray for them, and ask the Holy Spirit to help us pick the appropriate time in which to help show them the ways of the Lord.

We can only simplify our lives if we are doing something productive in the first place. It seems some folks endlessly spend their time keeping busy to avoid their consciences, while on the other extreme, some folks endlessly spend their time being the victim and doing nothing except complaining. Jesus gave us the parable of the talents (Matthew 25:14-30) to help keep us from falling into either of these two extreme camps.

Lent can be a humbling time. I certainly recall a few Lenten where I realized something about myself that needed corrected yesterday. I had been too caught up in the ways of the world, instead of the ways of the wise. Thankfully, I had Lent to humble, me lest I lived another day on that wrong path. During Lent, let us better reflect on what God would have us do, rather than what the world would have us do. We will all be better people if we wake up on Easter Sunday realizing that we are far better people than we were on Ash Wednesday.

Hartline is the author of "The Catholic Tide Continues to Turn" and a former teacher and administrator for the diocese.

HOLY TRINITY SCIENCE FAIR



Pictured are seventh-grade students of Somerset Holy Trinity School who took part in the school science fair. The school will be sending students Elizabeth Clouse, Emily Sipos, Matthew Brownell, Caden Clouse, and Lauren Thomas to the district science fair at Ohio University-Lancaster. Photo courtesy Holy Trinity School

Pray for our Dead

- BUGAJ, Eleanor M., 94, Feb. 21
St. Mark Church, Lancaster
- FREY, Juliana R., 81, March 1
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Grove City
- GEMPERLINE, Albert, 93, Feb. 12
St. Mary Church, Portsmouth
- GUGLIELMI, Gary R., 58, March 1
St. John the Baptist Church, Columbus
- HAGARMAN, Kathleen M., 89, Feb. 25
St. Elizabeth Church, Columbus
- HAWLEY, Robert J., 82, Feb. 22
St. Andrew Church, Columbus
- KEENER, Gregory W., 40, Feb. 28
St. John Neumann Church, Sunbury
- KELLEY, Richard N., “Archie,” 90, Feb. 28
St. James the Less Church, Columbus
- MEAD, Antoinette “Rene,” 95, Feb. 25
Our Lady of Peace Church, Columbus
- MODLICH, Dorothy L., 86, Feb. 27
St. Timothy Church, Columbus
- MOORE, Genevieve “Jean,” 92, Feb. 28
St. Joseph Church, Plain City
- OBERTING, Rebecca L., 38, Feb. 22
St. Cecilia Church, Columbus
- PALENCAR, Marlene T., 76, Feb. 24
St. Francis of Assisi Church, Columbus
- PATIENCE, Mildred R., 81, Feb. 21
St. Elizabeth Church, Columbus
- PHILLIPS, Glenna, 90, Feb. 26
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Grove City
- POWELL, Edward Jr., 74, Feb. 15
St. Paul Church, Westerville
- ROMANOWSKI, Paul, 71, of Lancaster, Feb. 27
Holy Cross Church, Glouster
- SEDLICK, George W., 69, Feb. 25
St. Mary Church, Delaware
- SHIVELY, Mary, 81, Feb. 24
St. John Neumann Church, Sunbury
- THOMAS, Linda D., March 2
St. Catharine Church, Columbus

Catherine T. Gorman

Funeral Mass for Catherine T. Gorman, 88, who died Sunday, Feb. 23, was held Friday, Feb. 28 at Wooster Immaculate Conception Church. Burial was in St. Mary Cemetery, Wooster.

She was born Dec. 3, 1925, in Camden, N.J., to William and Catherine (Carson) Hartman, and lived most of her life in Camden and Millersburg. She was a longtime catechism teacher, mainly at Millersburg St. Peter Church, where she taught children of all ages and spent many years as a

high school instructor and marriage preparation counselor.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, William; and sister, Mary. Survivors include her husband of 58 years, Deacon William J. Gorman, a retired deacon of the Diocese of Columbus who lives in Elyria; sons, Thomas, Robert (Kathy), and Patrick (Denise); daughter, Mary Anne (Don) Cunningham; sisters, Jane (Joseph) Kenney and Anne (Patrick) Kennedy; four grandsons; and six granddaughters.

