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The Editor's Notebook

Saying Grace

By David Garick, Editor



The great feast of Thanksgiving is upon us. So now we gather together with family around a table groaning under the weight of more food than any of us needs to eat, but eat it we will, because not eating it would be, well...ungrateful. It is our duty. This is Thanksgiving, after all. Then we must loosen our pants and settle into a Barcalounger for no less than three consecutive football games. During this time, of course one must refortify oneself with leftovers from the earlier feast. It's tradition. So don't blame me! I didn't make the rules. I am just doing what is required. And, by the way, if you are planning on heading out in the early hours of Black Friday morning in search of elusive holiday bargains, you'll have to do it without me ... I have to sleep off a meal that would sustain your average black bear for the entire winter.

As the name of this holiday expresses, this is a time for giving thanks. I certainly have a lot to be thankful for this year. I'm sure that most of you also have a great many things in your life that you will give thanks for as well.

But I hope you will also join me in taking a moment to thank God for a gift that is invisible, but that is so central to our salvation. I am speaking of the gift of Grace. We refer to it every Thanksgiving, and hopefully at meals throughout the year, when we speak of saying grace before eating. We think of it as thanking God for providing for us. But Grace is so much more than that. Grace is first and foremost the gift of the Spirit who justifies and sanctifies us. It is the gift that connects us to God and allows us to be part of our own salvation and that of others and the growth of the Body of Christ, the Church. Grace gives us the ability to relate to God beyond our human powers to see and hear

and reason.

God's eternal power and love for us -- not just mankind as a whole, but every one of us as individuals -- is a concept that is above anything we can understand through rational thought. God's wish to come to us in human form and to suffer, die, and then conquer death for us goes beyond our comprehension. God's willingness to send his Holy Spirit to be our companion and guide through life is hardly a concept that can be logically explained. Left to our own devices, we would reject all these things as illogical superstition. Sadly, many in our highly secularized society do just that. But through the gift of God's Grace, we see them in truth, and through them, we live in God's love. And we know that we will continue to do so through all eternity. All the worldly gifts we give thanks for this week are more meaningful when viewed in the context of the part they play in our larger role of living a life that is centered not on ourselves, but on Christ. In the darkest hours of our life, it is this Grace that sustains us and draws us closer to our God. His Grace does not spare us from all pain and suffering. But by giving us strength to offer that suffering to God and to join that pain with the pain of Christ, we have the knowledge that in the end, we will find eternal joy with Christ. Grace gives us all this through faith that is not a product of our own making, but rather a wonderful gift of God.

And so, my wish for you this Thanksgiving echoes the words of St. Paul to the Corinthians: The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.



COLLECTION FOR VICTIMS OF PHILIPPINES TYPHOON

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has asked that all dioceses across the nation hold a special collection to raise desperately needed funds to assist the recovery following the devastation caused by Typhoon Haiyan. Bishop Frederick Campbell has designated the weekend of Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 for this collection.

This storm destroyed entire villages and wrecked cities across the Philippines and Vietnam. As many as 10,000 people are feared dead, and more than nine million people have been affected. The full extent of structural damage is unknown. On this weekend that follows our national celebration of Thanksgiving, let us show our gratitude for the good things we enjoy by supporting those who are suffering in the Philippines and southeast Asia.

Donations may also be sent to the diocesan finance office at 198 E. Broad St., Columbus OH 43215, with "Philippines" in the memo line.

Members of the Filipino Catholic community in Columbus said that as far as they can determine, none of their families in the Philippines were affected significantly by the typhoon.

"People are used to typhoons there, but no one I've talked to can recall

anything like it," said Raul Pepino, whose mother, brother, and sisters live on the island of Cebu and were not injured in the storm. "Everyone on Cebu was affected by it to some degree, but my family was fortunate because they live in southern Cebu. They had a very harrowing experience, but the damage was minimal. It was the northern part of the island that got hit hard."

Cebu Island is southwest of Leyte Island, which suffered the most damage. The two are separated by a body of water known as the Visayan Sea. Tacloban, the provincial capital of Leyte and the city with the most damage, is about 100 miles from Cebu City, the capital of Cebu province and the heart of the second-largest metropolitan area in the Philippines.

Laura Punzalan of Columbus said a local prayer group affiliated with a Philippines-based movement known as BNP (the initials in the Filipino language of Tagalog for "holy study") decided not to have a Christmas party this year, donating the money it would have spent on the event to relief efforts in the Philippines. The group has about 200 members in Columbus, Marysville, Dayton, and Cleveland and is monitoring events through a Filipino channel that's available on satellite television.

A REFLECTION ON THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

By Father David Schalk

Pastor, Columbus Christ the King Church

Marytown, in Libertyville, Ill., is home to Conventual Franciscan Friars of the St. Bonaventure Province and the National Shrine of St. Maximilian Kolbe. Having studied at Mundelein Seminary for four years, I was able to pay more than a few visits to this magnificent church. It's on the property adjacent to Mundelein -- literally right next door -- so a quick pilgrimage to the shrine was a regular occurrence during my seminary days.

Visitors to this place are undoubtedly awed by Marytown's tremendous collection of relics of St. Maximilian. You can almost feel the presence of that wonderful saint while you are there. But I would argue that pilgrims are equally impressed by the exquisite mosaics that cover the interior walls of the church. All the mosaics are beautifully crafted and theologically profound. In a captivating way, the images within the shrine illustrate the doctrine of our Catholic faith, though at first glance one might not decipher all of their meaning.

An example of what I mean is located above the main entrance of the church. There you will find a small but remarkable mosaic of Christ the King. It is of particular interest to me because of my current assignment as pastor of Christ the King Church in Columbus. On a recent trip to Marytown, I took an extra moment to examine this piece of art and was intrigued by what I saw.

In this particular image, Christ is seated on a throne and surrounded by a man, a lion, an ox, and an eagle. These are symbols of the four gospel writers: the man is a symbol for Matthew; the lion, a symbol for Mark; the ox, a symbol for Luke; and the eagle, a symbol for John. To see these four creatures is very common in depictions of Christ the King. In fact, my parish has a very similar image in stained glass. What is different about Marytown's image, though, is that each symbol is accompanied by a single Latin word.

Near the symbol of Matthew is the word *Homo*, meaning "Man." This helps us to remember that Matthew begins his gospel with the genealogy of



Jesus. Why would Matthew begin his work in this way? His intention, among other things, is to make the humanity of Jesus abundantly clear. Christ, the Son of God, took upon himself our human nature, completely and utterly. Born of a woman, he became like us in all things but sin. Matthew, like the other gospel writers, emphasizes the fact that Jesus knows what it means to be a human being, hence *Homo*.

Next to the lion is *Rex*, or "King." Upon opening Mark's gospel, you will

see that the first spoken words of Jesus are "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." If the kingdom of God is at hand, who will reign as king? None other than Jesus himself. His kingship is on display throughout the gospel. We see it in his authority, compassion, and love. As Christians, we gladly acknowledge Christ as our *Rex* and we willingly serve him with our lives.

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UNIQUE ARTWORK PORTRAYS CHRIST THE KING

By Graziella Marchicelli

As the feast of Christ the King approaches, the Jubilee Museum and Catholic Cultural Center would like to invite everyone to come and view its magnificent work *Christ the King*, a panel more than eight feet high that imitates both a stained-glass window and a mosaic.



Its creator, master craftsman Ludwig von Gerichten, was a German immigrant living in Columbus when he crafted *Christ the King*. Von Gerichten applied actual lead lines called cames, rather than glass, to hold panels of wood together. The panels vary in size and shape and are cleverly carved and stained to simulate countless mosaic tiles.

Christ the King achieves visual coherence principally because of its lead lines, which catch the light and seem almost luminous against the muted wood panels they hold. Very importantly, they serve to draw the eye inward to the less pronounced patterns carved into the wood.

The lead lines tell us that this is a stained-glass panel at heart, even if it has no glass at all, because von Gerichten was at heart a stained-glass window maker. But very interestingly, von Gerichten chose to insert wood panels this time. Even more interestingly, he carved these panels to mimic small mosaic tiles.

Hence, *Christ the King* synthesizes two great art forms much associated with the Church -- the ancient tradition of mosaic art and the later medieval tradition of

stained-glass window making.

Manifestly, of course, *Christ the King* is not a stained-glass window, even though it is faithful to the stained-glass pattern. But intriguingly, *Christ the King* is also not a real mosaic, even though it simulates a wood mosaic, sometimes called *intarsia*, quite well.

Von Gerichten and his brother Theodore were successful stained-glass window makers in Columbus for many years. They opened their business in 1893, eventually settling on the name Von Gerichten Art Glass Co.

Neither brother entered the business unschooled. They had made a previous try at it elsewhere, and Ludwig had been an apprentice at the Riordan stained-glass studio in Cincinnati. The Von Gerichten Art Glass Co. became successful and Ludwig earned a reputation as a master craftsman.

The business produced more than 1,000 windows for churches across the nation, including churches in Columbus. More information on the Von Gerichten company is available at: www.rpwrhs.org/w/

index.php?title=Von_Gerichten_Art_Glass_Company.

Von Gerichten depicts Christ dressed in the robes of a king and wearing a crown. In His left hand, Christ holds the cosmos, an orb with the triumphant cross. With His right hand, Christ blesses. Von Gerichten applied delicate variances of stain to the wood to create a subtle sense of shading to the Christ figure, but it is applied sparingly and masterfully throughout.

His use of color is intriguingly restrained -- stained-glass windows usually bring to mind dazzling, saturated colors. One more intriguing note: typically, the name of a saint or a prophet is placed at the bottom of a window. Here, though, the artist has instead inscribed "Designed & Executed By L. Von Gerichten, Col. O."

The Jubilee Museum and Catholic Cultural Center exists to preserve the Catholic mind and memory as it is represented in art. Readers are invited to come and see "Christ the King" and the museum's many other treasures.

Graziella Marchicelli is director of museum service and special exhibitions at the Jubilee Museum and Catholic Cultural Center in Columbus' Franklinton neighborhood.



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The harvest display from last year's Thanksgiving Day Mass at Chillicothe St. Peter Church, continuing a parish tradition which has lasted for more than 50 years.

Photo courtesy St. Peter Church

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PRACTICAL STEWARDSHIP

By Rick Jeric

Notice

Were you able to bring eternal life a little closer this past week? Of course, we are always closer to death in this life with each passing moment. It is not a countdown, as if we might know the time and place, but a "count up" toward that grasp of life eternal with our God. We know this through our great faith.

What a beautiful thing it is for us to believe and know, while the foundation for it is simply our faith in the Word of God. To give us strength and grace, we have the Most Holy Trinity, the virtues of faith, hope, and love, and the fulfillment of the law by simply loving one another. As reminders, and as practical demonstrations of our commitment and faith, we sincerely make the sign of the cross, we pray the "Glory Be," and we actively live the Word of God. There can be no substitute for eternal life with our God and with one another. We are the Body of Christ.

