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The Editor's Notebook

Finding Faith

By David Garick, Editor



Many Catholics believe that faith is something you either have or don't have. And once you have faith, it's like owning a car – as long as you don't deliberately get rid of it or sell it off, it's yours. The truth is that there are as many different degrees of faith as there are people in this Church. Even more significantly, there are many stages of faith as we grow in our understanding of who Christ is. Faith can grow and mature throughout life, or it can slowly fade away. Lent is a time when we can take action to nurture that growth of faith.

The Gospel reading for the Third Sunday of Lent leads us in that direction. It is the familiar story of Our Lord's encounter with the Samaritan woman at Jacob's Well. This story illustrates the development of faith. We begin by encountering Christ, not by our own effort but through being introduced by our parents, teachers, clergy, friends, and acquaintances. Then we come to realize who He is – God the Creator, who cares for us and can provide the living water we so desperately need to survive.

Sometimes we go no further than that. We like the idea of a God up in heaven. There is some comfort in that, but we want to be self-reliant and self-sufficient. We want to possess our own life and control our own destiny. We are not comfortable with being needy or dependent on anyone ... including God. We just don't have room for Him in our daily lives. This continues to fall short of real, mature faith.

God wants us to worship Him "in Spirit and truth." The fact is that Jesus Him-

self is our necessary food: "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man ... you do not have life within you." The Eucharist is our constant contact for maintaining our life in Jesus. In mature faith, we realize the real place of God in our lives: the revelation that Jesus is the entire Word of God and that 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 Samaritan community were introduced to Jesus through the things told to them by the woman at the well, but they came to really understand that He was the Christ when they sought him out and saw 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 have the faith that can move mountains.

This week, *Catholic Times* takes a look at how faith in Christ is nourished and shared at St. Brigid of Kildare Church in Dublin. During Lent, we can all take some time and make some additional 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.

2014 FACE FORWARD SERVICE AWARDS CONTEST

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



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

Entries may be submitted until April 30 by going to www.faceforwardcolumbusblog.com or [Facebook.com/FaceForwardColumbus](https://www.facebook.com/FaceForwardColumbus).

Father Paul Noble, diocesan vocations director, will present the two awards at the end of the school year to each winner.

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

"We are pleased to offer this opportunity for all of the young people in the diocese. This year, the awards are available to all stu-

dents, whether public, private or home-schooled; therefore, we are anticipating a higher number of applicants," Father Noble said.

Face Forward is a program of the Office of Vocations that allows for interaction with young people in the diocese and provides platforms for communication, events, and opportunities to learn more about the Catholic faith and about one's vocation in life. There are more than 10,000 people in the Face Forward community.

For more information about the Face Forward service awards, contact Anne Harkin at (614) 787-2377 or [anne.harkin@mj2marketing.com](mailto:harkin@mj2marketing.com).

Correction - The March 9 Catholic Times listed an incorrect site for the Singing Buckeyes concert on Sunday, May 18. The event has been moved from the Lincoln Theater to the Upper Arlington Lutheran Church, 2300 Lytham Road, Columbus. The same issue also listed an incorrect date for the Living Water praise and worship band's concert "The Way of the Cross" at Columbus Holy Spirit Church. The correct date is Wednesday, April 9 at 7 p.m.

Lucia McQuaide to retire after long service to the diocese

Lucia McQuaide has announced her retirement as episcopal moderator for education and superintendent of schools 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 praying, 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, OP, "who encouraged me to come 'downtown,'" Msgr. David Soroan (former vicar for education and school superintendent), who thought I had enough potential to hire me; Bishop (James) Griffin, who believed in me and gave me this position; Bishop (Frederick) Campbell, for trusting in me enough to retain me and support me; and my husband and family for putting up with my schedule, knowing how important this work is."

"I pray that my successor is strong in Catholic teachings, faith-filled, a per-



son 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 to the *Catholic Times*. "I have 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 Colum-

bus 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 attend Columbus Our Lady of Bethlehem School.

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

Celebrating St. Patrick's Day



Catholics of Irish descent, and those who are Irish for the day, gathered for the annual St. Patrick's Day Mass at Columbus Holy Cross Church, followed by a parade of Irish organizations, marching bands from four Catholic high schools, flag units, Irish dancers, police and fire units, and assorted leprechauns. The parade passed through the center of downtown Columbus, finishing at the Irish Family Reunion at the Franklin County Veterans Memorial.

CT photos by Jack Kustron



Front Page photo: Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare Church was founded in 1987. The church building was dedicated in 1991 and expanded in 2011 to accommodate more than 1,500 people. Photo courtesy St. Brigid of Kildare Church



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PRACTICAL STEWARDSHIP

By Rick Jeric

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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 tones can be, we must resist the temptation to simply pull the fuse and put those dangers out of our minds. Lent is the time that welcomes recognition of the serious preventive maintenance we have to do in our lives. Those idiot lights may have been going off for months, years, or practically our entire lives. The best thing we have going for us is the absolute knowledge that our master mechanic – Jesus Christ – will never send us to the junkyard. It is never too late to stop and have a good, solid, proper diagnosis of what causes those idiot lights to go off. All we need to do is ask. Ask for forgiveness, receive the sacrament of reconciliation, and commit to real and permanent change for the better. We give our cars an annual checkup, we change the oil regularly, we give our bodies an annual physical, and we even have our pets checked at the vet annually. Lent is the time for our annual checkup of our hearts, minds, and souls.

For the coming third Sunday of Lent, the Gospel of John provides one of the more interesting and lengthy stories of an exchange between Jesus and another person. The story takes place in a town of Samaria called Sychar. It is familiar to us, just as it was to Jesus and His disciples, because of its rich history. It is the site of Jacob's well, near the land that he gave to his son Joseph. The theological ties in this setting are clear. God the Father provides His Son with the same well for rest and thirst. A Samaritan woman is there to provide us with another example of the mission of Jesus, and, in turn, we are to follow that example. Samaria is the last place a Jewish rabbi and his followers should be. And to engage a woman in conversation? Why would any decent person associate with people of sin -- those who just do not understand what it means to live rightly and properly? This Gospel reading has much food for thought and Lenten reflection. As Jesus says, "My food is to do the will of the one who sent me, and to finish His work." Earlier in the story, we hear "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" Jews used nothing in common with Samaritans. Does any of this remind us of ourselves? Jesus was unique in His ministry. He went directly to those who needed Him the most, and He simply loved them and showed them the way by living example. Our commission and challenge is to do the same. Do I really do this? Why not? Why is it so much easier to sit back and point out the faults of others, while railing against those whom we identify as evil, unethical, and immoral?

Our practical challenge this week is to continue our Lenten prayer and meditation. There are three Gospel verses to pray each day this week. The first two are from this Sunday's Gospel: "God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in Spirit and truth," and "Many of the Samaritans of that town began to believe in Him because of the word of the woman." And from last Sunday's Gospel, "This is my beloved Son ... listen to Him." Are we most like the woman in need of conversion? Are we like Jesus as we set a truly Christian example for others in our daily lives? Can it be that we are challenged to be both?

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

ALL SAINTS READING BUDDIES



Columbus All Saints Academy reading buddies Alearia Ingram (left), from first-grade teacher Kimberly Thomas' class, and James Bangert, a fourth-grader from Joy Latimore's class, read the story of "Clifford, the Big Red Dog." The classes meet every Friday to share a love of reading. Reading buddies in the two classroom groups also are prayer buddies and attend Mass together once a week. Photo courtesy Kimberly Thomas

Health insurance information

Mount Carmel Health is sponsoring an open house on Thursday, March 20, for people who wish to learn about new options available through the health insurance marketplace.

Those who would like a more affordable health plan or currently are uninsured are particularly being encouraged to attend.

The event will take place from 4 to 7 p.m. at 777 W. State St., Suite 100, in

the community health resource center on the campus of Mount Carmel West. Experts from myhealthquoter.com will be on hand to answer questions and can people enroll on the spot. Refreshments will be provided and there will be activities for children.