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

Westerville St. Paul –Exposition, Thursdays from March 6 to April 10, following 8:30 a.m. Mass and continuing until Benediction at 6:45 p.m. Holy hour of adoration: Other Thursdays of the year, 6 to 7 p.m.

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

Worthington St. Michael – Exposition: 24 hours, seven days a week, ex-

cept from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday and during the Sacred Triduum, in the church’s Adoration Chapel.

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

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

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

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HAPPENINGS

MARCH

THROUGH APRIL 13, SUNDAY
40 Days for Life
7 a.m. to 7 p.m., sidewalk in front of Complete Health-care for Women, 5858 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

6, THURSDAY
Eucharistic Holy Hour at Columbus Sacred Heart
7 to 8 p.m., Sacred Heart Church, 893 Hamlet St., Columbus. Eucharistic Holy Hour following the Holy Hour of Reparation prayer format, concluding with Benediction and social period. Prayers for the intention of deepened holiness and an increase in the virtue of fortitude for bishops and priests.
614-372-5249

‘Unplanned’ Movie at St. Michael
7 p.m., St. Michael Church, 5750 N. High St., Worthington. Greater Columbus Right to Life presents screening of “Unplanned,” the story of Abby Johnson, a former abortion clinic worker who has become one of the nation’s leading pro-life activists.
614-445-8508

‘Catholicism 101’ Program at Columbus St. Patrick
7:30 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Study of Dr. Scott Hahn’s “Catholicism 101” series presented by seminarians Brian Becker and Bradley Nursey. Part 4: “Eucharist: Holy Meal.”
614-224-9522

7, FRIDAY
St. Cecilia Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
St. Cecilia Church, 434 Norton Road, Columbus. Begins after 8:15 a.m. Mass; continues to 5 p.m. Saturday. Monthly Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refugee Road, Columbus. Begins after 9 a.m. Mass; continues

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 David Garick at 614-224-5195.

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through 6 p.m. Holy Hour.
Catholic Men’s Luncheon Club Meeting
12:15 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Catholic Men’s Luncheon Club meeting, with St. Patrick parishioner Shane Switzer speaking on his 2013 pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela, Spain. Details at www.columbuscatholicmen.com.
St. John Chrysostom First Friday Sale
4 to 6 p.m., St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church, 5858 Cleveland Ave., Columbus. First Friday sale of pirog, stuffed cabbage, noodles, baked goods.
614-882-7578

Angelic Warfare Confraternity at Columbus St. Patrick
7 to 9 p.m., 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

Fun and Worship Night at St. Paul
7:30 to 9 p.m., St. Paul Church, 313 N. State St., Westerville. Fun and worship night with Station 14 band on night before the annual diocesan youth rally. No registration required.
614-241-2565

All-Night Eucharistic Vigil
Holy Cross Church, 205 S. 5th St., Columbus. 7:30 p.m. Mass; Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament; prayer until 11:30 p.m.; private prayer until 7:30 p.m. Saturday.
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.
614-488-1971

7-9, FRIDAY-SUNDAY
Silent Lenten Retreat for Women at St. Therese’s
St. Therese’s Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus. Catholic Laywomen’s Retreat League silent Lenten retreat for women, directed by Father Paul Hrezo, former Pontifical College Josephinum spiritual formation director. Theme: “Enjoyment of God.”
614-882-1946

8, SATURDAY
Seven-Church Tour With Father Wagner
8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tour of seven historic Columbus churches with Father Joshua Wagner, leaving from St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road, Columbus, and concluding with Mass at St. Leo Church, 221 Hanford St., Columbus. Details at www.sevenchurchtour.com.
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.
614-865-8654
‘Awakening the Dreamer’ at Shepherd’s Corner
9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Shepherd’s Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Blacklick Road, Reynoldsburg. “Awakening the Dreamer, Changing the Dream,” a program examining ways to create an environmentally sustainable, spiritually fulfilling, and socially just future, with Dominican Sisters of Peace Diane Kozlowski, Rosemary Loomis, and Rose Ann Van Buren.
614-866-4302

Bishop Hartley Style Show and Luncheon
11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Columbus Country Club, 4831 E. Broad St., Columbus. Style show and luncheon sponsored by House Parents Organization of Columbus Bishop Hartley High School.
614-237-5421
Open House at PDHC Campus Center
1 to 4 p.m., Pregnancy Decision Health Center, 22 E. 17th

Ave., Columbus. Open house at women’s care organization’s sixth location, adjacent to The Ohio State University.
614-444-4411
Back in His Arms Again Benefit Evening
6 to 8 p.m., Marian Hall, Immaculate Conception Church, 366 East North Broadway, Columbus. Benefit evening for Back in His Arms Again ministry for those who have experienced the loss of an infant.

