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The Editor's Notebook

Beckoning Like a Church Steeple

By David Garick, Editor

This edition of *Catholic Times* takes a look at St. Joseph Church in Sugar Grove. It's a small church in a small town in Fairfield County. It's one of those places that could easily be lost, bypassed by the freeway between Lancaster and Logan.

But St. Joseph's is not lost. It is known in those parts for "the steeple you see from Route 33." That tall steeple is the first and perhaps only thing you see of Sugar Grove as you barrel down the freeway. It is not insignificant that many churches are designed with tall steeples. As you travel through Europe, it is common to see the local Catholic church or cathedral sitting on the highest point of land in a city or village. Even in flatlands like those in much of western Ohio, you will see the steeple of the local Catholic church towering over the fields long before you spot any of the rest of the community.

Out calling as Christians is to stand out, to be noticed. We recently heard at Mass the portion of the Sermon on the Mount in which Christ called his followers to be noticed: "You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father."

A church should be noticed, not just by its strong physical presence, but by the words and actions of its members. Taking the teachings of Christ beyond

the walls of the church building and into the community is central to the mission Christ gives every one of us. Modern culture has attempted to push religious faith into the background. We are told it is impolite to bring our beliefs into other people's lives. We are pressured to worship quietly inside our churches and keep the light of our faith hidden. To do so is to deny the very call of Christ.

For 2,000 years, Catholics have resisted that pressure and let our light shine on those around us who need to be refreshed by the life-giving message of Christ. The church now is engaged in a New Evangelization. The New Evangelization calls all followers of Christ to be formed in the faith, celebrate the faith, and be witnesses to the ends of the earth, proclaiming the Good News to all people everywhere, starting with those in our own Church. The work of the Church is to bring all people into relationship with God and to transform and sanctify the society in which we live (*U.S. Catholic bishops, Disciples Called to Witness: The New Evangelization*). Thus, "the Church teaches that social justice is an integral part of evangelization, a constitutive dimension of preaching the Gospel, and an essential part of the Church's mission."

On Page 10 of this edition, you will read how St. Joseph Church in Sugar Grove celebrates its part in the New Evangelization from its post along U.S. Route 33 in rural Ohio.



Dr. Marie Hilliard to Speak at Respect Life Conference on March 15

Dr. Marie Hilliard, director of bioethics and public policy of the National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia, will be the featured speaker at the diocesan Respect Life Conference on Saturday, March 15, at Columbus Immaculate Conception Church, 414 E. North Broadway.

Health care is undergoing a major transformation in our nation and around the world. How does it advance or threaten the dignity of human life? Hilliard, a leading bioethicist, will speak on the current status of health care and religious liberty, as well as hazards of public policy



initiatives in end-of-life care (medical futility, rationing, and advanced directives).

Conference participants also will learn about efforts around the diocese to promote the dignity of all human life in the areas of prayer, education, pastoral outreach, and advocacy.

The conference runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., after Mass at 9 a.m. Registration is \$20, which includes lunch. To register, send a check payable to the Office for Social Concerns, 197 E. Gay St., Columbus OH 43215. For details, call (614) 241-2540 or email socmailbox@colsdio.org.

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A turbulent year that strengthened the papacy

By Francis X. Rocca
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When Pope Benedict XVI announced on Feb. 11, 2013, that he would become the first pope in nearly 600 years to resign, speculation was as varied as it was excited about the long-term consequences of his historic act. But one common line of thought held that for better or worse, his decision might leave the papacy a less exalted and powerful office, bringing the supreme pontiff closer to the level of other bishops, clergy, and faithful.

Might the presence of two living popes inside the Vatican sow confusion over where governing authority actually lay, or at least dilute the prestige of the unique role of vicar of Christ? Might the precedent of resignation make it easier to drive a future pope from office, thus introducing a new kind of political pressure into the leadership of the church?

The background of Pope Benedict's decision added to the sense of crisis. Although the 85-year-old pope said he was stepping down because of deteriorating "strength of mind and body," it was easy to believe that a year of scandal and controversy over leaked correspondence documenting corruption and incompetence in the Vatican had helped convince him he was "no longer suited to an adequate exercise of the Petrine ministry."

From that assumption, it was a small stretch to wonder whether the demands of the 21st-century papacy in terms of communications, management, and travel had grown too heavy for any man, especially one as old as most popes.

When the newly elected Pope Francis stepped out on the loggia in front of St. Peter's Basilica on the evening of March 13, 2013, his words and gestures seemed to encourage predictions of a downscaled papacy. The new pontiff broke



Retired Pope Benedict XVI greets Pope Francis at the Mater Ecclesiae monastery at the Vatican on Dec. 23, 2013. CNS photo/L'Osservatore Romano via Reuters

with usual practice by asking for the people's blessing before he gave them his own, and referred to himself simply as the bishop of Rome.

Was Pope Francis signaling his intention to play a less commanding role than his predecessors, demoting himself to the status of first among episcopal equals in a move toward some sort of democratization of the church?

The prospect of a weakened papacy may have seemed plausible in the wake of Pope Benedict's announcement, but in the subsequent year, the world has watched his successor assert his leadership in ways that have made the office stronger.

With his informal charisma, plain speaking, and spontaneous style, Pope Francis quickly garnered colossal popularity, whether measured by record turnouts at papal events or by the intensive and almost entirely favorable coverage by secular media.

Within the Vatican, the pope has not hesitated to replace officials in key positions and launch a process leading to a major overhaul of the church's central administration, the Roman Curia.

While Pope Francis has stressed the importance of collegiality, or consultation with

Francis has told reporters that he consults with his predecessor as he would with a "wise grandfather."

No less importantly from the point of view of the faithful, the two men's affectionate relationship has reinforced a sense of fundamental continuity between their pontificates, despite their striking stylistic differences when it comes to evangelization and celebration of the liturgy. Such reassurance is invaluable, given the pope's essential role in preserving church unity.

For all of Pope Francis' virtues as a leader, the strength of the office he holds today ultimately owes even more to his predecessor, who affirmed its importance in the very act of resigning. No words or gestures could have demonstrated more powerfully that the pope is not a mere figurehead, but truly the leader of 1.2 billion people around the world, than Pope Benedict's admission that a stronger man was needed to fill the role.

Living in remodeled convent, Pope Benedict is not cloistered, aides say

By Cindy Wooden
Catholic News Service

In retirement, Pope Benedict XVI follows a daily schedule similar to that of any retired bishop or religious: He prays, reads, strolls, talks with people, and offers them spiritual advice, a Vatican spokesman said.

Although he "lives in a low-key way, without public attention, that does not mean he's isolated or enclosed in a strict cloister," Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi told Vatican Radio.

Marking the one-year anniversary of Pope Benedict's resignation on Feb. 11, Father Lombardi and Archbishop Georg Ganswein, the retired pope's longtime personal secretary, spoke about the very

normal daily life of a man who is in the unusual position of being a retired pope.

Archbishop Ganswein, who continues as Pope Benedict's personal secretary while also serving Pope Francis as prefect of the papal household, summarized the retired pope's day as filled "with prayer most of all, with study, with personal correspondence and visits."

"The day begins with Mass, then with the breviary, followed by breakfast," he told *Famiglia Cristiana*, a Catholic magazine. "The morning usually is dedicated to prayer and study, to the mail and to receiving guests."

Archbishop Ganswein and the consecrated laywomen who assist the retired pope join him for lunch at 1:30, and a nap

always follows, he said. Pope Benedict spends the afternoon dealing with his correspondence and listening to music until 4 p.m., when he and the archbishop recite the rosary while walking in the garden behind the former Vatican convent where he lives. They eat dinner at 7:30 and watch the evening news at 8.

Archbishop Ganswein said Pope Benedict had told him he was retiring long before the Feb. 11 announcement, but under the strictest secrecy. "Instinctively, I said, 'No, Holy Father, it's not possible,' but I realized immediately that he wasn't communicating something he wanted to discuss, but a decision already made," the archbishop said.

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Front page photo: Sugar Grove St. Joseph Church, built in 1892 alongside the old Hocking Canal, combined three smaller congregations in Fairfield and Hocking counties.

CT photo by Tim Puet

PRACTICAL STEWARDSHIP

By Rick Jeric

Apocalypse

Were you able to sacrifice some time and attend daily Mass this past week? Just one extra day besides Sunday can really make a difference in our week. The participation and attention are different with a smaller crowd. Our meditation and desire to respond also are heightened. We participate as a parish community on Sunday, and our family joins us to let Our Lord know that He is worthy of our praise and worship for at least one hour per week. We participate as an individual during the week to let Our Lord know that He is worthy of our praise and worship every day of our lives. There is nothing more satisfying, nourishing, or powerful than the reception of the Eucharist – the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. It is something we cannot live without, and a source of strength and grace that can get us through anything that challenges us. I wonder sometimes how I do not go out of my way to do this every day of my life.

Apocalypse is one of those words that really has one meaning, but when you read or hear it, any number of things come to mind. We might think about someone standing on a street corner holding a sign reading “The End is Near.” Apocalypse has a certain ultimate finality to it. The Book of Revelation comes to mind, and all the mysterious imagery and prophecies of St. John are there to be pondered and meditated upon. The word itself – Apocalypse – is used interchangeably with Revelation. The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse throughout history have been feared, while at the same time, generations have sought to identify their appearance. Even today, when things seem to be very negative, low, pessimistic, and full of doom and gloom, we hear commentary that can include these references. The Four Horsemen are a part of the so-called seven signs or seals of the Apocalypse. They have been depicted in artwork and writing for centuries. For me, I have the vivid recollection of Marlon Brando in “Apocalypse Now” muttering “The horror, the horror.”

I am not the type of person who looks for signs of the coming of the Apocalypse as a sort of impending doom. I tend to be optimistic, and my glass is always half-full. But lately, I have been distracted by some unbelievable things that give me pause, and I am beginning to wonder if the end is near. It has nothing to do with the weather, not even the fact that a certain city can collect tens of millions of dollars in parking tickets, but can't plow and clear city streets when it snows. I offer three current signs of the Apocalypse. First, people around the world are appalled that a giraffe is butchered at a zoo in Denmark and fed to some lions. There was something not quite right with the young giraffe, so it was not needed. Right down the street from any of us, human babies that are not quite right are legally butchered each day, and very few of us are appalled. Second, before the upcoming draft, a highly rated college football player states publicly that he is gay. The NFL praises him for his courage. Third, the United Nations instructs the Roman Catholic Church on how canon law should be changed. The end may be closer than we think.

