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DIOCESAN OFFICES CONTINUE SERVING THE FAITHFUL

Pantries help put food on tables in tough times



A volunteer wearing a protective mask bags groceries to be distributed at the Bishop Griffin Resource Center in Columbus. The diocese's large food pantries are serving more customers because of the coronavirus outbreak and so far have kept up with the increased demand. Story on Page 7. (Photo courtesy Bishop Griffin Resource Center)

By Tim Puet
Catholic Times Reporter

The Catholic Center in downtown Columbus is nearly empty because of the coronavirus pandemic, but the work of the ministries based there goes on.

Concerns by Bishop Robert Brennan and diocesan officials about the virus led to a decision to close diocesan offices on Monday, March 16. About a week later, Gov. Mike DeWine issued a “stay at home” order for all Ohioans.

Also on March 16, Ohio's Catholic bishops announced the suspension of all publicly celebrated Masses and other parish activities.

Employees of the diocese's various departments have been working from their homes for more than a month and have been connecting with one another and with parishes through emails, phone calls, videoconferencing and other methods.

“Things are different during this time of quarantine, but with a little innovation and the use of online resources, our work is not on hold,” said Stephanie Rapp, director of the diocesan Office of Marriage and Family Life. “Our three staff members are collaborating on various projects, including our monthly e-newsletter on family relationships. We recently put out a special issue that includes ways to practice the faith at home, activities to do with your family, and articles on self-care for adults and children.

“Engaged couples still can receive marriage preparation via online courses, and engaged and married couples still can take part in Natural Family Planning classes and online platforms. And now more than ever, there are ideas for families to practice the faith at home, which can be found on our website.”

Construction projects, performed by local contractors under the supervision of the diocesan Facilities

Office, continue at several parishes, including Newark St. Francis de Sales, Columbus St. Catharine, Hilliard St. Brendan and Danville St. Luke.

“A lot of major construction couldn't be halted because of financial penalties that would be involved,” said the office's director, Bruce Boylan. “Workers on the projects are maintaining a 6-foot distance between themselves, taking their temperature and following all the other physical separation guidelines mandated

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Seminarian 'thrilled' to have early ordination as deacon

By Tim Puet

Catholic Times Reporter

Columbus seminarian Stephen Ondrey had expected to be ordained as a deacon this year, but he never could have anticipated the circumstances that led to his ordination.

Deacon Ondrey, who attends the Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary in Weston, Massachusetts, and Pontifical College Josephinum seminarian Jacob Stinnett were to have been ordained by Bishop Robert Brennan as deacons of the Diocese of Columbus on Saturday, May 2 at St. Joseph Cathedral. But those plans were changed when the coronavirus pandemic resulted in the decision by Ohio's bishops to close the state's Catholic churches until at least May 3.

Stinnett's ordination ceremony has been delayed. Deacon Ondrey was ordained at the Massachusetts seminary on Wednesday, April 15, by Auxiliary Bishop Robert Hennessey of Boston, along with Deacons Lawrence Barile of the Diocese of Norwich, Connecticut, and Mark Harris of the Diocese of Venice, Florida. All three received permission from their bishops for the early ordinations.

"The seminary was supposed to have its spring break for the two weeks from Palm Sunday through the Octave of Easter, but because of the virus and travel restrictions related to it, our rector didn't want us going home and risking the possibility of someone getting infected and potentially bringing the virus back to the seminary," Deacon Ondrey said.

"I'm part of a class of 18 men from around the nation scheduled to be ordained as deacons this spring and anticipating being ordained as priests in 2021. Since it's uncertain when any of us will be able to return home, the rector contacted the bishops of each of our dioceses for permission to ordain us ahead of schedule. Bishop Brennan gave that permission in my case because it would enable me to be assigned immediately to a parish for ministry when I come home for the summer. He wished he could have ordained me himself but felt it made more sense to be ordained now, given the circumstances."

Deacon Ondrey, 42, is one of four men from the Diocese of Columbus who are attending Pope St. John Seminary because it specializes in forming men age 30 and older for the priesthood. He and a twin brother, James, are the youngest of four sons and two daughters of James and Veronica Ondrey. His father spent 20 years in the U.S. Navy and, like most children of military families, Deacon Ondrey lived in several places while growing up.

He was born in Pittsburgh, and his family settled in Columbus after his father, who had spent time in the city earlier as a naval public relations officer, retired from the Navy. Following his military career, his father was employed for many years by the Franklin County Child Support Enforcement Agency before moving to San Diego, where he and his wife now live.

Deacon Ondrey attended Hamilton Township High School and is a 1995 graduate of Hilliard High School. He received a Bachelor of Science degree from Otterbein University in 1999, worked as a genetics researcher at Ohio State University for three years, then decided to become a dentist. He graduated from Ohio State University's College of Den-



Deacon Stephen Ondrey of Columbus kneels before Auxiliary Bishop Robert Hennessey of Boston during Deacon Ondrey's ordination ceremony on Wednesday, April 15 at the Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary in Weston, Massachusetts. Holding the book is seminarian Peter Scheffer.

(Photo courtesy Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary)

tistry in 2007, did a one-year residency at Miami Valley Hospital in Dayton and followed that with work at several dental offices in Ohio.

During a dental assignment in Columbus, he met a Catholic woman named Jeannie Brown, now living in Dayton, who changed his life. "Jeannie was a dental consultant and a true mentor to me in both dentistry and the faith," he said.

"I was born to a Catholic family, but partly because of their military lifestyle, they mainly went to church on the major feasts like Christmas and Easter," Deacon Ondrey said. "Jeannie had a great joy about the faith, particularly about a place I had never heard of called Medjugorje, which she has visited about 10 times. She invited me to a pilgrimage there with her in 2011, and at Medjugorje I found a peace and joy I had been missing for years. I returned to the Church there, had my first confession in 23 years and began going to daily Mass."

Medjugorje, in Bosnia-Herzegovina, attracts about 3 million visitors a year and has been designated a pontifical shrine with Vatican oversight. Visionaries claim to have seen thousands of Marian apparitions there since June 1981, when six teenagers said they saw the Blessed Mother appear to them while they were herding sheep. The Catholic

Church to date has not made a definitive statement about the apparitions.

"After Medjugorje, I began practicing the faith for the first time, but I never thought of becoming a priest until I began attending Columbus Holy Name Church and coming in contact with Father Antonio (Carvalho, the parish administrator)," Deacon Ondrey said. "He has a great devotion to Our Lady, which deepened my faith further."

"After a while, some of the ladies at Holy Name asked me if I'd ever considered the priesthood. My initial response to that question was, 'I'm a dentist.' But I also felt a sense of regret that no one had asked me this before," he said. "I felt kind of robbed, that perhaps my life could have taken a different path. Father Antonio suggested that I might have a late vocation, so I began researching options available to men past 30 who wanted to be priests and learned about St. John XXIII Seminary."

"Father (Paul) Noble (the diocese's vocations director) connected me with Father Dan Olvera (parochial vicar at Mount Vernon St. Vincent de Paul Church), who was in his last year at John XXIII. Once I met him and other guys like him, I realized I was not alone, and that those of us who answer God's call later in life provide a unique service to the Church. We relate a little better to many people because we have more experience in life situations."

Deacon Ondrey has been studying at the seminary since 2017, spending summer breaks serving at Columbus St. Timothy and Zanesville St. Thomas Aquinas churches.

"When I realized I'd have the opportunity to be ordained earlier than anticipated, I started getting anxious," Deacon Ondrey said. "When I called Father Antonio to tell him this, he said that it wasn't unusual and that my feelings were part of the realization of the commitment I was about to make. He described it as the same kind of thing a bridegroom feels when his marriage is near. That calmed and reassured me, and I felt remarkably at peace at the time of my ordination."