People interested in attending are asked to RSVP by calling (614) 344-4093 or visiting <https://enrollmentextravaganza.eventbrite.com>.

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Students serve the needy in Perry County

Students in grades five to eight at New Lexington St. Rose School continue to help the women and staff at Stanton Villa in New Lexington. Using the corporal works of mercy as a guide, the students gather materials for the villa, whose residents are women recovering from addiction issues. In the first quarter of the school year, fifth-graders offered juices and other beverages in an effort to give drink to the thirsty.

In the second quarter, eighth-graders represented the school in an effort to feed the hungry, gathering cereal, chips, and other snacks.

The third-quarter offering will be hy-



giene products. The school will provide 10 plastic boxes filled with soap, creams, toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs, brushes, and other personal care items.

Each time the students visit the villa,

they are given a tour of the facility and a chance to visit the women who reside there while they work on their addiction issues. This is the second year for this successful partnership.

Pictured are eighth-grade students (from left) Hannah Bishop, Drew Ridenour, Kaitlyn Dodd, Hunter Mundy, Allison Losco, Trace Carney, Carlee Whitlach, William Bartholic, and Derek Kunkler. Photo courtesy St. Rose School

Dominican Sisters Pass Corporate Stance on Gun-Control Legislation

The Dominican Sisters and Associates of Peace have approved a corporate stance calling for responsible gun-control legislation and improved mental-health care resources.

The corporate stance states:

In the United States, we will advocate for common-sense gun control laws, such as requiring universal background checks before purchasing guns; banning assault weapons and high-capacity magazines; promoting strategies to prevent gun violence; and providing adequate financial resources to establish mental health programs for victims and perpetrators, and prevention programs for at-risk people.

"Gun violence in the United States claims more than 31,000 lives every year, with more than a half-million injured," said Sister Judy Morris, OP, who coordi-

nates social justice efforts of the Dominican Sisters of Peace. "With responsible, common-sense legislation, thousands of lives can be saved."

According to the U.S. Center for Disease Control, "Gun violence acts very much like a social contagion. It spreads like a virus. The homicide rate in the U.S. is seven times higher than the combined homicide rate of 22 other developed countries."

Sister Judy said this corporate stance does not advocate taking away the Second Amendment right to bear arms, noting that a majority of gun owners support reasonable gun-control laws. The Dominican Sisters of Peace are joined by many religious and justice groups around the United States in calling for reasonable gun-control laws, including the National Council of Churches, the Leadership Conference of Women Religious, the United States Conference of Catholic

bishops, and Faiths United to Prevent Gun Violence.

A corporate stance is a deliberate public statement made by a religious congregation expressing a position on an issue of human concern, Gospel values, and/or societal systems. Before the congregation takes a corporate stance, members prepare by studying and discussing all sides of the various issues involved. A vote is then taken, with a two-thirds majority needed to pass. Once a corporate stance is adopted, the congregation dedicates resources including time, energy, and personnel to put into action efforts that support the stance. With the passage of this corporate stance, specific actions will be planned in the coming weeks to educate the public about the issues, to promote responsible gun-control legislation, and to support mental-health and violence-prevention initiatives.

The Dominican Sisters of Peace are a congregation of 575 sisters and 550 lay associates who live and minister in 36 states and in Honduras, Kenya, Nigeria, Peru, and Vietnam. They are committed to greater involvement in the global community and simplicity of life, with diverse ministries that include education, health care, social work, spiritual direction, and parish-based ministries. They work to create environments of peace by promoting nonviolence, unity in diversity, reconciliation, and justice through solidarity, especially for women and children.



RCIA Retreat

London St. Patrick Church began the season of Lent with its annual RCIA retreat at the Procter Conference Center. The retreat started on the Friday after Ash Wednesday with an anointing of catechumens and a talk on Lent by Deacon Dan Hann. Saturday was a full day, starting with a Liturgy of the Word, followed by a series of presentations, spiritual reflections, and group discussion led by Deacon Steve Demers and Theresa DeMers. Some of the topics covered were prayer, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and the Eucharist. The retreat concluded with solemn evening prayer. The group consisted of 10 catechumens and candidates and their sponsors or godparents, as well as the parish RCIA team.

Photo: Deacon Dan Hann lays his hands on catechumen Tori Borden. Others pictured are (from left) sponsor Arthur Hale and catechumens Alicia Hale and Kee Morris. Photo by Jared Hufford

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COST OF ANNULMENTS; CHRIST'S MENTION OF HEAVEN AND HELL

Q I have two daughters with two children each. Sadly, the older daughter has been divorced now for about a year and a half. She has come back to the church and is receiving the sacraments and has not remarried.

The younger one is separated and is heading for divorce. She would like to come back to the church, but is not quite ready yet. I've been telling them that without annulments to their first marriages, they cannot continue to receive the sacraments. I haven't discussed with my daughters how money enters into the annulment process.

I keep hearing rumors -- which I hope are just that -- that annulments cost money and that the more money one provides, the better chance one has of getting an annulment, or of getting it speedily. Please set me straight so that I can advise them correctly. (Virginia Beach, Va.)

A I want to focus first on your statement that "without annulments to their first marriages, they cannot continue to receive the sacraments." That is untrue -- although, sadly, many people believe it. Divorce, by itself, does not render a Catholic ineligible for the Eucharist. Only a second marriage -- without church approval -- does that, and neither of your daughters has at this point entered into a second marriage.

Another point of clarification: You speak of your daughters "coming back to the church," which makes me wonder whether they may have drifted away from regular practice because their first marriages took place without church approval.



QUESTION & ANSWER by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE Catholic News Service

If so, those marriages can be rendered null very simply, with a minimum of paperwork. If, instead, those earlier marriages were "done right" in the church's eyes, they could still be annulled if there were circumstances from the start which precluded a true sacramental union -- which requires testimony from the petitioner and (if willing) from the former spouse, as well as from witnesses who knew the couple at the time of the marriage.

Finally, regarding your concern about the cost of the annulment process, because annulments require significant staff time, sometimes follow-up interviews or evaluation of testimony by psychologists, petitioners are generally asked to help defray the cost. In our diocese, they are asked to contribute \$350.

Here is what our annulment brochure tells the applicant: "If anyone requires a reduction or total waiver of the fee, the tribunal will arrange to honor such a request."

And then (all in upper-case letters): "Under no circumstances will a person's petition be rejected because that person is unable or unwilling to meet the expense incurred by the tribunal in a given case."

That statement is typical of all dioceses and should

lay to rest the widely circulated myth that money has any bearing on an annulment.

Q I have read a statement by a religion writer that Jesus spoke more about hell than about heaven. Is this a fact, and are you aware of any research that supports such a statement? (Although I know that Jesus definitely did speak of hell, I have always felt that this was balanced by the times he referred to people being in union with God in the next world.) (Lancaster, 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 Ramblings," attempted the comparison you asked about. He looked at the times the Bible referenced Christ talking about "paradise" and "kingdom of heaven" and matched them against quotes including expressions such as "Gehenna," a Hebrew word also referencing hell, and "darkness."

His conclusion was 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.

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

VISITING TEACHER SAYS YOUTH OF CHINA, U.S. HAVE SIMILAR CONCERNS

BY TIM PUET

Reporter, Catholic Times

A teacher from China who recently visited Columbus Bishop Ready High School says the educational concerns of the young people she teaches are similar to those of their counterparts in the United States.

"Students in both countries worry about the college they will be going to and get anxious about a big test that helps determine what schools will accept them," said Dandan "Kristy" Chen. "In this country, the ACT and SAT tests have a role in college selection, but your overall grades play a bigger part. In China, the test is practically everything. Your whole life can be determined by how you did on the college test."

Chen, who teaches mathematics at Jinling High School in the Chinese city of Nanjing (also known in the West as Nanking), was at Ready in February as part of a partnership between the two schools. Courses on speaking and writing Mandarin Chinese have been part of the Ready curriculum since 2010, when they were offered to students from Ready's feeder schools who had taken Mandarin classes in sixth through eighth grades.