Our practical challenge is to live, work, and pray as if the end is near. No sensationalism and no paranoia, but simply a good, moral, and holy life. Our example sets the tone for everyone around us. Our lives are incredibly short, compared to eternity. Stand up strong for the unborn, love everyone as Jesus does, and pray for truly united nations.

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



The Catholic Foundation Launches New Women's Group

The Catholic Foundation is excited to announce a new initiative designed to bring Catholic women together to raise awareness and funds for charities in the Diocese of Columbus. The St. Martha Giving Circle will leverage a pooled fund to have a greater impact on the group's selected organizations.

The Marthas, as members are called, will gather to learn about organizations and their needs and will decide together which projects to fund. Members will vote annually in September to determine as many as three beneficiaries. Throughout the year, there also will be opportunities for the Marthas to share ideas and serve with one another, and plenty of time to socialize.

Women of all ages and backgrounds should consider joining the St. Martha Giving Circle. Gifts to the fund might range from \$10 to \$10,000, but The Catholic Foundation asks for a minimum contribution of \$100 for voting privileges. Nonvoting members are free to participate in all activities outside of the annual grantmaking vote.

The Catholic Foundation will host a wine and cheese mixer and information session on Thursday, March 13, for in-

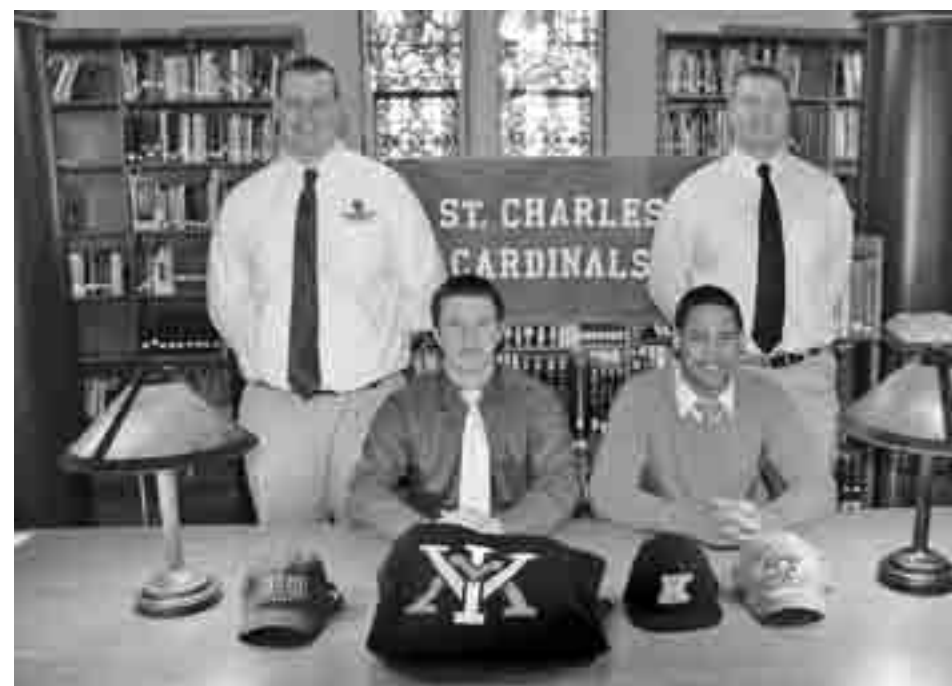
terested women to learn more about the group. The event will run from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Ruth Lang Board Room of The Catholic Foundation, 257 E. Broad St., with a special presentation at 6:30. To RSVP for this event, contact Betsy Sewell at BSewell@catholic-foundation.org or (1-866) 298-8893.

To join the St. Martha Giving Circle, or for additional information, visit www.catholic-foundation.org/TheMarthas, or stop by The Catholic Foundation booth at the Columbus Catholic Women's Conference on Saturday, Feb. 22.

The Catholic Foundation's mission is to inspire giving and assist donors to provide for the long-term needs of the 23-county Diocese of Columbus. The Foundation fulfills its mission by seeking donors to establish funds designed to support current and future needs and by distributing earnings according to community priorities and donor intent. It is one of the oldest and largest Catholic foundations in the nation, distributing more than \$65 million in the diocese since 1985.

For additional information about The Catholic Foundation, visit www.catholic-foundation.org.

St. Charles Signees



Four seniors at Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School have signed letters of intent to play football or soccer in college. They are (from left) David Heil, Tiffin, football; Andrew Hicks, Virginia Military Institute, soccer; Ben Hale, Bowling Green, football; and Nathan Puthoff, Kent State, football. Photo courtesy St. Charles Preparatory School

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He said the VatiLeaks scandal, which saw the publication of confidential papal correspondence and internal Vatican documents, “did not cause or even influence the resignation.”

“The pope did not flee a responsibility, but was courageous” enough to realize he no longer had the strength to carry out the papal ministry, he said.

Archbishop Ganswein also confirmed that Pope Francis and Pope Benedict speak frequently on the telephone and have done so since the evening Pope Francis was elected.

“I was in the Sistine Chapel to greet the new pope and promise him obedience,” the archbishop said.

“Immediately, Pope Francis asked me about Pope Benedict and said he

wanted to call him. I dialed the number and handed him the telephone.”

Father Lombardi said the pope and the retired pontiff have shown the world that there was nothing to fear with having Pope Benedict live in the Vatican while a new pope reigned.

“The fact is that the papacy is a service and not a power,” he said.

Pope Benedict “fulfilled his service before God and in good conscience passed the witness of this service to another.”

Father Lombardi said Pope Benedict's routine is that of “an elderly religious.” He said the retired pope's guests come for conversation and for dialogue and ask his advice.

DeSales Merit Finalist

Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School senior Claire Alexander has been recognized as one of about 15,000 National Merit Scholarship finalists nationwide. About 8,000 finalists will be merit scholarship winners, receiving a scholarship in or around March.

Three types of scholarships will be offered. Every finalist will compete for one of 2,500 National Merit \$2,500 Scholarships that will be awarded on a state represen-



tational basis.

About 1,000 corporate-sponsored scholarship awards will be provided by approximately 240 corporations and business organizations for finalists who meet their specified criteria.

In addition, about 200 colleges and universities are expected to finance 4,500 college-sponsored scholarship awards for finalists who will attend the sponsor institution.

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Back in His Arms Again Ministry Benefit

The Back In His Arms Again ministry for families who have experienced the loss of an infant will sponsor a benefit evening at 6 p.m. Saturday, March 8 at Columbus Immaculate Conception Church, 414 E. North Broadway.

The event will feature remarks by ministry founder Kambra Malone and ministry director Carrie Magalski; a talk by the ministry's medical liaison, Dr. Kathleen Q. Lutter; and testimony by two families who have been assisted by the ministry.

Believing that every life is precious and deserving of respect, Back In His Arms Again is an ecumenical lay ministry, based on Catholic morality that honors life from conception to natural death. Its mission is to help provide a proper and dignified burial for all babies and assist with emotional, spiritual, and physical support for grieving families.

It offers services such as coordination of funeral home and cemetery, providing burial layettes and vaults, and handling other needs a family may have.

The ministry also has been acting as a liaison between hospital systems, area funeral homes and cemeteries, and The

Catholic Foundation.

The ministry began more than seven years ago after Kambra and Shawn Malone lost their baby, Gabriel. When they were faced with this devastating news, they quickly realized they did not have any support within the community to help them through the loss. After the funeral, they decided that they never wanted another family to face similar trials.

Today, the ministry has grown to serve as many as 70 families a month. Each burial costs \$425 on average. Back In His Arms Again is working with Resurrection Cemetery in Lewis Center in anticipation of opening a Garden of the Holy Innocents, which will provide a permanent burial place for any baby and a memorial garden for anyone who has lost a child.

The ministry sponsors a Mass every three months at the cemetery to honor deceased infants. This year, it was awarded a social service focus grant by The Catholic Foundation, made possible by donations to the Foundation.

For reservations, send an email to backinhisarmsagain@gmail.com.

Administrative Coordinator Position Available



The Catholic Foundation is seeking a dynamic individual to provide support to Foundation staff.

This position requires a well-organized individual, with excellent written and oral communication skills. Tasks vary greatly from day to day and could include the following: welcoming all guests, providing general office support (sorting mail, filing, preparing meeting minutes and confirming attendance, scheduling appointments, maintaining corporate calendar, handwritten and typed correspondence, maintaining office supplies, etc), financial support such as payables and bank deposits, meeting preparation and setup, and other departmental support as needed. Ability to work as a team and to assist others is crucial. Additionally, there is an event coordination aspect to this position which includes securing a location, ordering food and materials, room setup and on-site preparations.

Potential candidates must be proficient with Microsoft Office and possess an understanding of Catholic stewardship and philanthropy.

This position is full-time, hourly and includes a comprehensive benefits package.

Minimum of an Associate's Degree in business or related field, and 2 years office experience. Completion of the VIRTUS "Protecting God's Children" course and a background screening are required.

For a complete job description, please visit:

www.catholic-foundation.org

Three godparents? Accepting son's new wife

Q. My son's girlfriend of two years has been attending Mass with us on a regular basis. She is now enrolled in weekly instructional classes and is scheduled to be baptized in a few weeks as a Catholic.

She had asked a couple who are longtime family friends to be her godparents, but neither one of them is a Catholic. She understands now that she will need a practicing Catholic as her official "sponsor," but was told that only two godparents can sign her baptismal certificate and feels awkward about telling the couple that one of them cannot sign. What should she do? (Missouri.)

A. First, we should be clear on the rule that governs such a situation. But we could also consider whether, while still following the rule, some accommodation might be made out of pastoral sensitivity.