"Classes are continuing until the end of April, when our summer break begins. I haven't been told where I will be assigned for the summer, but wherever it is, I'm looking forward to the next step in my life of service to God and his people, to being able to preach homilies and to minister at baptisms, weddings and funeral services, and to just being a part of the life of a parish in a way I never could before," he said.

"Wherever it is, I'm thrilled to have the opportunity to serve somewhere in the diocese."

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Ohio Dominican campus quiet as online learning continues

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Dr. Robert Gervasi, president of Ohio Dominican University, lives on the edge of campus. This time of year, he usually would walk a few hundred yards from his home and be surrounded by students and faculty members going to and from class, with some, perhaps, stopping to chat with him, while high school juniors and seniors would be touring campus.

The classes and tours continue, yet Gervasi can take that same walk today and see no one. That's because, like so much else, the university's usual functions are taking place online during the coronavirus pandemic.

ODU was at spring break when the impact of the virus hit. Gervasi announced March 11 that the break would be extended through March 17, with classes offered only online beginning March 18. Soon afterward, students living on campus were told to vacate residence halls, all events for the spring semester were canceled or postponed, and the online-only format was extended through the end of the spring semester in May and adopted for all the university's summer programs.

"It's a very weird situation," Gervasi said. "It's very difficult to get used to, and I hope I never get used to it. Our whole purpose is to build a community, and that's hard to do without the physical presence of others. Yet, although we have been apart for weeks, students, faculty and staff members have been able to make the best of the situation and have been using technology to stay close. I can't adequately put into words how impressed I am by all of this."

Gervasi said ODU's acting vice president for academic affairs, Dr. Manuel Martinez, was largely responsible for the university's ability to quickly switch to online-only classes. "He said right after the first virus cases hit in the Seattle area in January that we should be preparing for the change," Gervasi said. "We had spent three years building our online capability for graduate programs, and he said we needed to start a crash program to have all our faculty ready to teach online, just in case."

"The faculty members were very cooperative, and many already had some experience teaching online, and they knew that if the time came to go online-only, they could help students adapt. This type of willingness is part of a spirit among the faculty and staff that's impressed me



Ohio Dominican University's campus on the east side of Columbus normally would be bustling with activity in April, but a walkway leading to Sansbury Hall is empty after students, staff and faculty transitioned to working from home while completing the spring semester through online classes as a result of the coronavirus outbreak. ODU's summer classes also will be offered online only.
(Photos courtesy Ohio Dominican University)

ever since I came here from Quincy (Illinois) University to take the president's position three years ago.

"Another positive thing that's come out of this change is the way our enrollment management office has developed online programs to reach out to current and prospective students," he said. "They've developed a personalized online campus tour specific to anyone who applies for enrollment here, in addition to the generic tour previously available. So we're still having campus tours, even though we're not able to physically host visitors. And enrollment appears to be trending up for the fall."

Although most of ODU's classes can be conducted online, some require that students and teachers be present in the same place for lab work. This is especially true for health-care classes such as those in the university's master's degree program for physician assistant studies. "Our faculty is working with accreditation bodies to find ways to satisfy those requirements, possibly through virtual experiences or through supervised on-campus experiences later with patients," Gervasi said. "This is a problem all health-care studies programs and accreditation groups are trying to resolve."

Gervasi said his days in the past month or so have become "a combination of damage control, teleconferencing, moral support and conversation with the many audiences interested in

the university – staff, students, alumni, businesses and other supporters."

On the day The Catholic Times talked to him, he had just finished a 2½-hour meeting with senior staff members and was getting ready for a weekly conference call involving Ohio Department of Higher Education Chancellor Randy Gardner and the presidents of all of the state's independent colleges. These calls have enabled the presidents to trade advice and share lessons learned from campus closings.

The sudden shutdown forced ODU to cancel graduation ceremonies scheduled for May 9. Alternative ways to recognize this year's graduating class are being considered.

"One of the saddest things about this whole situation is that we're unable to give our graduating students the recognition they have earned," he said. "I'm sure that even more so than the rest of us, they're feeling constrained because their lives are being put on hold just when most of them are ready for one of the biggest transitions in their lives."

Gervasi said that once regular university life resumes, "ODU will resume its collaboration with other higher education institutions and with employers so that the programs we offer can integrate seamlessly with what employers are looking for."

These include the physician assistant studies program and courses related to insurance and risk management;

a pre-nursing program developed in cooperation with the Mount Carmel College of Nursing; and a program in which ODU and the University of Dayton are partnering to offer students a chance to obtain a bachelor's and a master's degree in engineering in five years.

Gervasi also is working with diocesan school Superintendent Adam Dufault on ways of giving students of the diocese's 11 high schools more opportunities to visit ODU's campus and on making them more aware of the Columbus Catholic Promise program, which supplies graduates of diocesan high schools with financial resources and support to help make an ODU education attainable.

He said that once regular activities resume, he hopes people will take two lessons from the pandemic. "One lesson would be to cherish community more than ever. We must never take people for granted. We need each other," he said.

"In contrast, the second lesson would be how to embrace solitude. The experience of solitude is part of the Church's great mystical and spiritual tradition. Through solitude, we can enlarge our heart and turn it more toward others. I'm hoping that's what will happen once the crisis is past."

Schools to remain closed for rest of academic year

Gov. Mike DeWine announced Monday afternoon, April 20 at press time that schools throughout Ohio, including the 42 elementary and 11 secondary schools of the Diocese of Columbus, will be closed for the remainder of the academic year because of the coronavirus pandemic.

The decision extended the governor's original March 12 order that closed the schools beginning March 17. That order later was extended to May 1.

DeWine said no decision has been made on reopening schools in the fall.

"We have to think about the risk to teachers, students, and our communities," he said.

The governor also said teachers "have done an amazing job" with distance learning. "Everybody stepped up ... to bring the best education they can to our kids under unusual and difficult circumstances," he said.

DeWine also said he hoped that internet availability could be expanded for students and that one significant factor in an eventual return to school will be the protection of special-needs and medically-fragile children.

Our clergy are among our heroes in this time of crisis

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, we have all learned to do many things very differently. Daily life has changed, and in some ways, maybe permanently. Our jobs, schools, and the freedom to simply come and go as we please have been dramatically disrupted. It is so sad to see our students and our children lose their athletic opportunities, college visits and scholarships, prom, and in-person graduations. Our elderly relatives and friends cannot have regular visitors. And we grieve and pray for those who are sick, and those who have lost their lives. Beyond these, we just experienced the strangest Lent, Sacred Triduum and Easter Sunday in our lifetime. Hopefully, we took advantage of the Easter Octave and celebrated joyfully for eight days. Our redemption by the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ makes us extend that joy and celebration for a full 50 days until Pentecost. The empty pews and churches, even the empty St. Peter's and Vatican, and especially our inability to receive Jesus Christ in His Body and Blood at Communion leaves a real void in our spirits and in our hearts. But our prayers, our participation in Mass by way of technology, and the blessed human spirit in each of us help to keep us going. So many of our brothers and sisters are still out there each day, serving those in need. Doctors, nurses, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, all

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hospital workers, nursing home caregivers, truckers, delivery people, pharmacists, grocery store workers, mental health professionals, postal workers, construction and landscape workers, teachers, professors, news reporters, pregnancy center staff, first responders, and on and on – we thank you. All volunteers and everyone I failed to mention by profession, we thank you. The media have gone out of their way to not only thank all of these, but to call them heroes. From Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine to Dr. Amy Acton to those who quietly and selflessly take care of those who cannot take care of themselves, you are our heroes.