The elementary-school programs are no longer available, but Ready continues to offer three Mandarin classes to its own students and three others to other high schools in the diocese through distance learning. In addition, students and teachers from Ready have visited their sister school on three occasions, most recently this past summer, and plan another trip there in 2015. Chen says she hopes students from her school will be able to come to Ready in the near future, once approval is received from the appropriate Chinese authorities.

"My school sends 10 to 15 students every year to other countries, and it has students from all over the world coming there," she said.

Many Chinese parents want to send their students to American colleges because of the prestige those schools have and because the U.S. has a visa program specifically for foreign students. The Institute of International Education's 2013 "Open Doors" survey said 235,000 Chinese students, more than from any other nation, were enrolled in U.S. colleges and universities in the



2012-13 academic year.

Chen was in the United States specifically to learn more about how advanced placement (AP) classes are conducted in this country and how students here prepare for AP testing. At Ready, she was more student than teacher, observing Dr. Terri Rehner's AP calculus course (pictured) and several other math, science, and history classes.

"The classroom relationship here is very different than what we're accustomed to in China," Chen said. "There's a lot more conversation back and forth. Students in the United States are much more willing to ask questions and share ideas, and the teachers encourage this. In China, students tend more to sit there quietly and absorb the lesson."

Chen said that most Chinese students take basic classes in advanced forms of math such as calculus, but 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 nation, she will bring back the methods she has learned at Ready and share them with groups of other teachers.

"We're a large nation, but we are struggling as we depend more on industry and technology" and make the type of transition away from a farm economy that took place 100 years ago in the U.S., Chen said. "I want to combine our idea of teaching knowledge as knowledge with your problem-solving methods."

She said the basic structure of the two nations' educational systems is very similar, with students in China attend-

ing one school from first to sixth grades for basic education, then going on to other schools for seventh through ninth and 10th through 12th grades, much as they do in the United States.

Her school is about the same size as larger U.S. high schools, 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 struggling. That needs to be changed."

The school day is longer, lasting from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., but it includes a lunch break from noon to 1:45 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," with Chinese schools offering fewer extracurricular activities than their American counterparts.

The sports programs that are a part of nearly every American high school don't exist in Chinese schools, Chen said. There, young people who possess athletic talent develop it in one of more than 200 state-financed sports academies. The academic year in China is 11 months long, with a one-month vacation in July and August, but the number of actual school days is about the same as it is in America because of other long breaks in the school calendar during the year.

Chen said that in China as in the United States, a college degree no longer is a guarantee of a job. "I know people with

master's degrees in China who are looking for work," she said. "That didn't used to be a problem, but it is now. We're trying to figure out how to link what we're training people for with the jobs that are available, just as you are."

"One thing you have that China needs more of is adult education," she said. "People here have all sorts of chances to retrain themselves for other careers by going back to school. China is beginning to realize how important this is, but the system is changing slowly. The test at the end of high school is still the important thing, but it's so hard, and you can't take it again. We're just starting to realize that maybe that concept is outdated."

While in Columbus, she stayed with Samuel and Mary Moore, whose son, Thomas, is a Ready senior. She went to a Columbus Blue Jackets game and attended church with them every Sunday -- an experience which she is unlikely to duplicate in China, which places severe restrictions on practicing Christianity.

"I was most impressed by the role their faith plays in the Moores' life," she said. "I can see how it makes them better, stronger persons."

Chen's outsider's perspective gave her a chance to describe two other aspects of Columbus in terms which probably would not occur to local residents. She said she would remember the city for its smoothly flowing traffic and clean air.

"Your traffic system is so organized," she said. "The lights keep things flowing well. In Nanjing, we have very few traffic lights, and everyone thinks they rule the road. I don't know how anyone survives."

"But the first thing I want to tell everyone about Columbus is how fresh the air is every day," Chen said. "You just can't breathe where I live" because of the smoggy air that's become common in many Chinese cities as a result of rapid industrialization and lack of pollution control.

She made the remark on a day when the Columbus area was under an air quality alert, but said that made no difference. "It's still so much better here," she said. "I'm going to miss it. If I get a chance to come back, the first thing I'm going to do when I get off the plane is just take a deep breath and enjoy it."



First-grade students at Somerset Holy Trinity School recently celebrated a Dr. Seuss week, reading his books each day, wearing special "Cat in the Hat" hats, and ending the week with a "Green Eggs and Ham" feast. Photo courtesy Holy Trinity School

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Zanesville schools receive grant from Wendy's

Zanesville Bishop Fenwick School and Rosecrans High School were awarded a \$2,500 community ambassador grant from The Wendy's Co. because of the volunteer efforts of Joseph Goldsmith, an employee of the New Bakery Co. of Zanesville, a wholly owned subsidiary which makes buns for Wendy's restaurants. The grant was one of 10 the company awarded nationwide to honor employees who are outstanding volunteers. Goldsmith, a Rosecrans alumnus with two daughters in the schools, has served them as a basketball and soccer coach and board of directors member and played an active role on marketing and capital committees. During the past year, he coordinated a car raffle which helped raise \$40,000 to paint classrooms, purchase SMART boards, and update wiring in the schools. He is pictured with the principals of the two schools, Kelly Sagan (left) of Fenwick and Jennifer Mallett of Rosecrans.

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DCCW supports cancer prevention work

The Diocesan Council of Catholic Women and its community partners board are asking parishes, schools, parish 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 donated to CCPC. Possible fundraisers include a 50-50 raffle; a monthly bake sale after Sunday Masses; collection of aluminum cans for sale to a metal recycler; a benefit dinner, yard sale, or bazaar; or adding a cancer fundraiser to a youth group service requirement.

The mission of CCPC is to provide fundraising opportunities to benefit cancer screening and prevention programs throughout the Diocese of Columbus, as well as morally acceptable clinical research for the prevention and cure of cancer.

CCPC is working with offices and organizations including the bishop's office, the Cathedral Square Service Committee, the diocesan offices of education and social concerns, and the Knights of Columbus in offering this ministry.

In 2010, Bishop Frederick Campbell requested that the DCCW undertake a new cancer fundraising initiative that fully conforms to Catholic moral tradition.



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

All funds raised by CCPC will be donated to Catholic health care entities' cancer prevention and screening efforts and the programs of the Stefanie Spielman Fund for Breast Cancer Research, an affiliate of The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center. St. Peregrine, patron of cancer survivors, has been selected as patron saint of the program.

All donations made to the ministry are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by federal law because of the diocese's 501 (c) (3) status.

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/diocesanCouncilofCatholicWomen, call the council at (614) 228-8601, or send an email message to ccw-mailbox@colsdioc.org.



Dance With Me

As I sit here in front of God and contemplate what is in store for me in the coming months, I sometimes feel a bit of fear and trepidation. I feel wary not only about the future, but about the consequences of what I may say and do today. Feeling this way in no measure constitutes a dereliction of my duties to my family and to Christ, but is a constant reminder of why I seek forgiveness.

Looking at yourself in a mirror can be frightening and, at its worst, self-fulfilling. We can make things happen to us that end up in the results we seek. So be careful of what you wish for. You just may get it!

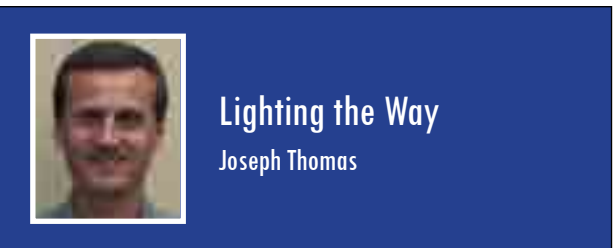
This journey of self-reflection is probably what Jesus went through during His 40 nights in the desert. It is what we experience each day as we go through our lives. Jesus reminds us not to live in the past, but to embrace the moment. He looked at life in such a way, as innocent as a lamb but with the heart of a lion.

Maybe our journey can begin with this simple step. Sometimes we forget about the simple things in life that are so meaningful to us that we lose sight of

what is truly important – the warmth of home, family, friends, and relatives long departed. Those who are marginalized by society need us just as much. You must remind yourself that is not about you, but it most certainly is all about Him.