The rule is clear: In the church's *Code of Canon Law*, No. 873 states that



QUESTION & ANSWER
by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE
Catholic News Service

"there is to be only one male sponsor or one female sponsor or one of each."

The next section, No. 874, goes on to explain that a sponsor must be a baptized Catholic, at least 16 years of age, who has received the sacraments of Eucharist and confirmation and who is living a life in conformity with the church's teaching. It also says that a baptized non-Catholic may participate in the ceremony together with a Catholic sponsor, but as a "witness" to the baptism rather than a sponsor.

The reason for requiring that a sponsor be a practicing Catholic is that the sponsor takes on the responsibility of assisting the baptized person's continued growth in the Catholic faith.

So in the situation you

present, the Catholic party would be the sponsor and one member of the non-Catholic couple could be the official "witness."

But here is my suggestion. In some cultures (Filipino is the one I'm most familiar with), it is customary for several close family friends to stand with the child at the christening, in addition to the two official "sponsors."

They do this as advocates for the child, endorsing his or her entrance into the church and pledging to support the person's development in the Christian faith. So why not do that with this couple?

Assuming that they are baptized non-Catholics, why not have them both stand with the young woman at her baptism, endorsing her choice,

along with the Catholic "sponsor"?

The couple could decide for themselves which of them will be the official "witness." That name will go on the certificate and in the parish's baptismal register, but they both will understand that they have played a key role in the young woman's ceremony and in her choice.

Q. My 54-year-old son, who was in a Catholic marriage for 27 years and has two adult children, recently divorced his wife and married a twice-divorced woman who worked with him. I am having trouble accepting this woman into our family, as my sympathy lies with his first wife who was blindsided by the divorce.

How can I overcome this disdain for the second wife, and do I have to accept her? (I keep communication open with my son, hoping he will come to his senses.) (City of origin withheld)

A. It depends on what you mean by "accept her." Do you have to welcome your son's situation with enthusiasm? Of course not. But what you might do is to try to manage your disdain and to treat your son and his new wife in a civil manner, being decent and kind and not excluding them from family gatherings.

If you've not done so, you might have a heart-to-heart with your son, telling him honestly of the discomfort you feel with his decision, of your continuing sympathy for

his former wife, and of your disappointment at his having neglected the guidance of the church in which he was raised -- all of this while assuring him of your lasting love for him.

I think you should also encourage him to attend Sunday Mass (if he's not doing so). Even though he is not permitted to take Communion because of his marital situation, there is value in his keeping a channel open to God and to the church -- and, coupled with your prayers, who knows what that might eventually bring?

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

BISHOP FLAGET SCIENCE FAIR PARTICIPANTS



Thirteen students received superior ratings in Chillicothe Bishop Flaget School's science fair, enabling them to proceed to district competition at Ohio University in March. Seventeen students received excellent ratings, and six students received ratings of good. Student projects were judged by area professionals in science- and engineering-related fields and members of the Ohio State University Alumni Association. Teacher Danielle McDaniel oversees the Flaget science fair program. Students receiving superior ratings are (from left): first row, Hannah Kessler, Audrey Huggins, Alison Gossman, Jenna Lapurga, and Julian Villarreal; second row, Heidi Arth, Brittany Lott, Deloris Corcoran, McKenna Reed, Ricky Villarreal, John Slater, and Joseph Herlihy. Not pictured is Michael Herlihy.

Photo courtesy Bishop Flaget School

HARTLEY FOOTBALL PLAYER SIGNEES

Five Columbus Bishop Hartley High School students have signed letters of intent to continue their careers in college. Their senior class has been the most decorated in Hartley football history, with a four-year record of 50-6 and a state championship (2010), an Associated Press poll championship (2012), a state runner-up finish (2013), three regional championships (2010, 2012, 2013), and four consecutive Central Catholic League championships (2010-13), as well as back-to-back undefeated regular seasons (2011, 2012). The five are (from left) Jacob Mercier, who will play at Ohio Dominican; Sam Mackowiak, Ashland; Kalil Morris, Kent State; Jared Brandewie, Walsh; and Alonzo Saxton, Duke.



Photo courtesy Bishop Hartley High School



EVAN FEENEY
NATIONAL MERIT
SCHOLARSHIP
FINALIST

Columbus Bishop Hartley High School student Evan Feeney has advanced in the National Merit Scholarship program to the level of finalist. Approximately 15,000 finalists are being considered for about 8,000 National Merit Scholarships which will be awarded in 2014 in three categories: 2,500 from the National Merit Scholarship Corp., 1,000 from corporate and business sponsors, and 4,500 from sponsoring colleges.

Photo courtesy Bishop Hartley High School

St. Matthew Women's Retreat

Gahanna St. Matthew Church invites all women of the diocese to its annual women's retreat from Friday to Sunday, March 28-30 at St. Therese's Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus.

Retreat leaders will be Father Ted Sill, pastor of the church, and its evangelization director, Jenna Zins, speaking on the theme "If You Are What You Should Be, You Will Set the World on Fire."

The cost of the weekend is \$120. To register or for more information, call Karen at (614) 855-3543 or JoEllen at (614) 475-5086.

Divine Mercy Presentation

The Sisters of Reparation to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus will present the message of Divine Mercy as given by Our Lord to St. Faustina at 7 p.m. Sunday, February 23 in Lancaster St. Mark Church, 324 Gay St.

The message of Divine Mercy as endorsed by Blessed John Paul II leads to deeper appreciation for the sacraments of mercy: the Holy Eucharist and Reconciliation. The sisters will present a one-hour talk, followed by veneration of a first-class relic of St. Faustina.

PRACTICING CHILD CARE SKILLS

Seventh-grade students at Columbus St. Andrew School recently participated in a "flour godchild" project. Each group of students was responsible for caring for and parenting a "godchild." This project helps the students learn the responsibility that parenting involves and how caring for a child is a full-time task.

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Fr. PETE GIDEON invites you to join him on Tuesday, March 4 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Mark Church, Lancaster, in the Opportunity Center to learn about a tour he is leading



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By Amy Parker



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Women's Philanthropy

Amy Parker is filling in for Loren Brown for this month's "On a Firm Foundation" column. Brown believes she is a much more qualified person to write on the topic of women's philanthropy.

In an address last summer to Justin Welby, the Anglican Archbishop of Canterbury, Pope Francis said the following:

"Among our tasks as witnesses to the love of Christ is that of giving a voice to the cry of the poor, so that they are not abandoned to the laws of an economy that seems at times to treat people as mere consumers."

In another address, the pope said:

"Poverty in the world is a scandal. In a world where there is so much wealth, so many resources to feed everyone, it is unfathomable that there are so many hungry children, that there are so many children without an education, so many poor persons. Poverty today is a cry. We all have to think if we can become a little poorer; all of us have to do this. How can I become a little poorer in order to be more like Jesus, who was the poor Teacher?"

Pope Francis sheds great light on the needs of the poor. He

serves as a beacon and calls us to care for them as Jesus did. We have many opportunities to do this in our own backyard. More than half the counties in our diocese have unemployment rates higher than the state average of 6.6 percent. We also claim one-quarter of the counties with jobless rates greater than 10 percent. Our food pantries saw the need increase by as much as 60 percent in the last few years, and the only grocery store in all of Vinton County closed last September. These are but a few problems our neighbors in need face daily.

One way The Catholic Foundation supports the schools, parishes, and ministries in the Diocese of Columbus is through responsive grants. The closing of The Challenge in Changing Times grant cycle at the end of January brought with it a record high in funding requests, totaling \$2.8 million. Although last year, we granted almost \$6 million in support of need throughout our diocese, the need is obviously great. This is where the Marthas come in – a new initiative from The Catholic Foundation to help address the outstanding need.

Many Christian women can identify with St. Martha, who

loved and served Jesus. The Bible tells us about Lazarus, her brother who was raised from the dead, and how her sister, Mary, anointed the feet of Jesus. But John 12:2 simply states, "Martha served." The St. Martha Giving Circle allows Catholic women to respond in community to Pope Francis' and Jesus' calls to serve.

The St. Martha Giving Circle brings women together to love our neighbors. Each of us has a unique understanding and knowledge of needs in our respective areas. The Marthas allow us to share these ideas and join together to raise awareness and funds for charities throughout our diocese in order to make a collective difference.

I hope you will consider joining the St. Martha Giving Circle. The Catholic Foundation is hosting an information session from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, March 13 at its offices, 257 E. Broad St., Columbus. I invite you to attend and learn more. For additional details, visit www.catholic-foundation.org/TheMarthas.

Amy Parker is vice president of grants management and diocesan partnerships for The Catholic Foundation. She is a parishioner at Westerville St. Paul Church.

Appalachian Fundraiser

A fundraiser for the Appalachian Project of Columbus St. Catharine and Christ the King churches will take place from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 23 in the undercroft of St. Catharine Church, 500 S. Gould Road. This is the 20th anniversary of the summertime program, in which young people from the two parishes go to rural Scioto County to help repair the homes of disadvantaged families.

The event will include the showing of two videos, one covering all 20 years of the project and

one focusing on last summer's work. A family from Scioto County will share how the work has impacted their community, and current youth participants will talk about what the project means to them.

Apple crisp with vanilla ice cream, a typical Appalachian dessert, will be served, and there will be a raffle with more than \$1,000 in prizes.

Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP to theappalachianproject94@gmail.com or to call (614) 237-0401.

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You Think God Cannot Use You? Think Again!

Leandro M. Tapay

If you ever wonder how in the world God could use you to change the world, think again. Look at the people God used to change history. They were not exactly what you would call "Who's Who" in purity and sainthood. Yet, strange as it may seem, it is this humanness that makes these people refreshing. If you ever need a reminder of God's tolerance, look at the lives of these people.



Eulogized by St. Paul for his faith, Abraham, the father of a nation, was a liar. To save his neck, he told his visitor that Sarah was not his wife, but his sister. Twice, he traded integrity for security. Can you build a nation on that kind of faith? God can – and He did.

Would you choose Moses, a wanted murderer, to lead a nation out of bondage? Would you call upon an 80-year-old fugitive to carry the Ten Commandments? God did.

