ST. BRIGID OF KILDARE: MANY STRANDS, ONE PARISH
Finding Faith

By David Scan, Editor

self is our necessary food: “Unleash you out the flesh of the Son of Man; ... you do not have life within you,” the Father’s constant commitment for maintaining our life in Jesus. In maturity, we recognize the real place of God in our lives: the revelation that Jesus is the Creator, who cares for us, we are entirely dependent on His truth and grace. Our destiny is in His hands. This maturity of faith comes only with time and effort. The members of the Savannah community were introduced to Jesus through the things told to them by the woman at the well, but they came to realize that He was the Christ they sought out backward and for themselves that He was the Savior of the entire world. Likewise, Jesus’ apostles did not immediately grasp the full depth of who He was. They understood enough that they gave up everything to follow Him. But it took a whole series of encounters, culminating in His crucifixion, resurrection, and the gift of the Holy Spirit before they could fully appreciate the faith that can move mountains.

This week, Catholic Times takes a look at how faith in Christ is nourished and shared at St. Bridget of Kildare Church in Dublin. During Lent, we can all take some time and make some personal effort to reach a fuller understanding of God’s place in our lives, of Jesus as the Savior of the world and as our personal Savior, the Lord of our life, the model for our living.

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2014 FACE FORWARD SERVICE AWARDS CONTEST

The diocesan Office of Vocations is sponsoring an annual Face Forward service awards contest for all eighth-grade or 12th-grade students in the diocese.

Two $500 awards will be given, based on three criteria: a 300-word essay about the importance of service and giving back to the community; leadership and personal involvement; and service to the community.

Entries may be submitted until March 24, going to www.facebook.com/FaceForwardColumbus or Facebook.com/faceforwardcolumbus.

Father Paul Noble, diocesan vocations director, will present the two awards at the end of the fall term.

Last year, eighth-grader Jacob McFeeters of Reynoldsburg St. Pius X School and 10th-grader William Eichel of Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School.

“arise, whether public, private or school-based; therefore, we are participating in a higher number of applicants,” Father Noble said.

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Catholics of Irish descent, and those who are Irish for the day, gathered for the annual St. Patrick’s Day Mass of Columbus Holy Cross Church, followed by a parade of Irish organizations, marching bands from four Catholic high schools, flag groups, Irish dancers, police, and fire units, and assorted leprechauns.

The parade started at the center of the community and proceeded to the Franklin County Veterans Memorial.

CT photos by Jack Rustron

Lucia McQuaide to retire after long service to the diocese

Lucia McQuaide has announced her retirement as executive director of Catholic Education for the Diocese of Columbus, effective June 30. She has been superintendent for 16 years, was assistant superintendent for 12 years before that, and has held a variety of positions with the diocesan Schools Office since 1975.

“I want to leave while some people are still asking why, instead of most people saying it is about time,” she said in a letter to principals and assistant principals. “Everyone I talked to said I would know when I was ready. After much prayer, I am at peace with this decision. … I thank God for choosing me to serve in the ministry of Catholic education. What an awesome vocation it is!”

Her message included thanks to Sister Colleen Gallagher OFS, “who encouraged me to come downtown,” Maggie David Sorohan (former vicar for education and school superintendent), who thought I had enough potential to hire me; Bishop (James) Giffin, who believed in me and gave me this position; Bishop (Fredrick) Campbell, for trusting in me enough to retain me and support me; and my husband and family for planning with me, up to my schedule, knowing how important this work is.”

“I pray that my successor is strong in Catholic teachings, faithful, filled with a sense of prayer, full of energy, sees things with new eyes, and loves this ministry as much as I do,” the letter said.

“The joy in my job has been working with the various leaders in Catholic education who serve in parishes and schools,” McQuaide said in the letter. “I tried to model through the Department of Education the importance of working together to help those we serve make Jesus Christ the focus and center of all we do.”