During Lent and this Easter season, Jesus asks us to reflect upon our own fallibilities and how we can better serve others. It is in giving that we receive, and in receiving that we become close to Him in His divine message. Faith, hope, and charity demand no less. He invites us to be a partner with Him on our journey called life. Jesus is asking, "Come and dance with Me":

*Dance with Me, I want to be your partner
Can't you see, the music is just starting?
Night is falling and I am calling
Dance with me.
Let it lift you off the ground
Starry eyes, and love is all around
I can take you where you want to go*



*Dance with Me, I want to be your partner
Can't you see, the music is just starting?
Night is falling and I am calling*

Dance with me (Orleans, Lyrics, Asylum Records, 1975).

Let Him lead us to that perfect place and guide us on our way. May the wind be forever at your back, may His love be with you throughout the year, and may His peace be with you always.

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

Paw Prints on Our Hearts

By Gloria Butler

She was slender, petite, and full of energy. When she made an appearance in a room, one could not help but watch her and smile. Everyone wanted to talk to her and she responded with delight ... as long as her man was not far away! She would flip her shiny hair this way and that, the natural highlights catching the sun and her big brown eyes always searching for that special person she loved so much.

He also loved her very much. Even though she weighed only about three pounds, Bridie was always ready to hitch a ride in Father Pat's arms or urge him to take her out for a stroll, where SHE decided which direction they would walk!

People who love and care for pets understand how much they can impact our hearts.

They become a presence in our lives that brighten every day in hundreds of small ways. They are always there for us, ready with a lick of their tongue on your arm, a nuzzle on your neck when you pick them up, and the warmth one feels when a little four-legged friend nestles into our lap for a nap.

They become just like a family member, and when they leave us, they leave their little paw prints all over our hearts. We mourn them, and miss them terribly.

Such was the case a few weeks ago when a member of our parish office staff shared the news that Father Pat's little Yorkie, Bridie, had passed on after almost 16 years as his faithful companion. I immediately thought about our own little Lhasa Apso, Dappy, who was at the vet's at that very moment, having a growth removed from her back. Twelve-year-old Dappy was in fairly good health and the surgery was con-

sidered routine. We were to pick her up in a couple of hours. A phone call an hour later changed everything. The vet called, very distressed, as he delivered the sad news that Dappy had choked after she woke up from the surgery, and didn't make it. He explained that everything that could be done to bring her back was done, but she was gone.

Heartbroken does not begin to describe the feelings we experienced that day. We offered prayers for both these little puppy girls, who we hope went to a special place God has for beloved pets.

The next few days were so lonely. Dappy's presence was everywhere. I caught myself getting her morning treat ready, to praise her for being a good girl. I latched the gate which kept her out of the kitchen when I was cooking, for fear of tripping over her.

For Father Pat, I am certain it was the

same. Bridie had waited until her master returned from his long-anticipated trip to Australia to leave this earthly world. He had the chance to say goodbye and comfort her at the end. We said our goodbyes to Dappy and buried her in our orchard among a variety of other family pets.

Pets are like babies, except they do not grow up and leave us. They stay until the end, theirs or ours, and they love us unconditionally. They depend on us for everything and show their appreciation for us in return for caring for them.

So, today, give your pet an extra hug to show them how much you love them. It will be returned to you in so many affectionate ways.

Happy Note: The author of this story, who is a member of Plain City St. Joseph Church, and Father Pat Toner, its pastor, have since adopted new dogs and are currently getting acquainted with them.



ST. BRIGID OF KILDARE: PARISH CONTINUES GROWTH IN POPULATION, PROGRAMS

BY TIM PUET

Reporter, Catholic Times

The cross of St. Brigid goes back to the origins of Christianity in Ireland. It starts with 12 to 16 pieces of reed or straw, wrapped around each other so that they form a central square with four arms pointing outward in the shape of a cross.

The reeds create a tapestry which 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's also been transported to Ohio, to the church whose patron is St. Brigid of Kildare in the city named for the Irish 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 involvement in any of more than 60 ministries and volunteer opportunities; and to increase the amount and consistency of the offertory contributions which strengthen the parish infrastructure.

In the 16 years since the program began, there has been substantial growth in the parish in terms of the number of people it serves, the activities it offers, and the buildings which have been erected on its 15-acre campus. In 2007, it completed a pastoral center, named for Msgr. Hendricks, which includes the parish offices and space for meetings and social gatherings. A gymnasium with a stage was added to the parish school in 2009, and the church building was expanded in 2011 with a new gathering area, cry room, and additional pews to accommodate more than 1,500 people for Mass. Two major campaigns raised more than \$10 million to pay for the additions.

When the Tapestry program began,

fewer than 30 percent of the parish's then-2,500 families were supporting its financial commitments. Today, financial support from more than 70 percent of its 3,200 families totals about \$2.3 million annually in weekly offerings, most of which are made electronically through checking-account withdrawals rather than through the traditional envelope system. This has allowed the parish to repay a \$6 million debt it had at the start of the program for earlier projects, build the additions, and be in a position to retire its current debt by 2020.

"The key to our success as a parish has been the willingness of our parishioners to be involved in all phases of the Tapestry program," said Msgr. Hendricks, who has been connected with the parish since 1988, the year after it was founded with 400 families and Masses were celebrated in 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 Ty Tomson, parochial vicar; Deacons Frank Iannarino and Don Poirier; Sister Pat McMahon, OSF, 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.

"Faith is 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 it and share it with the community. Our great strength is that we are visibly engaged as leaders in the community."

This past year, the parish has worked with the Dublin Food Pantry, the Kairos prison ministry, the Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs, Habitat for Humanity, Catholic Social Services, the Homeless Families Foundation, the Furniture Bank of Central Ohio, the Mid-Ohio Foodbank, Pregnancy Decision

Health Centers, the Run the Race Club, Meals on Wheels, the Columbus Fruit of the Vine Pantry, and Holy Family Church in Booneville, Ky., said parish business manager Joe Burger.

Parishioners share their time and talent with these organizations and donate between \$500 and \$2,000 to them through the parish social action committee, the first established committee of the parish. Additional donations come through special collections and programs such as the Christmas Giving Tree.

"Much has been given to the people of the parish, but to whom much is given, much is expected. We are fortunate here that people understand this and feel very blessed to be able to help others," said Sarah Moore, parish development director. "Because this is a new parish without a long history, many people feel very vested in the parish and have told me they want to create a high standard of service that those who follow them can live up to. All of us have benefited from that."

"We've tried to be a 'best-practices' parish in the diocese for all our programs. One key element to that has been the electronic giving program," Msgr. Hendricks said. "What we've accomplished here wouldn't have been possible without the consistency it's given us. Our

successful financial structure has allowed us to thrive. It's hard work, but it's necessary because the old envelope system doesn't fit today."

In 2008, the parish announced a set of 10-year planning goals, most of which were accomplished in half the allotted time through continued growth and the generosity of parishioners. Several new benchmarks have been set for 2013-14, including growth in the parish School of Adult Faith Formation, implementation of a succession planning program for future staff, and a number of education-related goals, most notably continued work on a \$50 million endowment program for St. Brigid School.

"We've reached the point that we have the physical structures we need," Msgr. Hendricks said. "The key to the coming years is to sustain what we have, most notably by growing the endowment for our school so it can have a positive future, continue the achievements for which it's been nationally recognized, and effectively deliver financial assistance so that every student who wants to attend is able to."

St. Brigid School has been nominated for the U.S. Department of Education's Blue Ribbon designation for 2014 by the Council for American Private Education and will receive the honor later this year.



Parish staff members (from left): first row, Karen Cremeans, Ann Blake, Kathy O'Reilly, Msgr. Joseph Hendricks and Kerry; second row, Jake Groce, Father Ty Tomson, Sister Joan Harper, Jackie Mack, Mary Longo, Joe Burger, Sarah Moore, Mary Fran Cassidy, Betty Santangelo, and Sister Pat McMahon. CT photo by Tim Puet

It previously was chosen as a Blue Ribbon School in 2008. Schools can receive the honor once every five years. Blue Ribbon schools in the high-performing category, including St. Brigid's, are honored for their success in reading and math, as measured by state or national tests in the most recent year tested, regardless of student demographics.

