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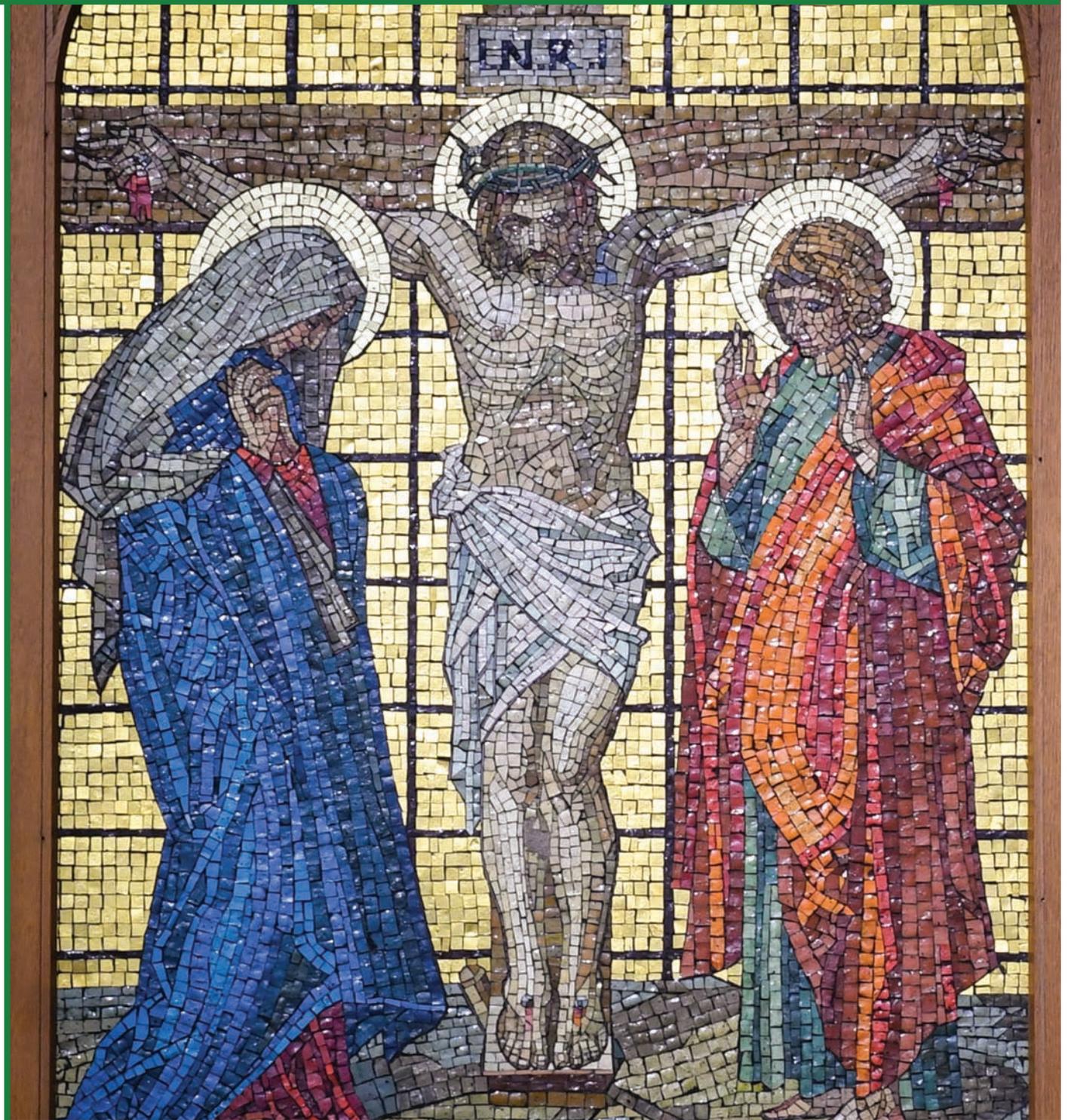
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Bishop Robert J. Brennan

Peace be with you during this holy season

Dear Friends,

Jesus is Risen! He is truly Risen!

The Lord's consistent greeting to his disciples after His resurrection is simply, "Peace be with you." Locked in a room, gripped by fear, wallowing in disappointment, shame and grief, they imagine life could not get much worse. Then Jesus, risen from the dead, is standing before them. "Peace be with you."

Yes, He truly died on the cross. Yes, he was buried in the tomb, his body resting three days. But He was raised up. He was alive – He is alive. He lives today and stands in our midst greeting us with the same words. Peace be with you. He knows us well. He knows what gives joy to our lives but He knows the sorrows and burdens we bear. "Peace be with you,"

He says.

The Jewish concept of Shalom is so much more than the absence of war or tension. It is the expression of deep friendship and the most sincere wish of well-being. Peace, my very good friend.

Jesus meets us on this Easter Sunday, as he did with that first generation of disciples bestowing peace, friendship, mercy, healing, courage and new hope. Please read the accounts of the resur-



rection in the four Gospels. See how he meets us in our fears and disappointments, in our hopes and pleas, even in the ordinary activities of our life. And we can recognize him because he appears to us in the breaking of the bread, in the Holy Eucharist.

Wishing you a Happy Easter, I do so with sincere gratitude for the ways you inspire me by your witness to the Real Presence of our Risen Lord in our midst. In a special way I want to thank all of you and all the parishes who participated in the 40 Days of Adoration this Lent and all our priests for the generosity of Reconciliation Monday. I hope these were moments of profound grace for you as they were for me. The Disciple Maker Index, too, was an opportunity to reflect on our relationship with Jesus Christ. All

of this was preparation for us to spend the next 50 days of the Easter Season living and rejoicing in His presence.

Easter reminds us of the boundless horizons that are afforded us as followers of Christ. The logo of our Real Presence, Real Future initiative reflects that. We are one body of Christ in the Diocese of Columbus, and as one we look to the Risen Lord as the source of our peace and joy. Like with those early disciples of Jesus, may our encounter with the Risen Lord renew us, fill us with hope and impel us to bear joyful witness to his Resurrection in a world that so desperately needs to hear him say, "Peace be with you."

Most Reverend Robert Brennan
Bishop of Columbus

Blessed Margaret, locally venerated, to become saint

By Doug Bean

Catholic Times Editor

For years after the Wednesday 11:45 a.m. Mass at Columbus St. Patrick Church, the faithful have recited prayers for the canonization of Blessed Margaret of Castello, OP. Unknown numbers of devotees to the blind, lame, abandoned, holy and humble laywoman who died at age 33 in 1320 have prayed the same prayer throughout the world.

St. Patrick Church serves as the home base for the Blessed Margaret Guild, which has more than 1,200 members, and her fans will be overjoyed to receive the news that, 400 years after her beatification, she will finally become a saint.

The Congregation for the Causes of Saints has not officially announced Blessed Margaret's canonization, but the Order of Preachers, known as the Dominicans and of which she was a member, learned this month that she will join the Communion of Saints on Sunday, Sept. 19 in Castello, Italy,

where her incorrupt body lies in the Church of St. Domenico.