McQuaide succeeded Father Paul Noble as superintendent on Feb. 1, 1998 and as vicar for education in September of that year. She is a graduate of Columbus Bishop Watterson High School and Ohio Dominican College and earned a master’s degree in education from The Ohio State University and a master’s in religious education from Loyola University of Chicago. She serves on the board of the National Catholic Educational Association and is chair of the Chief Administrators of Catholic Education.

She and her husband, Ted, are members of Columbus St. Timothy Church, parents of twins Shelly and Ted, and grandparents of Kiley and Kayla Johnson, who attended Columbus Our Lady of Loretto School.

No successor was immediately named. Bishop Campbell is forming a search committee to fill the position.

Correction - The March 9 Catholic Times listed an incorrect date for the spring Buckeye concert on Saturday May 18. The event has been moved from the Lincoln Theater to the Upper Arlington (Linden) Church, 200 Lyman Road, Columbus. The same issue also listed an incorrect date for the Living History Parade of Irish organizations, marching bands from four Catholic high schools, flag groups, Irish dancers, police and fire units, and assorted leprechauns. The parade opened at the center of the community and proceeded to the Franklin County Veterans Memorial.

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Did you pay attention to the idiot lights in your life this past week? No matter how annoying the warning lights and zones, can we see the meaning in the message and what it means for our personal lives? What is the message in our lives this past week? No matter how annoying the idiot lights in our daily lives? Can it be that we are challenged to be both? Everything Jesus did in his ministry, including his conversion? Are we like Jesus as we set a truly Christian example for others? Maria is the last place a Jewish rabbi and his followers should be. And the mission of Jesus, and, in turn, we are to follow that example. Saturday rest is not something God made to give us a chance to visit the women who reside for women and children. RCIA Retreat London St. Patrick Church began the season of Lent with its annual RCIA retreat at the Priory Confer- Photo courtesy St. Rose School
Q: I have two daughters with each other. One girl is older, has been divorced for about a year and a half. She has come back to the church and is reading his books each day, wearing special “Cat in the Hat” hats, and ended up with a school that is closed for the first marriage. She has the sacraments. “I have always felt that heaven was spoken of by Jesus in the Gospels 123 times and hell used 27 times. No tally will be universally accepted. But the important thing is that Jesus talked about heaven and hell. This is a fact, and are you aware of any research that supports such a statement?” (Although I know that Jesus definitely spoke of hell, I have always felt that this was balanced by the times he referred to people being saved in life with the next in the world.) (Lancast- er, Ohio)

A: The difficulty of doing a “word search” is that Jesus uses several different expressions for heaven and for hell, and each must be interpreted according to the context.

One commentator on religion, a man named John Wallace who writes a blog called “John’s Ram- bles,” attempted the comparison you asked about. He looked at the times the Bible referenced Christ talking about “paradise” and “eternal life,” and matched them against quotes including expressions such as “Gehenna,” a Hebrew word also refer- ring to hell, and “judgment.”

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A: It is well-documented in The Sports Hall School says the educational concerns of the young people she teaches are similar to those of their counterparts in the United States.

in the United States, a college degree no longer is a requirement for entry-level employment. The sports programs that are a part of nearly every American high school, Chen said. “I don’t exist in Chinese schools, Chen, said. “These are the same size as a larger U.S. high school, with 2,100 students in the upper three grades. Class sizes are larger, with about 50 students to a class. ‘This makes it hard to concentrate on individual needs, Chen said. ‘There’s a tendency to focus on the above-average student and not do enough for those who are strug- ging. That needs to be changed.’

The school day is longer, lasting from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Fairy tales break from 1 to 4:30 p.m. so the amount of time spent in classes is about the same. ‘Students in China don’t stop learning at 5,’ she said. ‘Students there have much more homework work.’

Chen said that most Chinese students take basic classes in advanced forms of math such as calculus, and AP courses in those fields have only begun to be offered in the last few years. As one of a handful of AP teachers in her school, she will bring the methods she has learned to Ready and share them with other teachers.