And how about a fellow whose lust got a woman pregnant, tried to blame it on her husband, had her husband killed, and went on living like nothing ever happened? Well, you could say he was a man after God's heart. David's record is undesirable, but his

repentant spirit was unquestionable.

Jonah did not want to go to Nineveh, so he took another boat, and you know what happened to him. God put him in the belly of a fish to bring him back to his senses. But the fish could not stomach this missionary for too long and burped Jonah over a surf, and Jonah landed repentant on a beach.

And on and on the stories go: Elijah, the prophet who pouted; Solomon, the king who knew too much; Jacob, the wheeler-dealer; Gomer, the prostitute; Sarah, the woman who giggled at God. One story after another of God using man's best and overcoming man's worst.

king who knew too much; Jacob, the wheeler-dealer; Gomer, the prostitute; Sarah, the woman who giggled at God. One story after another of God using man's best and overcoming man's worst.

Look at the genealogy of Jesus. It is salted with dubious characters – Tamar the adulteress, Rahab the harlot, and Bathsheba, who tended to take baths in questionable places.

The point is clear: God used and continues to use people to change the world. People! Not saints or superhumans or geniuses. God uses people – crooks, creeps, lovers, and liars – He uses them all. And what they may lack in perfection, God makes up for in love. In other words, God can use you if you let him.

Do you remember the teenager who decided that life on the farm was too slow for his taste? With pockets full of inheritance, he set out to find the big time. But what he found instead were hangovers, fair-weather friends, and long unemployment lines. When he had just as much of the pig's life as he could take, he swallowed his pride and began his long journey home, all the while rehearsing a speech that he planned to give to his father.

But he never used it. Just when he got near his home, his father, who had been waiting for him at the gate, saw him. The boy's words of apology were quickly muffled by the father's words of forgiveness. And the boy's weary body fell into his father's open arms.

The same open arms welcomed him that had welcomed Abraham, Moses, David, and Jonah. The same open arms await us in the confessional! No wagging fingers or clenched fists or "I told you so," no interrogations or no crossed arms – just sweet, open arms.

If you wonder how God can use you to make a difference in the world, just look at those He has already used and take heart. Look at the forgiveness found in those open arms and take courage.

Leandro M. Tapay is director of the diocesan Missions Office.

Ohio Knights of Columbus scholarships awarded

The Ohio Knights of Columbus have awarded scholarships helping cover the cost of high school tuition to eight students from the Diocese of Columbus. Six of the students received their checks at the 16th annual clergy appreciation dinner of the Knights' Columbus chapter at the Villa Milano Banquet Center in Columbus. More than 190 priests, deacons, seminarians, and religious sisters were guests of 620 Knights and their families present for the dinner.

The Ohio Knights of Columbus scholarship program, instituted in 1995, awards 39 \$1,000 tuition aid scholarships every year to outstanding students of Catholic high schools throughout Ohio. Since its inception, the program has awarded more than

\$537,000 in financial aid to assist Catholic education in Ohio.

Scholarship recipients and Knights state officers pictured are (from left): first row, Brenna Kilbarger, Columbus Bishop Hartley High School; Alicia Kunkler, Zanesville Bishop Rosecrans High School; Olivia Britt, Columbus Bishop Watterson High School; Allison McCrady, Lancaster Fisher Catholic High School; Johathan Eskay-Zins, Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School; and Ha Nguyen, Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School; second row, Kenneth Girt, Knights state deputy; Gary Eckstein, past state deputy; Father William Kraynak, state chaplain; Kevin Miller, state advocate; and Dennis Shonebarger, past state deputy and state scholarship chairman. Scholarship recipients prevented from attending the dinner by bad weather were Christopher Meek, Newark Catholic High School; and Alyssa Blickensderfer, New Philadelphia Tuscarawas Central Catholic High School.

Photo courtesy Ohio Knights of Columbus



SUGAR GROVE ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

An extensive tradition and an active outreach to the community



BY TIM PUET

Reporter, Catholic Times

Even though the Fairfield County village of Sugar Grove sits just off busy U.S. 33, thousands of vehicles carrying truckers and tourists through the Hocking Hills region would whiz by at 65 mph without realizing the town was there if it weren't for the presence of the 60-foot steeple atop St. Joseph Church.

Since 1892, when the church was built, the steeple has been a dominating landmark clearly seen from both the current four-lane highway and its two-lane predecessor, soaring above the foliage that divides the town from the road in the warmer months and standing out sharply in the barren winter landscape when the leaves are off the trees.

In the words of a slogan on the cover of the parish bulletin, it's "the steeple you see from Route 33," a visible symbol of a church with an extensive tradition and an active outreach to the community.

The parish has about 170 families, most of whom are actively involved in one or more of its activities, said Father James Walter, its pastor since 2009. "We're very fortunate to have such an active membership," he said. "I think it's because of the nature of the parish community.

"It's an older parish, with about two-thirds of the membership consisting of adults 50 and older. Most of our households include married couples and their families who have been part of the parish for a number of years, some as long as seven generations" since the three churches

Top left: Sugar Grove St. Joseph Church is "the steeple you see from Route 33." Bottom left: The church's main altar, built at St. Joseph's Orphanage in Columbus. Right: Jim Stoner (left) and John Azbell display a mark from a former confessional built at the orphanage. CT photos by Tim Puet; altar photo courtesy St. Joseph Church

which combined to form the parish were founded in the 1850s.

"I feel like a relative newcomer, even though I've been here for about 25 years," parishioner Frank Applegate said jokingly on a recent Tuesday afternoon just after performing the role of altar server for the day's noon Mass, which was celebrated in the parish hall because workers were performing touch-up activity on the church's sanctuary renovation project.

"It didn't take me long at all to feel welcome when I came, because it's obvious that the people here are generous and devoted to this parish and were eager to get a newcomer involved," he continued. "There's definitely a strong sense of family here, and it didn't take me long to feel that I fit."

"It's a friendly parish, but at the same time, people don't try to overwhelm you," said parishioner Jim Stoner. "You know they are there to help when you need them." "That's a very comforting thing," added his wife, Janet. "That's a good way to describe what I've always felt here — just a sense of being secure and comfortable."

"Our people are very reliable, even during this recent stretch of bad weather," Father Walter said. "Despite the snow and cold, very few have missed Sunday Mass. I think it has something to do with the work ethic of the German families who founded the parish and whose descendants have stayed here. They tend to be quiet and reserved, but very faithful."

Sugar Grove itself is a very small community, covering about three-tenths of a square mile with a population of about 425. The parish, however, serves a much bigger area, consisting of 80 square miles in Berne Township in Fairfield County and the adjacent Hocking County townships of Good Hope and Marion, which have a combined population of around 8,000.

"Most of our families travel four to seven miles through the hills on rural roads to get here," Father Walter said. "It takes a bit of an effort, but people want to come because the Mass continues to be of great significance in their lives."

Although St. Joseph's is an older parish, Father Walter said its membership has remained stable for



Above: Father James Walter (left), pastor of Sugar Grove St. Joseph Church, and Msgr. James Geiger, pastor from 1992-2009, at the 2009 dedication of a stained-glass window in the parish hall. Right: Parishioners at the 2012 celebration of the 50th anniversary of Father Walter's ordination. Photos courtesy St. Joseph Church



several years, with deaths of older members being balanced by arrivals of people in the nearby Hide-A-Way Hills community, which serves as a year-round resort area and has become the permanent home for many of its former summer residents.

He said that in recent years, about five new households annually have become part of the parish. In addition, the church's location at the threshold of the Hocking Hills tourist region brings in visitors during much of the year for Masses at 5:30 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. Sunday.

Catholicism in Sugar Grove goes back to the missionary journeys of priests traveling through the area to and from Somerset and Lancaster in the early 1800s. What is now St. Joseph Church began with three frame churches which were built around 1853 — St. Joseph, on Horns Mill Road in Berne Township; Our Lady of Good Hope, in its namesake Hocking County township; and Sacred Heart in Bremen. Those three congregations were combined in 1892 when the current St. Joseph Church was built.

What has become the church's main altar as a result of its refurbishing was built by young men at St. Joseph's Orphanage in Columbus, the predecessor to the Pontifical College Josephinum, both of which were founded by Msgr. Joseph Jessing. The orphanage also built a number of other fixtures for the church, including a confessional with a marking identifying it as a product of the

orphanage. The confessional has been removed, but the mark of origin has been preserved and framed.

The church's original ornate high altar was taken down in the late 1950s and replaced by a less elaborate structure. The altar built at the orphanage was a side altar until being moved to the front of the sanctuary during the recent renovation. A second altar, built in 1858, was purchased from a church in New York state as part of the remodeling and serves as an altar of repose for the Blessed Sacrament.

Bent Tree Woodworking in Logan restored and extended the new main altar and created two matching side shrines and a new ambo. The altar of repose was cleaned, restored, and painted at the church by parish volunteers. Inspired Interior Creations by Boyden built an extension to the existing arch, bringing it down and extending it in a little more to form a frame. Artist Teresa Satola created five original pieces of artwork to complement the altar. Plaster repair, painting, and hanging of the new artwork was completed by Robert J. Hoch Inc. painting and decorating.

The project also included the addition of three sanctuary chairs, which came from St. Casimir Church in Youngstown and were purchased from a Cleveland church goods company and refinished locally. The parish received brass candlesticks from the Holy Family Jubilee Museum in Columbus, and in turn donated items including a priest's chair

and a pulpit to the museum.

During Lent, the brass candlesticks will be replaced by handmade wooden candlesticks, which were brought out of storage at the church. They were part of a series of six candlesticks, the other four of which went several years ago to Lancaster St. Mary Church.

Though the main work is completed, restoration of the church is ongoing. A five-foot-tall Sacred Heart statue from its vestibule is being refinished in Cleveland. In addition, Father Walter said "three niches are begging to be filled with statues of saints" and the purchase of new votive candles is being considered.

Bishop Frederick Campbell blessed the two restored altars on Sunday, Aug. 4 of last year. His visit included a stop to see Father Ronald Arter, a priest of the diocese for 52 years, who was pastor of Lancaster St. Mark Church from 1986-2004 and had taken up residence with his sister in Sugar Grove upon retirement from active ministry.