Did you notice that this Nov. 22 is the 50th anniversary of the assassination of President Kennedy? The media and many of us are noticing with remembrances and stories so we will not forget what happened. I hope we notice and care about our current president and government officials. We should pray for them and for our country. Did you notice that this past Sept. 11 was the 12th anniversary of the terrorist attacks of 9/11? Much of that day remains fresh in our minds, so we notice and remember the victims. I hope we notice and care about the innocent victims, almost daily, of smaller terror attacks in many places in the Middle East and beyond. We should pray for them and for their respective nations. While that may be difficult, it is precisely what Jesus means when He reminds us to love our neighbor as ourselves and to love our enemies. Did you notice the attention that the random school or shopping-mall shootings receive? They are vivid and terrible examples of the existence of sin and evil in our world. I hope we realize how much we as a nation have turned our backs on those with mental illness and challenges, and who cry out for help that is beyond their reach. We continue to react to these awful situations, instead of being proactive to prevent them from happening again. We focus on "bullying" and guns, rather than the social issues that produce the behavior, or the hand that pulls the trigger. We should pray for all the victims of this senseless violence, especially those who are predisposed to carry out the acts. Did you notice that it has been eight years since the devastation of Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans and the surrounding Gulf area? This nation reached out and helped in an outpouring of aid, support, and relief. These natural disasters tend to bring out the best in us. I am sure that we have also noticed Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines. We must continue to support and pray for the victims of both.

Our practical challenge this week is to notice and pay attention to what is happening around us. If everyone notices the real issues close to them — that is, in our own families, parishes, and neighborhoods — then we could make a lasting difference where it counts. Contribute to needed relief for disasters such as Katrina and Haiyan. But also contribute to your local world. Notice and serve your family, friends, and especially strangers in our local area. Good and faithful stewardship begins at home.

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



IN GOD'S SERVICE

More than 130 high school students attended the "In God's Service" program sponsored earlier this month by Black Catholic Ministries and the diocesan Vocations Office at Columbus Christ the King Church.

The program was designed to educate and interest young people in religious vocations and offer encouragement to those who may be considering a life in the priesthood or as a member of a religious community. Students were in attendance from all of the Columbus Catholic high schools and New Philadelphia Tuscarawas Central Catholic High.

Retired Deacon James Davis was honored during the program. Deacon Davis, 95, was ordained by Bishop James Griffin in 1985 and was the first African American deacon ordained in the Diocese of Columbus. Rachele Martin, executive director of Black Catholic

Ministries, thanked him for his years of service to the Catholic community.

The program featured several people who have embraced religious life sharing their stories of what it meant to them to answer God's call. The students were greeted by Father Paul Noble, diocesan vocations director, and Father David Schalk, pastor of Christ the King Church, and heard presentations from Dominican Associate Helen McKinley; Sister Patricia Dual, OP, of the Dominican Sisters of Peace; Deacon Robert Neely of Columbus St. Dominic Church; and Father Clarence Williams, CPPS, pastor of Columbus St. James the Less Church, who was celebrant of the Mass which concluded the program.

After Mass, the students had lunch with the clergy and other religious present and took part in an open forum at which they asked questions and shared reflections and comments at an open forum.

CHRISTMAS LESSONS AND CAROLS

Ohio Dominican University will ring in the holiday season with its annual Christmas lessons and carols ceremony at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 4, on its main campus, 1216 Sunbury Rd., Columbus.

With more than 100,000 lights illuminating the campus, this evening offers an enchanting tradition of lights, Scripture readings, and holiday cheer. The university chorus and band will provide seasonal music.

The Christmas lessons and carols service at Christ the King Chapel in Sans-

bury Hall will be a traditional service of Scripture readings and hymns. Following the service, the creche will be blessed in front of Erskine Hall and the university's Christmas tree will be lit.

Hot chocolate and doughnuts will be available as children make their own ornaments and have their picture taken with Santa Claus at the Colonial Room in Sansbury Hall.

The event is free. Those wishing to participate are asked to notify the university by Sunday, Dec. 1.

CORPUS CHRISTI CONCERT

Columbus Corpus Christi Church, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., will host a "Christmas harmony" concert, sponsored by the Edgewood Acres Civic Association and featuring local choirs with guest musi-

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REMEMBERING ALLYSON

Allyson Gross had a passion for life unlike any other — she was full of zeal and had an infectious laugh that drew others to her. However, she was taken from her family, fiance, and friends suddenly and unexpectedly in 2009. Though her life was cut short, her accomplishments in her 24 years would come to define the legacy memorialized through a scholarship in her name at The Catholic Foundation.

As a child, she loved Worthington St. Michael School, where she developed a love for writing that would play an important role in her future. "She had a teacher that noticed the amazing talent she had with writing," her mother, Bobbi May-Gross, explained.

Gross' teacher encouraged her to enter competitions such as the Power of the Pen, which here she won several awards. After St. Michael School, she went on to graduate from Columbus Bishop Watterson High School. Her passion for the written word then led her to study at the E.W. Scripps College of Journalism at Ohio University.

A self-proclaimed perfectionist, she worked diligently in pursuit of her dreams, eventually to the point of exhaustion and hospitalization. It was then that doctors discovered she had a hole in her heart that needed repair.

She approached the surgery as she approached anything else in life — head-on and with a positive attitude. On Jan. 6, 2009, she underwent successful open-heart

surgery and was discharged from the hospital one week later. However, on Jan. 20, 2009, she died from a rare infection, leaving her family, fiance, and friends devastated.

In the weeks and months following her death, her family mourned their loss and searched for a way to keep her memory alive. Her mother, her aunt, Barb Wilt, and her sister, Lauren Gross, put all of their effort into raising money to fund a scholarship with The Catholic Foundation. From a five-kilometer race to social fundraising events to friends donating every scrap they could come up with, the family raised more than \$40,000. They established the Allyson Marie Gross Memorial Scholarship as a way to remember her legacy in perpetuity.

"Years from now, somebody will be saying her name," Gross' mother said. "This is a way for us to do something for her."

The Catholic Foundation awards the Allyson Marie Gross Memorial Scholarship annually to a student from St. Michael School who intends to continue his or her education at Bishop Watterson High School. Through an essay application, this student must demonstrate a talent and passion for writing and an ability to inspire others through their words — much as Gross did throughout her life.

The recipient for the 2013 school year is Sophie Thompson. Past recipients include Deidre Saia (2012)



and Marissa Wierzbicki (2011). All three showed exceptional skills in writing and creativity.

To learn more about Gross' life and legacy, please visit www.catholic-foundation.org/AllysonGrossStory.

The Catholic Foundation's mission is to inspire giving and assist donors to provide for the long-term needs of the 23-county Diocese of Columbus. It fulfills this mission by seeking donors to establish funds designed to support current and future needs and by distributing earnings according to community priorities and donor intent.

It is one of the nation's oldest and largest Catholic foundations, distributing more than \$65 million in the diocese since 1985. For additional information about The Catholic Foundation, visit www.catholic-foundation.org.

Photo: Members of the family of Allyson Marie Gross gather in front of Columbus Bishop Watterson High School with the first three recipients of a memorial scholarship awarded in her name through The Catholic Foundation. They are (from left): Barb Wilt (Allyson's aunt), Lauren Gross (her sister), Bobbi May-Gross (her mother), Sophie Thompson (2013 recipient), Deidre Saia (2012 recipient) and Marissa Wierzbicki (2011 recipient). (Photo courtesy The Catholic Foundation)

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BURIAL AT SEA; CANONIZATION AND SEX ABUSE



QUESTION & ANSWER
by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE
Catholic News Service

There was a photo in our local Catholic newspaper of a pastor presiding over a burial at sea. Please clarify the church's teaching on cremation and the proper final resting place of the cremated remains. (I thought that the "cremains" were to be buried.) (Davenport, Iowa)

The Catholic Church, while it prefers a traditional burial or entombment, permits cremation. The cremated remains are to be treated with the same respect as the body of the deceased, which means that they are to be placed in a worthy vessel and buried or entombed in consecrated ground (not kept on a mantelpiece or scattered over a mountaintop).

The church allows burial at sea, provided that the body or the cremated remains are buried in a dignified and heavy container.

In the *Order for Christian Funerals*, No. 406, Section 4, there is a specific prayer to be used in such cases: "Lord God, by the power of your word you stilled the chaos of the primeval seas, you made the raging waters of the flood subside, and calmed the storm on the sea of Galilee. As we commit the body (earthly remains) of our brother (sister) N. to the deep, grant him/her peace and tranquility until that day when he/she and all who believe in you will be raised to the glory of new life promised in the waters of baptism."

I am a longtime practicing Catholic, but there is a question that has been bothering me: With respect to the canonization process for Pope John Paul II, how did the "devil's advocate" treat the issue of the clergy sexual abuse scandal? (Marlboro, N.J.)

Pope John Paul II (along with Pope John XXIII) will be canonized by Pope Francis in a ceremony at the Vatican on April 27, 2014.

As your question suggests, some people

have objected to this decision -- particularly advocates for victims of clergy sex abuse -- because, they say, as the church's leader, Pope John Paul did not act quickly enough and forcefully enough in punishing abusers and protecting children.

They especially fault Pope John Paul for his support of the Mexican priest Father Marcial Maciel Degollado, who fostered many clerical vocations through the society he founded, the Legionaries of Christ. (Father Maciel was later determined to have abused multiple victims; he was removed from ministry by Pope Benedict XVI and ordered to spend the rest of his days in prayer and penitence.)

Supporters of Pope John Paul point out that he attempted to stem abuse by assigning such cases to the Vatican's powerful Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith and by approving an expedited process for weeding abusers out of the priesthood.

As to what was reported and discussed in the canonization process about Pope John Paul's response to the crime, sin, and scandal of sexual abuse, it is difficult to say without access to a transcript of the proceedings.

I feel confident that the matter would have been brought forward for discussion, especially given the strength of victims' concerns. (Technically, the role is filled now not by a "devil's advocate" but by the "relator," who assembles material on the candidate's life and writings, as well as on the social milieu of the period.)

It is important to note that the canonization is neither a seal of approval of each decision made during Pope John Paul's papacy nor a ratification of every policy choice. It is a statement that he was a holy man who is now with God in heaven, not necessarily a wise church leader or an effective one.

Supporters of Pope John Paul would say, in fact, that he was all of the above, citing his role in freeing eastern Europe from Soviet tyranny, his international trips to promote the Gospel, and his courageous example while suffering during his final years from Parkinson's disease.

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



STATUE DEDICATION

A sculpture of the patroness of Mount Carmel St. Ann's Hospital in Westerville will soon be part of the hospital's new main entrance. The work, titled "Grace," depicts St. Ann with her daughter, the Virgin Mary. It was created by local artist Nina Menduni.