As we silently suffer at home, and long for the spiritual nourishment that can only come from the Eucharist, we must remember and appreciate the prayerful support of our clergy. In so many ways, they are our

quiet and humble – yet tireless – spiritual heroes. I can only imagine the many hours they put in for the service of their flocks. You and I have no idea. But what we do know is that they are out there, each and every day, doing the things they can, celebrating the Eucharist and even administering the sacraments as they are able, with the love and humble service they accepted on their day of ordination. They are our clergy, and they are our heroes. Our bishops pray for us each day. Retired Bishops James Griffin and Frederick Campbell pray for an entire diocese, and we are the spiritual beneficiaries. Bishop Robert Brennan reminds us that each time they celebrate Mass, we are there with them in spiritual communion. Our pastors and all priests are there each day for us, praying, celebrating Mass, administering Last Rites, for hospital visits, for handling daily crises, for counseling, and for the love of you and me. Our deacons are assisting our priests, administrators of some parishes, and helping with the sacramental rites as they are able. Our clergy are our heroes. And let us not forget the daily prayers and service of our religious sisters and brothers. Like so many other heroes today, they do not wear capes. But they do wear collars and habits, and best of all, they wear the comforting smile and face of Jesus Christ.

Thank you!

Thinking through the rationing of ventilators during pandemic

When ventilators are in short supply, several key ethical principles can assist clinicians:

1) Ventilators should not be rationed based on categorical exclusions such as a patient's age, disability (e.g. being paraplegic) or other secondary traits, but rather on the basis of clinical data including likelihood of survival, organ function and other clinically relevant medical data or test results. Various medical "scoring tools" can be used to objectively evaluate this information about a patient's status and to make comparisons among patients.

2) If two clinically similar patients arrive at the emergency room, the allocation of a ventilator to one patient over another can be done on a first-come, first-served basis, a lottery or another randomized approach.

3) It is generally immoral to take away without consent the ventilator of a patient still in need of it in order to give it to another patient who may die without it.

4) In situations where a patient on a ventilator is clearly deteriorating, and where COVID-19 and its complications can reasonably be expected to cause the patient's death even with continued ventilator support, dialogue should be initiated with the patient or his designated health care agent to obtain consent to remove the ventilator. Obtaining free and informed consent helps resolve nearly every problematic angle in the ventilator rationing process. Scoring tools can be used to decide which patient's health care agent should be approached first. Attention must always remain focused on establishing and maintaining honest and open communication with the patient, family and the health care agent throughout difficult triage situations.

5) Patients who relinquish a ventilator in triage situations, or who cannot be given a ventilator due to lack of availability, should receive not only suit-

MAKING SENSE OUT OF BIOETHICS

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able alternative forms of medical treatment and palliative measures to manage their discomfort, but also spiritual support rooted in their particular religious tradition. This would include visits from a pastor, minister, priest, etc. where final requests, last sacraments, and other needs can be attended to.

During the COVID-19 crisis, some commentators have recommended taking tough choices out of the hands of front-line clinicians and handing them over to dedicated triage officers or triage committees to decide. In a recent article in the New England Journal of Medicine (NEJM), for example, Dr. Robert Truog and his collaborators offer this approach as a way to "protect" clinicians:

"Reports from Italy describe physicians 'weeping in the hospital hallways because of the choices they were going to have to make.' The angst that clinicians may experience when asked to withdraw ventilators for reasons not related to the welfare of their patients should not be underestimated — it may lead to debilitating and disabling distress for some clinicians. One strategy for avoiding this tragic outcome is to use a triage committee to buffer

clinicians from this potential harm."

The main goal during triage, however, cannot be to "buffer clinicians" or "soften the angst" of what is clearly a difficult and challenging set of decisions. Nor is it to "save the most lives possible in a time of unprecedented crisis," as proposed in the NEJM article. Nor is it to favor those with "the best prospects for the longest remaining life," as others have suggested, by relying on a utilitarian calculus that favors the young and the strong.

The goal must instead be to make allocation decisions based on evenly applied practices, as fair as possible, across the spectrum of patients, without turning to biased "quality of life" assessments. Even in a pandemic, the first priority remains the provision of outstanding patient care.

Triage scenarios involve emergency situations. In an emergency, as the plane's engines flame out, the captain should not be sidelined in favor of a remote "landing committee" working to bring the plane to a safe touchdown. Instead, passengers should be able to entrust themselves to a pilot with professional skills, instincts and expertise, somebody who is fully invested in the critical task at hand. The pilot's personal involvement in the fate of his passengers mirrors the physician's accompaniment of his patients in a time of crisis, with these front-line clinicians properly assuming a key role in making decisions about the allocation of limited medical resources.

Rather than trying to offload responsibility to a committee to "mitigate the enormous emotional, spiritual, and existential burden to which caregivers may be exposed," as the NEJM article phrases it, front-line clinicians, together with their patients and/or health care agents, should manage these crit-

Fighting coronavirus brings back childhood memories of WWII

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In 1942, Clive Staples Lewis, a British writer and lay theologian, in response to World War II, wrote these imaginary statements between Satan and Jesus.

Satan: "I will cause anxiety, fear and panic. I will shut down businesses, schools, places of worship and sports events. I will cause economic turmoil."

Jesus: "I will bring together neighbors, restore the family unit. I will bring dinner back to the kitchen table. I will help people slow down their lives and appreciate what really matters. I will teach my children to trust me and not their money."

It is as if C.S. Lewis was writing about our situation today. Currently, we are at war. We are at war against the coronavirus. The people during WWII were able to see the face of their enemy. They knew where the enemy was at any given time. The battles did not rage continuously. They were sporadic. The situation was slow moving.

However, it is not the case with our fight against the coronavirus. The coronavirus is invisible. We do not know where it is. Because of it, we remain in a fighting mode -- 24/7. Because it is deadly and because it is fast moving, we become anxious.

I have a vivid memory of a fierce battle during

WWII that raged near my hometown of Balilihan in the province of Bohol, Philippines. I was a young boy then. One evening in April, the Japanese army invaded our town. The warning of the invasion came late. As a result, my family, along with other folks from the town, were trapped in a narrow valley. We were caught in a heavy crossfire between the Japanese and the Allied forces. We took cover between two big rocks. The branches and twigs of the trees, snapped by the bullets, fell on us and covered us. The exchange of bullets flying above us lightened dark skies, like that of a Fourth of July fireworks display. It was a very scary situation. By the grace of God, all of us who were in that valley survived. Praise the Lord!

Schools were closed for four years during WWII. Homeschooling did not exist then. Online schooling did not exist. When liberation came in 1945, schools were reopened. All of the children who were eight years old in 1945, and all the children who were over eight years old and had never been in school before the war broke out -- all of them were put in first grade classes.

The children who were in the first grade before the war broke out were promoted to the second grade; those who were in the second were promoted to third; those who were in the fourth were promoted to the fifth, and so on.

In 1945, the first grade classes were populated with students from the ages of eight and above. Some of them were 18 years old.

In the middle of the 1945 school year, the first graders were given a proficiency test in reading, language and math. Those who qualified were promoted to the second grade for the rest of the school year. Those who qualified completed the equivalent of two grade levels in one year.

School supplies for the year were bare essential -- one pencil, one writing pad and a small box of crayons. My Dad tied a string on my pencil and tied it to the buttonhole of my shirt. At the beginning of the school year, my pencil was almost a foot long. At the end of the school year, my pencil was less than an inch long. My paper allowance was three sheets a day.

It will be interesting to hear what our children today, when they become grandparents, tell their grandchildren about the year 2020 -- the year of coronavirus. On the Internet, I saw a suggestion from a teacher to parents to ask their children to keep a journal during the coronavirus lockdown. Indeed, it will be an interesting read 50 to 100 years from now.

I am praying that you and your loved ones are safe! God bless!

Rediscovering the significance of baptism in plague time

On April 29, 1951, Father Thomas Love, SJ, baptized me in the Church of Sts. Philip and James, near Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. Family legend has it that I raised such a furor during the proceedings that my cousin Judy hid in a confessional. There are pictures of the christening, and a few years ago I found a lovely letter that Father Love (whom I never met) wrote me shortly afterwards. But I cannot say that I took the date of my baptism seriously until I was nudged into greater baptismal awareness in the 1980s.