"Father Arter was a great supporter of the project," Father Walter said. "About six hours after the bishop came here, Father died. His death was unexpected because he appeared to be in good health. It was as though, having seen the restoration work blessed, he was ready to be called home."

Father Walter is the 21st pastor to serve the parish since its founding. Pastors with the longest tenure in Sugar Grove were Msgr. Edward

Kessler, who grew up in nearby Logan and was at St. Joseph's from 1964-85, and Msgr. James Geiger, pastor from 1992-2009, for whom the parish social hall is named.

Geiger Hall, which accommodates about 100 people, was built in 2009. "Its main use is for reunions or other big gatherings conducted by families in the parish," Father Walter said. "We have some very large extended families, and the hall is the best place in town for them to gather at one time."

The hall also is used by the village senior citizens group for its monthly luncheon and as a training site for block watch programs by local law enforcement agencies. One of its distinguishing features is a stained-glass window by Franklin Art Glass which covers the upper portion of one wall. "Msgr. Geiger put it there as a subtle reminder that although this is a social hall, it's also part of a Catholic church," Father Walter said.

Parishioners gather regularly in the hall after Mass on the first Sunday of every month for doughnuts and on the third Saturday evening of the month for soup and sandwiches, and a parish picnic takes place every summer. "But really, the big event in our parish is Mass every Saturday and Sunday. We're very fortunate that so many parishioners feel that way," Father Walter said.

The parish isn't large enough for

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a formal music program, but has choirs for most of its weekend Masses and a brass choir, consisting mainly of parishioners with some outside assistance, which plays at Christmas and Easter services.

"I was overwhelmed by the brass choir the first time I heard it," Father Walter said. "Bishop (Emeritus James) Griffin was amazed when he came here for confirmation, and several other people have said the same sort of thing to me."

"There's just a stirring feeling you get from hearing them," Applegate said. "It's one of those things that make you feel something special is going on here." On other recent occasions, parishioners' grandchildren who are violin students have played at Mass.

The parish hall has a basement which includes six classrooms, an office, and a storage area. About 25 students in grades one through 12 split by age into five groups for the Parish School of Religion program each Sunday. Three second-graders will receive their first Communion next month. Seventh- and eighth-graders and any older students who have not received the sacrament of Confirmation will be among a larger group to be confirmed by Bishop Campbell at Lancaster St. Bernadette Church in May.

Several parishioners are regular volunteers with The Foundation Dinners, a program which provides daily lunches and dinners for people in need in downtown Lancaster, the Fairfield County seat. Others provide assistance to the Lancaster conference of the St.

Vincent de Paul Society and bring the Eucharist to the homebound and those too ill to come to church.

Luncheons for funerals within the parish are handled by a group known as the Lazarus Committee. Parish volunteers also maintain the church's lawns, bushes, and flower beds, do routine maintenance work in the church and the hall, and provide enough blooms for special occasions that Father Walter said it's very rare for the parish to purchase flowers.

Sugar Grove has a Lutheran and a Methodist church in close proximity to St. Joseph's. The three congregations combine during the Christmas season for two events – a community Thanksgiving service which rotates among them, and Silent Night in Sugar Grove, a mid-Advent word and song procession which stops at all three churches.

St. Joseph's also is the host on a rotating basis for the Lancaster Deanery's annual celebration of the Feast of Corpus Christi and will be the site for a deanery-wide Pre-Cana marriage preparation program in April.

Adult education is ongoing through homilies, programs in neighboring parishes, distribution of the national Catholic newspaper *Our Sunday Visitor*, and subscriptions provided to every family in the parish for the *Catholic Times*.

"There's no better place to get the news of the diocese and an accurate look at what's going on in the Catholic Church at large," Applegate said. "I read the *Times* every week so I can know what's going on throughout the



Sugar Grove St. Joseph parishioners (from left) Janet Stoner, Jim Stoner, Judy Shonebarger, and Frank Applegate with Father James Walter, pastor, in the parish rectory. (CT photo by Tim Puet)

diocese, and occasionally attend an event as a result of what I read," said Jim Stoner. "I'm a former Catholic school teacher, and it's also a great way to keep up with some of the people I taught."

Four men and two women from the parish serve the Catholic Church as priests, religious, or lay missionaries.

Father Stephen Krile, pastor of Millersburg St. Peter Church, celebrated the 30th anniversary of his ordination to the diocesan priesthood in 2013. Brother Joseph Fox, CSC, is director of religious for the Brothers of the Holy Cross in South Bend, Ind. Sister Mary

Ann Sullivan, SSJ, is a member of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Baton Rouge, La. Sister Michaela Fox, SSJ, is with the Sisters of St. Joseph of Northwestern Pennsylvania in Erie, Pa. Deacon Frank Sullivan is chaplain at Columbus Bishop Hartley High School and serves at Lancaster St. Mary Church.

Eric Azbell, 29, has volunteered with the Catholic Medical Mission Board to serve as a nurse for one year in Honduras, providing free or low-cost medical service to the poor. A second collection was taken this past weekend to help pay for his expenses, with the parish matching donations up to \$1,100.



Left: Father Charles Klinger, pastor of Westerville St. Paul Church, talks to students about being "fishers of men" as members of their St. Vincent de Paul Society councils. Right: Newly commissioned students receive their St. Vincent de Paul Society pins from diocesan SVDP council president William Sparks. Photos courtesy St. Vincent de Paul Society



VINCENTIANS BRING CHRIST TO PEOPLE IN NEED

Father Charles Klinger challenged young people making their commitment to the Society to St. Vincent de Paul last month to step outside their comfort zone in serving the poor. He invited them to be fishers, just as Jesus and the apostles were fishermen.

"Fishing can be a little risky," said Father Klinger, pastor of Westerville St. Paul Church. "Fish have large teeth" and you need to be careful taking them off the hook.

Likewise, "the poor aren't always happy, not always treated like human be-

ings." Some "are going to act grumpy or worse," he said.

Vincentians bring Christ to people in serious need. "It is an adventure," he said. "You're going to take some risks to do good."

We're "trying to give humans dignity. To have enough to eat, a place to live," he said. "This is what Vincentians are called to be."

Students from Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School, Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School, and Columbus St. Anthony and Westerville St. Paul schools were commissioned by Father Klinger, who is diocesan spiritual director for the St. Vincent de Paul Society, and William Sparks, diocesan SVDP council president.

"I love the idea we can help others in a group," said Trey Gummer of St. Paul. "We can support each other while helping."

"When you help people, it brings them into the Catholic Church," said classmate Peter Moore.

Megan McCabe, a sophomore at Otterbein College who was active in the DeSales SVDP conference while in high school, attended the commissioning. She said being involved in the society "puts everything in perspective. We are used to having things given to us."

She said the conference helped prepare her for college life, where she had to find a cause in which she could get involved. "It's not as easy to find something. ... It's nice to have the background," she said.

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle A)

Love your enemies and do not seek retribution



Father
Lawrence L. Hummer

Leviticus 19:1-2,17-18
I Corinthians 3:16-23
Matthew 5:38-48

Because the Lord is holy, the people of the Lord must also be holy. To be holy is to be separate and apart from all other peoples and cultures, even as the Lord is separate and apart from all other gods because the Lord is over all those other gods. "Holy" is also to be regarded as "clean or pure," as opposed to the merely secular and profane. This is the thinking of biblical Israel, and the holiness of the Lord is the cause of Israel's call to be holy as well.

The word "holy" in Hebrew occurs 152 times in Leviticus, far more than anywhere else in the Old Testament, which is why some commentators refer to Leviticus 19 as the core of the entire book. This makes sense because so much of Leviticus has to do with the laws of worship and ritual purity, which require behavior which is different from the ordinary and the everyday.

We note that the words are addressed to "the whole Israelite community," which means that the community is to be holy, just as last week's Gospel was addressed to the disciples in the second person plural ("You are the salt of the earth ... you are the light of the world").

In Sunday's reading, we find the golden rule ("You shall love your neighbor as yourself" Leviticus 19:18). Jesus cites this as the second of the two commandments that are the greatest of all the commandments. Matthew will use a variation of this rule in the Gospel

to which we now turn our attention.

Matthew's version expresses the rule "You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy." Then Jesus says, "I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father." This is one of the most ignored of Jesus' teachings. It never said anywhere in the Old Testament to "hate one's enemies," but this phrase probably reflects the popular attitude in every generation of human beings. Sometimes we spend so much energy hating the enemy that there is little room left for loving the neighbor.

Easily as ignored in the teaching of Jesus is the saying about the law of retaliation. The law comes from Exodus 21:24 (see also Leviticus 24:20 and Deuteronomy 19:21). It reads: "An eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth." The law also includes a life for a life and a foot for a foot. The law was meant to prevent all-out revenge by the wounded party. It meant the maximum response to a lost eye was a lost eye or tooth and so on. The law was a way of preventing wars of revenge in response to the injury of one's own family or tribe. The law prevented taking more than a life for a life. Once done, it was not to simmer as an unresolved injury. Retaliation ended at that point. Later, rabbis placed financial value on injured body parts and the law applied equally to all parts of society, so that a financial payment replaced physical retribution.

In the teaching of Jesus, retribution is forbidden. Offering the left cheek after someone has slapped one on the right is a forgotten part of the Sermon on the Mount, and is too often ignored altogether by those who claim the name Christian. Revenge and retaliation has become the name of the game for far too many.

Christians are called to "be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect." Perfection is hard to attain.

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

Catholic Men's Luncheon Club Meeting

The March meeting of the Catholic Men's Luncheon Club will feature Shane Switzer sharing photos and stories and talking about the spiritual lessons he brought back to Columbus from his pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela, Spain in 2013.

The meeting will follow the 11:45 a.m. Mass on Friday, March 7 at Columbus St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., and will conclude by 1 p.m. No reservations are necessary. Participants are asked to donate \$10 to cover the cost of the lunch.

Switzer is a member of St. Patrick Church. He lives in Worthington with his wife, Gina, and has two adult sons and two granddaughters. Following a career in the Air Force, he came to Columbus in 1997. He has been in the information technology field following his retirement from the military



and currently serves as director of the Guidewire service offering for Quick Solutions, a local consulting firm.