A formal declaration from the Vatican on Blessed Margaret and possibly other canonizations is expected this spring, said Father Stephen Alcott, OP, the pastor at St. Patrick Church.

"Many people have been waiting so, so long," Father Alcott said.

A mailing to inform members of the Blessed Margaret Guild went out this week in advance of her feast day, which is April 13 and coincides with a nine-day novena that starts April 5. The novena and other information about Blessed Margaret's life are available at the website littlemargaret.org. An additional page with canonization details is in the works.

"Some people in the parish have said they'd be interested in going" to the canonization in Italy, Father Alcott said. But because of the uncertainty surrounding the pandemic in Italy and elsewhere, the possibility of pilgrimages from Columbus to Italy will be assessed when more is known about travel limitations.

Father Alcott anticipates the parish

having a local celebration around the time of the canonization.

"I'm sure we'll have a special Mass," he said. "I talked to Bishop (Robert) Brennan, and he's interested and said he would love to be part of any local celebration that we do."

To become a saint, there needs to be credible proof of a miracle attributed to the candidate that is incapable of a natural explanation, solely and verifiably entrusted to the saint's intercession, and accurately documented with appropriate medical records and multiple attestations.

Father Alcott said the miracle has

not yet been publicly announced, but several members of the Dominican order in Rome promoting Blessed Margaret's cause, who are called postulators, have been working on her cause for some time.

Last year, Father Alcott contributed to a report sent to the postulators summarizing devotion to Blessed Margaret in the United States. In recent years, a number of cures around the world have been attributed to her intercession, including a little girl in Kentucky suffering from meningitis who was inexplicably healed.

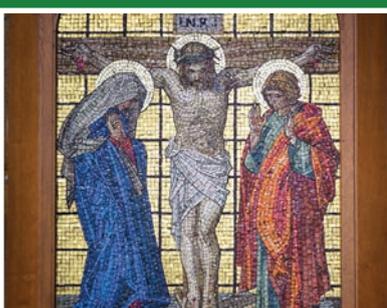
Blessed Margaret, the daughter of a wealthy Italian family whose parents abandoned her because of her numerous infirmities, lived a life of prayer and service despite her afflictions, and she considered suffering for Jesus a privilege. She was beatified (made blessed) in 1609, but it has taken more than 400 years for another miracle to be verified for her sainthood.

In addition to her being considered



Statue of Blessed Margaret of Castello at St. Patrick Church.

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HOLY WEEK 2021
Jesus' death on Good Friday with His Blessed Mother and the beloved apostle John looking on is depicted in the 12th Station of the Cross found at St. Joseph Cathedral. Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday on March 28.

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Real Presence, Real Future: What is God's plan for us?

By Deacon Thomas Berg Jr.



Those moments are absolutely clear, even years, sometimes decades, later.

Holding my wife's hands as we stood before the altar of her hometown parish and exchanged our marriage vows, beginning my mission in life as a husband. Cradling my oldest child in my arms right after her birth, starting my mission as a father. Kneeling before my bishop as he ordained me, undertaking my mission as a deacon in the Church. Talking to my doctor about the cancer I had just been diagnosed with, being impelled into a mission of treatment and recovery.

These are some of the significant missions I have been blessed with during my life. And, yes, I use the word blessing even for something such as cancer. The different facets of life intersect with who a deacon is and how he will minister and serve in the Church and the world.

Within these mission moments, I trust the Lord is present. His grace is there for us to provide the strength and wisdom needed to be faithful and successful missionaries in all we undertake. As followers of our loving

Lord, we are disciples. And having an understanding of fulfilling our missions in life as disciples, we can embrace the concept of missionary discipleship, not just deacons but all of us no matter who we are and what we do with the gift of our lives.

Bishop Robert Brennan initiated Real Presence, Real Future to answer the call "to increase the presence of Christ throughout the Diocese and uphold the Faith for future generations of Ohioans." This gives deacons the perfect opportunity to fulfill their fundamental diaconal functions of word, sacrament and charity, both by increasing our understanding of how we are to serve as well as helping others understanding this in their own lives.

For me, this as an opportunity to look back on where we have been and what God's action and grace have done in our lives and to look ahead with new insights and deeper commitments to the life of faith and discipleship.

When I became a husband, I re-

imagined myself as a person because of my new understanding that in marriage two become one and are called to love and serve each other with unified minds and hearts. We were called to serve others as one and model God's love for all as effectively as possible, and it was an experience of grace and strength.

As a new dad, I reimagined my life and how I would give myself over to raising the children we were blessed with. This was an unconditional self-giving that was very different from the mutuality of marriage, and I had a new realization of how God loves each of us simply because we exist. I was and am called to be an effective father, and it has also been an experience of grace and strength.

As a new deacon, I reimagined how I would serve the Church, specifically as a deacon, a sacramental sign of Christ the servant. A lot of activity has flowed from my ordination, and I was and am called to do that effectively. And though I am far, far from perfect,

I have learned a lot about fulfilling that mission despite my flaws, and that, too, has been an experience of grace and strength.

During cancer treatment just a few years ago, I reimagined the realities of suffering and serving. Severe illness immersed me deeply in the passion, death and resurrection of Christ, and grace and strength were there, too. I went from being the one making visits and praying over the sick and suffering to being the one prayed over and with. It was humbling and brought a much deeper understanding of the reality of pain and suffering.

These experiences became integral to who I am and guided me from "familiar surroundings to the exciting horizons of missionary discipleship," as the Real Presence, Real Future prayer for guidance says. Sometimes those exciting horizons are joyful, and sometimes they are perilous. From this I have learned that a healthy life of mission and discipleship means moving forward and being willing to step away from the comfortable so

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During Holy Week rites, we walk with Christ

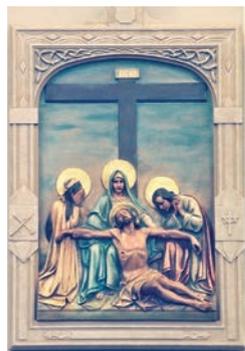
By Father Adam Streitenberger

As the Church enters Holy Week, we approach the distinct and beautiful liturgies that constitute this time of the year.

People often name one of the awe-inspiring rites that take place during Holy Week as their favorite experience of the Church's liturgy. It might be the procession of Palm Sunday, the blessings of oils at the Chrism Mass, the humility of the Mandatum rite on Holy Thursday, the stark simplicity of Good Friday or the movement from darkness to light at the Easter Vigil.

All of these rites move the human heart of both those familiar and unfamiliar with the liturgy. But why are they so inspiring? That question is inseparable from the question, "Why we celebrate them?"

The answer is that through the sacred liturgy we encounter Jesus Christ. It is Christ who is the inspiring presence of the liturgy. On Oct. 12, 1992, addressing the bishops of Latin America, Pope St. John Paul II



The 13th Station of the Cross from New Philadelphia Sacred Heart Church shows Mary taking Jesus in her arms.