The first nudge involved working with evangelical Protestants, who typically identified themselves to strangers at a meeting by saying, "I'm (so-and-so) and I was born again on (such-and-such a date)." That made me think about when, precisely, I had been born again; so April 29 began to loom larger in my mental calendar of Important Dates. The second nudge came from writing about John Paul II. During his pilgrimage to Poland in June 1979, the Pope went straight to the baptistry of his former parish church in Wadowice, knelt, and kissed the baptismal font. Why? Because, I realized, he knew that the day of his baptism was the most important day of his life: for it was the day that made his life in Christ, which he knew to be the deepest meaning of his life, possible.

Ever since, I've been urging fellow Catholics to mark the day of their baptism. So let me urge you again: make this time of plague and quarantine the occasion to dig the "Catholic paper" out of your records, find your baptismal certificate, and learn the date of your baptism. And then, with appropriate celebration, ponder just what happened to you that day.

As the Catholic Church has understood it for two millennia, baptism is far, far more than a welcoming

THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE

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ritual: baptism effects a fundamental change in who we are, what we can "see," and what we must do.

Being born again by water and the Holy Spirit in baptism, we become far more than (fill in the name) of a certain family, address, and nationality. We become living cells in the Mystical Body of Christ: members of the New Israel, the beloved community of the New Covenant, destined for eternal life at the Throne of Grace where the saints celebrate what the Book of Revelation calls the Wedding Feast of the Lamb in the New Jerusalem (Revelation 19:7, 21:2). We become the people in whom humanity's greatest hopes, incapable of fulfillment by our own devices, will be realized.

Having been cleansed in the waters of baptism and instructed in the truths of faith, we can "see" the wonders God has done in history more clearly. Thus baptism, in a certain sense, sacramentally re-creates the Easter experience of Mary Magdalene in the 20th chapter of John's gospel. At first, Mary thinks the Risen Lord is a gardener. Then, after he calls her by name, she clings to his feet; but that is to cling to the past, to the Jesus who was, and so she is told, "Do not hold me" (John 20:17). Finally, Mary begins to comprehend that the Jesus

she once knew, the Jesus beneath whose cross she stood, had been raised to an entirely new dimension of human existence -- a life no longer shadowed by death, a life beyond death. And so she became the first messenger of the Gospel as she made a radical act of faith before the other friends of Jesus: "I have seen the Lord" (John 20:18).

Which brings us to what we, the baptized, must do. In baptism, we die with Christ, the Risen Lord who lives in the presence of God and among his brothers and sisters in the Church. That Jesus is present both in eternity and in history means that his brethren can live -- in an anticipatory way, here and now -- in the eternity of God. That is a great gift. To be worthy of it means to share it.

So we, the baptized, have also been commissioned. On the day of our baptism, each one of us was given a commission as a missionary disciple. Each of us heard (on our own, as adults, or through our parents and grandparents, if we were infants or children) the Great Commission of Matthew 28:19: "Go ... and make disciples of all nations." Everyone in the Church is a missionary; everywhere we go is mission territory.

To live that is to own the truth of our baptism in full.

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ical decisions, with triage committees serving in advisory, rather than decision-making or adjudicating capacities.

If rationing becomes necessary, sound ethical principles not only enable responsible triage decisions to be made, but can also help clinicians to avoid panic and calmly accompany each patient entering a health care facility, including those facing their final days and hours.

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because of the pandemic. Some work, such as putting in windows, can't be done for now because the 6-foot separation can't be maintained. It's different with every project. We have at least three other jobs ready to take off, but work won't get started on them until we know it's safe."

Boylan said extensive renovation at St. Luke by a combination of volunteers and contractors is nearly complete. It's scheduled to be finished in May to celebrate the parish's 200th anniversary and the 125th anniversary of the current church building, which has been closed because of the renovation since earlier this year, with Masses moved to the parish hall.

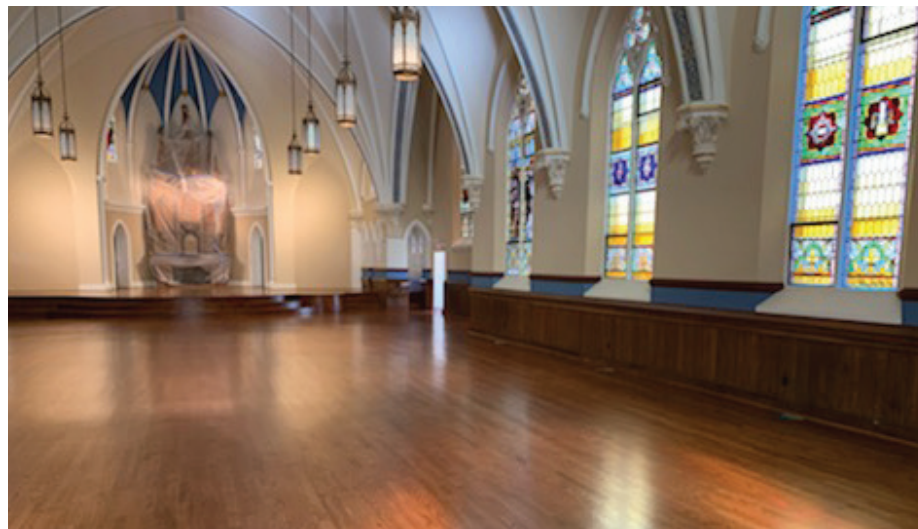
The work of the diocesan Office of Divine Worship has been very visible because it plans all liturgies involving Bishop Brennan, including the services for the Sacred Triduum at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral that were broadcast on St. Gabriel Catholic Radio and livestreamed on the diocesan website. The Easter Sunday Mass also was shown live on WCMH-TV in Columbus. The cathedral would have been filled for those events, but virus restrictions meant participation was limited to the bishop, concelebrants, cantors, an organist and a lector.

Director Michelle Lemiesz said the office also put together a variety of resources related to Holy Week, the Stations of the Cross, Easter and Divine Mercy Sunday, including reflections from several diocesan priests. These may be found at www.columbus-catholic.org/liturgical-and-prayer-resources. The Divine Worship Office also plans Confirmation liturgies that normally would take place around this time. Lemiesz said these have been put on hold because of the pandemic.

Director Barbara Romanello-Wichtman of the Office of Religious Education and Catechesis said it is communicating with parishes twice a week and is meeting with master catechists who will be conducting courses this summer to certify religious educators.

The office's associate director, Matthew Minix, and Deacon Frank Sullivan have put together a program that would allow use of the University of Dayton's platform to deliver half of the office's introductory-level certification courses online. The program is awaiting the university's approval. The office also is working on alternatives to May crownings.

The Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry had to cancel its annual Good Friday Walking Stations of the Cross in downtown Columbus but produced a video alternative featuring



Work by contractors and volunteers on an extensive renovation of Danville St. Luke Church has continued during the coronavirus pandemic. In the last month, the church has been repainted and new flooring has been installed, sanded, stained and sealed. Work is scheduled to be finished in May to celebrate the parish's 200th anniversary and the 125th anniversary of the current building, which has been closed since earlier this year for the renovation, with Masses moved to the parish hall. (Photo courtesy Bruce Boylan)

reflections on the Stations and paintings by local artist Gracie Morbitzer. These may be found at www.columbus-catholic.org/walking-stations.

The office's ministry consultant, Sean Robinson, said he is working with parish youth ministers on an alternative to the diocese's summertime Gospel Road mission-focused work camp for young people and on other online activities. He also said the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry's Project YM program, streamed at 8 p.m. Sundays, provides an excellent alternative to a parish youth ministry gathering for Catholic young people. It may be found at www.projectym.com/live.

"The Office for Social Concerns is working hard in the COVID response effort while maintaining our other programming by using creative methods," said its director, Jerry Freewalt. The office is involved with many social justice activities, including prison ministry, which has been limited because the pandemic is preventing chaplains from entering prisons.