8-9, SATURDAY-SUNDAY
Diocesan Youth Rally at St. Paul
St. Paul Church, 313 N. State St., Westerville. Annual diocesan youth rally. Theme: “Called.” Keynote speaker: Christian musician Jesse Manibusan, master of ceremonies of 2013 National Catholic Youth Conference. Includes small-group discussion with Bishop Frederick Campbell, music from Station 14 praise band, and closing Mass at 2:15 p.m. Sunday.
614-241-2565

9, SUNDAY
Daughters of Erin Irish Breakfast
8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Parish activity center, St. Cecilia Church, 434 Norton Road, Columbus. Daughters of Erin serve traditional Irish breakfast at annual fundraiser. Entertainment by the Regan-Rankin Academy of Irish Dance.
St. Christopher Adult Religious Education
10 to 11:15 a.m., St. Christopher Parish Center, 1420 Grandview Ave., Columbus. “Falling Into Grace: The Fiction of Andrew Greeley” with Ohio Dominican University professor Donald Cartens, author of a book about Father Greeley’s literary career.
614-488-1971

‘Catholicism’ Series at St. Pius X
1:30 p.m., St. Pius X Church, 1051 S. Waggoner Road, Reynoldsburg. “Faith in Action,” conclusion of Father Robert Barron’s “Catholicism: The New Evangelization” series.
614-866-2859

Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic Meeting
3 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Meeting of St. Catherine of Siena chapter, Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic, featuring presentation on the sacraments.
Concert at Marysville Our Lady of Lourdes
3 p.m., Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 1033 W. 5th St., Marysville. “The Cries of the Young” concert featuring mezzo soprano Lianna Williams and pianist Paul Melcher, parish music director.
937-644-6020

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
Film on St. Augustine at St. Pius X
7 p.m., St. Pius X Church, 1051 S. Waggoner Road, Reynoldsburg. Part 1 of two-part film “Restless Heart: The Confessions of St. Augustine.”
614-866-2859

10, MONDAY
Calix Society Meeting at Columbus St. Patrick
6:30 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Monthly meeting of the Calix Society, an association of Catholic alcoholics. Business meeting followed by 7 p.m. Mass.
614-406-2939
Bethesda Post-Abortion Healing Ministry
6:30 p.m., support group meeting, 2744 Dover Road, Co-

lumbus (Christ the King convent, first building west of the church).
614-718-0277, 614-309-2651, 614-309-0157
Our Lady of Peace Men’s Bible Study
7 p.m., Our Lady of Peace Church, 20 E. Dominion Blvd., Columbus. Bible study of Sunday Scripture readings.
614-459-2766

Scott Hahn ‘Salvation History’ Bible Study
7 p.m., 1112 Fifth Ave., Worthington. Fifth session of seven-week Bible study using Dr. Scott Hahn’s Salvationhistory.com, with teachers Thom and Lorna Lisk.
614-841-1776
Father Wagner Talk at Marion St. Mary
7 p.m., St. Mary Church, 251 N. Main St., Marion. Father Joshua Wagner talks on “Presence Makes Perfect,” how Jesus makes himself present in the world.
740-382-2118
‘The Mass: What Is It?’ at St. Matthew
7 p.m., St. Matthew Church, 807 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna. “The Mass: What Is It?” with author and liturgical commentator Jake Tawney, preceded by Liturgy of the Hours at 6:30.
614-471-0212