David and Michele Bianconi commissioned the sculpture as a way to enhance the new entrance, which is part of a larger hospital expansion project. The Bianconis are co-chairs of the Mount Carmel Foundation's capital campaign to benefit the expansion. They have a strong Catholic faith, and it was important to them that the statue reflects this commitment.

The inspiration for "Grace" stemmed from a statue the couple viewed upon entering the Church of St. Ann in Jerusalem. "The minute we saw it, we knew it would be a perfect fit for St. Ann's," David Bianconi said. "A statue of St. Ann comforting her daughter Mary, the mother of God, would provide that same comfort to all those who entered

the hospital."

The expansion project is a \$110 million investment in new facilities and equipment that will ensure the hospital can continue to meet the growing health care needs of central Ohio. It includes a new patient tower with 60 beds, a cardiovascular center of excellence, a general surgery, orthopedic and spine unit, a new main entrance, and a new three-level parking garage and road enhancements.

Photo: Pictured at the dedication of a statue of St. Ann and the Virgin Mary which will be placed in the new main entrance at Mount Carmel St. Ann's Hospital are (from left) Doug Stein, Mount Carmel Foundation president and executive director; Father Charles Klinger, pastor of Westerville St. Paul Church; Msgr. Joseph Hendricks, pastor of Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare Church; Janet Meeks, Mount Carmel St. Ann's president and chief operating officer; Michele and David Bianconi, donors of the statue; and Bishop Frederick Campbell.

Photo courtesy Mount Carmel Health System



HIGH SCHOOL PLAYOFFS ~ Week 2

Newark Catholic and Columbus Bishop Ready will meet for the second time this season when the two rivals collide on Friday night in an Ohio High School Athletic Association Division VI regional final.

The stakes will be high for the rematch. The winner of the 7:30 p.m. football playoff game at Gahanna Lincoln Stadium advances to the state semifinals the following week.

Columbus Bishop Hartley joined Ready and Newark Catholic in making it through the regional semifinals last weekend.

Ready (11-1), the second seed in Region 21, rolled to a 45-14 victory over Woodsfield Monroe Central on Friday night at Zanesville's Sulberger Stadium.

Fourth-seeded Newark Catholic (11-1) ousted Lucasville Valley 35-21 on Friday night at Nelsonville-York.

On Saturday night, Hartley (11-1) survived a hard-fought Division V Region 17 semifinal against Baltimore Liberty Union for a 14-7 win at Bloom-Carroll.

Hartley's opponent in the regional final is third-seeded Wheelersburg (11-1) at 7 p.m. Saturday at Nelsonville's Boston Field.

The Hawks are the No. 1 seed in the region and no strangers to big games after winning a state title in 2010 and advancing to the Division IV state semifinals in 2012.

BISHOP READY

The Silver Knights scored on their first six possessions against Monroe Central (8-4) and the outcome of the regional semifinal was never in doubt after the first quarter.

Ready, which advanced to its first regional final since 2008, led 31-7 at halftime.

Running back Akili Taylor rushed for 140 yards and three touchdowns. He scored twice in the first half on 14- and 33-yard runs.

Aiden Dulin opened the scoring with a 29-yard field goal, Nickolas Chapman added a 1-yard scoring run and quarterback Matt Yoho threw a 32-yard scoring pass to Kelly Culbertson.

Taylor's third touchdown, a 15-yard run, pushed Ready's lead to 38-7 at the

start of the third quarter.

NEWARK CATHOLIC

The Green Wave struck quickly in its regional semifinal against unbeaten and top-seeded Valley, scoring twice in the first quarter and building a 28-14 lead at halftime.

Quarterback Chayce Crouch, who is headed to Illinois next season, led the Newark Catholic offense with four touchdown passes and 216 yards.

Newark Catholic tailback Anthony Wing broke loose for a 79-yard touchdown run in the opening minute of the game and Crouch connected with Hunter Nance on a 63-yard scoring pass later in the first quarter to make it 14-0.

Wing finished with 95 yards rushing on 12 carries and four catches for 54 yards. Nance had three receptions for 97 yards, and Luke Ceneviva added three catches for 64 yards.

Crouch threw two more touchdown passes in the second quarter -- a 25-yard strike to Ceneviva and a 13-yarder to Wing, who had intercepted a tipped pass on defense to set up his TD and two-point conversion run with 30 seconds to play in the first half.

The fourth touchdown pass of the game came in the fourth quarter, after Valley (11-1) had closed to 28-21. Crouch hooked up with Ceneviva again for a 19-yard score that secured the victory.

Newark Catholic advanced to the regional final for the second consecutive year. The Green Wave reached the state final in 2012 but fell short in its bid for a ninth state championship.

BISHOP HARTLEY

The Hawks were less dynamic on offense than usual, but their grind-it-out, ball-control offense worked effectively against Liberty Union.

Hartley's offense ran 80 plays from scrimmage, keeping third-seeded Liberty Union's offense off the field. The Hawks' defense limited the Lions, a Division IV state semifinalist last season, to 32 offensive plays and 116 total yards.

Methodical might be the best word to describe the Hawks' final drive, which covered 80 yards in 19 plays and took eight minutes 29 seconds off the clock.

Hartley led 7-0 at halftime on a 9-yard scoring pass to Duke recruit Alonzo Saxton from quarterback Jared Brandewie.

Hawks running back Sam Mackowiak added the clinching score with 3:58 left in the third quarter on a 9-yard run. Mackowiak rushed for 121 yards on 30 carries.

Liberty Union's only points resulted from a 46-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Austin Vannatta to Jacob Brasso in the third quarter.

READY-NEWARK CATHOLIC REMATCH

There will be no secrets when Ready and Newark Catholic face off in a highly anticipated game. The two teams are quite familiar with one another, having squared off in the season opener in August. Ready came away with a 26-14 victory.

In that game, Ready running back Akili Taylor gouged the Newark Cath-

olic defense for 268 yards on 35 carries. The Silver Knights piled up 412 yards on the ground against the Green Wave.

Ready quarterback Matt Yoho was equally effective, running for 121 yards on five carries. His 36- and 33-yard touchdown runs and a scoring pass to Braden Bailey in the second quarter provided a comfortable margin.

Crouch, Newark Catholic's All-Ohio quarterback, faced heavy pressure from the Ready defense throughout the game and completed 15 of 30 passes for 176 yards and the one touchdown.

Newark Catholic has won 11 straight games since the loss to Ready. The Silver Knights' only loss is to Division V Hartley in overtime in the final game of the regular season.

"It is a great way to see how far we've come as a team and how far they've come as a team," Newark Catholic linebacker Mitchell Willis told *The Advocate* of Newark.

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Below the ox is *Sacerdos*, that is, "Priest." Thinking back upon the whole of the Bible, you will remember that, even from the time of Cain and Abel, right worship of God included some sort of offering, oblation, or victim. Moreover, to speak of the religious practice in the time of Jesus is to raise the question of sacrifice. The temple in Jerusalem was that sacred site where the priests offered sacrifices on behalf of the people in an act of worship to the one true God.

The gospel of Luke begins with a scene in the temple where Zechariah, a priest, is offering incense to God. Then, near the end of the gospel, we hear of Jesus' death on the cross -- the sacrifice of his life just outside the walls of Jerusalem -- which we believe to be the culmination of all Jewish sacrificial practices. Jesus is both priest and victim in the sacrifice that definitively reconciles God and man. Moreover, by the miracle of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, Catholics continue to worship God in spirit and in truth. Jesus is present at every Mass as our high priest, our *Sacerdos*.

Close to the eagle is *Verbum*, meaning "Word." We know that John initiates his gospel with these captivating words: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be." Here, it is important to refer to the original Greek text that John composed, for in it we see the word *Logos*. You can translate *Logos* as "Word," but it means much more than that. A fuller, more philosophical definition of *Logos* might be "the principle by which everything is ordered."

John is thus saying that the cosmos was created through the Word, and all the moving parts of creation were fit together perfectly in its original design. Jesus, then, is the "Word made flesh," the one who has come as Savior to mold anew a creation that has been misshapen by sin. For John, Jesus is the *Verbum* that reorders a chaotic, sinful world and brings harmony to our existence once again.

The mosaic of Christ the King in Marytown is worth more than a passing glance. In a wonderfully textured way, it teaches us that Christ is a man who shares in our human nature, a king who reigns over us, a priest who sacrificed his life for us, and the Word who orders the world aright.



ON A FIRM FOUNDATION

By Loren Brown



Give thanks to the LORD for he is good, his love endures forever!

The verse from Psalm 107 quoted above is glaringly appropriate for this time of year, a time when we all give thanks for our many blessings. I have many things to be thankful for in my personal life: my wife, Stacey; my children, Jordan and Lindsay; a roof over my head, and clothes on my back. At The Catholic Foundation, we are abundantly blessed as well, and I'd like to take this opportunity to recognize just a few of the many things we are thankful for.

We are thankful for our bishop, priests, and all religious. We couldn't survive without these leaders in our Church who minister the beautiful sacraments. We rely so heavily on them to guide us in our daily lives and to provide spiritual nutrition in the work we do at the Foundation. They welcome us into their communities and allow us to help prepare their parishes for the future.

We are thankful for our trustees and those who help shape The Catholic Foundation. Our board of trustees, past and present, works tirelessly to ensure that the Foundation is successful in providing for the long-term future of our faith. God recently received two of our former trustees into eternal life with Him - Barney Lawless and Milton Schott. We were so blessed to have their guidance, and others who have gone before them, during the formative years of the Foundation.

We are thankful for our donors. Without our generous donors, we couldn't make an impact on the needs of the diocese. It is because of these donors that we were able to distribute nearly \$6 million in grants last year - the most ever in a single year.

We are thankful for the many social service ministries and organizations in our diocese. No matter the need, the Diocese of Columbus has a Catholic organization that can help. These ministries are the front-line of God's graces, from feeding the homeless to providing guidance to young mothers to car-

ing for our aging religious.

We are thankful for our parishes and Catholic schools. They are where we worship, learn, and grow spiritually. They help educate our children and provide a "home" for our faith.

We are thankful for YOU. Maybe you've never met anyone from The Catholic Foundation or even heard of us. Maybe you've never attended our events or contributed to any of our funds. We hope to meet you someday, and we hope that you will consider contributing to a fund benefiting your parish or favorite organization. However, even if you don't, we are still thankful for you. You are our Catholic faithful who worship in our pews, sing in our choirs, and teach PSR for our children. Everything you do helps to ensure that our Catholic faith endures for future generations, and for that, we are thankful.

Lastly, I am thankful for my staff. I rely heavily on my staff for the safeguarding of the ecclesiastical goods entrusted to us. From accounting to marketing, from grants to development, each staff member plays an integral role in the success of the Foundation. I couldn't do my job well without having such a wonderful team behind me.

What are you thankful for? Is there a certain organization or ministry that has touched your heart in a special way? Maybe you know of a parish that does great things for the community? Consider including these organizations in your year-end giving with a gift through The Catholic Foundation.