Freewalt said chaplains are dropping off religious materials and DVDs of Sunday Masses for Catholic inmates, and the office's re-entry ministry continues to assist the formerly incarcerated. In addition, it is providing grants to food pantries.

The office's associate director, Erin Cordle, is chair of the Ohio VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster) network, which means she helps shape state- and county-level planning and responses to the virus.

Much more about the office's work

at this time is available at a special web page, www.columbus-catholic.org/coronavirus-response.

Pamela Harris, director of diocesan Catholic Ethnic Ministries, said her office is staying in touch with parishes and with other diocesan offices by providing words of encouragement. The office also translated Pope Francis' prayer for the coronavirus into 10 languages used in ethnic Masses in the diocese – French, Igala, Igbo, Italian, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog, Tamil, Twi and Vietnamese.

The Office of Development and Planning has set up an online giving platform titled "A Time for Extreme Charity," which offers parishioners a chance to make weekly, monthly or on-time payments through banks or credit cards to parishes or schools, the diocese itself, or the tuition assistance fund for diocesan schools.

"All of our focus is on supporting parishes and helping sustain them in this difficult time when offertory collections and fund drives are unable to take place," said diocesan development director Andrea Pannell. "The new platform will be especially helpful for parishes who aren't set up for online giving."

This normally would have been the time for the Bishop's Annual Appeal collection to begin. Pannell said the appeal will be delayed until July, though a kickoff is planned for May. Her office also is helping some parishes connect with members through phone trees and encouraging participation in the U.S. Census. "We're helping parishes make connections in

a disconnected time," she said.

Missions director Leandro Tapay said the Missionary Cooperation Plan, in which foreign missionaries visit diocesan parishes to talk about their work, probably will be a little different this year because of travel restrictions, with speakers coming from the U.S. offices of mission orders rather than the mission fields. He and program coordinator Gina Sergio continue to process requests for Masses to be celebrated by missionaries. Tapay said all seven missionary priests, sisters and brothers from the diocese are safe and continuing their work. Four are stationed in the United States, and the others are in Papua New Guinea, Belize and Brazil.

The diocesan information technology office, which provides computer support to all of the diocese's agencies and many schools and parishes, played a key role in diocesan employees' transition to working from home. Its director, Steve Nasdeo, said it provided new computers to about 10 employees so they could be connected to the diocese's operating systems.

The office also set up the livestreaming feed for daily and Sunday Masses at the cathedral and helped many employees install the videoconferencing system. Nasdeo said requests for help from his office have increased about 5 percent since employees began working from home, and that after early setup problems, people seem to be adapting well to the change.

"It's business as usual" for the diocesan Safe Environment Office, said director Regina Quinn. Her office coordinates the Protecting God's Children sexual abuse awareness program required of all diocesan employees and volunteers who have any contact with children. It also conducts background checks of such individuals and makes sure all diocesan agencies comply with the U.S. bishops' charter for the protection of young people. Quinn reminds people that diocesan safe environment policies for children remain in effect while schools are closed and children are at home.

The diocesan Tribunal, the judicial body that deals mainly with marriage annulments and the validity of marriages, is continuing its work, mostly through phone calls and videoconferencing. "We have access to the diocesan database, so it's not difficult for us to work from home," said Father Robert Kitmiller, judicial vicar. "Cases don't move as fast when you work remotely, and sometimes you can't meet a petitioner, but like everyone else, we're making do as well as we can."

Food pantries busier than ever, but handling the volume

By Tim Puet
Catholic Times Reporter

Directors of the diocese's large food pantries say the sites are seeing unprecedented numbers of customers because of the coronavirus pandemic but so far have responded successfully to the increased demand.

Marilyn Mehaffie of St. Stephen's Community House said its food and nutrition center had been serving about 700 households per week as of mid-April. That compares with about 300 per week at the same time last year.

The pantry began offering food to all Franklin County residents when the pandemic first resulted in widespread closings and job losses. It previously limited its service area to eight ZIP codes.

"The pantry only had two staffers, so we had to pull in more staff from other departments of the center, but they've been glad to pitch in," Mehaffie said. "We've also added several volunteers. We needed all of that additional people power to handle the larger shipments we've been receiving from the Mid-Ohio Food Collective in response to the increased need caused by all the changes related to the virus."

The Our Lady of Guadalupe Center on Columbus' west side distributed 2,430 meals this past March – about 50 percent more than the approximately 1,600 it distributed in the same month of 2019.

Director Ramona Reyes said the center has added slots for family appointments and is now open five days a week instead of three.

"We continue to accommodate people and continue to monitor availability of items to make sure we have what we need," she said. "Several churches have helped with donations, especially of black beans and pinto beans." The center also is continuing to provide English as a Second Language classes, legal assistance and other resources.

The St. Francis Center in Portsmouth is handing out about 600 boxes of food a week. It previously distributed about 400 boxes a month.

"The numbers are so much higher than you might expect because we're the only pantry left in town," said director Barbara McKenzie. "All the others closed because they had workers with the virus. Our biggest prob-

lem is just finding food, because the food banks serving us aren't able to meet the demand on them."

The Guadalupe and St. Francis centers both are part of Catholic Social Services (CSS), which also operates several programs for seniors and families.

CSS president and chief executive officer Rachel Lustig said the agency served 6 percent more clients in March than in February and is staying in touch by phone with the 3,000 seniors it serves; continuing its transportation program for seniors and qualified veterans in Licking County to make sure they get to necessary appointments; using telehealth technology for its mental health and case management clients; and creating a resource guide so everyone it serves can know where to get help in an emergency.

Heather Swiger of St. Lawrence Haven, a ministry operated by the diocesan St. Vincent de Paul Society in the former Columbus Holy Cross School near downtown, said it has been serving 225 to 300 people every Monday through Thursday since pandemic-related restrictions took effect. That's 50 to 75 more than on a typical day in mid-April last year.

Recipients are given prepackaged bags with four sandwiches, a homemade meal and other items.

"We were open from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and changed our hours to 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in hopes of trying to get people in and out quicker, but with more people coming, we have waiting lines again," she said.

The Bishop Griffin Resource Center on Columbus' east side served 750 families in March and 580 in the first half of April, said director Patty Rinehart. That compares with a typical monthly total of 450 to 500.

"About one-third of those we serve are new customers," she said. "We have a staff of eight people, and my biggest worry is if one of us gets the virus, because that means we'll have to close," she said.

Rinehart said about 10 people have helped at the center at least once in response to a Catholic Times story in which she asked for enough volunteers to form a backup team. Three have been there several times. But that's not enough for a full crew.

"We'll be open as long as we can," she said. "We're here to help the people who need it, so if you live in the five ZIP codes on Columbus' east

side which we serve, don't hesitate to come here for food."

Dana Krull of the Holy Family Soup Kitchen in Columbus' Franklinton neighborhood said it is serving 300 people per day, a 50 percent increase from the usual number of 200. It can't provide its usual sit-down meals because of the virus restrictions but is offering "woods bags" of sandwiches and snacks instead.

Unlike other pantries, the St. Francis Center in McArthur, which is not connected with the center of the same name in Portsmouth, has not reported an increase in the number of people it has served in the past month. Center coordinator Ashley Riegel said this probably was because the virus forced the center to end its program of going to the communities it serves in Vinton County and distributing food. Anyone wishing to obtain food from the center must come to the site.

The diocese's Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs (JOIN) provides a variety of emergency services for people in need, but its director, Lisa

Keita, said it hasn't been significantly affected so far by the pandemic.

"We're in a weird place," she said. "A lot of stuff we do, like helping people obtain birth certificates and providing bus passes, has been shut down." Buses are still running, but the Central Ohio Transit Authority has suspended fare collections.

"We're not a pantry," she said. "We occasionally provide people with a bag of nonperishable food, plus personal care and household items, but that's the extent of it. We haven't been asked yet for additional help from people who need assistance to pay their water or utility bills, but we anticipate that coming."