“Lastly, we’re a nation, but we’re also struggling with each other on all the issues that are so important to us,” she said.

Chinese parents want to send their children to a good school, and that is so because of the prestige those schools have in China. Some U.S. has a vise program specifically for foreign students. This was a year ago and a half. In our diocese, the process is closed.

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Zanesville schools receive grant from Wendy’s

The Diocesan Council of Catholic Women and its vice Committee, the diocesan offices of education and Prevention and Cure of Cancer.

As a Rosecrans alumnus with two daughters in the schools, has served them as a basketball and soccer coach and organized a car raffle which helped raise $40,000 to paint classrooms, purchase SMART boards, and aluminum cans for sale to a metal recycler; a benefit for the DCCW’s website at www.colsdioc.org/offices/dccw. For additional information on the program, including donation forms, other fundraising ideas, frequently asked questions, and cancer facts and information, go to the DCCW’s website at www.colsdioc.org/offices/dccw.

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CCPC was created to provide Catholics the option of funding cancer prevention and research activities that meet this test while other programs do not.

DCCW supports cancer prevention work

The Diocesan Council of Catholic Women and its community partners brand as asking parishes, schools, parent organizations, and individuals to conduct fundraising activities to support the mission of Catholics for Cancer Prevention and Cure (CCPC), a ministry of the council.

These can be targeted events, raising money specifically for cancer prevention and research, or events from which a portion of the proceeds would be directed to CCPC. Possible fundraisers include a 5K-10K race, a monthly lake-side sale during Sunday Mass, collection of aluminum cans for sale to a metal recycler; a benefit dinner, yard sale, or broker, or adding a cancer fund-raiser to a youth group service requirement.

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The cross of St. Brigid goes back to the origins of Christianity in Ireland. It starts with 12 to 16 pieces of read or straw, wrapped around each other so that they form a central square, with the cross pointing outward in the shape of a cross. The cross has a significant meaning that binds them in such a way that they are united in an unbreakable bond. For more than 1,500 years in Ireland, it’s been used to symbolize the cross of Christ, Christianity itself, and the unity of the Catholic Church.

It was also transported to Ohio, to the church whose patron is St. Brigid of Kildare, in the city that is the north capital of Dublin. There, the cross symbolizes the church’s Tapestry program, through which the strands of time, talent, and treasure are interwoven to create a strong parish community.

The program was initiated in 1998 by the church’s pastor, Msgr. Joseph Hendricks, and a group of parishioners and has three main objectives: to welcome all parishioners to the Sunday liturgy and invite active participation in the Mass; to encourage parishioners to be involved in all phases of the Tapestry program, said Msgr. Hendricks, who has been at the church since 1988, the year after it was founded with 400 families and Masses were celebrated as a barn on the church’s property, a former horse boarding and riding facility. He has been pastor since he succeeded the founding pastor, Msgr. Paul Enke, now pastor of Granville St. Edward Church, in 1997. The parish pastoral staff also includes Father Yi-Tsun Tang, parish vicar; Deacons Frank Iannarino and Sister Joan Harper, CDP.

“Our biggest challenge as a parish is to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the Roman Catholic tradition, to explain the faith well, and to allow parishioners to participate in serving the church in as many ways as possible,” Msgr. Hendricks said.

“The key element here at St. Brigid’s, and we have been able to maintain and grow that faith in a way that people understand and share it with the community. Our great strength is that we are very engaged as leaders in the community.”

This past year, the parish has worked with the Wellness Food Pantry, the Kari- ron police ministry, the Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs, Habitat for Humanity, Catholic Social Services, the Holy Family Foundations Foundation, the Famine Bank of Central Ohio, the Mid-Ohio Foodbank, Pregnancy Decision Health Centers, the Run the Race Club, Meals on Wheels, the Columbus Fruit of Life, and the Social Service Agency.