CT file photo by Ken Snow

connected the liturgy to the encounter experience and the New Evangelization.

"Likewise, the liturgical movement must give a renewed impetus to living deeply the mysteries of our faith, leading to the encounter with the risen Christ in the Church's liturgy. It is in the celebration of the Word and of the sacraments, but especially in the Eucharist, the source and summit of the Church's life and of all evangelization, that there is effected our saving encounter with Christ, to

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Rice Bowl donations feed poor locally, worldwide

The season of Lent gives us a wonderful opportunity to reflect and make room in our hearts to welcome the stranger.

Through our prayer, we encounter Jesus, who is present in the face of every member of our human family. When we fast, we encounter the obstacles that prevent us from fully loving God and our neighbor. When we give alms, we share what we have with others.

During Lent, we participate in the CRS Rice Bowl, a faith-in-action program of Catholic Relief Services that invites us to reflect on the challenges of local and global hunger – and our Gospel call to care for our one human family.

Matthew's Gospel invites us to remember that we are responsible for helping all of our sisters and brothers including the millions here and throughout the world who experience hunger in "normal" times and are even more at risk due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

While Catholic Relief Services supports hunger reduction projects in more than 100 countries, the CRS Rice Bowl also provides support for our local friends and neighbors.

Through your generous donations, the CRS Rice Bowl local grants program has provided more than

FAITH IN ACTION

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\$100,000 to pantries in our diocese from Portsmouth to Lancaster to Marion. As the pandemic continues, the need for healthful food rises. Support for families, many of whom have never asked for help before, is slow in coming. We cannot back away from our obligation to provide food to others.

The CRS Rice Bowl calendar also has many resources for daily reflection throughout Lent. The calendar can be used each day to guide our prayer, fasting and almsgiving. On line, there are Stories of Hope and daily reflections to inspire our Lenten journey and recipes to prepare simple, meatless meals on the Fridays of Lent to eat in solidarity with our sisters and brothers here and worldwide.

Visit www.csricebowl.org to watch videos of the people and communities you support through your Lenten gifts to CRS Rice Bowl.

Your sacrifices during this holy season have the power to change lives by providing enough nutri-

tious food for families to thrive. And by practicing the pillars of Lent through CRS Rice Bowl, I hope both your faith and connection to our one human family deepen.

Sadly, we have had instances in our diocese where individuals have destroyed the bowls and calendars before they could be distributed to our families. Learning about this has pierced my heart. To know that Catholics in our diocese are willing to take food out of mouths of children and adults in desperate need here and abroad is almost unbearable – to say nothing of stealing Church property. Please know that I am praying for those misguided folks.

As the diocesan director for Catholic Relief Services, I thank you for participating in CRS Rice Bowl with your family. Donate through your parish or directly to the diocesan Finance Office at 197 East Gay St., Columbus, OH 43215. Checks should be made out to: Catholic Diocese of Columbus, with CRS Rice Bowl written in the memo line.

I offer this prayer to you all:

Christ Jesus, You were condemned by those You had come to serve, by those You had come to love. In moments when I might be tempted to condemn those around me, fill my heart with compassion and understanding.

Sinful world led to Christ's death on the cross

This year, the feast of the Annunciation falls just a few days before Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week. The proximity of the two feasts brings to mind the connection between the Incarnation and the Paschal mystery, and these questions: Why did Jesus come into the world, and what is the meaning of His death on the cross?

Growing up, I couldn't believe that God, Who created everything and Who loves us all, needed Jesus to be tortured and crucified to make up for the sin of Adam and Eve and the rest of us. I attended Catholic schools and my share of Lenten services, including the Stations of the Cross. Church rituals and liturgies spoke to me, but the Stations of the Cross left me sad and confused.

God loves us and made the earth and everything on it, my teachers said. The stars. The planets. Whatever else was out there. And God was born to be with us always. That's what Emmanuel means: God with us. That image of God didn't fit with a vengeful deity who demanded that Jesus suffer and die because people sinned.

As I grew, the disconnect remained unresolved but not insistent. I trusted my experience of God. I knew there were consequences for sin and that my own contributed to the corruption of the world and to the suffering of the Christ Who dwells in all. I knew it affected the planet I live on, and that I needed forgiveness and a deep transformation of heart.

But I never believed that God demanded a horrible death to put things right.

Later I learned there were names for theories like this – substitutionary atonement, for example – and that it was not the only theory. There had been and are other ways of understanding what Scripture has to say about the Incarnation, death and resurrection of Jesus. Of course, God is God with wisdom beyond human imagining. Being "right" isn't the goal. Yet, human beings look for meaning.

GRACE IN THE MOMENT

Mary Van Balen



During my studies for a master's in theology, a professor introduced me to the medieval Franciscan theologian John Duns Scotus (c. 1266-1308), who did not agree with interpretations that held that the Incarnation was necessary because of human sin or that Jesus' crucifixion was the sacrifice required to pay a debt. The Incarnation wasn't a rescue plan. It was always the plan. Jesus came to reveal the face of divine love and to show how it looked to live that out as a human being. Then He asked us to do the same.

Citing John Duns Scotus and the Franciscan "alternative orthodoxy" that he espoused, Richard Rohr, OFM, connects Christmas and Easter: "Christmas is already Easter because in becoming a human being, God already shows that it's good to be human, to be flesh.

The problem is already somehow solved. Flesh does not need to be redeemed by any sacrificial atonement theory."

The Incarnation led to crucifixion because of the state of the world, not because of God's demands. Jesus stretched his arms out on the cross because a sinful world could not deal with His radical love. He stood with the poor, the marginalized and the oppressed. His life and teaching were threaten-

ing to those in power, both political and religious, who kept these unfortunate people on the fringes.

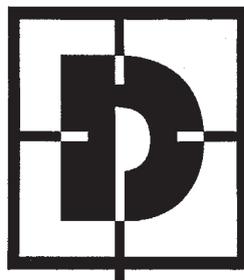
The requirements of love to forgive, to serve, to embrace the other, to reverence the divine within every person and treat them with the respect and care all deserve, to love your enemies – it was too much to ask. And so, the broken world executed the one who was love.

And God wept.

This Holy Week, I will remember the Incarnation and the call to participate in love. I will ponder how my living contributes to it and how it undermines it. I will ask forgiveness. But more than that, I will pray for courage to open my heart and change my ways, to contribute to love and not to intolerance, hatred, fear or violence.

The Incarnation says I am with you. The crucifixion says accepting the invitation to follow Jesus' example of being love has consequences. The resurrection says that, in the end, love is what lasts. Always.

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Should we take whatever vaccine is offered?

On March 1, Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker told residents in the town of Mattapan that when it comes to the various COVID-19 vaccines, “These are all very effective. People don’t need to pick one from another. People should get vaccinated. If you have a chance to get a vaccine, you should take it, whatever it is.”