Kathy O'Reilly, who has been the school's principal for 13 years and an educator in the diocese for 33 years, said the school's mission can be summed up in its motto, "seeking grace and wisdom."

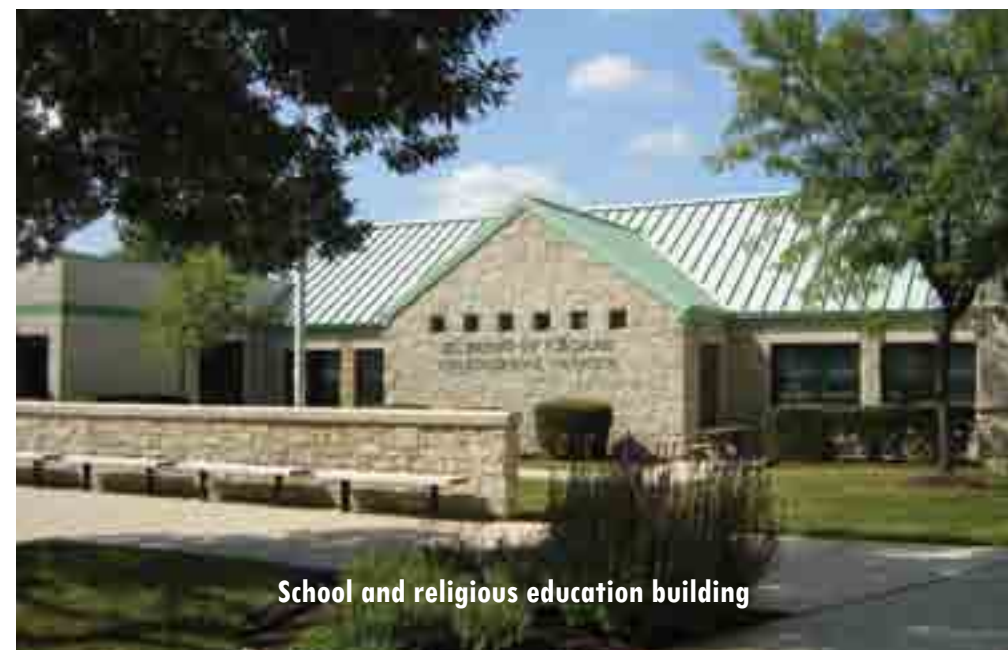
"It takes a lot of grace and wisdom to be a student," she said. "Technology is important, and we're keeping up with that. Everyone in the fifth through eighth grades has a Chromebook personal computer, we have iPads and laptops available for use in whatever situation is best for a given tool, and we're gradually switching our texts, which eventually will all be e-books. But our ultimate goal in the context of Catholic education is that students make good ethical and moral decisions."

This year's school theme is "Mary: Answering the Call," with students examining how the Blessed Virgin said "Yes" to God and how they need to respond in a

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Church exterior Photos courtesy St. Brigid of Kildare Church and School



School and religious education building



Enke Hall, originally a barn which was the church's early home



Fourth-graders read aloud in the school's new small-group study area



Youth group volunteers do yardwork for an older parishioner

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Above: Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare School students at a Pancake Day sponsored by the school's SPiCE (Special People in Catholic Education) program. Right: Students with a backdrop they painted for the annual school musical. Photos courtesy St. Brigid of Kildare School

similarly affirmative way when he speaks to them. The Marian theme is being developed among the school's 45 multiple-aged student "families" through programs such as a study of the feasts and titles devoted to Mary and the ways she is honored by various cultures.

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 innovation in thinking and problem solving, often via the use of technology."

Focus groups helped create this environment by addressing how to best 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 in grades kindergarten through eight and 96 three- to five-year-olds in preschool. O'Reilly said some classes are "comfortably full" and there is room in others. "We are adamant that if someone wants to go to school here, finances will not be a reason for them to be denied the opportunity," she said. Its model of "cost-based tuition, needs-based assistance" helps achieve that goal. This year, 113 students are receiving \$221,000 in tu-



ition assistance from the school through funds set up for that purpose, with 22 other students receiving aid totaling \$12,650 from the diocese.

The school does not have a major fundraiser, but its annual fund annually contributes about \$50,000 to pay for extras such as afterschool programs and author visits. The SPiCE (Special People in Catholic Education) group raises an additional \$70,000 to \$80,000 for special-education programs, much of that through its annual wine tasting event, which occurred earlier this month.

St. Brigid's Parish School of Religion, directed by Mary Fran Cassidy, is one of the largest in the diocese, with more than 1,000 students in grades one through eight meeting on Mondays and Tuesdays. During the Christmas season, it took part in Operation Cookie Storm, packing thousands of cookies for soldiers at home and abroad who have a connection to the parish. During Advent, it collected donations for the Christ Child Society. For Lent, it's taking part in the Operation Rice Bowl program.

During Holy Week, its seventh-graders will present Shadow Stations of the Cross, with the stations being portrayed in silhouette behind an illuminated sheet in front of the church's altar. There will be one performance early in the week for the school and one on Good Friday evening for the parish.

High school students meet on Sunday evenings with youth group leaders for a program titled "Living the Questions," an open format where they can explore life's questions from a Catholic per-

spective in a safe environment. Its yearly schedule is shaped by a core team of high school leaders and includes social, educational, service, and spiritual opportunities. It brought a large contingent to the diocesan youth rally earlier this month and is planning a food fast on Sunday, April 6, to benefit Catholic Relief Services.

The parish has placed a renewed emphasis on its adult education program, renaming it the School of Adult Faith Formation in 2012. Its director, Sister Pat McMahon, has served 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 Monday-morning and Wednesday-evening studies of Liguori Press' new book on the Gospel of Matthew, and recently hosted a Lenten retreat with Father David Monaco of the Pontifical College Josephinum.

The program also includes a Tuesday morning group which Cassidy has directed for several years. It's currently studying a book on the 50th anniversary of Vatican II. Sister Pat said an online survey of parishioners which showed high interest in courses on Scripture and basic Catholic beliefs will help determine the school's future curriculum.

Sister Pat also is in charge of the parish's ministry to the sick and bereaved and has more than 100 volunteers available to help with distribution of the Eucharist to the ill and the homebound

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and with funeral luncheons. Before every funeral in the parish, she meets with the family of the deceased to help with arrangements.

Sister Joan is in charge of volunteer sacristans, servers, readers, extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist, ushers, and greeters. She said 400 to 500 people are on the list to serve in one or another of those roles for one of the five weekend Masses. In addition, since her arrival at the parish in 2005, she has worked with parishioners seeking marriage annulments from the diocesan Tribunal, a role for which Msgr. Hendricks hired her "because of my familiarity with canon law, though I'm not a lawyer," she said.

One might think a church in Dublin, Ohio, would have a significant St. Patrick's Day celebration, but the Feast of St. Brigid, Feb. 1, is a bigger event at the parish named for her. This year, since that date was a Saturday, the feast was celebrated a day early and

included an all-school Mass, a procession of symbols of St. Brigid, and the singing of hymns to her.

For Lent, the parish is sponsoring soup suppers on Tuesday evenings at 6 p.m., followed by Stations of the Cross and Night Prayer. Other regular spiritual activities include recital of the rosary at 7 p.m. each Thursday and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from the end of the 9 a.m. Mass to 5 p.m. on the first Friday of the month.

Some of the parish's other organizations include a traditional and a contemporary choir, high school and grade school choirs, men's and women's groups, Knights of Columbus, Scouts, Family First, 55 Plus Club, prayer shawl group, Bethany Women for women who are divorced or in the divorce process, St. Brigid Players theater group, bridge team, and gift shop. For more information on any of these or on the parish, go to its website, www.stbrigidofkildare.org.



Top of page: The parish religious education department's annual "treasure hunt" sale. Above: A Columbus Habitat for Humanity house which St. Brigid parishioners helped build.