Your gift will directly benefit your chosen organization for many years to come.

For more information, visit www.Catholic-Foundation.org/EndofYearGiving.

Brown is the president and CEO of The Catholic Foundation and a parishioner at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral.

Remembering Bob

An evening of "Remembering Bob" in honor of longtime Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School teacher and coach Bob Lennon will take place from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Hollywood Casino, 200 Georgesville Road, Columbus. Proceeds will benefit the Bob Lennon Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Lennon died in September after being struck by a car while riding his bicycle on a Delaware County road. He had been a teacher at DeSales for 40 years and cross country coach for 39 and also coached track and field and boys and girls basketball at vari-

ous times.

Organizers of the event said this is an appropriate way to honor Lennon because he enjoyed visiting casinos and playing the slot machines. They suggest that part of any winnings from the evening be donated to the scholarship fund.

There will be no official program, but participants may choose to play one of Lennon's favorite games between 6 and 7:30. An explanation of this activity will be available at the registration table in the OH VIP restaurant. Participants must be 21 or older.

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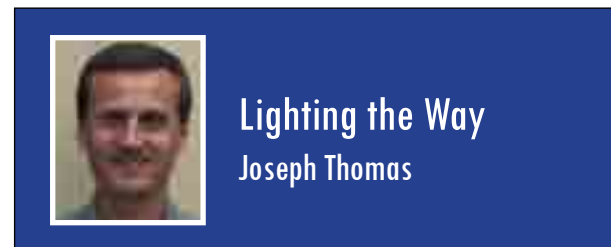
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Thanks for Giving



According to the Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio, more than 13,000 people statewide are considered homeless. More surprisingly, more than 5,000 of them have families with children. Every year, people are being added to those ranks, which are sadly increasing at a rate of five percent or more. Many, through no fault of their own, are thrown into this situation by either unfortunate circumstance or unforeseen elements. I am greatly distressed by this and by the fact that it is children who suffer the greatest. They are the lost ones, the innocent who need a chance to live out their lives - to dream, to hope, and to care.

I volunteer each year on Make a Difference Day at a picnic for the homeless at Goodale Park in Columbus. To say that I am moved by the sight of these people is an understatement. I begin to realize how interconnected we are and that our actions can have a profound impact on the lives of others. Through the rich stories they tell, we come to know about their situation, how they became homeless, and how they continue to struggle with addiction, nervousness, and anxiety.

For many of the children, the stories are far more disturbing. I cannot imagine what it would be like, especially in the formative years, to have your foundation stripped from beneath your feet. Not to have a home to go to, food to eat, or even clothing for that cold winter night must seem like an insurmountable hill for many of them to climb. A child needs the strength and stability that only a family can provide in order to grow and become that person

God intended. I look into their eyes on this day and I wonder how I would react in such a moment. Would I be as strong and steely-eyed as they are, or would I fold to the pressures of the environment around me? The answer bothers me, because I tend to shy away from my problems and find myself hiding from society when the world looks and acts particularly frightening and unforgiveable.

I recall how my mother was so welcoming to those less fortunate and that I should, as my duty as a human being, let everyone into my heart. I found myself outside my comfort zone on this particular day and was apprehensive. I was particularly taken aback by a young woman who approached us and told us about living in a shelter and having no shoes for her children to wear. My inhibition began to melt away, as all I could think about was how blessed I was to have such a loving and caring base of friends and family to fall back on. I shed a tear. I remembered also that Jesus was homeless and depended on the kindness of strangers and of His asking for us to give of ourselves to those who need it most.

By opening up and by just listening, I begin to understand that these people and their children are no different than the rest of us. They share the same hopes and dreams for their families. I recall what Pope John Paul II once said, that "dialogue leads to a recognition of diversity and opens the mind to the mutual acceptance and genuine collaboration demanded by the human family's basic vocation to unity."

They seek that common thread that we seek, to be together in society and to be recognized, to be wanted, to be cared about, and to be loved. God is all around us. He sees us in our best and worst moments. He is watching and waiting for us to make the first move. It is our responsibility as citizens of this planet to give to those who need it most and to bring His message to everyone within the sound of our voice.

At the end of this day and every day, the response I want to hear from those families is "thanks for giving." I hope I have touched a life and brought a little happiness into the eyes of those children staring back at me, waiting for me to give them a hug and acknowledging that they were important to someone - someone like me, someone like the countless people helping today, someone like God.

May the Lord watch over them and keep them safe. May they walk in His serenity and light, may they have many sweet dreams, and may His peace be with them always.

Joseph Thomas is a member of Gahanna St. Matthew Church. He posts his thoughts online at <http://truegiftoffaith.blogspot.com>.



St. Matthew All Saints Day Celebration

Gahanna St. Matthew Church celebrated All Saints Day on Friday, November 1 with a procession of relics. Students who took part in the opening procession for the day's Mass carried relics from St. John Vianney, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, St. Peter Julian Eymard, St. Anthony, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, and many other saints. The relics were displayed following the Mass. Photos courtesy St. Matthew School



CAREER DAY AT NATIONWIDE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Columbus St. Mary Magdalene School sixth- and seventh-grade students participated in Middle School Career Day at Nationwide Children's Hospital. Staff members at the hospital created interactive workshops which allowed the students to participate in activities and ask questions regarding education, health care, and technology. Pictured are (from left): first row, Mikayla Pennington, Bailey Wickwire, and Daisy Saldana; second row, Danny Hamilton, Brooke Smith, Mary Zerrien and Hannah Rains. Photo courtesy St. Mary Magdalene School



THANKSGIVING DAY PRAYER

Father, all of Creation rightly owes you thanks and praise.
Your justice, love, and mercy abound.

We thank you this day for all that you have given us:

For the Passion and Death of your Divine Son,
we thank you, Father.

Through the Cross, He redeemed the world.

For the Church, we thank you, Father.
It is our beacon for salvation.

For the martyrs and saints who give testimony to
your Son, we thank you, Father.

Their witness to your Son is our inheritance.

For our loved ones and friends who have died and
gone before us, we thank you, Father.

Their love abides with us forever.

For loving spouses, we thank you, Father.
Together we seek you.

For the gift of children, we thank you, Father.
They are your precious gifts to us and to the world.

For the gift of our families, loved ones, and good friends,
we thank you, Father.

Through them we see the reflection of your Son.

For jobs, our homes, and all that we have,
we thank you, Father. Give us only that
which we need, as we seek Your Kingdom.

For the bounty we are about to eat,
we thank you through Christ Our Lord.

Amen

THANKSGIVING

BY TIM PUET

Reporter, Catholic Times

Thanksgiving Day, though not a formal part of the Catholic liturgical calendar, is filled with religious symbolism as it causes people to reflect with gratitude on the gifts God has given them and to express that appreciation by sharing some of those gifts with those in need.

As Archbishop Jose Gomez of Los Angeles put it in 2008, while he was archbishop of San Antonio, "Catholics should not only celebrate Thanksgiving with a deep sense of prayer, gratitude and joy, but the celebration this day should lead us to remember that our lives as Catholics are a constant act of thanksgiving, through our daily activities, all of which should give glory to God, especially through the celebration of the Eucharist, which, as the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says, 'is a sacrifice of thanksgiving to the Father.'"

The archbishop also noted that although the Pilgrims' Thanksgiving feast of 1621 may be better-known, they weren't the first to celebrate such a day on what is now American soil. "On April 30, 1598, in Texas (Spanish explorer) Don Juan de Onate had already declared officially a 'Day of Thanksgiving,' commemorated with the holy sacrifice of the Mass," Archbishop Gomez said.

"Onate did what is essentially Catholic: to celebrate the Eucharist, a word which comes



from the Greek term *Eukaristein*, which means, precisely, 'thanksgiving.'"

The Order of Prayer (*Ordo*) for the Catholic Church in the United States includes a special Mass for Thanksgiving Day, celebrating it with two Scripture readings rather than the one which is customary for most weekdays, plus a reading of the portion of Luke's Gospel telling the story of the healing of 10 lepers and the gratitude of one. As the *Ordo* note accompanying the listing says, "What wonders God has done! Let us thank the God who heals us and calls us to Communion with Christ."

Many churches in the Diocese of Columbus will be celebrating morning Masses on Thanksgiving Day, which this year is on Thursday, Nov. 28, the latest possible date for the fourth Thursday in November. Father Ty Tomson, associate pastor at Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare Church, will be the celebrant for the 9 a.m. Mass that day at Chillicothe St. Peter Church, whose Thanksgiving harvest display from 2012 is featured on the cover of this week's *Catholic Times*. The display is a longstanding parish tradition, going back more than 50 years, with the John Corcoran family placing it in the sanctuary each year.

This coming Monday, Nov. 25, will be a busy one for a group of Catholics from Columbus and for the staff of the St. Francis Center in McArthur as they conduct the annual "Turkey Toss" for the center's clients. A caravan of cars organized by Jim Noe of the Church of the Resurrection in New Albany will be leaving from northern Columbus at 8:30 a.m. Participants will distribute about 500 turkeys at the center and three other locations around Vinton County, have lunch, then sort items at the center in the afternoon before returning home around 4:30 p.m.

"This means so much to the people we serve, many of whom have been unemployed for a long time and are unable to find work" in a county that is Ohio's smallest in terms of population and traditionally has been one of its most economically disadvantaged, said center director Lisa Keita.

"This year, we've had more people requesting help than usual," she said. "A lot of this is because the county's only full-size grocery store closed earlier this year, meaning people have to go to Wellston, Logan, Chillicothe, or Athens to shop." Except for Wellston on the Vinton-Jackson county border, those cities are 10 to 20 miles or more away from any location in the county – a significant issue for people whose economic situation also limits their transportation.

"Receiving a turkey from us really means a

lot to the people who come here because otherwise, their situation wouldn't allow them to have a Thanksgiving celebration," Keita said.

Noe said he's been involved with the turkey distribution for the past seven or eight years. "I'm not sure when it all started," he said. "My wife became involved with a program that was taking place one year at McArthur for national Make a Difference Day in late October, and I went with her. (Stella Niagara Franciscan) Sister Linda Lewandowski was center director at the time and asked if I could bring a group to help in November distribute turkeys, so I got some people together.

"At that time, all the turkeys came from a benefactor who lived in the area the center serves. But a couple of years later, he died. Sister Linda told me, 'That's all right. Next year will be OK, because you're going to do it.' My first thought was 'Oh, sure. All I've got to do is find a way to raise \$5,000 or \$6,000.' I put it in the back of my mind and didn't think much about it, then August came around, and she called and asked 'How's the turkey drive coming? And oh, I need the money by Oct. 1.'

"So I had to come up with the money in a hurry, but fortunately, I called everyone I knew, and 35 or 40 people responded. It's grown bigger every year since." This year, nearly 100 people donated about \$8,000, in contributions ranging from \$5 to \$100. That was enough for a sufficient number of 18- to 20-pound turkeys – which won't be tossed, as the name of the program implies, but will be handed at one of the four distribution sites to people who have received vouchers for the birds.