10-13, MONDAY-THURSDAY
Columbus St. Patrick Parish Mission
7 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Parish mission led by Father James Moore, OP. Theme: “Contemplation to Action: Lenten Preparation for Evangelization.”
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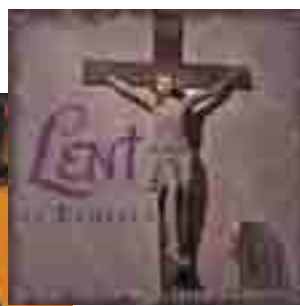
11, TUESDAY
‘Praying With the Psalms II’ Bible Study at St. Pius X
9:15 to 10:30 a.m., St. Pius X Church, 1051 S. Waggoner Road, Reynoldsburg. First session of six-week Lenten “Praying with the Psalms II” Bible study.
614-866-1575
Serra Club of North Columbus Meeting
Noon, Jessing Center, Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 N. High St., Columbus. Serra Club of North Columbus meeting. Reservations required.

‘Oremus’ Program at St. Peter in Chains
7 p.m., St. Peter in Chains Church, 2167 Lick Run Lyra Road, Wheelersburg. “Oremus,” a retreat-like experience featuring a 30-minute DVD with Father Mark Toups, followed by faith sharing.
740-574-5486

St. Andrew Parent Speaker Series
7 to 8 p.m., Bryce Eck Center, St. Andrew Church, 3880 Reed Road, Columbus. Talk on “Raising Mentally and Emotionally Healthy Children” with Loren McKeon, consultant and program developer for McKeon Education Group, Inc.
614-205-9430
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

12, WEDNESDAY
Turning Leaves and Tea Leaves
2 to 3:30 p.m., Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus. Turning Leaves and Tea Leaves book club with Dominican Sisters Marialein Anzenberger and Colleen Gallagher.
614-416-1910
‘Praying With the Psalms I’ Bible Study at St. Pius X
7 to 8:15 p.m., St. Pius X Church, 1051 S. Waggoner Road, Reynoldsburg. First session of six-week Lenten “Praying with the Psalms I” Bible study.
614-866-1575
Prayer Shawl Workshop at Shepherd’s Corner
7 to 8:30 p.m., Shepherd’s Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. Second of four workshops on making prayer shawls with Sister Diane Kozlowski, OP. Patterns available. Beginners welcome.
614-866-4302

CD REVIEW



LENT AT EPHEBUS

By Navar Watson
Catholic News Service

Twenty-two nuns beat *Fifty Shades of Grey: The Classical Album* on *Billboard* magazine's classical traditional chart last year, *The Wall Street Journal* reported.

Now, they're at it again with a new album that might top the charts.

On Feb. 11, the award-winning Benedictines of Mary, Queen of Apostles in Missouri released their third album, *Lent at Ephesus*, with De Montfort Music/Decca/Universal Classics -- just in time for the penitential season of Lent, which began on Ash Wednesday, March 5.

"The Benedictines of Mary have outdone themselves with what can only be described as an artistic masterpiece," Monica Fitzgibbons, co-founder of De Montfort Music, said in a Carmel Communications press release.

Mother Cecilia Snell, the order's prioress, said popular demand prompted the recording of *Lent at Ephesus*. The nuns also have "long desired" to make a Lent-

en recording, she said.

"The hymns and chants during this holy season are some of the most beautiful and expressive of the whole year," Mother Cecilia, a former French horn player in the Columbus Symphony, said in an email to Catholic News Service.

The album features 23 tracks, including three original pieces. Among the songs are *God of Mercy and Compassion*, *O Sacred Head Surrounded*, *Mother of Sorrows*, and *Ave Regina Caelorum*.

After the success of the first two albums, *Billboard* magazine selected the nuns as its top traditional classical album artists for 2012 and 2013, making them the first order of nuns to receive an award from the publication.

Their 2013 album, *Angels and Saints at Ephesus*, spent 13 consecutive weeks at No. 1 on the *Billboard* classical traditional music chart.

The success of the previous albums has been somewhat of a surprise for the nuns, Mother Cecilia said, "but at the same time, it is undeniable that there is a

great desire in all souls for what is good and beautiful."

Mother Cecilia believes this album has the potential to reach even more people than the previous two recordings, since people will be observing Lent and avoiding obstacles that hinder their faith.