The governor’s sweeping statement seems to imply, first, that everybody should get a COVID-19 shot, and second, that it’s not necessary to distinguish among the different vaccines currently on the market, like Moderna, Pfizer, Johnson & Johnson and eventually others.

Such a perspective fails to acknowledge the important factors that are part of deciding whether to receive a particular COVID-19 vaccine or any other vaccine.

When new or experimental treatments become available, including novel vaccines, and we have limited knowledge of their side effects, adverse events, efficacy and long-term consequences, it’s important to realize that such treatments are never morally obligatory for an individual, or for a whole population. Achieving herd immunity, while clearly an important goal, in no way demands that everyone must be immunized.

For those individuals who are young and in good health, for example, and with no comorbidities, the risk of adverse outcomes from a COVID-19 infection, statistically speaking, are very low, on a par with the generally low risks of being vaccinated. They may reasonably, therefore, decide to decline receiving an inoculation.

For those, meanwhile, who are more vulnerable to the coronavirus and its potentially damaging effects, like those who are obese, elderly, diabetic or facing other comorbidities, it makes sense for them to consider the potentially safer path of vaccination rather than risking a harmful (or deadly) encounter with the virus itself. Each person must make a careful deter-

MAKING SENSE OUT OF BIOETHICS

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mination about whether a COVID-19 vaccination is appropriate for his or her set of circumstances.

This is no different from making decisions about other vaccines like the shingles vaccine or the annual flu shot. When people get older, their chance of getting shingles, for example, increases and the CDC recommends the shingles vaccine for those over 50. Similar to COVID-19, the older you are, the greater the risk, and the greater the need to consider the possibility of vaccination to avoid the painful effects of shingles.

But it is not mandatory that everyone should take the shingles vaccine — or the flu shot or the COVID-19 vaccine — because not everyone faces the same risks or would benefit from it to the same degree.

When deciding which vaccine to receive from among the FDA-approved COVID-19 vaccines, some may be considerably more effective than others, and some may incur side effects for certain individuals.

For example, a compound called polyethylene glycol (PEG) has been identified as a possible trigger for rare allergic or anaphylactic reactions in some vaccine recipients, even in trace amounts. According to FDA documents, both the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines contain PEG, while the Johnson and Johnson vaccine does not. Thus, individuals with a PEG allergy effectively have only a single choice among the three emergency-use authorized vaccines in the United States.

Good news after a very bad year

There is no need to belabor the awfulness of the year of lockdowns, shutdowns and other downers that began in mid-March 2020. Among the failures that will bear serious scrutiny going forward are those of inept local governments. If Americans can fly an SUV-sized robotic rover to a planet 292 million miles away, and then soft-land it on a dime, why can’t we distribute vaccines rapidly? (Perhaps the vaccination program should be led by NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory, one agency of government that seems to know what it’s doing.)

But enough complaining is enough. Good things have been happening this past year, and as the Church heads into Holy Week it’s time to recognize some of them; to be grateful for the exemplary Catholics who make these important initiatives possible; and to pray for their flourishing in the future.

The “Nones” who claim no religious affiliation because they think science has rendered religion useless — as well as those who know that the science-and-religion conversation is one of the most fascinating encounters on offer today — should have a look at the website of the Society of Catholic Scientists (<https://www.catholicscientists.org>). From a

THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE

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standing start in 2016, the Society has grown to more than 1,300 members in 50 countries. As a forum for exchange among scientists, the Society fosters Christian community. As a resource for the Church, the Society offers accessible, credible materials to those charged with transmitting the faith in a culture that often imagines science to be the only font of truth. As an association of leading scientists in their fields, the Society’s very existence demonstrates the compatibility of scientific rigor and religious conviction.

The Society’s website is a treasure trove of fascinating materials, including biographies of prominent scientists who were Catholics, a section on “Common Questions” about science and Catholic faith, and longer articles aimed at a general audience. Ev-

Another distinction among vaccines from Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson is their association with cell lines that were originally derived from human abortions. The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are not directly produced or manufactured by relying on these abortion-related cell lines while the Johnson & Johnson vaccine is directly grown in such cells. All three vaccine manufacturers, however, have carried out ancillary or side-testing procedures using these cell lines.

Using abortion-derived cell lines in scientific research and industrial development raises significant ethical concerns.

When several vaccine candidates are available that are equally safe and effective, Catholics may discern in conscience the need to receive a candidate that is not associated at all, or more distantly associated, with abortion-derived cell lines. People at relatively low risk may also decide to wait for a vaccine with no connection to abortion if one is not yet available. They can make these choices as matters of conscience to avoid entanglements with the morally unacceptable practice of abortion. All of us have a right to vaccines with no connection to these cell lines. Nonetheless, the Church also reminds us that we are permitted to take, under protest, any of the currently available vaccines, even those most directly associated with cell lines from abortions, if we discern in conscience that there is a serious or proportionate reason to do so. We need to give each of these options real prayerful and thoughtful discernment.

Taken together, these considerations show us how it is important not to gloss over the distinctions among various COVID-19 vaccines and imply, as Governor Baker does, that everybody should get the first version that is available.

Rather, each of us needs to make careful decisions about our own health while also making conscientious choices in the light of legitimate moral concerns.

ery Catholic high school religion or theology teacher in the English-speaking world should be aware of the Society, its website, and its invaluable materials.

My friends at the Dominican House of Studies in Washington have made a resounding success of Aquinas 101, a brilliantly conceived and executed series of animated YouTube videos that explain the truths of the Catholic tradition in an engaging way.

When Pope Leo XIII urged a close study of Aquinas as a resource for the Church’s response to the cultural and social acids of secular modernity, he certainly didn’t have YouTube in mind. Still, the Dominicans in charge of Aquinas 101 have given 21st-century form to Leo XIII’s 1879 hope for a Thomistic revival in the Church. And the fact that more than 54,300 people have signed up for Aquinas 101 courses, which have gotten well over a million views, suggests that Aquinas 101 is satisfying a thirst for real learning and deep understanding at a historical moment too often dominated by the shrillest, least thoughtful voices. Join the learning and the fun at this intellectual feast by signing up at the Aquinas

Lent in prison: Finding patience in Scripture

By Michele Williams

Holy Week is here! This is my favorite week because the anticipation of Jesus' resurrection grows each day.

I love everything about Holy Week: the readings and meditations, Holy Thursday's Last Supper, Good Friday's penitential sorrow, Holy Saturday's waiting. It is also when I double down on my Lenten sacrifices, sort of like a weeklong second chance to make up for any of the days where I fell short. Easter is coming, and I need my heart to be ready!

Here's what my Lenten journey looked like this year inside the Ohio Reformatory for Women. There was not an Ash Wednesday Mass, and the DVD that our priest, Father Trapp, makes and sends to us each week hadn't been distributed yet, so I read through the Mass alone in my cell.