"Everything used to take place in McArthur and it took all day," Noe said. "Now by scattering through the county, we can be done in an hour." If you are interested in helping, call Noe at (614) 519-7696.

Several diocesan parishes donate new toys and clothing to the St. Francis Center for the families it serves, and these will be distributed at a "Santa's Workshop" event on Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 16 and 17. Keita said parents come to the center at one of five scheduled times and can pick out a large toy and stocking stuffers for each of their children from newborn to age 18, as well as blankets and clothing.

More than 270 families, most with two or more children, received toys and clothes in 2012. Keita expects the number to be at least as large this year. "As it is with the turkeys, this is the only way many of our families can have a Christmas," she says. "You can't imagine how grateful many of them are."

Keita said parishes and groups which provide



Holiday activities around the diocese at which people give thanks for God's blessings by helping others include the annual Turkey Toss (left) at four Vinton County sites and Powell St. Joan of Arc Church's Thanksgiving food drive. Photos/St. Francis Center, St. Joan of Arc Church

money or gifts for the holiday events include Lancaster St. Bernadette, Hilliard St. Brendan, Columbus Our Lady of Peace, Columbus St. Matthias, Worthington St. Michael, Zaleski St. Sylvester, Reynoldsburg St. Pius X, Zanesville St. Thomas Aquinas, the Knights of Columbus from Newark St. Francis de Sales, the Newark St. Vincent de Paul Society, and the Sons of Italy from Columbus. In addition, the center receives assistance from many other parishes and related organizations throughout the year.

Powell St. Joan of Arc Church collected more than 400 boxes of food earlier this month for its annual Thanksgiving food drive benefiting the Homeless Families Foundation. The collection dates back to the parish's beginnings 25 years ago. Until this year, it was organized by parishioner Patti Takavitz, who has turned over the program to others so she can help her ailing parents.

"You don't realize how much of a difference doing something like this makes until you sit down and think about it," she said. "Each box we collect contains about \$40 of food. Multiply that by 400, then by 25 years, and that comes out to \$400,000. Suddenly, you realize what you're doing has more of an impact than you imagined."

The parish distributes food throughout the year to both the Homeless Families Foundation, which specializes in helping families with children, and the Holy Family Soup Kitchen, which provides food for anyone requesting it. The two are located in adjacent buildings in the Franklinton neighborhood of Columbus.

At first, Takavitz purchased laundry baskets in which people put their donations of food.

Then, American Corrugated began donating food boxes for the Thanksgiving food drive and another one at Easter. More volunteers joined her efforts through the years, to the point where today, various parishioners pick up donated food nearly every day from parishioners, stores, and restaurants and donate it to the organizations in Franklinton and to St. Stephen's Community Center.

The Thanksgiving food drive provides an example of cooperation from several organizations. This year, members of the parish Men's Club, the Parish School of Religion, and other groups filled two 16-foot trucks with food for homeless families.

"What started with Patti and has kept on growing is an example of how we can inspire one another to be who we are called to be," said parish secretary Diana Zinkhon. "As a community, we are better individuals. As individuals and a community, we grow closer to God. This is the underlying story of helping others – how it changes us all."

The Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs (JOIN) in Columbus will have a limited amount of food available on Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 25 and 26, and until 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 27, but distribution will be limited to people who have not signed up for a Thanksgiving food donation from another source.

Even though it's not primarily a food distribution organization and doesn't conduct specific holiday-themed programs, JOIN provided assistance including food, clothing, and toys to about 400 households at Thanksgiving and 300 at Christmas last year. Ruth Beckman, JOIN's director for 32 years, estimated that the dioc-

esan agency has helped about 40,000 people so far this year – its largest yearly total ever.

"People say the economic slump is over, but not for the people we serve," Beckman said. "They're the last to benefit from a recovery. What's especially affected us recently has been the government's cutting food stamp assistance for everybody who receives it. People have to eat, so this means they have less for rent and utilities, and come to us for help."

JOIN maintained an average monthly case load of approximately 3,500 clients (1,200 households) per month and an additional 900 monthly telephone contacts for the 12 months which ended on June 30. The largest portion of the \$526,000 in direct aid it provided went toward utility bills, but it helped more people with transportation than with anything else, providing more than 8,000 COTA all-day bus passes.

"Jobs may be available, but people without a car still need a bus, sometimes two or three, to get there," Beckman said. "And many jobs are still too far from bus lines for people to walk."

JOIN also continues to help thousands of people obtain birth certificates from the state of Ohio and elsewhere, with nearly 3,900 people using this service in 2012-13, ranking it second only to bus passes in terms of frequency of use by JOIN clients.

"We don't even have a roll of toilet paper on hand," she said earlier this month. "And earlier this year, we ran out of bars of soap for the first time. We can always use that, as well as shampoo, body lotion, sizes 4, 5, and 6 diapers, and dish soap."

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Dennison students receive gifts from their heroes in Afghanistan

When the children in the preschool, pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, first, and second grades at Dennison Immaculate Conception School sent letters, pictures, and Halloween cards to several servicemen, they never dreamed they would hear back from three of them. Preschool teacher Ronna Coventry has always felt it important for the children to thank servicemen and women. It has become a yearly project for the students to send cards, letters, and pictures as their way of letting them know we appreciate everything they do for us. Coventry approached other teachers about joining her class, and they were more than willing to participate. Every class incorporated the items into its learning.

Classes signed names to homemade cards and wrote sentences thanking the soldiers, telling them to be safe. They found places on a map where the men were stationed. The second-grade class taught by Michelle Wright wrote letters telling them why they are heroes, which went along with their discussion of heroes in social studies.

The first response from one of the servicemen was in the form of an email. Pam Perko, whose two sons received packages from the children, said her son wanted to thank them for the items. She told them her son shared the items with the others in his company, and they were granted permission to hang them in their quarters. The teachers were very excited. The kids were excited to see the picture of the young men. Soon after that, a letter arrived at the school from Perko's other son. He thanked the children and also said he shared the items with his



fellow seoldiers. Both men said they would like to stop and visit the children when they arrive back home.

A few days later another package addressed to Coventry and the preschool class arrived at the school. The package had a return address of Kabul, Afghanis-

stan. The classes met to open the package. In the box was a picture of the men from Camp Eggers. Coventry's friend Richard Goodwin, who is originally from this area, and men from a unit out of Alabama sent the package, which contained a picture of the unit and an American flag. The letter thanked the children for thinking of the troops and explained that the flag was flown at their base at Camp Eggers in Kabul just for them. There was also a signed certificate of authenticity. The flag and certificates are being framed so they can be proudly displayed in the school. Goodwin also hopes to visit the school when returning to Ohio after his tour is finished.

This started as a simple way to teach students the importance of freedom, how we are able to keep these freedoms, and the little ways we can show how grateful we are for those who fight to keep our freedom, and it turned into so much more. It personalized the activity. The children can see the soldiers as real people through their pictures and their actions. Amy Kardos, the first-grade teacher, said how important it is for the children to understand the sacrifices these men and women make for us. Coventry added that we are fortunate to be able to call these men and women friends. They are true heroes. What unselfish actions they displayed. Again, "thank you" to them.

Dennison Immaculate Conception School students pictured are (from left): seated, Peyton Weirich, Anthony Conrad-Bollon, Broden Supers, and Elena Price; standing, Taryn Sunderlin, Nate Wright, Gavin Douglass, and Thomas Rennicker. Photo/Immaculate Conception School

Creating a 21st-century learning environment at St. Brigid of Kildare

By Allie Wing

As technology continues to evolve, so have the knowledge and skills needed to succeed in 21st-century workplaces, communities, and higher education coursework. A 21st-century learning and work environment 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.

The staff at Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare School has recognized that every child needs these changing skill sets to learn and thrive in today's world. That is why a year ago, it created focus groups to address how existing space and resources can be used to ensure students are learning in an environment conducive to gaining these skills, while not forsaking traditional Catholic values and faith education.

Out of these focus groups came many ideas that turned into action. During the summer and first quarter of the school year, the band room was moved to allow for a new small-group study space, the library gained a "think tank" with charging stations, Enke Hall was transformed into a flexible work space, and every fifth- through eighth-grader was equipped with a Chromebook.

In addressing the needs of a 21st-century learning environment, learning space was one of the main priorities. To save costs, the school staff was committed to being creative with the space that was available. The band room had become

quickly outgrown, which caused the overflow to tie up Enke Hall on many days of the week. A large storage room had enough space to fit the entire band, so it was cleaned out and the band was moved there. This freed up a new learning space, which is used every day as a study space for small-group testing, tutoring, and small reading groups. It has desks that can easily be pulled apart or linked together for small-group spaces that can be the exact size needed.

Moving the band to a permanent location also freed up Enke Hall during the day. By adding curtains that can break the large room into six small-group spaces within seconds, classes of all ages are able to use the room for a new learning environment during the day. This allows small groups to benefit from more one-on-one instruction and lets students spread out in a new space. Bright, bendable chairs can be used to designate groups by chair color and can be quickly moved back and forth among learning spaces.

The library entrance, which previously was used for circulation and to store bookcases, is now home to the "think tank." This area has new reconfigurable furniture to allow for comfortable and fun work environments for students. The seats can be moved by students to create a divider for small-group reading or one-on-one tutoring. The walls are made of bulletin boards, so students and teachers can brainstorm and write down ideas as they're working on projects. The walls are lined with a standing



counter with outlets for a charging station, which can also be used as a standing desk.

Teaching students the proper use of technology is also a fundamental goal of 21st-century learning. As the fifth- through eighth-graders received their Chromebooks this year, much instruction was given on the importance of how to properly care for the equipment, as well as how to be a good digital citizen when using online resources. Students also are learning about using Google Drive and what it means to store documents in the cloud.

They have fast and easy access to all of their documents at any time and can collaborate with other students and teachers on projects through the cloud. Teachers can even write encouraging comments to students working on homework projects in the evening. The fifth- through eighth-grade social stud-

ies textbook is also accessible only on Chromebook, eliminating the need to purchase and store paper textbooks. The online version is a multimedia e-book that has photos, movies, interviews, audio, and interactive maps that come alive and allow learners of all types to interact with it.

The overall purpose of creating a 21st-century learning environment is to enhance students' learning by creating an environment that is comfortable and welcoming, while also using technology to enhance communication. As they continue to keep pace with changes in technology and learning, school staff members plan to continue making adjustments to learning spaces that ensure they are representative of what skills are critical for future success.

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The retreat theme will be "Presence Makes Perfect," addressing the spiritual and practical elements of the Church

in the family, community, and world. Father Wagner has degrees from the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus and the Pontifical Gregorian University and the Pontifical University of St. Thomas in Rome.

Retreat participants will have the opportunity for group discussion, fellowship, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and Mass.

