The Editor's Notebook

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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 attending the program at Columbus Vocational 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 pews as a member of a religious community. Students were in attendance from all of Columbus Catholic Diocese and New Philadelphia Tuscarawas Central Catholic.

Retired Deacon James Davis was honor during the program. Deacon Davis, 85, was ordained by Bishop James Griffin in 1955 and was the first African American ordained in the Diocese of Columbus. Rachelle Martin, executive director of Black Catholic Ministries, thanked him for his years of service during the program.

PRACTICAL STEWARDSHIP

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 were trying to squeeze in as much as we could before death. It is the realization that we are all mortal and that we must live in a manner that shows our understanding of God. We know this through our great faith.

What a beautiful thing it is for us to believe and know, while the glory of God is before our eyes, that we are by our nature and by faith needed to be called to God and to give us that renewal of that one, simple, little sign of the cross and a prayer for all of us, for peace. Deacon Robert Neil of Our Lady of Peace, Deacon Robert Neil of Columbus Diocese, and Father Clarence Williams, pastor of the Church of the Holy Cross, were celebrated of the Mass which concluded the program. After Mass, the students had lunch with them and they 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, in Ursuline Hall.

With more than 100,000 lights illuminat

ing the campus, the event offers an enchanting tradition of lights, Scripture readings, and hymns. The university community and guests will participate in the ceremony.

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

baryl Hall will be a traditional service of Scripture readings and hymns. Follow ing the service, the creche will be blessed in front of Enok Kelvin 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 Colonail Room in Sunbaryl Hall.

Those wishing to participate are asked to notify the uni versity by Sunday, Dec. 1.

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El 24 de noviembre, por favor contribuye a la Campana Católica para el Desarrollo Humano

For more information, or to get involved in the work of CCD, please visit www.catholiccharitiesusa.org.

Remembering Alls ony

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CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Get involved in the work of the CCHD, become more aware of the problems facing people living in poverty, and contribute your time and talent to their cause.

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A • THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, while it treasures a traditional burial or entombment, or a cremation, also recognizes that the cremated remains are to be treated with the same respect as the body of the deceased, and should be treated in a dignified and heavy casket. In the Order for Christian Funerals, No. 110: “The Church solemnly proclaims that if the human remains are handled with reverence and care, the soul will receive the same respect as the body. A St. Ann’s Hospital is (from left) Doug Stein, Mount Carmel Foundation president and executive director; Janet Meeks, Mount Carmel St. Ann’s Hospital; Doug Stein, Mount Carmel Foundation president and executive director; and Aiden Dulin opened the scoring with a 1-yard strike to Ceneviva and a 13-yarder to Wing, who had intercepted a tipped pass on defense to set up his TD and a two-point conversion pass later in the first half.

The fourth touchdown pass of the game, the quarter’s final one (11-1) was thrown by Ceneviva against Mount Carmel, that would have clinched the victory for the Silver Knights.

Newark Catholic advanced to the regional final when John Paul’s offensive line blocked the Mount Carmel defense to advance to the Division V state semifinals in 2012.

BISHOP READY

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Road, Columbus. Proceeds will benefit the Bob Len generous donors, we couldn’t make an impact on the long-term future of our faith. God recently received that the Foundation is successful in providing for the lives and to provide spiritual nutrition in the work. We rely so heavily on them to guide us in our daily lives and to provide for our spiritual needs. We couldn’t survive without these leaders in our Church who minister the beautiful sacraments. They are where we worship, learn, and grow. They are our spiritual home. I find myself sometimes aching for a "home" for our faith. I rely heavily on our board of directors and parishes to help us. I rely heavily on our board of directors and parishes to help us. I rely on them to invite us to their parishes, to help us grow. I am thankful for my staff. Lastly, I am thankful for you. I rely heavily on my staff for the safeguarding of the ecclesiastical goods entrusted to us. From accounting to marketing, 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.CatholicFoundation.org or call 614-252-2245. 