The parish continues to work on the recovery of its new, $6 million debt it had at the start of the year after it was founded with 2,500 families and Masses were celebrated as a barn on the church’s property in 1997. The parish, but to whom much is given, much is expected. We are fortunate here that people understand that faith that’s been blessed to be able to help others,” said Sarah Moore, parish development director.

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Above: Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare School students at a Pancake Day sponsored by the school’s

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ST. BRIGID, life’s questions from a Catholic perspective in a safe environment. Its

O’Reilly said the school is devoted to maintaining a 21st-century learning and work environment, which requires students “to be able to think critically, communicate in new ways, collaborate with others, and use creativity and in technology.” Focus groups helped create this environment by addressing how best to use the school’s space to meet existing needs, a process which is ongoing. Input from the groups resulted last year in the band room being moved to allow for a new small-group study space, the library gaining a “think tank” area for small-group reading on personal tutoring, and a large hall being transformed into a flexible work space. Other keys to 21st-century learning at the school are an emphasis on mastering a subject rather than getting a high grade, and a greater opportunity for students to set goals through talking with teachers.

The school has 576 students grades through eight and 98 in

The parish has a renewed emphasis on its adult education program, renaming it the School of Adult Faith Formation in 2012. Its director, Sister Patricia Rice, who has been on the parish on a part-time basis since 1998 and has been a full-time staff member for the past year. The program has been part of the virtual-learning community of the University of Dayton’s Institute for Pastoral Initiatives, is sponsoring Mon-Friday and Wednesday evening sessions of Liturgy Prep New book on the Gospel of Matthew, and recently hosted a Lenten retreat with Father Da-

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From the Ohio attorney general’s office note that in 2013, there were 30 human trafficking investiga-

Ohio Dominican University students with Leadership for Peace, in con-
The dialogue begins after Jesus asks the woman what she is doing there. She then tells him that it is still too early to be praying. He replies, “Every woman is a child of the living God.” The woman, who has heard his words, is amazed. She then asks, “How do you know so much about me?” Jesus then tells her, “You are right in saying that I am a teacher of God’s laws and their interpretation.” The woman, who has been told by her community not to speak to men, is amazed that Jesus would speak to her. He then tells her, “God is not limited to any one gender. We all have the potential to know him and work with him.”

The theology behind Samaritan Jews and Jesus was widespread and of long duration, which explains John’s remark that “they do not know this.” The interesting part of the developing scene is that the woman does not take the request to heart without asking her questions, which carry the entire story. Thus, “Can you, a Jew, ask me a Sabbath question?”

Jesus answers that if she knew with whom she spoke, she would ask and receive “living water.” That means the kind of water that was fresh, pure, and easily available. The woman responds, after noting that the well is deep and Jesus lacks a bucket, “Where do you have this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob who gave us this well?”

Jesus describes his living water as “a spring of water welling up to eternal life,” saying “whoever drinks of the water I will give him will live.” The woman asks, “Lord, give me this water so I may not thirst for the rest of my life.”

Jesus replies, “I am he.” The woman is well disposed to him, and the dialogue continues.

The Weekday Bible Readings

Tuesday

Isaiah 49:6-8
Psalm 118:22-24
Matthew 3:17

Wednesday

Deuteronomy 4:43
Psalm 126:1-2
Matthew 3:22

Thursday

Jeremiah 3:16-21
Psalm 15:1-5
Luke 15:3-7

Friday

Hosea 9:4-10
Psalm 136:23-27
Mark 10:25-30

Saturday

Isaiah 52:10-13
Psalm 14:2-7
Luke 18:19-24

Readings for March 23, 2014

DIOCESEAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE WEEK OF MARCH 31, 2014

SUNDAY MASS

10:30 a.m. Mass from Columbus St. Joseph Catholic Church (WOS AM), Columbus, and at www.vegasradio.com Mass with the Pastoral fathers at 7:00 p.m. on WOW-TV (the CW), Channel 35, Columbus, and at www.vegasradio.com Mass from St. Helen Catholic Church at 10:30 a.m. on Channel 5, Columbus, and at www.vegasradio.com Mass from Our Lady of the Angels Monastery, Birmingham, Ala., at 2 p.m. on EWTN (Time Warner Cable CH 133, Insight Channel 382, or WOW Cable Channel 319) (Encores at noon, 7 p.m., and midnight.) Mass from Keston Inmaculada Concepcion Church, Birmingham, Ala., at 7:30 a.m. on Time Warner Cable Channel 24 (Encores at noon, 6 p.m., and midnight.)