PRAYERS AND THANKS TO LOCAL SISTERS

Sixth-graders from Westerville St. Paul School sent a prayer chain with paper links to the motherhouse of the Dominican Sister of Peace. Each link was inscribed by the students with a prayer or note of thanks to the sisters in honor of National Catholic Sisters Week. A group of the sisters posed with the chain, which they described as "so sweet, so touching, and so appreciated!" They are (from left): Sisters Michaelleen Henderson, Bernardita Abeyta, Thoma Swanson, Diane McOsker, Loretta Sullivan, Joanne Baltz, June Fitzgerald (kneeling), and Carmelite Zibilich. Photo courtesy Dominican Sisters of Peace

Anti-Trafficking Campaign

Ohio Dominican University students with Leadership for Peace, in conjunction with the Dominican Sisters of Peace, conducted a letter-writing campaign from Tuesday, March 18 to Thursday, March 20 in the lobby of Erskine Hall during lunch and dinner.

This is an effort to pass Ohio House Bill 130, which would prosecute users of human-trafficking victims, and to educate ODU students.

Teresa Flores, an advocate for the bill who is a survivor of human trafficking, said Ohio ranks fifth in the United States in trafficking. The Ohio Human Trafficking Commission said the average age of those being trafficked in Ohio is 13, with more than 1,000 Ohio children being trafficked every year and more than 3,000 Ohio young people at risk of becoming victims.

Toledo is the fourth largest recruitment site for minor sex trafficking in the nation. Figures from the Ohio attorney general's office note that in 2013, there were 30 human trafficking investiga-

tions, 16 arrests, seven prosecutions, and nine successful convictions in the state – all small numbers when compared with the extent of the problem.

HB 130 would protect child victims of trafficking by appointing a guardian *ad litem* (for the lawsuit) and prohibiting the placement of a child with a parent if the parent has been convicted of "promoting prostitution, compelling prostitution, or trafficking in persons, or a substantially equivalent offense."

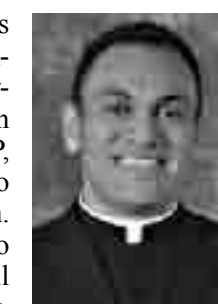
It also would extend the amount of time a victim has to prosecute a trafficker from six years to 20 years and includes provisions such as allowing victims to testify via closed-circuit television.

Supporters of the bill say it would prevent the court system from re-victimizing the victim and would target the true criminals – the trafficker and the people who purchase innocent children.

For more information about the campaign, contact Kim Peters at petersk@ohiodominican.edu.

St. James Parish Mission

Columbus St. James the Less Catholic Church, 1652 Oakland Park Ave., will host a parish mission in Spanish with Father Rene Constanza, CSP, from Monday, March 24 to Wednesday, March 26 at 7 p.m. His theme will be "Take Me to the King!" The mission will include confession, anointing,



and prayers of praise and thanksgiving. La Iglesia Católica St. James the Less, 1652 Avenida Oakland Park, Columbus, invita a la misión parroquial en Español que contará con la predicación ungida del Padre Rene Constanza, CSP. A partir del 31 de Marzo al 2 de Abril (Lunes-Miércoles) iniciando a las 7 p.m. El tema será "¡ Llévame al Rey! " Habrá confesiones, unción y acción de gracias.



The Parish School of Religion's Operation Cookie Storm program for military personnel.

Third Sunday of Lent (Cycle A)

A gospel which summarizes the RCIA process



Father
Lawrence L. Hummer

Exodus 17:3-7
Romans 5:1-2,5-8
John 4:5-42

Chances are that preachers on this Sunday will head for the Gospel story of Jesus meeting the woman at the well in Samaria. It makes sense. It's one of John's cleverly told tales. It fits with the RCIA preparation for candidates for Baptism.

The first reading from Exodus is about the tension at Meribah and Massah because of the fleeing Hebrews complaining against Moses because of a lack of water. Moses complains to the Lord. The Lord produces a flow of water for the people to drink. The theme of flowing water, of course, is a perfect lead-in to the Gospel.

The story of Jesus meeting the woman at the well is best understood when read in its entirety. Those who choose the "short form" miss the mention of the woman's five husbands. They also miss the disciples' return and their questions about why Jesus is talking with the woman. They also miss the woman's testimony about Jesus to the whole town. Basically, it would be like telling the story of the three little pigs but skipping the first two. The story would fall flat and lose its oomph.

Jesus is on his way back to Galilee from Judea and has to pass through Samaria on the way. John identifies the time as noon. It was an unusual time to draw water, since that was usually done in the mornings or evenings, but John specifies noon. Some think John was inviting the reader to remember the time of the crucifixion, which also began at noon.

The dialogue begins after Jesus asks the woman for a drink of water. For a Jewish man to ask this of a Samaritan woman and speak to her in public was not the usual way of things. Old Testament scenes at a well include Isaac meeting his future wife, Rebekah; Jacob meeting his future wife, Rachel; and Moses finding his future wife, Zipporah. Inasmuch as marriage does come into the question at Sychar, the reader at least thinks of these Old Testament scenes, whether John intended it or not.

The hostility between Samaritans and Jews was widespread and of long duration, which explains John's remark that they "use nothing in common." 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, "How can you, a Jew, ask me a Samaritan, for a drink?"

Jesus answers that if she knew with whom she spoke, she would ask and receive "living water." That means the kind of water that is flowing and fresh. 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 this water will never thirst again." Her remark seems a bit brassy: "Lord, give me this water so that I don't have to be thirsty, or have to keep coming back here to draw water." From this passage, on she addresses Jesus in direct discourse with the Greek word *Kyrios*. The translators use "sir," which could also be translated as "lord" or even "mister." But it also leans toward a confessional statement of "Lord," since by now, she realizes this is not just any old Jewish man she's talking with.

His knowledge that she had five husbands may be nothing more than simply his having heard about her from others in the area. It didn't require some kind of super knowledge. Whether the woman was immoral or just unlucky is hard to say. That she then calls him a prophet may well be John working through how the woman progresses from no faith to genuine belief that "he is the Messiah."

The argument regarding the legal place to offer sacrifice (either here or in Jerusalem) involves an argument over Law, which is naturally enough connected with Prophets, paving the way for the ultimate remark she makes that there is a Messiah coming who will explain it all some day. To this, Jesus replies, "I am he." The woman is well described by John as she progresses from unknowing to knowing and ultimately testifying to her townspeople.

There are many other themes in this passage, but these highlight the entire RCIA process, from unknowing to believing in Jesus as the Messiah and Son of the living God.

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

The Weekday Bible Readings

MONDAY
2 Kings 5:1-15b
Psalm 42:2-3;43:3-4
Luke 4:24-30

TUESDAY
Isaiah 7:10-14
Psalm 40:7-11
Hebrews 10:4-10
Luke 1:26-38

WEDNESDAY
Deuteronomy 4:1,5-9
Psalm 147:12-13,15-16,19-20
Matthew 5:17-19

THURSDAY
Jeremiah 7:23-28
Psalm 95:1-2,6-9
Luke 11:14-23

FRIDAY
Hosea 14:2-10
Psalm 81:6c-11b,14,17
Mark 12:28-34

SATURDAY
Hosea 6:1-6
Psalm 51:3-4,18-21b
Luke 18:9-14

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE WEEK OF MARCH 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, Newcomerstown and New Philadelphia; and Channel 207 in Zanesville); 8 p.m., St. Gabriel Radio (820 AM), Columbus, and at www.stgabrielradio.com.

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

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? As much as I enjoy this month in the sports calendar, I am not going to get into that here. Some also may wonder about the word "disbelief." Do I mean unbelief? No, disbelief is the appropriate word, because this best explains our modern world.

Few people are really atheists. Yes, we do have some who claim to be, but most are using this as a mask to rage against God. No, I am talking about the sizable populace who know God exists, believe they should be more faithful, but are "too busy" to do anything about it. They find clever excuses, saying churches are corrupt and pointing to various scandals 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 more corrupt than 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? The answer is simple: In sports (unlike the players), fans can hide behind the fantasy, but in faith, we cannot hide.