Thanks for Giving

Lighting the Way
Joseph Thomas

According to the Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio, more than 13,000 people statewide are considered homeless. More surprisingly, more than 3,000 of these families have children. Every year, people are being added to these 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 other unfortunate circumstances 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 clinic for the homeless at Goodwill Park in Columbus. To say that I am moved by the sight of these people is an understatement. I begin to realize how fortunate 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. They become homeless, and how they continue to struggle with addiction, poverty, 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 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 moved to tears, heartrendingly sad, or would I fold to the pressures of the environment around me? The answer is obvious: I tend to shy away from my problems and find myself hiding from society when the world looks and acts particularly tough. I realize how much I have to be grateful for. I recall how my mother was so welcoming to those who were living in a shelter and having no shoes for her children to wear. My inhibition began to melt away, as I could think about 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.

So this Thanksgiving, I hope you open your heart and begin to give back to society in the same way that Jesus called us to do. Let this year be the year that you open your heart and give to those in need. We are all connected, and we are all responsible for helping those who are less fortunate than we are. I hope all of you have a wonderful Thanksgiving and happy holiday season. Thank you. Thank you.
Thanksgiving Day Prayer

Father, of all Creation rightly owes you thanks and praise. We thank you this day for all that you have given us:

For the martyrs and saints who give testimony to
Your justice, love, and mercy abound.
For the Church, we thank you, Father.

THANKSGIVING DAY PRAYER

It is our beacon for salvation.
Together we seek you.

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Clauses 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 their work, which went along with their discussion of heroism, dreams they would hear back from three of their heroes in Afghanistan and pictures as their way of letting them know we appreciate everything they do for us.

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Dennison students receive gifts from their heroes in Afghanistan

By Allie Wing

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Out of these focus groups came many ideas that turned into action. During the summer and first quarter of this school year, the band was moved to a new location and the flag was flown at their base at Camp Eglin Air Force Base in Florida. The classes met to open the package. In addition, a signed certificate of authenticity. The flag was used to fly in the school’s gymnasium and classroom during the 2013-2014 school year.

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The Weekday Bible Readings


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380 is in Lancaster at 579 E. Market St. and is open from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 2 p.m. every weekday through Thursday, except holidays. Its phone number is 364-241-251.

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 Kitchens at Holy Rosary-St. John Church, 640 S. Ohio Ave., and 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Family Center of Columbus St. Aloysius Gonzaga.

The City of Columbus Holy Rosary-St. John Church, 2165 W. Broad St.

Galatians 3:24-26

The Epistle to the Hebrews is a reflection on the dispensation of the old covenant, and a challenge to the reader to keep in mind the greater promise of the new covenant, which Jesus has won for us. When we reflect on this we are compelled to reflect on the fulfillment of the promise, and to realize that it has already been fulfilled by Jesus. This is the purpose of the Epistle. It is a call to faith.

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MGR. JAMES B. NUGENT

Funeral Mass for Mgr. James B. Nugent, 88, who died Saturday, Nov. 16, at the Villas at St. Theresa 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 (Slayden) Nugent. He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, Michael M. Nugent, Sr., Mgr. Michael Nugent, and Msgr. Michael Nugent, and a sister, Mary L. (Nugent) Havens.

He was a member of the priesthood for the Diocese of Columbus. He was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop James Griffin. He served at the Motherhouse of the Dominican Sisters of St. Mary of the Springs in Plain City, Ohio, as well as the Motherhouse of the Sinsinawa Dominican Sisters.

He was the father of Joseph Nugent (MetroWest), Jane S. (Nugent) Burkhart (Mount St. Joseph University), Janis L. (Nugent) Loper (Mount St. Joseph University), and Margaret (Nugent) Flanagan (Mount St. Joseph University). Survivors include his wife, Ginny; sons, Joseph and Margaret; and brothers, Albertus, Gerald, and Paul (Nugent). A memorial Mass will be at a later date at Resurrection Cemetery, Columbus.

SISTER MARY EMMA MUCKENSTURM, OP

Funeral Mass for Sister Mary Emma Muckensturm, OP, 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, 1920, in Lancaster to Lawrence and Mary (Messer) Muckensturm. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Bernadette M. (Muckensturm) Mullen and Ana Marie (Muckensturm) Savings.

She earned a bachelor of science degree from Dominican College (now Ohio Dominican University). She entered the novitiate of the former Dominican Sisters of St. Mary of the Springs, Plain City, Ohio, professing her vows of profession in 1953. She was ordained to the deaconate for the Diocese of Columbus.