The cost for the weekend is \$110 and includes lodging, meals, materials, and snacks. Commuter cost is \$50. The registration deadline is Nov. 29. Contact Leah Kelly at (614) 866-2859.

The Feast of Christ the King (Cycle C)

Jesus was not the Christ that Israel had expected



Father
Lawrence L. Hummer

2 Samuel 5:1-3
Colossians 1:12-20
Luke 23:35-43

In the Old Testament, “bone and flesh” is used frequently to describe kinship. To be of the same bone and flesh is to be related to someone, as all the tribes of Israel claim to be related to David in Sunday’s first reading from II Samuel.

The scene followed the death of Saul and his son Jonathan. Finally, all the tribes come together to David in Hebron, where he and his followers are staying, and, in this idyllic scene, they beg him to be their king. There, they literally “cut a covenant” with David, making him their king and agreeing thereby to be loyal to him. With that, the tribes of Israel came to be united under David until after the death of David’s son Solomon, when the tribes split, never to be rejoined again.

In the process, and because of the tribal unification under David, the years of his kingship over Israel came to be seen as the glory days, especially in retrospect, much as King Arthur and Camelot came to be a fanciful fulfillment of the wonder of once upon a time. Gradually, David’s glory grew, and later generations longed for someone who would be anointed as David had been, who would restore Israel’s place in the sun, as David had once done.

Israel’s prophets shared in this hope for and expectation of future glory and began to speak of an anointed one to come (a *Christ*, in Greek; a *Messiah*, in Hebrew), an ideal leader who would lead with justice and truth, as people believed David had done in his day. Everyone

would probably be surprised by the real David, including David himself, especially by the things that were later written about him.

Hopes remained among the prophets and in Israel that one day a Messiah would come. Early Christianity was well aware of this, and certainly Jesus is presented as the fulfillment of those hopes. He was a Christ different from what Israel had looked for, and he told his disciples as much throughout his ministry.

When his life led to the cross (he had told them it would), they did not believe him, and in Sunday’s Gospel, we reflect on the crucifixion scene. Jesus has already prayed that the Father would forgive his persecutors. Now begins the mocking he suffered at the hands of the nameless crowds of people. He had been called “God’s chosen one” at the transfiguration scene (Luke 9:28-36). Now that is thrown back at him, along with Peter’s confession of him as “the Messiah of God (Luke 9:20).”

The soldiers also joined in with the mocking reminder that he was also “King of the Jews,” which is not only a slam at Jesus personally, but at the Jewish people, too, with such a pathetic figure as he reigning from his cross. The inscription “This is the king of the Jews” was actually the charge for which he was being crucified.

One of the criminals “reviled” Jesus (Luke actually writes “blasphemed”): “Are you not the Christ? If you are, then save yourself and us from this agony.” Luke’s use of “blasphemy” conveys the criminal’s denial that Jesus is either Christ or God’s son. “Reviled” is a poor translation here. Even “taunt” would have been better. The other criminal rebukes him and acknowledges that they had been justly condemned, but “this man has done nothing criminal.” When he asks Jesus to remember him when he enters his kingdom, it is his own profession of faith. Jesus assures him that he will join him “this day” in paradise. We could do worse than to pray the same when we come to die: “Jesus, remember me . . .”

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

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JOIN is located at 578 E. Main St. in Columbus and is open from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 2 p.m. every Monday through Friday, except on holidays. Its phone number is (614) 241-2530.

Other Thanksgiving-related activities taking place in the diocese include free Thanksgiving Day meals open to everyone on Thursday, Nov. 28 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Community Kitchen at Columbus Holy Rosary-St. John Church, 640 S. Ohio Ave., and 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the family center at Columbus St. Aloysius Church, 2165 W. Broad St.

Gahanna St. Matthew Church’s Parish School of Religion collects candy to donate to the parish charitable works committee, which uses it in Thanksgiving gift baskets that contain a full dinner for the holiday.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society of Columbus Holy

Spirit Church will provide more than 100 Thanksgiving Day meals to residents of the city of Whitehall who registered during October.

Knights of Columbus Council 2299 and Columbian Squires Circle 5434 of Logan St. John Church, assisted by the parish youth group, are collecting funds this Saturday, Nov. 23, from 9 a.m. to noon at four sites to help fill Thanksgiving food baskets for the needy. Baskets will be distributed the following day by the parish St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Sugar Grove St. Joseph Church this year will be the site for the annual “Giving Thanks in Sugar Grove” ecumenical worship and music service at 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 24. Parishioners will be joined by members of three non-Catholic congregations in coming together to give thanks for God’s blessings.

The Weekday Bible Readings

MONDAY
Daniel 1:1-6,8-20
Daniel 3:52-56 (Ps)
Luke 21:1-4

TUESDAY
Daniel 2:31-45
Daniel 3:57-61 (Ps)
Luke 21:5-11

WEDNESDAY
Daniel 5:1-6,13-14,16-17,23-28
Daniel 3:62-67 (Ps)
Luke 21:12-19

THURSDAY
Daniel 6:12-28
Daniel 3:68-74 (Ps)
Luke 21:20-28

FRIDAY
Daniel 7:2-4
Daniel 3:75-81 (Ps)
Luke 21:29-33

SATURDAY
Romans 10:9-18
Psalm 19:2-5
Matthew 4:18-22

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE WEEK OF JANUARY 15, 2012

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 II, Seasonal Proper of the Liturgy of the Hours

A Ray of Hope in a Disbelieving World

We all need rays of hope as we live in a world that has increasingly become secularized, commercialized, and desensitized to the pursuit of truth.

The gist of my columns and books is to point out some of the bad that we already know and juxtapose it with the good happening in the Church, which we might not know. One such example occurred to me last weekend.

I was invited to give a talk in the Kitchener-Waterloo area of Canada (the nation’s high-tech sector.) As you can imagine, a secular atmosphere pervades there. However, one family can make a difference. I was invited to speak by Dr. David Wang, a professor of electrical engineering who specializes in robotics. Dr. Wang and his wife, Dr. Jodie Wang (a family-care physician), and their nine children have become a great source of inspiration for me.

Dr. David Wang is the godfather of Catholic-Christian rock in Canada. The couple’s children came into the world literally one after another. They range in age from about 20 to 10. The children impressed me with their intelligence and cheerfulness, but most of



THE TIDE IS TURNING
TOWARD CATHOLICISM
David Hartline

all with their faith. Both parents told me that on weekends in the fall and winter, the family members can’t all go to Mass together because of hockey games and practices. However, each child takes it upon himself or herself to find out where the nearest Mass is, then reports back to the family on all that occurred.

In addition, the children know their faith well enough to defend it when their faith is attacked by people who find out they are committed Catholics. Both parents told me that the children actually look forward to sharing their faith with anyone, which sometimes leads to friends coming to Mass and the various talks the couple organizes. In addition to sharing their faith, the Wang children are also known as a bulwark in Canada’s pro-life movement.

Both parents want everyone to know

that they are far from perfect and had to spend lots of time learning how to be the successful parents they are. Family members have undergone their fair share of trials and tribulations, but their faith has led them to persevere.

Some naysayers might surmise that perhaps this family is too holy and most people probably can’t relate to such a way of life. However, the simple fact of the matter is that the Wang family, by all outward appearances, is very much like any family whose kids love sports and music. Although they spend a good deal of time on those pursuits, their main focus is their faith.

The Wang children were even featured on Canada’s CBC national news channel for having the ability to field their own hockey team. Many of those who saw that report found out later that this hockey-crazed family is also a religiously devout family.

One daughter, Margaret, known as Mags or Maggie, is a rising star in Canada’s Christian music world. She recently

had a Top 10 single on the Canadian Christian charts. After her performances, she often talks to other teenagers of her struggles with a clinically diagnosed form of depression. This helps others realize that despite all of the family’s faith and love, it also has crosses to bear.

My visit to this family reminded me of some of the coaching clichés I used, as well as some of the great motivational speeches I heard in my coaching days: “If you want it, you have to work at it. Nothing is given to you.”

So often, those of us who have families spend endless amounts of time on sports travel teams, drama and music tutors, and very little time in forming our families in the Catholic faith. The six-hour-plus drive back from my talk and visit to the Kitchener-Waterloo area gave me a lot to think about as my wife and I attempt to raise our small children in the Catholic faith that was entrusted to us. I hope it gives you pause as well.

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

Thanksgiving Day Dinners

The annual Thanksgiving Day free community dinner will take place at the family center of Columbus St. Aloysius Church, 2165 W. Broad St., from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 28.

All are welcome to enjoy a full traditional holiday meal. Especially invited are those less fortunate, the elderly, and those who might otherwise spend the holiday alone. Volunteers are needed from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday and 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Thursday.

You can also help out greatly by baking and donating a turkey and delivering it to the church by 9:30 on Thanksgiving morning. Call Sandy at (614) 875-5669 if you are able to help.

The Community Kitchen at Columbus Holy Rosary-St. John Church, 640 S. Ohio Ave., also will be sponsoring a free dinner on Thanksgiving Day again this year. Hours are 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For more details, call (614) 252-6428.

Christ the King, Year of Faith Programs

At least three diocesan parishes will be having special devotional programs this Sunday, Nov. 24, to celebrate the Feast of Christ the King and the conclusion of the Year of Faith.

Columbus Christ the King Church, 2777 E. Livingston Ave., will celebrate its patronal feast with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 1:45 p.m., recital of the rosary in English and Spanish at 3 p.m., bilingual Benediction, and a reception at 3:30. Parishioners Anne Jupinko, Steve McIntyre, Richard Dick, and Yuri and Ana Artea-

ga will receive the parish’s Servant of Christ the King award at the reception.

Lancaster St. Mary Church, 132 S. High St., will offer Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, sung Vespers, and Benediction from 4 to 5 p.m. Exposition will begin at 4 p.m., with Vespers, the evening prayer of the Church, at 4:40 and Benediction at 5.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place following the 12:15 p.m. Mass at Westerville St. Paul Church, 313 N. State St., continuing until Benediction at 4:45.