The great thing about sports is that results matter. Some on this earth think they can fool God and others



THE TIDE IS TURNING
TOWARD CATHOLICISM
David Hartline

by saying they don't need church and can find God in nature. Yes, God's creation is beautiful, but there are appointed holy places where God is to be worshipped and better understood, especially in the community of life we call a parish. Those folks who think they are too good for church would be the prima donnas of the sports world, claiming they don't need to practice. We all know how well that is received by their teammates and fans. Now imagine how God feels.

We all know people who claim they were better athletes in their prime than they actually were, and because of this fantasy, believe they would be great coaches, which is why they want most coaches fired. Believe me, coaching is harder than it looks, I coached at the high school level, and it was some of the most rewarding time I have spent on this planet, and some of the most agonizing. It truly gave me a lot of insights into faith. One of those insights is that it is a good thing that God doesn't run the Kingdom like a sports talk radio show. If He did, heaven

would practically be empty, purgatory fairly empty, and hell packed to the gills.

Can you imagine God saying "Why, that bum with all of those gifts I gave him, this is all he is doing with his life?" What if God said "She has got to be the biggest idiot. Is this what she does with the gifts I gave her?" We know better. This isn't how God operates. God exhorts us onward, trying to get us to wake up.

We have all seen our favorite team play a sluggish first half and then, no matter how great the halftime strategy and motivation from the coaching staff, it fails to respond in the second half. Sadly, as the final seconds tick off the clock, anguish settles in for the team and its fans. Unfortunately, this is how it will be for some on this earth. God exhorts them onward, but they refuse to listen.

When the final seconds on the clock of life tick away, they may end up in a place where God won't exhort them, and they may terminally feel the type of rage found among many sports talk radio callers. It is our job to exhort them onward through encouragement and prayer, with a little extra fiery motivation every so often. I am sure we would all like to see heaven a little more crowded. As fans, this is the least we can do for our teammates on this planet called earth.

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



RIGHT TO READ WEEK

Staff members and students at Coshocton Sacred Heart School brought books to school during Right to Read Week that will be donated to three local agencies — a battered women's shelter, the Hope Clinic, and a shelter for the homeless.

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Pray for our dead

AUSTIN, Denise J. “Memere,” 91, March 10
St. Dominic Church, Columbus

BLANK, Joan, 77, March 12
St. Agatha Church, Columbus

BONANNO, Doris, 69, March 14
Immaculate Conception Church, Dennison

BONTEMPO-WISEMAN, Melissa, 35, March 6
St. Paul Church, Westerville

BROWN, George H. “Hank” Jr., 63, March 13
St. James the Less Church, Columbus

DOMPIERRE, James, 71, March 10
St. Joan of Arc Church, Powell

FAEHNLE, Eileen C., 89, formerly of Columbus, March 11
St. Rose Church, Perrysburg

FINTA, Mary, 95, March 10
St. Luke Church, Danville

GARDNER, Howard B., 86, March 12
St. Philip Church, Columbus

GUTH, Thomas A., 76, March 11
St. Pius X Church, Reynoldsburg

GUTZWILLER, Army National Guard Brig. Gen. (Ret.) Clyde E., 82, March 11
St. Brendan Church, Hilliard

HORST, Jeffrey D., 53, March 10
St. Agatha Church, Columbus

KAPPELER, Carol, 68, Feb. 22
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

KLEMAN, Raymond J., 79, March 14
St. Peter Church, Columbus

KOEBEL, Danny C., 67, March 11
St. Timothy Church, Columbus

LOWERY, Irvin G., 90, March 8
Holy Spirit Church, Columbus

MASON, Rose M., 61, March 16
Holy Family Church, Columbus

McGONIGLE, Nicholas A., 58, March 8
St. Patrick Church, Columbus

MEEKS, Diana C., 52, March 9
St. Timothy Church, Columbus

MEHLER, Liesolette “Lilo,” 92, March 12
St. Mary Church, Columbus

MELERAGNO, Vincent J., 88, March 15
St. Timothy Church, Columbus

NOLAN, Vicki A., 65, March 15
Our Lady of Peace Church, Columbus

PAUMIER, Kathleen, 81, March 14
St. Vincent de Paul Church, Mount Vernon

TAYLOR, James S. “Sam,” 89, formerly of Columbus, March 13
Church of the Resurrection, Fort Myers, Fla.

WODARCZYK, Jerry (Mary), 81, March 13
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Grove City

Terrence J. Lorenz

Funeral Mass for Terrence J. Lorenz, 85, who died Monday, March 17, will be held Friday, March 21, at Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare Church. Burial will be in St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus.

He was born Aug. 16, 1928 to the late Frank and Isabel (Seipel) Lorenz, and graduated from Columbus Aquinas High School and the University of Dayton, where he studied electrical engineering and music. He retired from the National Electric Coil company after working there for more than 25 years, and previously was employed by Battelle Memorial Institute, Bell Sound System, and Lorenz Equipment Co.

He was a former resident of Grandview Heights, and served as organist at Columbus Our Lady of Victory Church for 36 years. At St. Brigid, he was a

member of the choir and the 55 Plus Club. He also served as treasurer of the Serra Club of North Columbus and of the Columbus Maennerchor, was active in the Cursillo movement, played bass violin in the Upper Arlington Orchestra, and was pianist for the Jacks and Jills club and the First Community Wednesday Men’s Breakfast Club.

Survivors include his wife of 63 years, Jodelle; sons, Michael (Jaci), Patrick (Linda), John (Karen), and Ken (Martha); daughters, Julie (Jeff) Bare, and Christine; brothers, Thomas (Ann), James (Joan), Christopher (Joan), and Robert (Donna); and sisters, Sister Mary Linda Lorenz, OP, Sister Mary de Chantal Lorenz, OP, Judy (Ray) Hosler, Linda Peeler, and Mary (Mark) Francis; 20 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

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MARCH

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7 a.m. to 7 p.m., sidewalk in front of Complete Health-care for Women, 5858 Cleveland Ave., Columbus. 40 Days for Life campaign of daily vigils at clinic. Individuals may sign up for one- or two-hour shifts. Churches, schools, and other organizations may select one day in which their representatives will cover all shifts.
614-445-8508

20, THURSDAY

Diocesan Association of Religious Educators Meeting
9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Church of the Resurrection, 6300 E. Dublin-Granville Road, New Albany. Diocesan Association of Religious Educators meeting. Speaker: Dan Mulhall of RCL Benzinger publishers. Topic: “Catechesis With Diverse Cultures.” Includes lunch. 614-221-4633
Mount Carmel Open House on Health Insurance
4 to 7 p.m., Community Health Resource Center, Mount Carmel Medical Center, Suite 100, 777 W. State St., Columbus. Mount Carmel Health system open house on new options available in health insurance. Refreshments provided; activities for children. 614-344-4093
‘Band of Sisters’ at de Porres Center
6:30 to 9 p.m., Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus. Repeat showing of film “Band of Sisters,” about sisters advocating for immigrant rights in the Chicago area. 614-416-1910
Labyrinth Walk at Shepherd’s Corner
7 to 8:30 p.m., Shepherd’s Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. Labyrinth walk led by Tina Thonnings. Theme: “The Act of Balancing.” 614-866-4302
‘Catholicism 101’ Program at Columbus St. Patrick
7:30 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Study of Dr. Scott Hahn’s “Catholicism 101” series presented by seminarians Brian Becker and Bradley Nursey. Part 4: “Baptism and Confirmation.” 614-224-9522

22, SATURDAY
Life and Mercy Mass in Plain City
9 a.m. Mass, St. Joseph Church, 140 West Ave., Plain City. Saturday Life and Mercy Mass, followed by rosary and confession. 614-565-8654
St. Joseph Academy Alumnae Gathering
11 a.m., St. Agnes Church, 2364 W. Mound St., Columbus. Gathering of Columbus St. Joseph Academy alumnae to honor the school’s patron saint. Begins with Mass, followed by luncheon and raffle. 614-853-1492
St. Joseph Crusade for Marriage Rally
Noon to 1 p.m., Intersection of Fishinger and Tremont roads and Northwest Boulevard, Upper Arlington. America Needs Fatima rally as part of organization’s St. Joseph Crusade for Marriage. 614-372-5249
Worthington Kilbourne High School Choir at St. Leo
7 p.m., St. Leo Church, 221 Hanford St., Columbus. Concert with Worthington Kilbourne High School Singers. Free-will offering to benefit St. Leo stained-glass window fund.