SISTER ROSE MARIE CONWAY

Funeral Mass for Sister Rose Marie Conway, OSF, 83, who died Monday, Nov. 4, will be held on Saturday, Nov. 23, at the St. Rose Church, 510 W. High St., Lancaster.

She was a native of Sinimunus, Wis. Burial will be at the cemetery of the Motherhouse of the Servant Sisters of the Divine Child, St. Cloud, for whom she served for 27 years as an art teacher and director of the art department.

She received a degree in elementary education in 1963 from Edgerton-Ottumwa College in Iowa. She received a master of arts degree in art therapy in 1989 from the University of Illinois.

She made her first profession of vows on March 3, 1954, at the Motherhouse of the Sinimunus Dominican Sisters. She earned a B.A. degree in education from St. Cloud State University, St. Cloud, Minn., and a master of arts degree in art therapy from the University of Illinois.

She was a part of the team that initiated the Healing of Our Lady of Defense Children’s Home in Columbus in 1995.

She was preceded in death by 10 sisters, including one brother, James M. Conway, who served as a priest associate in the office of the Holy See papal legate.

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The family requests that memorial contributions be made to the Healing of Our Lady of Defense Children’s Home, 7310 E. Dublin-Granville Road, Columbus.

A Mass will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 29, at the Church of the Resurrection, 6300 E. Dublin-Granville Road, New Albany. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 30, at the Church of the Resurrection, 6300 E. Dublin-Granville Road, New Albany. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 30, at the Church of the Resurrection, 6300 E. Dublin-Granville Road, New Albany.

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Holiday Concert to Benefit Pontifical College Josephinum

BROADWAY ARTIST FRANC D’AMBROSIO

“Christmas in New York” to Columbus

Awards-winning vocalist and actor Franc D’Ambrosio will perform his program “Christmas in New York” at Colum basilica St. Peter Church, 6899 Smokey 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. A four-time Tony-nominated Broadway show, it received a Grammy, considerations, and a National Theatre Award nomination.

Early in D’Ambrosio’s career, Paramount Pictures and Francis Ford Cop pola 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 Mann lew 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 musicals.

In July 2011, D’Ambrosio co-starred in the production Love Changes Ev erything – 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 Plaza 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 coun try side 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 when the candle goes missing, the miraculous and the human collide in the most astonishing Christmas village of Gladbury has ever seen.

Thrive stars Matheson (Clash of the Titans, Sherlock Holmes), Banks (Les Miserables), Landry (Mr. Sunshine’s A Christmas Carol), and Sylvia Mooney (Crazy Ex-Girlfriend). Also featured are John Hannah (The Mummy, Four Weddings and a Funeral) and Barbara Flynn (Miss Potter), with James Cosmo (Game of Thrones, Bronson), and, in her film debut, singing phenomenon Susan Boyle.

In the role of the old-world candlemaker, he finds an unlikely ally in the lovely skeptic Emily Barlow (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 village of Gladbury has ever seen.

By Caroline Hroncich, Catholic News Service

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

“The spirituality of Rome carries through every image that I produce,” saying the pictures in the city “feel like ‘home’,” he said. An element common to Jeffreys’ work is a certain intimacy in the subjects, which he says reflects their spirituality. “I try to create light and shadow to convey what he calls a ‘metaphysical quality.”

People see Lee Jeffreys’ photographs homelessness. “I’m not particularly a documentary photographer, but it’s the amateur sports photographer and media that always want a person, I’m trying to capture a spiritual emotion that emanates from that person,” Jeffreys says his mission is not to change the world, but to 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 Jeffreys at the Museum of Rome. The English photographer said he is trying to create a “metaphysical emotion” in the faces of the homeless. CNS photos/ courtesy of Lee Jeffreys)
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.

Sincerely,
Your Catholic Cemeteries

St. Joseph Cemetery Mt. Calvary Cemetery Resurrection Cemetery Holy Cross Cemetery

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.

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CEMETERY HOURS: 8AM - Sunset

Please return this coupon with a $15.00 donation to the cemetery of your choice . . . thank you.

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