I had not quite decided what I was going to offer up for Lent, but I had narrowed down my choices. I realized it was in my best interest to go with the flow of the unusual state of life and accept that my Lenten sacrifice might not be the traditional fasting, almsgiving and prayer of years past.

Fasting from food was questionable, aside from the regular Friday observances. Giving up the mystery meat, starch and sugar-laden meals in the chow hall is not a sacrifice – it's a blessing. Prison food is every bit as bad as you can imagine. The commissary foods that make up my own personal "four basic food groups" are: peanut butter, refried beans, chocolate and coffee, and these are nonnegotiable.

I can't build a proper food pyramid because we don't get fresh vegetables at meals (except lettuce occasionally), and get two bananas and two apples per week. We can't buy fresh fruits or vegetables at the commissary, either. So with options being limited,

fasting in a different way made more sense, such as refraining from watching mindless TV or using my free time better.

Almsgiving was also going to have to be nontraditional. I work for My Very Own Blanket, a community service-based organization that provides blankets to foster children. We are currently making COVID masks and Going Home tote bags, also. The tote bags are for women being released; they hold their belongings that would otherwise be packed in a trash bag as they walk out the prison gates into their new life.

Financially, I get paid \$22 per month. Emotionally, I get paid millions because I find such value in our work! I make a deposit in the Bank of Good Deeds every day because of the job I am blessed to have. There is nothing like the feeling of having contributed to the well-being of another person, as well as serving the larger community.

We make about 1,000 masks and 75 tote bags per month; blankets and quilts take awhile longer. For Lent, I considered working more hours, either on weekends or evenings, to increase our productivity and help more people. So my version of almsgiving is work.

Prayer was a must-do, but what kind? I pray all day: when I get up, make coffee, go running, do work, during institutional count times, and on and on, until I fall asleep.

St. Paul says in 1 Thess. 5:17, "Pray continually," so I do! But maybe a different form of prayer was in order. As I was ending my Ash Wednesday private time, I asked God to show me what I needed most in my life so I could pray about it, but could He please hurry up? I'm pretty sure He laughed and then said, "Patience, my child." And there was my answer.

I am one of those people who needs patience – now! Learning more about it could only help my

prison life. I made a plan to look up in the index and concordance of my Bible all the references to patience and found 43 – one for each day of Lent plus three bonuses. At night, instead of watching the aforementioned mindless TV, I would read a passage or two about patience and study the many footnotes and explanations in my Bible.

What I was looking for was "An Easy-Peasy, Step-By-Step Guide to Patience." Guess what? It's not there! What I found is something much more intricately woven and interesting. I found that patience goes hand in hand with forgiveness and mercy.

Reading one passage led to another and another, and then the connections among them become apparent. Next thing you know, I had spent a whole hour studying and meditating on God's words. What else I found is that God is infinitely patient with us, much more than we realize. He forgives us and shows mercy even when we least deserve it, and His love never ends. The proof runs from Genesis to Revelation.

This year's season of Lent has had a few hiccups, to be sure, but that is why Holy Week is so important! There were days where disappointment or depression or prison life – plus COVID's insanity – were too overwhelming, and I just crashed and burned. Holy Week is laser-focused on God's love, mercy, forgiveness and patience.

My Lenten sacrifice has now become a habit. I look in the Bible more often for reminders of when God has been loving, patient, merciful and forgiving with all of His people, wherever they are and whatever they have done, and then I apply it to myself.

St. Paul reminds us in Romans 12:12, "Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction and faithful in prayer." Perhaps that was what my heart needed most to be ready for Easter.

Michele Williams is an inmate at the Ohio Reformatory for Women.

Spiritual training

HOLY AND HEALTHY
Lori Crock



Lori Crock is a parishioner at Plain City St. Joseph Church. Lori leads SoulCore Rosary prayer and exercise at parishes, teaches physical strength classes and writes about faith and fitness at hollyandhealthycatholic.com.

I often use the word "training" instead of "working out" in the gym. "Training" sounds more like a journey of practice and improvement.

I also think of my spiritual life as being in "training" to grow in holiness, to practice and improve listening to God and doing his will, and to courageously share our faith with others.

In I Timothy 4, St. Paul counsels St. Timothy about how to prepare to spiritually to lead and help "train" people in his absence.

He said, "Train yourself for devotion, for, while physical training is of limited value, devotion is valuable in every respect, since it holds a promise of life both for the present and for the future."

Our form of training is preparation for Eternal Life and, of course, we don't train on our own. We call on the Holy Spirit and all the helps of the Church to guide us as we seek to grow in virtue, to love more deeply and to pray more fully. Our spiritual training program requires a serious commitment — consistency paired with flexibility based on the demands of our vocation — so we can respond to how the Spirit moving in within us prioritizing what God is calling us to do.

In any training program, there are struggles, injuries and failures that we can learn from to become wiser and stronger athletes. When we stumble and fall in our spiritual lives, we also continue to forge ahead, seeking the guidance of wise souls on the journey with us, and receiving strength and consolation from the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

St. Jose Escriva said, "Don't lose heart. Today's defeat is training for the final victory."

We can never stop training because our goal is to be like Jesus and to be with Jesus forever. This is the final victory we seek. St. Paul said, "For this we toil and struggle, because we have set our hope on the living God, who is the savior of all, especially of those who believe."

Lent is a good time to consider how the world might be pulling us away from our spiritual training. We may want a stronger, more vibrant spiritual life, but are we giving enough time to prayer? Are we looking for simple ways to serve others in our homes, parishes and workplaces? Are we approaching our spiritual training creatively in these unprecedented times?

From Galatians 6:4, "And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."

COVID-19 might have changed our routines and even made us a little complacent when it comes to our spiritual training. Hopefully, Lent has sparked a beautiful renewal in our spiritual lives. Even so, it can be uncomfortable getting back into habits of volunteering and serving others through ministry work, maybe even attending Church again in person. Training, by definition, is action we undertake to achieve a desired result — and that action most likely will make us uncomfortable as it stretches us to grow stronger. Never fear, God is with us and he is the world's best coach.

Mothers aren't alone at the foot of the Cross

I recently spent time on the road to Calvary. As a mother, it can't be avoided.

It is a place I've visit many times, its vision seared clearly upon my memory. I feel the burn of the salty tears ready to overflow from my eyes. The ache of my heart as I once again encounter a situation in which I am rendered helpless. As I hold my child and count the breaths, watch the minutes and pray through the hours, I join the walk to Calvary.

I place myself there amid the crowd. I watch as my Lord carries a cross so heavy that he stumbles. I myself feel like stumbling. I feel weary and experience an ache so deep it is cavernous. I hear its echo in my soul.

Silent tears stream down my face, and I feel Mamma Mary's presence. Standing next to me, she, too, is aching. She stands at the foot of the cross, looking up in a mother's grief as her son suffers in agony. Our eyes meet, and she knows. She knows my pain. Her ache to hold her son causes shivers down my spine. My arms tighten around my child.