He is a 2002 convert to the Catholic faith and has been active in parish and men's faith formation ever since. He is a past president of the Catholic Men's Luncheon Club and is

co-chairman of the board for the diocesan Catholic Men's Conference.

The Catholic Men's Luncheon Club meets on the first Friday of each month except January, July, and August. For more information about the organization, go to www.ColumbusCatholicMen.com.

The Weekday Bible Readings

MONDAY
James 3:13-18
Psalm 19:8-10,15
Mark 9:14-29

TUESDAY
James 4:1-10
Psalm 55:7-11,23
Mark 9:30-37

WEDNESDAY
James 4:13-17
Psalm 49:2-3,6-11
Mark 9:38-40

THURSDAY
James 5:1-6
Psalm 49:14-20
Mark 9:41-50

FRIDAY
James 5:9-12
Psalm 103:1-4,8-9,11-12
Mark 10:1-12

SATURDAY
James 5:13-20
Psalm 141:1-3,8
Mark 10:13-16

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 23, 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 I-Lifetv (Channel 113 in Ada, Logan, Millersburg, Murray City and Washington C.H.; Channel 125 in Marion, Newark, Newcomertown 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 III, Seasonal Proper of the Liturgy of the Hours

Jesus, the Church and the Cultural Elite

We often hear about the cultural elite and its battles with Christianity in general and Catholicism in particular. The question is: What is the cultural elite and how long has it existed? The cultural elite consists of those who shape the culture and who sometimes view themselves as being smarter than everyone else. In our day and age, that would mean elements of the news and entertainment media. In centuries past, it would have meant those who held sway over the people. For example, the cultural elite in Moses' day whipped up the people to worship the golden calf when Moses took a little bit longer than they had wanted him to on Mount Sinai.

The arguments were the same then as today: "What's wrong with people expressing themselves in their own way?" and "Who's to say what's right and wrong?" Well, we saw what happened when Moses came down from Mount Sinai. God made the people wander in the desert for another 40 years until they entered the Promised Land.

Jesus encountered the cultural elite in the form of the Scribes, Pharisees, and the Roman government. He held them in contempt by pointing out their hypocrisy. Jesus incurred the wrath of the Scribes and Pharisees by telling his followers to listen to their religious leaders when it came to accepting the Mosaic Law, but not to be like them on a personal level.

Jesus incurred the wrath of the Romans by not cowering in front of them. He told Pilate that his authority was only fleeting. Earlier, Jesus also mocked the power of the Roman Empire by asking whose image



THE TIDE IS TURNING
TOWARD CATHOLICISM
David Hartline

was on a Roman coin. The Son of God certainly knew who Caesar was, but by asking, he showed how futile Caesar's power really was in the presence of God.

After Christianity was legalized in the Roman Empire, the cultural elite didn't directly challenge the Church for some time. It would take the Enlightenment and the French Revolution to bring man's ego to a point where he would openly fathom taking on what is holy. There later was a time when Hollywood respected the Church and never challenged it, though the cultural values of the two may have been vastly different.

I saw this firsthand on my trips to Family Theater in Hollywood for several speaking engagements. The basement of Family Theater is full of old plaques and pictures of some of the stars who took part in Family Theater films and radio programs, including Ronald Reagan, Grace Kelly, James Dean, and William Shatner, among a host of others. Father Patrick Peyton, "the Rosary Priest," who started Family Theater and is being considered for sainthood, often was honored by Hollywood's elite with stately dinners whose proceeds would aid the charitable causes of the Church.

As late as the 1970s, television shows like *Adam-12*, *Columbo*, *Dragnet*, *Hawaii Five-O*, *Ironsides* and *The Rockford Files* had heroic crimefighting figures whose personal lives were exemplary and who often made great personal sacrifices to help protect the citizens in their charge. Nowadays, the hero in many shows has many tragic flaws which barely separate him or her from the villain.

Today's cultural elite hammers on Christianity that it must change to be relevant with the times, and these forces seem to have particular venom directed at the Catholic Church. In the 1960s, many people tried to get churches to change their doctrine. The Catholic Church never did and never will. Those churches that did change their teachings have become so small in number that in some cases, they barely exist. Columnist Ross Douthat was amazed that some people believe they are headed to heaven simply because they desire it. In other words, that God will be so impressed with their intellect that he will simply have to let them inside the pearly gates, regardless of what they have done. What a sad delusion to live under, and what a cold dose of reality will be dealt to them.

Make no mistake. For some of the cultural elite, the battle is not with the Catholic Church or any particular church, but with Jesus himself. Pride certainly does come before the fall. The antidote is to live humble lives, following God's truths and reflecting his love.

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

St. Charles Presents "Almost, Maine"

The St. Charles Preparatory School drama department is proud to announce its winter production, the romantic comedy *Almost, Maine* by John Cariani. *Almost, Maine* will be presented at 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, Feb. 27 and 28 and March 1, and 3 p.m. Sunday, March 2 in the campus theater, 2010 E. Broad St. Adult tickets are \$10 each and student tickets are \$5. Reservations may be placed by calling the St. Charles main office at (614) 252-6714 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Cast members include (from left): first row, Maria Beard, Ada Cleary, Tess Golonka, Allison Freed, Finn Cleary, and Shannon Cogan; second row, Nick Anderson, Natalie Belford, Carl Mahler, Maggie Turek, Carrick Reider, Jackson Mittlesteadt, Marc Rankin, and Matt Munsell.

On a cold winter night graced with the northern lights, the remote community of Almost, Maine sparkles with won-

der. As the night progresses, nine couples experience the various unpredictable elements of love – that first spark, heartbreak, falling in love, breaking up, and the joys of discovering you're meant for each other, or perhaps not. Filled with comic and poignant tales, *Almost, Maine* examines our search for human connection.

Actor John Cariani (*Law & Order: Numb3rs*) began writing when he found contemporary audition materials lacking and decided to create his own. His monologues evolved into scenes that eventually became *Almost, Maine*. A love letter to northern Maine, where he grew up, the play premiered at the Portland Stage Company in 2004 and became the most successful production in its history. The comedy took off like a proverbial snowball in regional and international theaters. *Almost, Maine* was the most-produced play in North American high schools last year, un-



seating Shakespeare's *Midsummer Night's Dream* from the No. 1 slot, according to *Dramatics* magazine.

Whimsical, effervescent, and endearing, *Almost, Maine* is a heartwarming midwinter night's dream about the

joys and perils of romance. Knees are bruised. Hearts are broken. Love is lost, found, and confounded. And life for the people of *Almost, Maine* will never be the same.

Almost, Maine: It's love. But not quite.

Pray for our dead

- BAKER, Marjorie A., 87, Feb. 9**
St. Nicholas Church, Zanesville
- BOCH, Gary L., "Ollie," 72, Feb. 11**
St. Mary Church, Bremen
- BODENBENDER, Joann G., 76, Feb. 14**
St. Matthew Church, Gahanna
- CHIODO, Robert L., 79, Feb. 12**
St. Michael Church, Worthington
- CONTURO, Robert D., 55, Feb. 9**
St. Mary Magdalene Church, Columbus
- FISHER, Rodney E., 85, Feb. 14**
St. Rose Church, New Lexington
- FISHER, Verna, Feb. 14**
St. Joan of Arc Church, Powell
- HAWKINS, James A. "Jake," 70, Feb. 9**
St. Nicholas Church, Zanesville
- KELLY, Dr. David R., 73, Feb. 13**
St. Joan of Arc Church, Powell
- McQUADE, Mary M., 55, Feb. 11**
St. Brigid of Kildare Church, Dublin
- MESS, Marie C., 96, Feb. 14**
St. Mary Magdalene Church, Columbus

- MILLER, Charles, 68, Feb. 12**
St. Joan of Arc Church, Powell
- O'DONNELL, Dolores C., 87, Feb. 9**
Our Lady of Victory Church, Columbus
- PASSEN, Patricia A., 51, Feb. 11**
St. Andrew Church, Columbus
- PUTNAM, Mary A., 86, Feb. 9**
Immaculate Conception Church, Dennison
- REIK, Edward J., 82, Feb. 11**
St. Michael Church, Worthington
- SCHMIDT, William A., 89, Feb. 12**
St. Mary Church, Groveport
- SCOTT, Charles W., 96, Feb. 2**
St. Brendan Church, Hilliard
- SOLAZZO, Antonio S., 73, Feb. 13**
St. John the Baptist Church, Columbus
- SOLLER, Mary J., 82, Feb. 12**
Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Marysville
- SWANK, William F., 76, Feb. 13**
St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark
- WRIGHT, Howard, 84, Feb. 8**
St. Elizabeth Church, Columbus

Catholic Journalist John Allen to speak at the Josephinum

One of the leading American observers of events at the Vatican, John L. Allen Jr., will speak on "Pope Francis and the World's Religions" at a lecture sponsored by the Theological Consortium of Greater Columbus at the Jessing Center of the Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 N. High St., Columbus.

The event, the consortium's 10th annual lecture on world religions and interreligious dialogue, will take place at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 2. Reservations are not required. For information, contact the academic dean's office at the Josephinum at (614) 985-2274 or cebbling@pcj.edu.

Allen is associate editor of *The Boston Globe* and senior Vatican analyst for the Cable News Network. He previously spent 16 years as senior correspondent for the *National Catholic Reporter*.

Allen is the author of seven books on the Vatican and Catholic affairs, including *The Rise of Benedict XVI: The Inside Story of How the Pope was Elected and What it Means for the Catholic Church*; *Opus Dei: An Objective Look behind the Myth and Reality*

ality of the Most Controversial Force in the Catholic Church; *The Future Church: How Ten Trends are Revolutionizing the Catholic Church*; and *The Global War on Christians: Dispatches from the Front Lines of Anti-Christian Persecution*.

The Tablet, a British Catholic newspaper, referred to Allen as "the most authoritative writer on Vatican affairs in the English language," while renowned papal biographer George Weigel described him as "the best Anglophone Vatican reporter ever." Veteran religion writer Kenneth Woodward of *Newsweek* said Allen is "the journalist other reporters — and not a few cardinals — look to for the inside story on how all the pope's men direct the world's largest church."