DAILY MASS

8 a.m., Our Lady of the Angels Monastery in Birmingham, Ala. (Encores at noon, 6 p.m., and midnight) See EWTN above; and on I-Lifetv Channel 388 in Columbus, and at www.vegasradio.com Mass with the Pastoral fathers at 7:30 a.m. on WOW-TV (the CW), Channel 35, Columbus, and at www.vegasradio.com Mass from Portsmouth St. Mary Church at noon on Time Warner Channel 24 (Encores at noon, 6 p.m., and midnight.)

Right to Read Week

Staff members and students at Cohasset Sacred Heart School brought books to school during Right to Read Week that were donated to the local library sponsored by local women’s services, the Boys Club, and a family for the homeless.

March Madness and Our Culture of Disbelief

Some of you may be wondering why I put March Madness in the title of this column. Am I going to analyze the NCAA basketball tournament? Absolutely not, as I enjoy this month in the sports calendar. I am not going to get into that here. Some also wonder “About the word ‘disbelief.’” Do I mean disbelief? No, disbelief is the appropriate word, because this explains our modern world.

Few people are really atheists. Yes, we do have some who claim to be the vast majority of us are using this as a mask to rage against God. None of us, knowing to believing in Jesus as the Messiah and Son of God, should be too far away from doing anything about it. They find evil, excuses, saying churches are corrupt and pointing to various statistics to say “organized religion is wrong.”

Yet this same group has no problem spending a lot of time and money on college basketball, college football, professional football, professional baseball, and professional soccer. Few, if any, organizations are as corrupt as the NCAA, NFL, MLB, and FIFA. I say this as someone who is a huge sports fan. Why the hypocrisy among the elite of the Western world? They love sports time and money on college basketball, college football, professional football, professional baseball, and professional soccer. Few, if any, organizations are as corrupt as the NCAA, NFL, MLB, and FIFA. I say this as someone who is a huge sports fan. Why the hypocrisy among the elite of the Western world? They love sports.

In sports, people will hide behind the fantasy, but in faith, we cannot hide behind anything, but a few. The great thing about sports is that results matter.

On some of this earth think they can fool God and others that he will not notice, but in faith, we cannot hide from God’s watchful eye. We pray Week III, Seasonal Proper

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Terrence J. Lorenz

Funeral Mass for Terrence J. Lorenz, 85, who died Monday, March 17, will be held Friday, March 21, at St. Bridget Church of Kildare. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery, New Albany.

He was born Aug. 16, 1928 to the late Frank and Isabel (Stipe) Lorenz, and grew up in the Columbus area. He attended high school at Columbus Mound High School and the University of Dayton, where he studied electrical engineering and music. He retired from the newly founded National Electric Coil company after working there for more than 30 years and previously was employed by Bullettle Memorial Insitol, Bell Sound System, and Lorentz Systems.

He was a former resident of Grandview Heights and was an organist at Columbus Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church for 36 years. At St. Bridget, he was a member of the choir and the St 50thanniversary. He also served as treasurer of the choir and the 55 Plus Wednesday Men’s Breakfast Club. He also served as treasurer of the choir and the 55 Plus Wednesday Men’s Breakfast Club. He also served as treasurer of the choir and the 55 Plus Wednesday Men’s Breakfast Club. He also served as treasurer of the choir and the 55 Plus Wednesday Men’s Breakfast Club. He also served as treasurer of the choir and the 55 Plus Wednesday Men’s Breakfast Club. He also served as treasurer of the choir and the 55 Plus Wednesday Men’s Breakfast Club. He also served as treasurer of the choir and the 55 Plus Wednesday Men’s Breakfast Club. He also served as treasurer of the choir and the 55 Plus Wednesday Men’s Breakfast Club. He also served as treasurer of the choir and the 55 Plus Wednesday Men’s Breakfast Club. 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From now through Friday, May 23, the Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus, is hosting an art exhibit titled, “The Faces of Transcarpathia,” featuring black-and-white photography by Columbus artist Andrew J. Tonn.