Thank you, Lord, for this moment. Thank you for letting me be here in this moment. Thank you for letting this child turn to me for help. It's a paradox, this strength we mothers have, a strength that allows us to be both weak and strong, to be supple to the whims of the Holy Spirit and firm in moments of trial.

At the foot of the cross, it is easy to feel alone. I think this is one of the temptations of the evil one,

ALL THAT WE HAVE

MaryBeth Eberhard

MaryBeth Eberhard writes about marriage, life experiences of a large family and special needs. She attends Sunbury St. John Neumann Church.



to isolate ourselves and not reach out. I suffer alongside my children, and we slowly walk through the valley. We begin again.

These are not stories to be shared. They belong to my children, and yet my story is interwoven with theirs. I breathe as I pray into their testimony. I imagine them standing strong and solid in their identity as children of God. The reality that we are tied together along this journey is true, but it was recently pointed out to me that I have my own testimony. Like the Blessed Mother, my story has depth, purpose and meaning, and I am not alone.

We as mothers speak a language of endless service, of pouring out for the Lord, of rejoicing that comes from the fruit of suffering. We steep ourselves in the word of God and the love of Jesus Christ, and we persevere in peace and joy. At times, it can feel a bit out of place, this joy, in the midst of suffering. I find myself crying in a mother's anguish and a holy rejoicing. From where can this peace come?

Our help comes from the Lord. Scripture is full of these reminders. In 1 Peter 1:6, it says, "In this

you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials." James 1:2-3 reminds us, "Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness." And the Book of Exodus reminds us that when we are still and we call upon the Lord, he is there, fighting for us.

This recognition that we are not alone brings me back to Calvary, to the foot of the cross. Who else is with me? There are others who watch in anguish. They suffer in endless worry unable to change this moment. I close my eyes and see other mothers – in hospitals, in their bedrooms, on the streets – in their own Calvary moments, and I pray for them.

Some of the moments in our Holy Mass that I am most drawn to are when we communally pray for one another. We ask our brothers and sisters to pray for us, and we pray for them. Before becoming pope, then-Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger wrote, "Faith is community with Mary at the foot of the Cross."

As Catholic Christians, we mothers are not alone. May we let this knowledge of a sisterhood united in suffering and joy strengthen us as we persevere this Lent and beyond. Jesus, even in his suffering, did not leave us alone. He calls us to remember that and ask Mary to intercede for us. She knows our mother's heart so very well and will not leave us alone at the foot of the cross.

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101 website: aquinas101.com.

The Ukrainian Catholic University in L'viv is a miracle. More than 70 years of communist brutality left Ukrainian society morally and culturally shattered. But the great 20th-century leaders of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky and Josyf Slipyj, had long dreamt of a Catholic center of higher learning in Ukraine. And under the dynamic leadership of a Harvard-educated Ukrainian-American, Borys Gudziak (now the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Archeparch of Philadelphia), that dream has been realized in this dynamic university with a mission of cultural renewal. Because UCU understands that true education involves human formation, spiritual formation and service to society as well as intellectual engagement, it has become a model for Catholic higher learning in the 21st century. Everyone who cares about the life of the Catholic mind and the education of Catholic leaders for the future will be heartened by watching the university's story here: https://youtu.be/2KDi_SvdMNE. (Be sure to click CC at the bottom of the screen for English subtitles if your Ukrainian isn't quite up to speed).

Then there is the Person and Identity Project, led by Mary Rice Hasson and a team of brilliant Catholic women (personandidentity.com). As it becomes clear that "gender theory" is the most aggressive force in what only the obtuse will deny is a culture war, the project offers schools, parishes, and dioceses full-day workshops and individual presentations to assist Catholic educators and pastors in meeting gender theory's assault on the biblical and Catholic view of the human person. Many have profited from this thoughtful project. Many, many more should.

Ohio Dominican University Roundup

ODU selects nursing executive as president

Ohio Dominican University's (ODU) board of trustees has gone outside the field of education in choosing Connie Gallaher as the institution's 17th president. She will succeed Dr. Robert Gervasi, who after four years will step down as president in June at the completion of his agreement with the university.



Connie Gallaher

Gallaher will become president-designate on Monday, April 25 and will assume the presidency in June. A registered nurse since 1978, she has served in many leadership roles with all three major Columbus-based adult health systems. She spent the last 14 years with OhioHealth, most recently as chief operating officer, then as president of OhioHealth at Home, which provides comprehensive care and treatment to patients in a home setting. She previously was system vice president of OhioHealth Neuroscience. She retired from OhioHealth in February.

Before joining OhioHealth, she served as vice president at Riverside Methodist Hospital; associate administrator of the Ross Heart Hospital at Ohio State University Medical Center; and as vice president, chief nursing officer and director of patient care services at Mount Carmel East Hospital.

In addition, she was president of the Bariatric Care Center of Ohio in Groveport; vice president and chief operating officer of Health Care Plus and Preferred Care Plus in Columbus; and administrator

and director of patient care services at Grant Medical Center. She also has been a staff nurse, head nurse and director at the OSU medical center and an adjunct clinical faculty member at OSU's college of nursing, from which she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing and a Master of Science degree in nursing administration.

Gallaher has been active in organizations including the Alzheimer's Association and the American Heart Association and with associations focusing on neurological disorders.

"Connie Gallaher will become the 17th president of Ohio Dominican. She is not Catholic, yet she impressed the search committee with her strong Christian faith and her servant leader character," said Tom Winters, president of ODU's board of trustees.

"We set out to find a transitional leader who would also be transformational, while maintaining our Catholic identity and Dominican charism. Connie will do that with the strong support of the Catholic leaders on the board and staff and with the assistance of our founding congregation, the Dominican Sisters of Peace."

ODU plans in-person learning this fall

Ohio Dominican University announced earlier this month that it intends to continue to offer in-person instruction for traditional undergraduate students during the fall 2021 semester, which is scheduled to begin Aug. 16.

Josephinum, seminarians consecrated to patron saint

St. Joseph has always held a special place within the community of the Pontifical College Josephinum. Translated from Latin, Josephinum means “House of Joseph.” The earthly father of Jesus was the special patron of its founder, Msgr. Joseph Jessing, as well as patron of the orphanage and seminary he founded.

Today, more than a century later, St. Joseph is still at the heart of the seminary. “Seminarians at the Josephinum are formed in the House of St. Joseph, just as Jesus himself was,” said Father Steven Beseau, rector/president. “Our vision is to send out into the world holy priests who are rooted in Jesus Christ and look to St. Joseph as their model and special patron.”

On Dec. 8, 2020, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Pope Francis declared the coming one-year period as the Year of St. Joseph, coinciding with the 150th anniversary of St. Joseph being named by Blessed Pope Pius IX as the patron of the Universal Church. The Josephinum’s celebration of St. Joseph Day on March 19 – including a Eucharistic procession and a communal consecration to St. Joseph – marked the significance of this unique year.