"Sacred music enables people to draw closer to God through beauty, aiding them in a deeper level of understanding of the immortality of the soul and its ultimate end in God alone," Mother Cecilia said.

Multiple-time Grammy Award-winner Blanton Alspaugh, who produced the album, said recording with the nuns in their priory has been "one of the highlights of my career."

"Their singing has a very pure and yet sophisticated style. It certainly earns its place in the international arena of classical music," Alspaugh said. "Their talent is as remarkable as their sense of charity."

The recording process has become "quite smooth and painless," Mother Cecilia told CNS.

Detailed work on the album begins a month before the producer and engineer arrive and may require several hours per week.

The nuns spent approximately 16 hours total in actual recording over the course of three consecutive days.

During these days, they still participate in the daily eight hours of chants, along with barn chores, cooking, and laundry.

PBS plans to release an hourlong special on the Benedictines of Mary, Queen of Apostles during its March fundraising drive. A date and time has yet to be confirmed for the special.

"We pray," Mother Cecilia said, "that through this music, many souls will be inspired to look deeply beyond the materialistic and secular culture in which we are immersed, in order to contemplate the truth of the marvelous supernatural realities that exist."

Lent at Ephesus is available on iTunes, along with a digital booklet including original artwork and lyrics in English. Songs in Latin are translated in English.

CONCERT



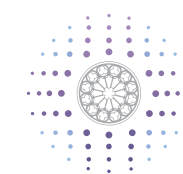
THE WAY OF THE CROSS

Columbus band Living Water will share their concert narrative "The Way of the Cross" several times in the area. Living Water will present "The Way of the Cross" Friday March 14, 2014 at 7:30 PM at Church of the Resurrection in New Albany, Ohio and Wednesday April 7, 2014 7:00 PM in Holy Spirit Church in Whitehall, Ohio. Both of these concerts are open to the public and are appropriate for all ages.

Living Waters' creation of the concert narrative sets them apart from a typical Praise and Worship Band. In the concert narrative format Living Water combines Scripture, narration and song, the sum of which delivers a spiritually powerful message and uplifting experi-

ence for all ages. "The Way of the Cross" is a musical reflection on the last hours in the life of Jesus Christ and a powerful reminder of the suffering our Lord endured for our salvation.

Living Water began their musical ministry in 2003 and has performed in area schools, churches, coffeehouses, and theaters for a variety of events including retreats festivals, benefits, conferences and conventions. In addition they released their first full-length CD "The Way of the Cross-Live" in 2012. In December 2013 they unveiled their fifth concert narrative "On a Night Like This" at Ohio Dominican University in a performance presented by St. Gabriel Catholic Radio.



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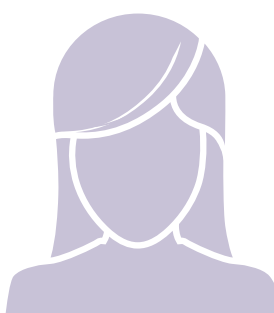
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Tuscarawas students help fire victims

Celebrating the spirit of St. Valentine on Feb. 14, the students at Dennison Immaculate Conception School and the Tuscarawas Central Catholic elementary school in Dover and high school in New Philadelphia helped two area families who have been affected by fires in their homes.

Immaculate Conception students had a special Valentine jeans day and raised \$437.67 to benefit the Todd Carr family. Students at Tuscarawas Central participated in a dress-down day celebrating St. Valentine's colors and raised

more than \$1,200 for Dave Blake and his family.

The Carr home was destroyed by a fire in early February. Immaculate Conception students Jersei and Jake Hickman are friends of the family and were visiting the Carrs at the time of the fire. Students at TCC raised more than \$700 in their collection and had an anonymous donation of \$500.

Blake is TCC's wrestling coach. His family lost about 80 percent of its possessions in the fire. No one was injured in either fire.

St. Joseph Crusade for Marriage

As the spouse of the Blessed Mother and foster father of Jesus, St. Joseph is being invoked as the patron of a spiritual crusade in defense of marriage. The America Needs Fatima apostolate will sponsor rallies nationwide on Saturday, March 22, the Saturday closest to the March 19 Feast of St. Joseph.