The Theological Consortium of Greater Columbus includes the Josephinum, Trinity Lutheran Seminary, the Methodist Theological School in Ohio, and the Bexley Hall Seabury Western Theological Seminary Federation. For more information, contact Dr. Paul Numrich at (740) 362-3443 or pnumrich@mtso.edu.

Pope talks about facing the truth

By Cindy Wooden

Being truthful about what is in one's heart isn't always easy, but is essential to a good and holy life, Pope Francis said at a parish on the outskirts of Rome.

"I think it would do us good today to think about not whether our souls are clean or soiled, but to ask, 'What is in my heart? What do I hold inside that I know and no one else does?'" the pope said during a Feb. 16 Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish.

"Facing the truth about ourselves is not easy," he said at the Mass after having met youngsters preparing for first Communion and confirmation, parents of recently baptized babies, and members of a group for families with children who have disabilities.

Focusing on the day's Gospel reading from the fifth chapter of Matthew, Pope Francis talked about Jesus' warning that speaking ill of someone is like killing him in one's heart and that lusting after someone is like

committing adultery in one's heart.

"We must ask ourselves what is inside because what is inside will come out and does harm if it is evil, and if it is good, it comes out and does good," he said.

As he did during his Angelus address at the Vatican earlier in the day, the pope also spoke forcefully about the sin of gossip and speaking ill of others. "Whoever insults his brother kills him in his heart; whoever hates his brother kills him in his heart; whoever gossips against his brother kills him in his heart," he said.

At the Angelus, the pope said that gossiping is like eating candy -- it begins as something pleasurable, "but in the end it fills our hearts with bitterness and poisons us, too."

"I'll tell you the truth," he told the crowd in St. Peter's Square, "I am convinced that if each one of us would make a resolution to avoid gossip, in the end we'll become saints!"

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20, THURSDAY
Open House, Information Night at Holy Spirit School
9 to 11 a.m., Holy Spirit School, 4382 Duchene Lane, Columbus. Open house for parents of prospective students, followed at 7 p.m. by information night. **614-861-0475**

21, FRIDAY
'Looking for God' Talk at St. John Neumann
7 to 8:30 p.m., St. John Neumann Church, 9633 East State Route 37, Sunbury. Father Thomas Blau, OP, chaplain at Ohio Dominican University, speaks on "Looking for God in all the Right Places." **740-965-1358**

21-23, FRIDAY-SUNDAY
Bishop Ready Presents 'Harvey'
7 p.m. Friday and Sunday, 2 p.m. Saturday, Bishop Ready High School, 707 Salisbury Road, Columbus. School drama department presents Mary Chase's comedy "Harvey," about a man and his invisible six-foot rabbit. **614-276-5263**

22, SATURDAY
Columbus Catholic Women's Conference
7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Voinovich Building, State Fairgrounds, Columbus. Seventh annual Columbus Catholic Women's Conference, with talks by Sister Miriam James, SOLT, Kimberly Hahn, and Rebecca Dussault. **614-398-2292**

Life and Mercy Mass in Plain City
9 a.m. Mass, St. Joseph Church, 140 West Ave., Plain City. Saturday Life and Mercy Mass, followed by rosary and confession. **614-565-8654**
Red Cross Bloodmobile at Corpus Christi
10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Corpus Christi Church, 1111 Stewart Ave., Columbus. American Red Cross bloodmobile visit. **1-800-733-2767**

Valentine Dinner at Delaware St. Mary
5:30 to 9 p.m., Beitel Commons, St. Mary Church, 82 E. William St., Delaware. Valentine dinner for engaged and married couples. Speaker: Msgr. Eugene Morris of the Pontifical College Josephinum. **740-362-1542**
ProMusica, Lancaster Chorale Present Mozart Mass
5:30 p.m., Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 N. High St., Columbus. ProMusica Chamber Orchestra and the Lancaster Chorale present Mozart's "Great Mass in C Minor" and Giya Kancheli's "Midday Prayers." **614-464-0066**

23, SUNDAY
St. Agatha Adult Religious Education
9:40 to 10:40 a.m., St. Agatha Church, 1860 Northam Road, Columbus. "The Vatican Questionnaire: Consulting the People in the Pews" with Father Edmund Hussey. **614-488-1971**

St. Christopher Adult Religious Education
10 to 11:15 a.m., St. Christopher Parish Center, 1420 Grandview Ave., Columbus. "When I Was in Prison, I Visited You" with Rose Hamilton, Catholic contract chaplain at state Rehabilitation and Correction Department's Franklin Medical Center. **614-488-1971**

Praise Mass at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal
11 a.m., Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refugee Road, Columbus. Praise Mass with upbeat contemporary music. **614-861-1242**
St. Catherine of Bologna Secular Franciscans
2:30 to 5 p.m., St. Francis of Assisi Church, 386 Buttles

Ave., Columbus. Rosary, Liturgy of the Hours, followed by general meeting, ongoing formation, and social.

Elizabeth Bowen, OFS **614-276-1953**
Cathedral Music Series
3 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Concert with Christophe Mantoux, professor of organ at the Conservatoire Regional de Paris. **614-241-2526**

Fundraiser for Appalachian Project
3:30 to 4:45 p.m., St. Catharine Church, 500 S. Gould Road, Columbus. Fundraiser for Appalachian project of St. Catharine and Christ the King churches. Food, fellowship, videos, raffle. **614-237-0401**

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**

ProMusica, Lancaster Chorale Present Mozart Mass
7 p.m., Southern Theater, 21 E. Main St., Columbus. ProMusica Chamber Orchestra and the Lancaster Chorale present Mozart's "Great Mass in C Minor" and Giya Kancheli's "Midday Prayers." **614-464-0066**

Divine Mercy Presentation at St. Mark
7 p.m., St. Mark Church, 324 Gay St., Lancaster. Sisters of Reparation to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus present the message of Divine Mercy, followed by veneration of a first-class relic of St. Faustina. **740-653-1229**

24, MONDAY
Bethesda Post-Abortion Healing Ministry
6:30 p.m., support group meeting, 2744 Dover Road, Columbus (Christ the King convent, first building west of the church). **614-718-0277, 614-309-2651, 614-309-0157**
Our Lady of Peace Men's Bible Study
7 p.m., Our Lady of Peace Church, 20 E. Dominion Blvd., Columbus. Bible study of Sunday Scripture readings. **614-459-2766**

Scott Hahn 'Salvation History' Bible Study
7 p.m., 1112 Firth Ave., Worthington. Third session of seven-week Bible study using Dr. Scott Hahn's salvationhistory.com, with teachers Thom and Lorna Lisk. **614-841-1776**

25, TUESDAY
Serra Club of North Columbus Meeting
Noon, Jessing Center, Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 N. High St., Columbus. Serra Club of North Columbus meeting, with Father Jeff Rimelspach, pastor Columbus St. Margaret of Cortona Church, speaking on the life of Blessed Junipero Serra. Reservations required.
ODU Adult and Continuing Education Open House
6 to 7:30 p.m., Ohio Dominican University Dublin site, 5605 Blazer Parkway, Dublin. Open house presenting information on adult and continuing education programs at ODU's Dublin location and main campus. **614-251-7400**
Medicare Presentation at Our Lady of Perpetual Help
7 to 8 p.m., Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 3730 Broadway, Grove City. Presentation by Seniority Benefit Group focusing on what senior citizens need to know about Medicare enrollment when planning retirement in the coming year. **614-875-3322**

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**

26, WEDNESDAY
Charismatic Mass at St. Elizabeth
7 p.m., St. Elizabeth Church, 6077 Sharon Woods Blvd., Columbus. Charismatic Mass sponsored by Columbus Catholic Charismatic Renewal, preceded by praise and worship at 6, with coffee-only fellowship following Mass. **614-914-8556**

Prayer Shawl Workshop at Shepherd's Corner
7 to 8:30 p.m., Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. First of four workshops on making prayer shawls with Sister Diane Kozlowski, OP. Patterns available. Beginners welcome. Registration deadline Feb. 24. **614-866-4302**

27, THURSDAY
'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 3: "The Meaning of a Sacrament." **614-224-9522**

27-MARCH 2, THURSDAY-SUNDAY
St. Charles Presents 'Almost, Maine'
8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, St. Charles Preparatory School, 2010 E. Broad St., Columbus. School drama department presents "Almost, Maine," a romantic comedy by John Ciani. **614-276-5263**

28-MARCH 2, FRIDAY-SUNDAY
Stitching Retreat at Corpus Christi Center of Peace
Corpus Christi Center of Peace, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus. "Stitching Into Mystery: Yarncraft as Contemplative Practice," a retreat weekend for knitters and crocheters. Cost: \$100 for overnight accommodations and four meals, \$50 for commuters, including Saturday lunch and supper. **614-512-3731**

MARCH

1, SATURDAY
Columbus Catholic Men's Conference
8 a.m. to 2:45 p.m., Voinovich Building, State Fairgrounds, Columbus. 17th annual Columbus Catholic Men's Conference, with talks by Damon Owens, Father Tony Stephens, CPM. Brad Burchfield, and Father William Casey, CPM. **614-798-1792**

Mary's Little Children Prayer Group
Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refugee Road, Columbus. 8:30 a.m., confessions, 9 a.m., Mass, followed by Fatima prayers and Rosary (Shepherds of Christ format); 10 a.m., meeting. **614-861-4888**
Bishop Ready Placement Examination
8:45 a.m. to noon, Bishop Ready High School, 707 Salisbury Road, Columbus. Placement examination for incoming freshmen. **614-276-5263**

Lay Missionaries of Charity Day of Prayer
9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sacred Heart Church, 893 Hamlet St., Columbus. Monthly day of prayer for newly formed Columbus chapter of the Lay Missionaries of Charity, an international association of laypersons who follow and are affiliated with Blessed Mother Teresa's religious order, the Missionaries of Charity. Day includes Mass, prayers of thanksgiving, studies of the LMC statutes and related literature of Mother Teresa, lunch, Eucharistic Holy Hour, and Benediction. Confession available. **614-372-5249**

Life and Mercy Mass in Plain City
9 a.m. Mass, St. Joseph Church, 140 West Ave., Plain City. Saturday Life and Mercy Mass, followed by rosary and confession. **614-565-8654**

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WEDNESDAY	The Catholic Doctors with Drs. Parker and Turek	Bishop Frederick Campbell
THURSDAY	Msgr. Eugene Morris	Raising Saints with Katy Wyatt
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MOVIE

“Son of God” movie is a love story, say husband-wife producers

SON OF GOD

By Mark Pattison
Catholic News Service

The upcoming movie *Son of God* should be seen as “a love story,” said two of its executive producers, the husband-and-wife team of Mark Burnett and Roma Downey.