Loren Brown, president and CEO of The Catholic Foundation, said a fund it set up last month so pantries and parishes can provide emergency cash to people and families affected by the pandemic has reached \$641,000 and has awarded about \$200,000. The fund started with \$250,000 in seed money from the foundation and hopes to reach at least \$1 million.



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Couple cooks for others during virus to carry out His mission

By Paul Davis

Our family has always been connected to the service industry. My wife, Marcia, was a bartender at the Claddagh Irish Pub in the Brewery District. I once sat at her bar and refused to leave until she agreed to go on a date with me.

Since then, she has continually been employed as a bartender (except for a brief spell after each of our two boys was born), first at Fado Irish Pub at Easton and more recently at Forbidden Root, a brewery that opened at Easton right after Thanksgiving.

When we needed extra money to pay for our wedding, I re-entered the bartending world while remaining employed by the Office for Divine Worship of the Diocese of Columbus.

Working in Irish pubs has allowed us to have a spring windfall through bartending and working security for St. Patrick's Day celebrations. This year, our planning was no different; we looked forward to Paddy's Day, to be with old friends, work hard and make lots of money. COVID-19 and Gov. Mike DeWine had other ideas.

On Sunday, March 15, Marcia lost her job as a bartender when the governor shut down all bars and restaurants. Having heard the warnings and been in packed bars on the Friday and Saturday of that weekend, she was almost

relieved that she did not have to go back, because she would never know exactly who she was serving or who that person had been in contact with.

Conversation with many bartenders and friends in the service industry made us realize that this was a common fear, and that many are weirdly glad to be out of work for the duration of the pandemic. But there is still the worry about where the next meal comes from and how to pay our bills. Then, one day after the bars were shut, Marcia lost the front desk job she had started a few weeks earlier at the gym we attend in hopes of bringing in extra money for travel or other expenses.

She could have sulked about how we were going to afford groceries, or the new duvet cover she had been wanting since the fall, or even summer clothes for the kids, but she did not. Seeing the need among her friends and in families who now had to take care of newly homebound elders, Marcia decided to use her passion for cooking a good meal to feed those who needed it most.

Since Wednesday, March 18, we have prepared and delivered meals to 105 people throughout Columbus. Recipients have been emergency-room doctors and nurses, a labor-and-delivery nurse coming off a 12-hour shift who had a broken stove and was eating toaster pastries to get by, a firefighter and his 911 dispatcher wife, teachers,



Clyde, Marcia, Paul and Charlie Davis
Photo courtesy Davis family

service industry workers without an income, 90-year-old grandmothers we had never met and anyone else who simply did not want to worry about how to afford dinner that night.

We started the first meal with our own money, and our goal was to feed people until the money ran out. We did not ask for payment for the meals but rather a small monetary donation to simply pay the next meal forward. We have been blessed with more donations than we imagined and plan to continue providing meals. No donation is too small, and we are happy to feed anyone who needs or wants to be fed for as long as we can.

As mission director at Powell St. Joan of Arc Church, I frequently talk with our staff members and parishioners about "activated discipleship" and how, as baptized people, we are called

into a special relationship with Jesus Christ. We have no option but to agree to carry out his mission in our world.

At the end of the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus commissions his disciples: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." He also gives them the reassurance to fulfill what he has asked by saying, "And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."

While we are not able to baptize, as activated disciples we can do our part to make disciples of all nations through our service. This discipleship starts in our home with our children, and we have carried that into our community to those in need. We know that Jesus is with us in our work.

We have been truly blessed through this experience. Each day, we have something to look forward to and time in the car as a family to plan and to pray for those we feed. In a strange way, COVID-19 has been a blessing to our family. We are closer now than we have ever been, and are working harder every day to be activated disciples of Jesus Christ in our home, our community and our world.

Paul Davis is mission director at Powell St. Joan of Arc Church. He and his wife, Marcia, and sons, Charlie and Clyde, attend Reynoldsburg St. Pius X Church.

St. Joan of Arc parishioners help each other



Father Jim Black, pastor (center), blesses cars as Father Stephen Smith (left at door) and members of the Men's Club and the Knights of Columbus at Powell St. Joan of Arc Church pick up food. St. Teresa's Outreach (STO), a social ministry of the church, is helping people get through the COVID-19 pandemic by collecting food on Sunday mornings in the parking lot of the parish, 10700 Liberty Road. Deacon Steve Pettrill said that since March 22, STO has collected about five pickup truckloads of food and necessities each Sunday. The items also are taken to the Help My Neighbor pantry in Hilliard and St. Lawrence Haven, the Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs and the Bishop Griffin Resource Center in Columbus. STO volunteers also have begun making cloth masks. To maintain social distancing, people stay in their cars, with donations being placed in or taken from trunks. Deacon Pettrill said STO was formed on Dec. 1 and was built on the foundation of what had been a vigorous parish St. Vincent de Paul Society. STO also has begun a "neighbors helping neighbors" program for the parish, in which people who are elderly or otherwise at increased risk for COVID-19 are paired with other parishioners who are able to pick up groceries, medicine or other items and drop the food at the homes of those people, all while maintaining social distancing.

(Photo courtesy Deacon Steve Pettrill)

Light of goodness outshines darkness of coronavirus pandemic

By Kayla Walton

When I was in high school, I attended a retreat and had the opportunity to pray before the Blessed Sacrament one evening. The lights were off in the room where the tabernacle was kept, so the only light visible came from a candle next to the tabernacle.

My eyes immediately were drawn to the light; it was impossible not to notice the flame in the dark room. As I prayed, I realized this is how Our Lord works: Even in our darkest moments, it is impossible not to notice glimmers of light, glimmers of goodness.

This does not mean that the world is perfect or that we need to look at

all situations with rose-colored glasses; rather, we are called to remember that light is greater than darkness. We can find comfort in the passage from John's Gospel: "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it" (John 1:5).

During this difficult time of illness and quarantine, we might feel that we are in a period of darkness. Our world is hurting, and we are scared, frustrated and uncertain about the future. And yet, Our Lord still calls us to find Him, to find the light in the darkness and to be that light to others.

Recently at St. Mary School, I was blessed to experience that light. I saw the light of hope in our staff mem-

bers as they braved the pouring rain to bring materials to our students so that they can keep learning at home. I saw the light of brilliance in our technology coordinator as he prepared and distributed more than 150 iPads for online learning.

I saw the light of hope as food from six tables was carried to the cars of families who needed nourishment. I saw the light of generosity in the gift from an anonymous benefactor who provided \$40,000 to ensure that all of our children in need had grocery store gift cards for the next nine weeks. Being a part of this miraculous event was a gift and a privilege.

While this was a unique opportunity,

all of us are called, no matter where we are or what our vocation might be, to provide and to find moments of light. Each time we choose to complete a task with joy, aid someone in need in our own home or love someone who is hurting, we are providing moments of light.

Each time we take a moment to see the grace that surrounds us, we are choosing to find a moment of light. Although this is challenging at times, the rewards are endless. I hope and pray that all of us may use this quarantine as an opportunity to find this light, to be this light and to draw closer to Him.

Kayla Walton is principal of St. Mary School in the German Village neighborhood of Columbus.