The Columbus rally will take place from noon to 1 p.m. at the "Five Points" intersection in Upper Arlington, where Fishing and Tremont roads and Northwest Boulevard converge.

For more information, contact Father Joseph Klee at (614) 372-5249.

NEW PROGRAM SCHEDULE



LOCAL PROGRAMS

WEEKDAYS AT NOON

	12:00 PM	12:30 PM
MONDAY	St. Gabriel's Trumpet with Chip Stalter	Family Sanctuary with Mary Ann Jepsen and Peggy Hartshorn
TUESDAY	The Seminarians	Answering the Call with Elizabeth Ficocelli
WEDNESDAY	The Catholic Doctors with Drs. Parker and Turek	Bishop Frederick Campbell
THURSDAY	Msgr. Eugene Morris	Raising Saints with Katy Wyatt
FRIDAY	Treasures of Our Faith with Local Priests	Foundations in Faith with Msgr. Frank Lane

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AWAKENING THEIR FAITH

Ohio State students
celebrate five years of Buckeye
Awakening retreats

By Austin M. Schafer

Amanda Massinople felt pretty low. As a student at The Ohio State University, she had reached a point where she felt her life was becoming “too much” for her. Her spiritual life had all but died. Prayer and Mass felt meaningless to her.

Then she made a decision that “brought me back to life.” As a way of escaping it all for a weekend, she decided to sign up for one of the Columbus St. Thomas More Newman Center’s “Buckeye Awakening” student retreats.

“Being surrounded by other people my age who struggled with the same things that I did and who wanted to have God in their lives completely changed my outlook,” she said. “Buckeye Awakening pretty much showed me how to really love God, and I will never forget that.”

At a time in their lives when it’s becoming increasingly difficult to connect with their faith, Ohio State students are finding a way to both grow in their Catholic faith and find fellowship through the Newman Center’s Buckeye Awakening retreats.

Since 2009, the center has hosted 10 of the retreats at the Sts. Peter and Paul Retreat Center in Newark. More than 1,000 students have participated. This past



Sunday, March 2, more than 165 students returned from the 10th Buckeye Awakening retreat to a celebration Mass and reception at the Newman Center to honor the fifth anniversary of Buckeye Awakening and to recognize all Buckeye Awakening alumni. Austin Schafer, the center’s campus minister, who coordinates the Buckeye Awakening retreats, even received an apostolic blessing from Pope Francis for the anniversary.

“It has been an absolute blessing to work with so many students and student leaders over these last 10 retreats,” Schafer said. “This retreat changes lives, helps students deepen their relationship with God,

connects students to a vibrant Catholic community at the Newman Center, and helps students discern their life’s vocation. Buckeye Awakening makes an incredible impact in students’ lives, and they in turn go forth to make a positive impact on campus, in the Church, and in the world.”

Indeed, Buckeye Awakening graduates tend to go on to serve in their faith throughout the world. One of them, Emily Miller said, “Since Buckeye Awakening and graduating from OSU in 2011, I completed a year of service with the Colorado Vincentian Volunteers, volunteered in rural Kenya, and now have a clear career goal of serving those less fortunate. I am blessed beyond belief and am grateful for the amazing people and memories I have from Buckeye Awakening.”

Christine Patella, who attended one of the retreats, went on to serve with the Dominican Sisters in Zambia after graduation. “Buckeye Awakening was the turning point of my life and my college career,” she said. “I would compare my experience of Buckeye Awakening to the conversion of Saul. It has made an incredible impact on my faith journey and calling.”

Buckeye Awakening is the most impactful evangelization initiative the Newman Center offers students. Schafer’s hope is that it continues to transform students’ lives for many more years to come. “We couldn’t put on these retreats without the generosity of donors and friends who believe in the work of Catholic Campus Ministry and support the Newman Center’s ministry,” he said. “I am so thankful that we have such blessed supporters. Truly, we all play a part in helping students deepen their Catholic faith and discover their calling in this world.”

To learn more about Buckeye Awakening, the Newman Center, and how you can make a positive impact in the lives of current and future leaders of the Church, visit www.BuckeyeCatholic.com, or contact Schafer at aschafer@buckeyecatholic.com.

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