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St. Paul Church, Westerville

CREED, Joanne, 80, Nov. 8
St. Peter in Chains Church, Wheelersburg

DeFRANCISCO, Enricketta "Regetta," 90, Nov. 15
St. Elizabeth Church, Columbus

DILLON, Glen M., 95, of Tipp City, Oct. 29
St. Mary Church, Lancaster

FIELDS, Cecilia L., 88, Nov. 12
Holy Cross Church, Columbus

HAUSE, Barbara, 59, Nov. 14
St. Joseph Cathedral, Columbus

JAMES, Olivia A., 78, Nov. 13
St. Aloysius Church, Columbus

KOEHLER, Diane K., 73, Nov. 15
St. Paul Church, Westerville

MELICK, Roy E., 87, Nov. 7
St. Nicholas Church, Zanesville

MUETZEL, John F., 93, Nov. 15
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

NASH, Gary J., 73, Nov. 5
St. Peter Church, Columbus

PRILAMAN, Jayden P., 7, Nov. 12
Sacred Heart Church, Coshocton

RIEPENHOFF, Roger F., 84, Nov. 6
St. Peter in Chains Church, Wheelersburg

ROUNDHOUSE, M. Jean, 87, Nov. 10
St. Mary Church, Lancaster

SIVICK, Rose, 77, Nov. 14
St. Elizabeth Church, Columbus

SMITH, Virgil J., 76, Nov. 10
St. Rose Church, New Lexington

STARINCHAK, Dr. Edward J., 77, Nov. 13
St. Edward Church, Granville

TROUT, Helen M., 85, Nov. 12
St. Michael Church, Worthington

VANIK, Rose D., 85, Nov. 12
St. Matthias Church, Columbus

WASSMUTH, Joyce A., 57, Nov. 5
St. Mary Church, Columbus

ZIRWAS, Shirley J., 70, Nov. 12
St. Pius X Church, Reynoldsburg

Deacon Joseph D. Poland

Funeral Mass for Deacon Joseph D. Poland, 75, who died Saturday, Nov. 16, was held Wednesday, Nov. 20 at Gahanna St. Matthew Church. Burial will be at a later date at Resurrection Cemetery, Lewis Center.

He was born July 13, 1938 in Chelsea, Mass., to Joseph Mirick and Stella (Saulnier) Poland.

He served in the Air Force from 1956-60 and the Air Force Reserve from 1997-93. He was employed in printing and graphics at Delco Radio in Kokomo, Ind., from 1961-77 and at Battelle Laboratories in Columbus from 1977-92.

He was ordained a deacon on June 29, 1985 by Bishop James Griffin. He served at St. Matthew and as chaplain at Mount Carmel East Hospital from 1985-93 and at Columbus Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church from 1993 until his retirement from active ministry in 2005.

In 1998, he became a chaplain with the police department in Gahanna, where he



established an emergency assistance program for travelers. He was a member of Knights of Columbus Council 5801, St. Mary of the Springs Dominican Associates, the Gahanna Kiwanis Club, and VFW Post 4719. He also was active in the Cursillo and Cum Christo movements, participated in the first Columbus Emmaus weekend, and raised funds for the Joint Organization for Inner-City

Needs. In his parish, he was a lector and an extraordinary minister of the Eucharist and president and founding member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society food pantry.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Lucille Pyne.

Survivors include his wife, Ginny; sons, Joseph, Stephen (Pam), and Michael (Cindy); daughters, Julie Poland Harrell, Mary Kay, Karen (Larry) Sexton, and Anne (Steve) Grobber; brother, Ralph (Vicky); sister, Betty (John) Joy; 11 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Msgr. James B. Nugent

Funeral Mass for Msgr. James B. Nugent, 88, who died Saturday, Nov. 16 at the Villas at St. Therese in Columbus, was held Tuesday, Nov. 19, at St. Benedict Church in Cambridge. Burial was at Mount Calvary Cemetery, Cambridge.

He was born in Zanesville on Oct. 26, 1925 to Lawrence and Mary (Slaymon) Nugent. He served in the Army Air Corps in World War II, attended Xavier University and St. Gregory Seminary in Cincinnati and Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Norwood, and received a doctoral degree from Catholic University of America in 1961.

He was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop John Mussio of Steubenville on May 25, 1956. In the Diocese of Steubenville, he was rector of Holy

Name Cathedral and served as associate pastor or pastor of parishes in Byesville, Jewett, Piney Fork, Wintersville, Bloomingdale, and Lafferty. He also taught at the former diocesan seminary, was editor of the diocesan newspaper, and served on several diocesan boards.

After retiring in 1996, he continued his ministry at several parishes in the Diocese of Columbus.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Msgr. Michael Nugent, a priest of the Diocese of Columbus, and L. Paul Nugent; and sisters, Sister Mary Nugent, OSF, Elizabeth Delong, Winifred Hummer, Margaret Flanagan, Catherine O'Connor, and Rose Farrell. He is survived by several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Sister Mary Emma Muckensturm, OP

Funeral Mass for Sister Mary Emma Muckensturm, OP, 87, who died Tuesday, Nov. 12, was held Friday, Nov. 15, at the Motherhouse of the Dominican Sisters of Peace. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus.

She was born July 15, 1926, in Lancaster to Francis and Emeline (Hallam) Muckensturm.

She earned a bachelor of science degree from St. Mary of the Springs College (now Ohio Dominican University). She entered the novitiate of the former Dominican Sisters of St. Mary of the Springs in Columbus in 1951 and made her profession of vows in 1953.

She ministered in the Diocese of Co-

lumbus at Columbus St. James the Less School (1958-63), Newark St. Francis de Sales School (1970-72), Lancaster St. Mary School (1975-80), Coshocton Sacred Heart School (1980-84), and Coshocton Sacred Heart Church (1984-2003). She also ministered in Marietta, and in Michigan and Pennsylvania. She had resided at the Mohun Health Care Center in Columbus since 2003.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Albertus, Gerald, and Phillip; and sisters, Mary Catherine McAfee, Bernadine King, and Eleanor Evans Calkins. She is survived by a sister, Madeline Probasco, and several nieces and nephews.

Sister Rose Marie Conway, OP

Funeral Mass for Sister Rose Marie Conway, OP, 83, who died Sunday, Nov. 3, will be held Saturday, Nov. 23, at Queen of the Rosary Chapel, Sinsinawa, Wis. Burial will be at the cemetery of the Motherhouse of the Sinsinawa Dominican Sisters.

She was born Sept. 1, 1930, in La Salle, Ill., to Philip and Mary (Cosgrove) Conway.

She received a bachelor of arts degree in elementary education in 1963 from Edgewood College in Madison, Wis.;

a master of arts degree in art in 1974 from Northern Illinois University; and a master of arts degree in art therapy

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22, FRIDAY

Borrorean Lecture at St. Charles

11:45 a.m., Walter Student Commons, St. Charles Preparatory School, 2010 E. Broad St., Columbus. Dr. Allen E. Goodman, president of the Institute of International Education, delivers school's annual Borrorean lecture. 614-252-9288

23, 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

23-24, SATURDAY-SUNDAY

DeSales Presents "Curtain Going Up"

7 p.m. Saturday, 4 p.m. Sunday, St. Francis DeSales High School, 4212 Karl Road, Columbus. School drama department presents "Curtain Going Up" by Gregory Johnston, a high school play about a high school play. 614-267-7808

24, SUNDAY

St. Christopher Adult Religious Education

10 to 11:15 a.m., St. Christopher Parish Center, 1420 Grandview Ave., Columbus. Discussion of "Everybody Needs to Forgive Somebody" by Dr. Allen R. Hunt. 614-488-1971

K of C Father Huber Assembly Memorial Mass

10:30 a.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Memorial Mass for deceased members of Knights of Columbus Father Huber Assembly 809. Bishop Frederick Campbell will celebrate Mass and perform memorial ceremony. All widows of deceased Knights are invited.

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

Exposition, Benediction at St. Paul

After 12:15 p.m. Mass, St. Paul Church, 313 N. State St., Westerville. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for Feast of Christ the King and end of the Year of Faith, concluding with Benediction at 4:45. 614-882-2109

Exposition, Rosary, Benediction at Christ the King

1:45 p.m., Christ the King Church, 2777 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus. Celebration marking Feast of Christ the King and conclusion of the Year of Faith, with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by bilingual rosary and Benediction at 3, and reception and presentation of parish Servant of Christ the King award at 3:30. 614-237-0401

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

Organ Concert at Marysville Our Lady of Lourdes

4 p.m., Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 1033 W. 5th St., Marysville. Dedication concert for parish's new organ, with Paul Thornock, music director at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral; Paul Melcher, parish music director; and Father David Poliafico, pastor. 937-644-6020

Exposition, Vespers, Benediction at Lancaster St. Mary

4 p.m., St. Mary Church, 132 S. High St., Lancast-

er. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for Feast of Christ the King and conclusion of the Year of Faith, with Vespers at 4:40 and Benediction at 5. 740-653-0997

Organ Concert at Marion St. Mary

5 p.m., St. Mary Church, 251 N. Main St., Marion. Organ concert with parish music director Betsy Iacobucci, assistant organist Angela Carbetta, and Father Thomas Buffer, pastor. 740-382-2118

Prayer Group Meeting at Christ the King

5 to 7 p.m., Christ the King Church, 2777 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus (enter at daily Mass entrance). Weekly parish prayer group meets for praise, worship, ministry, and teaching. 614-886-8266

Spanish Mass at Columbus St. Peter

7 p.m., St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road, Columbus. Mass in Spanish. 706-761-4054

25, MONDAY

"Turkey Toss" in Vinton County

8:30 a.m., Parking lot, O'Charley's Restaurant, 4850 Morse Road, Columbus. Participants gather for annual "Turkey Toss" distribution of Thanksgiving turkeys at four Vinton County sites, sponsored by St. Francis Center in McArthur. 614-519-7696

Bethesda Post-Abortion Healing Ministry

6:30 p.m., support group meeting, 2744 Dover Road, Columbus (Christ the King convent, first building west of the church.) 614-718-0277, 614-309-2651, 614-309-0157

Our Lady of Peace Men's Bible Study

7 p.m., Our Lady of Peace Church, 20 E. Dominion Blvd., Columbus. Bible study of Sunday Scripture readings. 614-459-2766

26, TUESDAY

Serra Club of North Columbus Meeting

Noon, Jessing Center, Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 N. High St., Columbus. Serra Club of North Columbus meeting. Speaker: Father Jeff Rimelspach, pastor, Columbus St. Margaret of Cortona Church. Program also will mark the 300th anniversary of Blessed Junipero Serra, for whom the club is named. Reservations required.

Bishop Speaks to St. John Neumann Young Adults

7 to 9 p.m., St. John Neumann Church, 9633 East State Route 37, Sunbury. Bishop Frederick Campbell speaks to parish young adult group. 740-965-1358

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

28, THURSDAY

Community Kitchen, St. Aloysius Thanksgiving Dinners

10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Community Kitchen, 640 S. Ohio Ave., Columbus; 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Family center, St. Aloysius Church, 2165 W. Broad St., Columbus. Free Thanksgiving Day dinners, open to all.

30, 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

DECEMBER

1, SUNDAY

Exposition at Church of the Resurrection

Our Lady of the Resurrection Chapel, Church of the Res-

urrection, 6300 E. Dublin-Granville Road, New Albany. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, beginning with procession into chapel following 11 a.m. Mass and continuing to 5 p.m. 614-933-9318

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

Evening to Remember Bob Lennon

6 to 9 p.m., Hollywood Casino, 200 Georgesville Road, Columbus, Evening to remember longtime Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School teacher and coach Bob Lennon, who died in September when struck by a car while bicycling. Benefits Lennon Scholarship Fund. Must be 21 or over. 614-267-7808

Spanish Mass at Columbus St. Peter

7 p.m., St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road, Columbus. Mass in Spanish. 706-761-4054

Compline at Cathedral

9 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Chanting of Compline. 614-241-2526

2, MONDAY

Marian Prayer Group

7 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Mass for Catholic family life. 614-235-7435

3, TUESDAY

Josephinum Benefit Concert at Columbus St. Peter

7 p.m., St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road, Columbus. "Christmas in New York" concert with "Phantom of the Opera" star Franc D'Ambrosio, benefiting Pontifical College Josephinum. Purchase tickets online only at www.pcj.com.