Benjamin Beiter earns Eagle rank



Benjamin Beiter, a member of Lancaster St. Mary Church and Boy Scout Troop 187 of Baltimore, recently earned his Eagle Scout rank. His Eagle service project consisted of designing and constructing an open-air shelter house for the Fairfield County village of Pleasantville. He and many others who assisted him also built and installed three wooden picnic tables. On his path to obtaining Eagle rank, he earned 55 merit badges, well in excess of the 21 required for the rank. His Eagle court of honor will be delayed until the coronavirus pandemic is over.
Photo courtesy Beiter family

Greetings to St. Anthony pastor



Members of the Sabo family (from left) — Sullivan, Grace, August, Evie and Scarlett — send greetings to their pastor, Father Thomas Petry of Columbus St. Anthony Church, as they wait for the day when they will be able to visit church again for Mass rather than view it online. Grace attends Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School and the other four are Columbus St. Anthony School students.
Photo courtesy Claire Hoffman

Encouragement for women in recovery



Pictured are notes of encouragement written by members of the Junior Daughters of the Knights of Peter Claver to 25 to 30 participants in the Women-to-Women meal service who receive a full-course meal each month from St. Cyprian Court 298 of the Knights' ladies auxiliary. The Junior Daughters are the young people's group of the auxiliary. Recipients of the meals are women in recovery who live in housing provided by the Community Housing Network. For the past six years, the court has prepared the meals and provided other items such as toiletries or additional food as part of its community service program. Each meal also includes an activity or a talk on health topics or other items of interest to the women.
 Photo courtesy St. Cyprian Court 298

Lancaster St. Mary School donates diapers to Bottoms Up



Lancaster St. Mary School started a service project for the Bottoms Up diaper drive for Lent. Even though the project lasted just one week before the coronavirus pandemic closed the school, 2,360 diapers and 200 baby wipes were collected. Shown are seventh-grade teacher Anita Yapple (left) and Jo Welsh, president of Bottoms Up.
Photo courtesy Bottoms Up

Pontifical College Josephinum seminarians make sandwiches for those in need

Seminarians at the Pontifical College Josephinum put on gloves and hairnets and teamed up with Bosc & Brie Catering to make 654 sandwiches for the "back door ministry" outreach program of Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral, which provides food for the disadvantaged every morning of the year, including holidays, and every weekday afternoon, holidays excluded. The number of people receiving food has increased because of the coronavirus pandemic. Pictured are (from left): Shane Gerrity of Columbus St. Patrick Church; Emmanuel Ingabire of the Diocese of Gikongoro, Rwanda; Deacon Michael Fulton of Sunbury St. John Neumann Church; Liz Dunn of Bosc & Brie; David England of Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church; James Ssebunya of the Diocese of Lugazi, Uganda; and Deacon Seth Keller of Columbus St. Patrick Church. Robert Selhorst, the founder and president of Bosc & Brie, gathered all the necessary food and made it available as part of a collective effort to feed the poor, the needy and the homeless served by the cathedral.
Photo courtesy Father Mike Lumpe



PRAY FOR OUR DEAD

BOLSTER, Raymond L., 83, April 11
St. Bernadette Church, Lancaster

BRAKE, Donald C., 87, April 8
Ss. Simon and Jude Church, West Jefferson

BROWN, Susan K. (Kasper), 73, April 12
St. Matthew Church, Gahanna

COCKRELL, Catherine (Brent), 73, April 6
St. Elizabeth Church, Columbus

COOPER, Joseph A., 88, April 11
St. Pius X Church, Reynoldsburg

CORNETT, Mary A. (Dietz), 95, April 10
St. John XXIII Church, Canal Winchester

DAVIS, Henrietta L. (Williams), 93, April 8
Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, Columbus

GELBAUGH, Karen (Miller), 76, April 8
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

GILLIGAN, James H., 56, April 7
St. Rose Church, New Lexington

GILMARTIN, John P., 88, April 10
St. Anthony Church, Columbus

GORDON, Rosemary J. (Helfer), 89, April 7
St. Leonard Church, Heath

McGUIRE, JoAnne E., 88, April 9
St. Patrick Church, London

MELARAGNO, Cecilia P. "Cil" (Cerviano), 88, April 13
St. Matthew Church, Gahanna

MURPHY, Patricia S., 68, April 10
St. Peter Church, Columbus

OWEN, Ralph, 86, March 29
St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Zanesville

RUTHERFORD, Cecilia A. (Cooper), 89, April 9
St. Matthew Church, Gahanna

SHRINER, Mary E. (Badurina), 94, April 8
St. James the Less Church, Columbus

TIPTON, Joan (Clark), 75, April 8
St. Mary Church, Lancaster

Sister Virginia Marie Butler, OP

A private funeral service was held for Sister Virginia Marie Butler, OP, 91, who died at the Mohun Health Care Center in Columbus on Sunday, April 12, with burial at St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus. A memorial service will occur later.

She was born in 1928 in the Bronx, New York to Robert and Hazel (Supp) Butler and in 1950 entered the congregation of the Dominican Sisters of St. Catherine de Ricci (now the Dominican Sisters of Peace).

She attended Villanova University

Sister Frances Joseph Hildebrand, OSF

Sister Frances Joseph Hildebrand, OSF, 98, died on Saturday, April 11, 2020 at the Holy Family Convent in Manitowoc, Wisconsin. A funeral Mass for her will take place at a later date at the convent.

She was born Martha Hildebrand on Nov. 17, 1921 in Zanesville to Joseph and Frances (Kernan) Hildebrand, and attended Zanesville St. Nicholas Church.

She entered the convent in 1959 and professed her vows as a member of the Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity in 1961. For the next 51 years, she served in a variety of roles in Wis-

consin, Illinois, Michigan, Nebraska and Arizona. Since 2013, she had been engaged in a prayer apostolate at St. Rita Health Center in Manitowoc.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, John (Ann), William (Josephine), Bernard (Lucy), David (Jean), Joseph (Marjorie) and Edward (Verna); sisters, Sister Francis Aloysius Hildebrand, OSF, Mary Jo (Russell) Dooley and Pauline (Jack) Jones; nieces and nephews; and a grandnephew, Father Sean Doolley, pastor of Columbus Our Lady of Peace Church.

and earned degrees from Rosemont College and Providence College. In 1989, she earned a certificate in Biblical spirituality from the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago.

For eight years, she was involved in resident ministry for Women in Philadelphia. She also did retreat ministry in Pennsylvania, Virginia and New Mexico.

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Father William J. Burke, OP

Funeral Mass for Father William J. Burke, OP, 91, who died Monday, Feb. 10, was celebrated Saturday, Feb. 15 at the Mohun Health Care Center in Columbus. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Somerset.

He was born on Sept. 15, 1928 in Washington to William and Grace (Logan) Burke, was a graduate of Breckenridge High School in San Antonio, Texas, and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in drama in 1949 from the Catholic University of America. He then went to work for the National Broadcasting Co. as an associate director in network television before serving in the Army during the Korean War.

He entered the Dominican novitiate

at St. Stephen's Priory in Dover, Massachusetts, in 1953 and made his profession of vows on Aug. 16, 1954. He completed his preparation at the Dominican House of Studies and was ordained to the priesthood at St. Dominic's Church in Washington on June 16, 1960.

He received a licentiate in sacred theology from the Pontifical Faculty of the Immaculate Conception in 1961 and taught philosophy at St. Stephen's Priory from 1961 to 1964. He then returned to the Dominican House of Studies, where he remained for 42 years until he retired to the Center for Assisted Living at St. Dominic's Priory in Washington in 2006. He became a resident of the Mohun center in 2017.

Father Eugene R. Linowski

A Divine Funeral Liturgy for Father Eugene R. Linowski, 89, longtime pastor of Columbus St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church, was celebrated at the church during Bright Week, the week after Easter, with attendance restricted. Burial was at Holy Spirit Cemetery in Parma. He died Monday, April 13 at Ganzhorn Suites in Powell.

He was born in Cleveland on April 25, 1930 to Stanislaw and Maryanna Linowski, attended Cleveland South High School and St. Bonaventure Minor Seminary and High School in Sturtevant, Wisconsin and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in philosophy from St. Francis College in Burlington, Wisconsin.

He attended Christ the King Seminary in West Chicago, Illinois, and was ordained a priest of the Franciscan order of the Roman Catholic Church on

June 1, 1957, at St. Raymond Cathedral in Joliet, Illinois by Joliet Bishop Martin McNamara. In 1972, he became a priest of the Catholic Church's Byzantine rite. He was permitted to celebrate Mass in both rites.