Thirty-three days prior to March 19, seminarians began the preparation for consecrating themselves to St. Joseph, as described in *Consecration to St. Joseph: The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father* by Father Donald Calloway, MIC. Each day, the men dedicated time during exposition on one of the invocations in the Litany of St. Joseph, readings on the saint and recitation of the litany.

“I felt called to grow in greater devotion to St. Joseph and to remind myself of his powerful intercession,” said seminarian Brother Joseph Logan of the Fathers of Mercy. “St. Joseph is a saint whom I forget about often; I forget that he spent so many years under the same roof as Our Lord and Our Lady. I am asking St. Joseph to help me give myself more fully to Our Lady so that she can lead me ever closer to her son, Jesus.”

In his book, Father Calloway, the keynote speaker for the Diocese of Columbus 2021 Catholic Men’s Conference, describes what it means to be consecrated to St. Joseph: “You acknowledge that he is your spiritual

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Father Steven Beseau, Pontifical College Josephinum rector, leads a Eucharistic procession on the seminary grounds on Friday, March 19, the Solemnity of St. Joseph.



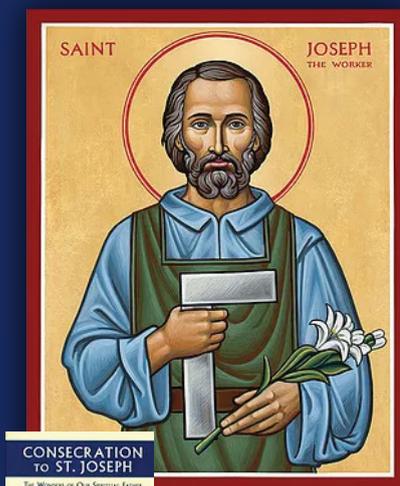
After the procession, the Blessed Sacrament returns to St. Joseph Chapel for exposition.

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Reflections

Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021:

He Is Risen!

Deacon Tom Berg Jr., St. Andrew Parish

“Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed.” With these joyous words from the Gospel on this Easter Sunday, we celebrate our Lord’s resurrection, his victory over death and sin, rejoicing in his Real Presence in our lives. This is the pinnacle of our Catholic life of faith, what drives and inspires us every day to walk ever closer with our loving Lord as we journey toward the Real Future of God’s promise of salvation for those who put their trust and faith in Him.

To read more about how we are growing together in the life of faith and discipleship in the Diocese of Columbus, visit www.RealPresenceRealFuture.org.

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that we can embrace fresh opportunities that draw us closer and closer to the Lord.

In sacred scripture, we are told that, “It is God who, in his good will toward you, begets in you any measure of desire or achievement” (Philippians 2:13). Real Presence, Real Future is an opportunity to do exactly that:

letting God’s will and grace shine brightly so we can discern what we, both individually and, more important, as a family of faith here in the Diocese of Columbus, need to embrace and integrate into our lives of faith and missionary discipleship.

Deacon Thomas Berg Jr. is the Diocese of Columbus’ chancellor.

St. Patrick Church celebrates patronal feast day with bishop

Bishop Robert Brennan presided at a vigil Mass for the Mass of the Patronal Solemnity of St. Patrick on Tuesday evening, March 16 at Columbus St. Patrick Church.

Concelebrating the Mass were the Dominican friars, who have served at the parish since 1885, and priests from the diocese. The parish was established in 1851 before Columbus became a diocese to serve Irish immigrants and the first Mass in the church was held in 1853.

In Bishop Brennan's homily, he said, "We remember Patrick for his missionary work and the proclamation of the gospel in Ireland and through his proclamation of the gospel to the world. But it is worth going back to the earlier times to the experience of the ship (when Patrick was held captive), the fear and the desolation, and then time spent out with the flocks where he heard the voice of the Lord.

"So that as we go through all the ups and downs of our lives -- all the complications, the disappointments, the ways that things don't go the way we would have liked them to go, the tremendous burdens we carry, the sacrifices we make -- may we be given the grace to be attentive because the Lord is stepping in and he is speaking to us."

The Mass was followed by a traditional torchlit procession that included bagpipes and drums and a life-sized statue of St. Patrick.

The parish has celebrated a vigil Mass in honor of St. Patrick, the patron of Ireland, for more than two decades.

Bishop Brennan returned to St. Patrick Church the following morning to celebrate another Mass in honor of the Irish saint.



A torchlit procession after a vigil Mass with Bishop Robert Brennan on the feast of St. Patrick, which included a statue of the patron saint, bagpipes and drums, began at the front entrance of St. Patrick Church, went east on Mount Vernon Avenue, south on Cleveland Avenue and west on Naghten Street before returning to the church. CT photos by Ken Snow

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A Dominican novice from Cincinnati prays at a Blessed Margaret shrine located in the rear of the sanctuary at Columbus St. Patrick Church. Blessed Margaret, a member of the Dominican order who died in 1320, will be canonized as a saint in September. The parish is also home to the Blessed Margaret Guild, which includes members throughout the world who have a special devotion to her.

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an intercessor for the pro-life movement; those who suffer from eye and muscle diseases; and for the discouraged, unwanted, disabled and abandoned, patience could be added to that list, considering how long it took between her beatification and canonization.

"I think she is a model for many people to pray and keep the faith," Father Alcott said. "Her parents brought her to Castello, and they prayed for two whole days, but she wasn't healed. There are now miracles attributed to Margaret's intercession, but she wasn't healed herself and she was never upset or concerned about that.

"So there's that willingness to accept that we don't always get the answer to our prayers."

Just last week, Father Alcott spoke with a local Catholic woman who had come to the Blessed Margaret Shrine at the back of St. Patrick Church praying for the healing of her unborn baby afflicted with a genetic condition. She told him that "we didn't get a healing,

but she said she's so grateful to Blessed Margaret because she felt like she was given the grace to accept that the healing didn't happen.

"That's an unusual type of grace because when people don't get the answer to their prayers they can be sad or even disappointed, but this young woman was very accepting. She was still joyful that Margaret maybe helped her child.

"Sometimes even people with disabilities might pray for healing, and their prayers are not answered in the way they want, but their disability itself can become a means of grace for others."

To learn more about the saint-to-be, Father Alcott suggests reading *The Life of Blessed Margaret of Castello* written by Father William R. Bonniwell, OP, which is available at litlemargaret.org. Other books, CDs, medals, prayer cards and statues can be found on the website in the online store.

St. John XXIII parishioners serve needy with Sandwich Saturday

By Sean Cleary

Nearly 20 years ago, after our family joined the newly formed St. John XXIII Church in Canal Winchester, the parish launched a service project known as Sandwich Saturday.

It began with six parishioners who met on a Saturday morning and assembled sandwiches to transport to the St. Lawrence Haven food pantry in downtown Columbus. We were ecstatic with our first day's production of 200 sandwiches.