The timely collection includes stark images of people of all ages from the Ukrainian region of Transcarpathia, which is cut off from the rest of the Ukraine by the Carpathian Mountains. While the nightly news focuses on the conflict in Kiev, the people of Transcarpathia suffer the effects of poverty and isolation. The collection includes photos taken at a mental hospital, a gypsy camp, an orphanage, and in individual homes. From the coy smile of a little girl to the solemn, hollow eyes of a woman suffering from mental illness, these images will touch the heart and remain in the mind’s eye.

Tonn is a documentary photographer, filmmaker, and writer. As a freelance correspondent and documentary journalist, he has worked in Central and South America, Scandinavia, Eastern Europe, and Washington, D.C. He spent several years living and working in Latin America with various humanitarian relief agencies, documenting their programs and the lives, people, and landscapes of the area. His work has been published by National Geographic, Human Nature, Black and White magazine, Minority Rights International, and many other publications. He is working on documentary projects in the Mosquito Coast region of Honduras, the Peten jungle of northern Guatemala, and San Salvador.

The exhibit is free and open by appointment only. Call (614) 416-1910 to schedule a visit. Groups are welcome.

The Martin de Porres Center is an outreach ministry of the Dominican Sisters of Peace.

British concert organist and composer David Briggs will accompany the Cathedral Choir in the Midwest premiere of his Messe pour Notre Dame and other works at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 23, in Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St. His brilliant improvisations will be interspersed with the Messe pour Notre Dame choral movements.

Pope Francis (in white) stands with cardinals and bishops on the last day of their week-long Lenten retreat in Ariccia, Italy, on March 14. At the end of his retreat, Pope Francis said he and his closest collaborators at the Vatican “want to follow Jesus more closely, without losing hope in his promises and without losing a sense of humor.”

Franciscan Father Brian Jordan, standing with laborers and emergency workers in 2001, blesses a 17-foot-tall cross formed by steel beams that was recovered from the rubble of the World Trade Center in New York. A group known as American Atheists filed suit in federal court to have the cross removed from a permanent exhibit to be displayed in the soon-to-open National September 11 Memorial and Museum.

Several hundred people carrying crosses walk through their neighborhood in East Palo Alto, Calif., on March 8 and pray the Stations of the Cross for an end to gang violence that is taking the lives of young people. In 2013, there were 16 homicides in San Mateo County, eight of those in East Palo Alto, a city with a population of less than 30,000.
ROSECRANS GIRLS REACH STATE TITLE GAME

The Zanesville Bishop Rosecrans High School girls basketball team made it to this past weekend’s Division IV state tournament at The Ohio State University, losing to Reedsville Eastern 49-38 in the championship game to give them a final record of 27-2. This was the seventh time, and the first since 1996, the Bishops have been in the state title game. They finished as champions in 1982, 1983, and 1992, and runners-up in 1984, 1993, and 1996. Team members, pictured after defeating Berlin Hiland in the Eastern District championship game at New Philadelphia, are (from left): first row, Maddie Chandler, Alexis Kirkbride, Kloie Johnson, Molly Nash, Alyssa McLoughlin, and Jess Smith; second row, assistant coaches Amanda Kroft and Laura Hagy, Riley Hagy, Peyton Farrell, head coach Gayle Kirkbride, Darby Lynch, Samantha Swackhammer, Madeline Nash, Abby Hutcheson, Jessica Nash, and assistant coaches DeeAnn Mell and Jeff Nash.

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