His service as a Roman Catholic priest included assignments in Illinois, Michigan, the Cleveland area and the Philippines. As a Byzantine priest, he served at several churches in suburban Cleveland and in Van Nuys, California before coming to St. John Chrysostom, where he was pastor from 1987 to 2004 before retiring.

He also was chaplain at Marymount Hospital and for several Knights of Columbus councils and was a fourth-degree member of the Knights.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Stanley and Chester; and sister, Jeanette Stieber. Survivors include nieces and nephews.

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Third Sunday of Easter, Year A

Our lives might be disrupted, but Jesus remains in our midst

Acts 2:14, 22-33
Ps. 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11
1 Peter 1:17-21
Luke 24:13-35

Father Timothy Hayes

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The account of the Easter journey to Emmaus offers rich insight in every season of the life of the Church. However, it seems to offer a profound invitation that addresses everything humanity is going through in the present moment. The pattern of the journey of the two disciples is a pattern that can be discerned in life and in liturgy.

The disciples are on their way, leaving Jerusalem in their discouragement after the death of Jesus. They have heard some reports about the Resurrection, but faith in the new life it offers has not yet been enlivened in them. Instead, they are returning to their old life, going home without allowing the truth of the Resurrection to penetrate their hearts.

Jesus comes along, seeking them out, ever the Good Shepherd seeking the lost. He is hidden from their eyes, because He has been transformed through the Resurrection and because the disciples are so caught up in their grief that they are unable to see clearly. They do not recognize Him.

Our lives right now have been disrupted in a way that is new to all of us. We can be discouraged because we are not able to do everything we were once able to do freely. We may feel isolated and alone. We have lived through a Lent like no other. And now we have entered into the season of Easter, but we cannot join together to sing out our Alleluia in common worship.

The pattern of the Emmaus journey reads like the Order of Mass. The disciples come to the experience as they are. Jesus brings the Scriptures to life for them. When they go to the table, He breaks bread and their eyes are opened. They recognize Him. Then He vanishes from their sight. They have communed with Him. Their day goes on with a return to Jerusalem where they begin to discover that the Resurrection has brought a new way of living.

In this “coronavirus time” that has impinged on our Lent and Easter, we may see the pattern in our own experience. Fear, frustration, disillusionment with the difficulties of this time, we find ourselves confined at home. The Word is broken open for us in the way people of faith are able to reach out. In particular, the social media that before kept us from seeing what is truly important is able to be transformed into a means of uniting us in hope.

Artists are offering their work free of charge to lift up the hearts of others. Places that we have not been able to see are opening their doors to allow us into museums and treasuries to get a glimpse of the marvels of human achievement. Churches whose doors are closed are brought into homes across every form of media. Families can share Mass together in their living room. Although it is not the same, it does make us ever more eager for the time when we can “return to Jerusalem,” that is, our place of worship.

Perhaps you have seen the meme passed along in social media: The devil brags to God, “With COVID-19, I closed your churches!” God, with a big smile, says: “On the contrary, I just opened one in every home.”

We pray with the psalmist: “Keep me, O God, for in you I take refuge.” Listening to the Lord, who speaks to our hearts, we find reasons for hope. Little by little, we are able to respond to the Lord with confidence, “*Lord, you will show us the path of life.*”

As we continue our own journey, we can be confident that a new sense of normal will return. May we also gain wisdom from all that has happened. May our return allow us to share the joy of the Resurrection as we tell the stories of how we came to recognize the Lord among us in the breaking of the bread.

THE WEEKDAY BIBLE READINGS

MONDAY
 Acts 6:8-15
 Psalm 119:23-24,26-27,29-30
 John 6:22-29

WEDNESDAY
 Acts 8:1b-8
 Psalm 66:1-3a,4-7a
 John 6:35-40

FRIDAY
 Acts 9:1-20
 Psalm 117:1bc,2
 John 6:52-59

TUESDAY
 Acts 7:51-8:1a
 Psalm 31:3cd-4,6,7b,8a,17,21ab
 John 6:30-35

THURSDAY
 Acts 8:26-40
 Psalm 66:8-9,16-17,20
 John 6:44-51

SATURDAY
 Acts 9:31-42
 Psalm 116:12-17
 John 6:60-69

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE: WEEK OF APRIL 26, 2020

Sunday Mass

10:30 a.m. Mass from Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral on St. Gabriel Radio (AM 820), Columbus, and at www.stgabrielradio.com.

10:30 a.m. Mass from Portsmouth St. Mary Church on St. Gabriel Radio (FM 88.3), Portsmouth.

Mass with the Passionist Fathers at 7:30 a.m. on WWHO-TV (the CW), Channel 53, Columbus and 10:30 a.m. on WHIZ-TV, Channel 18, Zanesville. Mass from St. Francis de Sales Seminary, Milwaukee, at 10 a.m. on WWHO-TV. Check local cable system for cable channel listing.

Mass from Our Lady of

the Angels Monastery, Birmingham, Ala., at 8 a.m. on EWTN (Spectrum Channel 385, Insight Channel 382, or WOW Channel 378). (Encores at noon, 7 p.m., and midnight).

Mass from the Archdiocese of Milwaukee at 6:30 a.m. on ION TV (AT&T U-verse Channel 195, Dish Network Channel 250, or DirecTV Channel 305).

Mass from Massillon St. Mary Church at 10:30 a.m. on WILB radio (AM 1060, FM 94.5 and 89.5), Canton, heard in Tuscarawas, Holmes, and Coshocton counties.

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

, Ada, Logan, Millersburg, Murray City, Washington C.H.; Channel 125, Marion, Newark, Newcomerstown and New Philadelphia; Channel 207, Zanesville).

8 p.m., St. Gabriel Radio (AM 820), Columbus, and at www.stgabrielradio.com.

Videos of Masses are available at any time on the internet at these parish websites: Mattingly Settlement St. Mary (www.stannstmary.org); Columbus St. Patrick (www.stpatrickcolumbus.org); Delaware St. Mary (www.delawarestmary.org); and Sunbury St. John Neumann (www.saintjohnsunbury.org).

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

2020 RESPONSIVE GRANTS

The Catholic Foundation's Responsive Grants application period has moved from the Fall to **MAY 1 - MAY 29**

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St. Vincent Family Center needs masks

The St. Vincent Family Center on Columbus' east side needs 1,000 face masks for its team members and their families to wear daily to protect their health as they continue to deliver quality care to children.

The center's health care team is working to serve the needs of the community: delivering critical behavioral health care, serving meals and making sure the center follows all safety and sanitation guidelines.

As health care risks continue to rise, the center is taking all necessary precautions to remain safe and protected.

The center has served children since its founding as an orphanage in 1875. Its mission is to "make good kids

better" by helping children and families succeed in home, school and life. It offers a variety of behavioral health care services at homes, schools and community organizations and through a residential treatment program.

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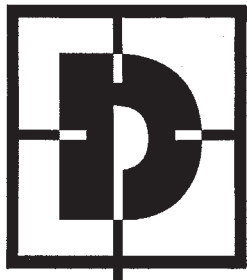
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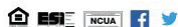
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*"We hoped
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help us after we
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Because of COVID-19, businesses closed and jobs disappeared overnight. The number of unemployment filings tripled, and people from all financial and social backgrounds now need help.

The hardest hit are the working-poor families and vulnerable seniors.

Even before the pandemic broke, an estimated 140 million Americans said they were already stretching dollars and living paycheck to paycheck. Now, those families can't afford their basic needs. Many of them are afraid and losing hope. Together, we can make sure that doesn't happen.

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MEET THE **URGENT NEEDS** OF THOSE IN
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We need YOUR help to keep going for them.

Despite everything that's happening, **YOU CAN HELP:** Pray. Stay Home. Give. It is **together** that we can make sure all of us come out of this stronger.

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