23, SUNDAY
St. Christopher Adult Religious Education
10 to 11:15 a.m., St. Christopher Parish Center, 1420 Grandview Ave., Columbus. “St. Joseph’s Cathedral -- 135 Years” with Catholic Times editor Dave Garick. 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. British concert organist and composer David Briggs accompanies the cathedral choir in the Midwest premiere of his “Messe pour Notre Dame” and other works. 614-241-2526

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, Colum-

H A P P E N I N G S

20-25, THURSDAY-TUESDAY

Mission and Novena at Portsmouth St. Mary
7 p.m. (6 p.m. March 25), St. Mary Church, 524 6th St., Portsmouth. Mission and novena in preparation for the Feast of the Annunciation. 740-354-4551

21-22, FRIDAY-SATURDAY

Bishop Watterson Presents ‘Crazy for You’
7 p.m., Bishop Watterson High School, 99 E. Cooke Road, Columbus. School drama department presents spring musical “Crazy for You.” 614-268-8671

21-23, FRIDAY-SUNDAY

Charismatic Retreat at St. Therese’s
St. Therese’s Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus. Men’s and women’s retreat sponsored by Columbus Catholic Charismatic Renewal and directed by Walter Matthews. 614-914-8556

22, SATURDAY

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
Marion St. Mary Lenten Talk Series
7 p.m., St. Mary Church, 251 N. Main St., Marion. Deacon Todd Tucky talks on “The Joy of the Gospel.” 740-382-2118
Scott Hahn ‘Salvation History’ Bible Study
7 p.m., 1112 Firth Ave., Worthington. Conclusion of seven-week Bible study using Dr. Scott Hahn’s Salvationhistory.com, with teachers Thom and Lorna Lisk. 614-841-1776

Mass for Immigration Reform at Parroquia Santa Cruz
7 p.m., Parroquia Santa Cruz, 143 E. Patterson Ave., Columbus. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, recital of the Rosary, and Mass for immigration reform, sponsored by diocesan Office for Social Concerns and Catholic Latino Ministry. 614-241-2540 or 614-262-7992

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 J.R. Radney, OFM, of Transfiguration Parish, Upper Sandusky. Reservations required.
‘Oremus’ Program at St. Peter in Chains
7 p.m., St. Peter in Chains Church, 2167 Lick Run Lyra Road, Wheelersburg. “Oremus,” a retreat-like experience featuring a 30-minute DVD with Father Mark Toups, followed by faith sharing. 740-574-5486
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

Diocesan Schools Honor Choir Concert
6:30 p.m., Church of the Resurrection, 6300 E. Dublin-Granville Road, New Albany. Seventh annual diocesan parochial and high schools honor choir concert, with Ohio Dominican University chorus. Guest conductor: Craig Courtney. Theme: “I Will Rise.” 614-367-9736
‘Conversion’ Series at Newman Center
7 p.m., St. Thomas More Newman Center, 64 W. Lane Ave., Columbus. Part 2 of six-week “Conversion -- Following the Call of Christ” DVD series with Father Robert Barron.

bus. Mass in Spanish.

706-761-4054

23-25, SUNDAY-TUESDAY

Parish Mission at St. Christopher
7 to 9 p.m., St. Christopher Church, 1420 Grandview Ave., Columbus. Parish mission led by Kimi and Tom Tomaszek, co-directors of The Five Loaves online spiritual renewal ministry. Topics: “Signed in Baptism,” Sunday; “Sealed with the Holy Spirit,” Monday; “Sent to Be Disciples,” Tuesday. 614-486-0457

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
Marian Movement for Priests Cenacle
7 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Mass for Catholic family life. Homily: “The Fourth Joyful Mystery: The Presentation of Jesus at the Temple.” 614-235-7435

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Register at www.buckeyeatholic.com/lent.

Delaware St. Mary Lent By Candlelight Evening
7 p.m., Community room, Snyder-Rodman Funeral Home, 1510 W. William St., Delaware. St. Mary Church Lent By Candlelight evening for women, with speaker Maggie Wright on “Living Out Holy Simplicity in Your Life.” 740-362-1080

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

27, THURSDAY

‘Five Love Languages’ Presentation at Delaware St. Mary
6 p.m., Kavanagh Hall, St. Mary Church, 82 E. William St., Delaware. Presentation for married couples based on book “The Five Love Languages.” Child care provided. 740-362-0917

Reconciliation, Mass, Lenten Talk at Pond Creek
6:30 p.m., Holy Trinity Church, 9493 Carey’s Run Road, Pond Creek. Reconciliation, Mass, and Lenten talk by Father Stephen Virginia. 740-858-4600

NFP Class at Mount Carmel Medical Center
7 to 9 p.m., Community Health Resource Center, Mount Carmel Medical Center, Suite 100, 777 W. State St., Columbus. First of four Natural Family Planning classes taught by diocesan-trained teachers in the symp-tothermal method. Cost \$85 per couple; preregistration required. Other class dates: April 10, May 1, May 29. 614-241-2560

‘Catholicism 101’ Program at Columbus St. Patrick
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28, FRIDAY

‘Were You There?’ Way of the Cross at Coshocton
7 p.m., Sacred Heart Church, Walnut Street and Park Avenue, Coshocton. “Were You There?” Way of the Cross with narration from “Doing It their Own Way” CD by Father Jeff Bayhi and Aaron Neville, with handbell accompaniment. 740-622-8817

28-29, FRIDAY-SATURDAY

Retreat for Youth Ministry Leaders
6:30 p.m. Friday to 2 p.m. Saturday, Procter Retreat Center, 11235 Ohio 38 S.E., London. Retreat for youth ministry coordinators and other adult leaders, sponsored by diocesan Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, led by Jim Merhaut of SpritualHelpforYou.com. Theme: “Gratitude.” 614-241-2565

St. Francis DeSales Presents ‘Oklahoma!’
7 p.m., St. Francis DeSales High School, 4212 Karl Road, Columbus. School drama department presents Rodgers and Hammerstein’s classic musical “Oklahoma!” Also on April 4 and 5. 614-267-7808

28-30, FRIDAY-SUNDAY

Women’s Retreat at St. Therese’s
St. Therese’s Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus. Women’s retreat sponsored by Gahanna St. Matthew Church, with Father Ted Sill, pastor, and Jenna Zins, parish evangelization director. Theme: “If You Are What You Should Be, You Will Set the World on Fire.” 614-855-3543



CONCERT

MESSE POUR NOTRE DAME



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.

EXHIBIT

THE FACES OF TRANSCARPATHIA



The Faces of Transcarpathia
Photographs by Andrew J. Tonn

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.

NEWS IN PHOTOS FROM AROUND THE WORLD



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." CNS photo/L'Osservatore Romano via Reuters



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.

CNS photo/Jose Aguirre, Catholic San Francisco



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.

CNS photo/Kathy Willens, Reuters



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.

Photo courtesy Bishop Rosecrans High School

Signed Sealed Sent



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Lenten Parish Mission

Pope Francis has called the church to a *missionary discipleship*. Our parish mission provides us time in reflection, prayer and fellowship to understand how we are...

Sunday, March 23 - Signed in Baptism

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Kimi and Tom Tomaszek are partners in marriage and ministry. Co-Directors of The Five Loaves offering online and event resources for spiritual renewal, including *Between Sundays™* – an innovative weekly video reflection on the upcoming scriptures.

A free will offering will be accepted.

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NEW PROGRAM SCHEDULE

LOCAL PROGRAMS

WEEKDAYS AT NOON

ST. GABRIEL
CATHOLIC RADIO
AM 820

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

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