Catholic War Veterans Monthly Meeting

7 p.m., Red Room, St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road, Columbus. Catholic War Veterans Post 1936 meeting. For those who served at least three months, were honorably discharged or are on active duty. 614-221-7601

Abortion Recovery Network Group

7 p.m., Pregnancy Decision Health Center, 665 E. Dublin-Granville Road, Columbus. Abortion recovery network group meeting for anyone interested in recovering from abortion or who has been through a recovery program and wants to stay connected. 614-444-4411

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

4, WEDNESDAY

Ohio Dominican Lessons, Carols, and Tree Lighting

6 p.m., Christ the King Chapel, Ohio Dominican University, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Christmas lessons and carols ceremony, followed by creche blessing, Christmas tree lighting, children's ornament making, and pictures with Santa. Reservation deadline Dec. 1. 614-251-4453

Expansion Project Blessing at Mount Carmel St. Ann's 6 p.m., Mount Carmel St. Ann's Hospital, 500 S. Cleveland Ave., Columbus. Bishop Frederick Campbell blesses hospital's newly completed expansion project, which includes a new patient tower and main entrance and 60 additional beds.



HOLIDAY CONCERT

FRANC D'AMBROSIO

Holiday Concert to Benefit Pontifical College Josephinum Broadway Artist Franc D'Ambrosio Brings "Christmas in New York" to Columbus

Award-winning vocalist and actor Franc D'Ambrosio will perform his program "Christmas in New York" at Columbus St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road, at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 3. Doors will open at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and may be purchased online only at www.pcj.edu. Proceeds benefit seminarians of the Pontifical

College Josephinum.

D'Ambrosio is best known as the Phantom in Andrew Lloyd Webber's Tony Award-winning musical *The Phantom of the Opera*. Affectionately known as "The Iron Man of The Mask," he was awarded the distinction as the "world's longest-running Phantom," an accomplishment immortalized in a cemented hand ceremony, and retained this title for more than a decade.

D'Ambrosio is a welcomed and frequent guest artist with many major American orchestras. With the success of his national and international tours, he has joined the ranks of Michael Crawford and Sarah Brightman among the handful of *Phantom* alumni to successfully cross over to solo careers.

His resume also includes an Oscar-nominated film, an Emmy-nominated television show, a four-time Tony-nominated Broadway show, two Grammy considerations, and a National Theater Award nomination.

Early in D'Ambrosio's career, Paramount Pictures and Francis Ford Coppola cast him as the opera-singing Anthony Corleone in the seven-time Academy Award-nominated film *The Godfather III*.

After his impressive run as the Phantom, Barry Manilow selected D'Ambrosio to create and star as the male lead in the pre-Broadway tour of *Copacabana*. The performance earned D'Ambrosio his National Theater Award nomination for best male performer in a musical.

In July 2011, D'Ambrosio co-starred in the production *Love Changes Everything* – a celebration of the music of Andrew Lloyd Webber.

He tours extensively throughout the United States, Europe, and South America with his critically acclaimed one man shows, including "Christmas in New York."

This performance joyously celebrates the magic of the holiday season with favorite holiday standards from the American songbook.

The show debuted in November 2011 and played to sold-out audiences at the Razz Room in San Francisco in December of that year.

Tickets for "Christmas in New York" may be purchased at www.pcj.edu.



NEW MOVIE RELEASE

The Christmas Candle

Deep in the heart of the English countryside lies the enchanting village of Gladbury, the scene of the new film *The Christmas Candle*.

Legend has it that every 25 years, an angel visits the village candlemaker and touches a single candle. Whoever lights this candle receives a miracle on Christmas Eve.

But in 1890, at the dawn of the electric age, this centuries-old legend may come to an end. When David Richmond (Hans Matheson), a progressive young minister, arrives in Gladbury, the villagers discover a new formula for miracles: good deeds and acts of kindness. While David's quest to modernize Gladbury sets him at odds with the old-world candlemaker, he finds an

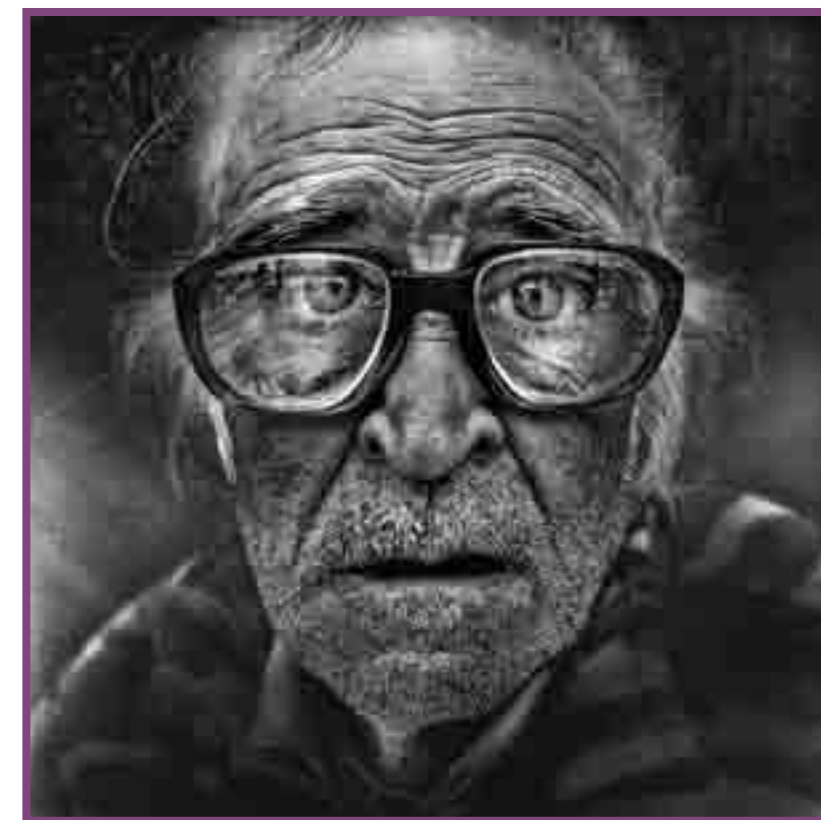
unlikely ally in the lovely skeptic Emily Barstow (Samantha Barks).

Now the fiery candlemaker must fight to preserve the legacy of the Christmas candle. But when the candle goes missing, the miraculous and the human collide in the most astonishing Christmas the village of Gladbury has ever seen.

The movie stars Matheson (*Clash of the Titans*, *Sherlock Holmes*), Barks (*Les Misérables*), Lesley Manville (*Disney's A Christmas Carol*), and Sylvester McCoy (*The Hobbit Trilogy*, *Doctor Who*). Also featured are John Hannah (*The Mummy*, *Four Weddings and a Funeral*) and Barbara Flynn (*Miss Potter*), with James Cosmo (*Game of Thrones*, *Braveheart*), and, in her film debut, singing phenomenon Susan Boyle.



English photographer strives to capture spirituality of the homeless



By Caroline Hroncich, Catholic News Service

As far as English photographer Lee Jeffries knows, Pope Francis has never seen his pictures, yet he is sure they would be to his taste.

The pope is a "person of the people," Jeffries told Catholic News Service. "And these images represent the humanity in all of us. The feeling of Rome, the atmosphere of the city, carries through into the exhibition. For (Pope Francis) to see that, from a personal point of view, it would be right up his street."

Featured in the Museum of Rome in Trastevere until Jan. 12, Jeffries' exhibition, titled "Homeless," includes images of the poverty-stricken -- people the amateur sports photographer met while wandering the streets of major cities in Europe and the United States.

While in London in 2008, he photographed a teenage girl sleeping on the street. She woke up and began to yell at him. Attempting to placate his unwilling subject, the embarrassed Jeffries ended up conversing with her for more than an hour. That encounter sparked his interest in taking "intimate and soulful photographs" of others in her condition.

That same year, Jeffries traveled to Rome to purchase a rosary for a friend's mother suffering from

cancer. This pilgrimage added a new religious dimension to his work.

"I looked at things and people differently," he said. "The spirituality of Rome carries through every image that I produce." Showing the pictures in the city feels like "coming home," he said.

An element common to Jeffries' work is a certain intensity in the subjects' eyes, which he says reflects their spirituality. He also uses light and shadow to convey what he calls a "metaphysical quality."

"People say Lee Jeffries photographs homelessness. I'm not particularly a documentary photographer in that sense," he said. "I'm photographing a person. I'm trying to capture a spiritual emotion that emanates from that person."

Jeffries says his motive is not to change the world, but he hopes his images have some social impact.

"My images are all about provoking a reaction, a spiritual reaction or a social reaction," he said. "If an image is provoking a reaction, the image is working."

(These images of the homeless are part of an exhibition by photographer Lee Jeffries at the Museum of Rome. The English photographer said he tries to capture a "spiritual emotion" in the faces of the homeless. CNS photos/courtesy of Lee Jeffries)



Happy Thanksgiving!

Dear Friends,

Thanksgiving . . . A time to thank God for all that he has done for us and all he has allowed us to do. It is also a time to thank those friends who have helped us throughout the year. We at your Catholic Cemeteries wish to give special recognition and thanks to those who participated in our Memorial Day and Cemetery Sunday Services.

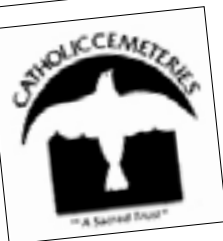
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Melanie Day
Bianca De Maria
St. Michael Knights of Columbus
St. Pius X Choir
American Legion Post 144
Worthington VFW Post 2398
American Legion Post 430
Reynoldsburg VFW Post 9473

Poinsettias for Christmas



Potted Poinsettias are being purchased to decorate Our Mother of Sorrows Chapel at St. Joseph Cemetery, the Chapel Mausoleum at Resurrection Cemetery and the Chapel Mausoleum at Holy Cross Cemetery. These brilliant scarlet plants are available in the 6 1/2" pot which contains two plants consisting of 4-8 blooms. To donate a poinsettia in memory of your special loved ones, see the coupon below. We will tag your plant with your loved one's name. You may then pick up your poinsettia any time after January 1st, should you wish to take it home.

OFFICE HOURS: M-F 8AM - 4:30 PM, Sat 8 AM - Noon

CEMETERY HOURS: 8AM - Sunset

- Our Mother of Sorrows Chapel/St. Joseph Cemetery**
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