“This really is a love story -- the greatest love story ever told,” Downey said.

The couple brought the 10-hour miniseries *The Bible* to television last year, garnering sizable ratings on the History Channel.

Among those 10 hours was the story of Jesus. Burnett and Downey decided even before the miniseries was televised that they would make a separate movie

focusing on Jesus.

“When we were in Morocco filming,” Downey said, “I said to Mark, ‘We should have been making a film here.’” Downey, perhaps best-known for her starring role for nine seasons on *Touched by an Angel*, plays Mary, the mother of Jesus.

Burnett, whose TV successes have been primarily in reality programming from *Survivor* to *Shark Tank* to *The Voice* to *The Apprentice* to *Are You Smarter Than a Fifth Grader?* concurred, but noted, “It wasn’t shot any differently” for multiplexes than *The Bible* had been for TV. “We use different camera angles. We shoot so much film of every scene it’s



easy to make alternate choices,” he said. *Son of God* premieres in theaters nationwide on Friday, Feb. 28. It tells the story of Jesus through the eyes of an elderly St. John -- the only apostle who did not meet a martyr’s fate -- on the island of Patmos.

The film portrays the same kind of brutality seen in *The Passion of the Christ* a decade ago, although it’s concealed or suggested, as it had been in the miniseries. *Son of God* is rated PG-13 by the Motion Picture Association of America for “intense and bloody depiction of the Crucifixion, and for some sequences of violence.” Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

Downey did not dwell on the violent aspect of the movie, but, in comparing the two films, noted that Mel Gibson’s film presupposes the viewer knows the story of Jesus, as it begins with Holy Thursday. *Son of God*, though, begins with Jesus’ birth, and through the signs and wonders he performs in the first hour of the movie, she said, “you get a chance to fall in love with him all over again.”

During a Feb. 4 interview with Catholic News Service while Downey and Burnett were in Washington to promote the movie, Downey said the endorsement of religious leaders is a big help. Two Catholic prelates have endorsed *Son of God*: Cardinal Donald W. Wuerl of Washington and Archbishop Jose H. Gomez of Los Angeles. High-profile Protestant leaders endorsing the film include Bishop T.D. Jakes and the Rev.

Rick Warren. “Cardinal Wuerl has been so much of a help to us,” she said.

Burnett said the Anti-Defamation League had also given its stamp of approval, based in large part on the depiction of events that lead up to Jesus’ death: Pontius Pilate having been the fourth Roman governor of a politically restive Judea in the last 20 years; Jerusalem’s temple leaders, embodied by Caiaphas, being aware of Pilate’s threat to shut down the temple, even at Passover, if Jewish unrest is not tamped down; and the arrival into the holy city of a Nazarene miracle-worker whose reputation precedes him. Burnett added his hope that *Son of God* audiences “could actually see themselves as the disciples” in this stew of political intrigue.

One of Downey’s favorite moments in the movie is not from the dramatic side of the movie, but something that wasn’t in the script. In a scene presaging Jesus’ feeding of 5,000 people, Jesus and the Apostles are in a boat near the coastline. Children running along the shore wave to Jesus, and Jesus (Diogo Morgado) waves back and smiles.

“That wasn’t Jesus waving,” Downey said. “That was Diogo waving.” “We got so much feedback (after the miniseries) from people saying they like what Diogo Morgado brought to the role.” She added that she thought it fortuitous that a Latin American was cast as Jesus -- Morgado is Brazilian -- at the same time as the Argentine-born Pope Francis was chosen to lead the Catholic Church.

NEWS IN PHOTOS FROM AROUND THE WORLD



Miami Archbishop Thomas G. Wenski smiles as he leans on his Harley-Davidson motorcycle on Feb. 9 at Mary Help of Christians Church near Fort Lauderdale, Fla., before the opening Mass for the second annual Archbishop’s Poker Run charity ride, benefiting Miami Catholic Charities’ St. Luke’s Center for alcohol and drug rehabilitation. Archbishop Wenski led more than 100 men and women on the 72-mile ride from the Fort Lauderdale area to south Miami. CNS photo/Tom Tracy



An engaged couple waits for the start of Pope Francis’ Valentine’s Day audience in St. Peter’s Square at the Vatican on Feb. 14. CNS photo/Paul Haring



Pope Francis’ new national identification card is seen in this undated handout photo taken by Argentina’s Interior Ministry and distributed on Feb. 17. “The pope wanted to continue having normal Argentine documents,” said Vatican spokesman Father Federico Lombardi, SJ. “This doesn’t mean that he isn’t also the head of state of Vatican City and the pontiff.” CNS photo/Reuters, Interior Ministry

CATHEDRAL CONCERT

Christophe Mantoux

World-renowned organist Christophe Mantoux will perform in concert at St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 23.

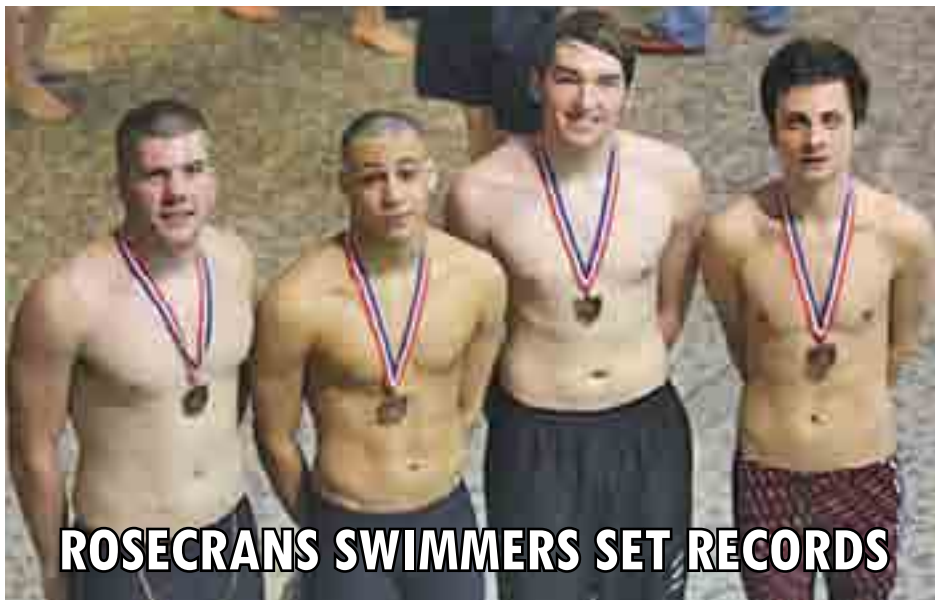
Mantoux is professor of organ at the *Conservatoire Régional de Paris*. Before his appointment there, he was professor of organ at the *Conservatoire National de Région* of Strasbourg from 1992 to 2011, where he taught students from all over Europe, the United States, South America,



South Korea, and Japan. He also holds the post of titular organist at the Church of Saint-Séverin in Paris, where he has served since 1995.

His international career as a concert organist has taken him to more than 20 nations in Europe, North and South America, and Asia, including South Korea, Japan, and the United States. Such extensive concertizing has given him the rare opportunity to perform on many fine instruments from diverse traditions of organ building, enriching his understanding of the organ and its music.

In 1984, Mantoux won the prestigious first prize in interpretation at the international organ competition in Chartres, France. Following that success, he was titular organist at Chartres Cathedral from 1986-92. He remains a member of the artistic committee of the Chartres organ competition.



ROSECRANS SWIMMERS SET RECORDS

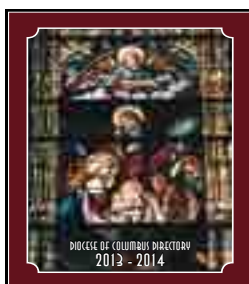
The Zanesville Bishop Rosecrans High School swim team, coached by Theresa Baughman, may be small in numbers, but is fierce in the water. The team broke six school records during the district meet at The Ohio State University. The team consists of seniors Leah Baughman, Anthony Moore, and Malle Schilling; juniors Daniel Clifford and Brendon Schaumleffel; sophomore Gabe Skrobot; and freshman Zac Anderson.

School records were broken by the 200-yard medley relay team of Skrobot, Schaumleffel, Clifford, and Moore (1 minute 50.72 seconds) and the 200 free-style relay team of Skrobot, Schaumleffel, Moore, and Clifford (1:41:68). Individual records were set by Skrobot in the 50 free (23.91) and the breaststroke (1:06.06, breaking his own 2013 record) and by Clifford in the 100 butterfly (53.71) and the 100 backstroke (56.09). Clifford was seeded 17th for the butterfly at this weekend's state meet in Canton.

Photo: Zanesville Bishop Rosecrans High School swimmers who broke school records in the district meet at The Ohio State University are (from left): Gabe Skrobot, Daniel Clifford, Brendon Schaumleffel, and Anthony Moore. Photo/Bishop Rosecrans High School

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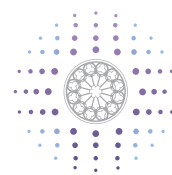
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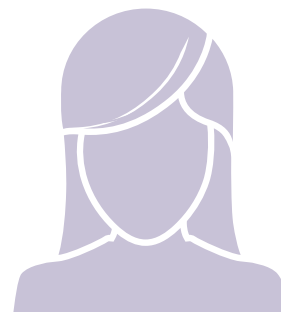
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