Sandwich Saturday soon caught on and continues to take place on the fourth Saturday of each month. The program eventually had a sign professionally created by CSO (chief sandwich officer) Don Breeckner's printing company. It is displayed in the church vestibule and has tear-away tabs encouraging donations of 10 loaves of bread, five packages of bologna, five packages of cheese singles, or sandwich bags.

Over the years, sandwich production has become increasingly efficient, but it wasn't always that way.

In the early days of Sandwich Saturday, I often scooted over to Bay's IGA in nearby Lithopolis to pick up supplies when we ran short. I typically would drive by myself so assembly of the sandwiches would not be impeded.

On one occasion, a fellow parishioner named Mike accompanied me. We made our purchases and I hurriedly drove back to church and took the supplies to where the sandwiches were being assembled in the church basement. It took two trips downstairs to



Among the 35 to 50 people who participate in the Sandwich Saturday makers at Canal Winchester Pope St. John XXIII Church are (front row from left) Maureen Murphy, Mary Murphy, Margaret Murphy; middle row: Frank Kammerer, Cathy Mustard, Mary Kammerer, Andi Murphy, Chris Craycraft and Deb Carpenter; third row: Steve Mustard, Patrick Murphy, Don Breeckner, Sean Cleary, Dave Craycraft and Troy Kahrig.

Photo courtesy St. John XXIII Church

empty the van, and when I started the second trip, I suddenly noticed Mike walking down the church driveway. When I shouted at him, "Mike, what are you doing?", he shouted back, "You left me at Bay's!" That was the last time we saw Mike at Sandwich Saturday – I guess with good reason!

We have many regulars who remain dedicated to our cause, like "the Knife Man," Frank Kammerer, who provides us with an assortment of paring knives to open the bologna. Rest in

peace, Mary Sullivan, who introduced us to recycling and the use of plastic bags and cardboard. We also collect the "heels" (ends) of loaves of bread for local chicken farmers-and for use in Thanksgiving stuffing.

Although we've been making sandwiches for a long time, our production staff is always open to new ideas. For example, a couple of years ago, Tony Ippoliti, a recent recruit, introduced a radical change. After more than a decade in which we had assembled sandwiches a certain way, Tony suggested that we convert to using two slices of bread, an individually wrapped cheese slice, and a piece of bologna on top, placed inside a zip-locked sandwich bag to keep the bread dry. Ta-da! Quality improvement! Who says you can't teach old sandwich makers new tricks?

Sandwich Saturday is a family affair and our sandwich assemblers cover the age spectrum, ranging from toddlers to older adults such as Barb, who, while wheelchair-bound, steadfastly made sandwiches with her daughters and grandchildren.

At the conclusion of each Sandwich Saturday, our group forms a circle. The little ones proudly do a head count of the number of helpers in attendance. We announce our names and the number of sandwiches assembled and try to have a little fun with the group. Rest in peace, Joe McAndrews, who invariably introduced himself as Urban Meyer or some other public figure. While being a longtime associate of the sandwich club, I often am accused – rightfully so – of having yet

to make a single sandwich. We also recognize first-timers and ask them if they were made to feel welcome. We want everyone to feel accepted, or else, like Mike, they may not come back. We wrap up each session with special intentions and a prayer. Afterward, Don, Troy Kahrig or myself take the sandwiches to the Haven.

COVID has not interrupted Sandwich Saturday. Since last March, many of our regular helpers continue to assemble sandwiches at their homes and drop off boxed sandwiches at the church parking lot on the fourth Saturday of every month. Our productivity hasn't waned. In our most recent gathering, we made 1,762 sandwiches. We know there is an increasing need these days, and are happy to help in a small way.

It's not the number of sandwiches made that counts, though. The lasting and meaningful friendships we have built over the years are what sustain Sandwich Saturday.

As my dear aunt, Sister Ellen Carroll, used to say, "The gift you receive, give as a gift." It worked well for my dad, who initially grappled with sudden free time after his early retirement. He found his niche through volunteering, including regularly helping at St. Lawrence Haven. When we make our sandwiches, it's a tender reminder of a man I admired and loved.

A little bit of help goes a long way at food pantries and other volunteer agencies. Thanks to everybody who helps others in need. You'll be glad you did.

Sean Cleary is a Canal Winchester St. John XXIII Church parishioner.

Rescheduled youth conference set for April 17 at St. John Neumann

After a six-month delay caused by COVID-19, organizers of the Columbus Catholic Young Adult Conference are looking forward to bringing hundreds of participants together next month for a chance to consider how their faith journeys are helping them learn who they are, where they are going and what they are seeking.

The conference will take place from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, April 17 at Sunbury St. John Neumann Church, 9633 E. State Route 37. Its theme, "Rest In Thee," is designed to encourage all young adults to learn, grow and flourish in their unique identities and to have the courage to fulfill their callings as disciples of Christ.

The event will include two keynote speeches, two breakout sessions and lunch, concluding with Mass at 4 p.m.

and a Holy Hour at 5.

Principal speakers will be Sarah Kaczmarek and Brad Pierron.

Kaczmarek will lead the keynote session on identity and a breakout session on prayer. She has served for 15 years as a youth minister, associate director of Alpha Catholic, and a pastoral director and is in the process of becoming a certified spiritual director. She believes that knowing who we are in Christ and a little bit of coffee changes everything.

Pierron will lead the keynote session on courage and a breakout session for men. He is a founding member and program director of the lay missionary program at Damascus Catholic Mission Campus in Knox County. He is passionate about the salvation of souls and the mission of the Church and he

desires everyone to know the radical, transformational love of Jesus.

Monica and Aaron Richards, co-founders of Catholic Youth Summer Camp (CYSC) on the Damascus campus, will lead a breakout session on marriage and family life. They are the parents of four small children. Monica also is a mentor for college-aged missionaries who serve thousands of youths and young adults through evangelization. Aaron is a national conference speaker and gifted worship leader and is operations and finance director at Damascus.

Gilchrist will lead a session on living an authentic Catholic life. He is outreach director at Damascus, has a passion for working with youth and young adults and is an experienced speaker and worship leader.

Father Adam Streitenberger and a seminarian from the Pontifical College Josephinum will lead a session about the celebration of Mass.

Father Streitenberger is diocesan evangelization coordinator and is administrator of Columbus Sacred Heart Church. Since he was ordained in 2007, he has served in a variety of teaching, assisting and pastoral roles throughout the Diocese of Columbus. He also assists with weekday Masses and confessions at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral.

Those attending the conference will be required to wear masks and maintain safe distancing. Registration is \$25 and includes a gift bag, light breakfast options and lunch. For more information, go to www.ccyac.org.

St. Aloysius groups respond to those in need on Hilltop

Two groups of Columbus St. Aloysius Church parishioners are responding in multiple ways to the needs of residents of the city's Hilltop neighborhood and of people living in that area's homeless camps and shelters.

Since Jan. 1, the parish's community outreach ministry has provided coats, new socks, gloves and hats, plus more than 500 personal care bags, snack bags and more than 1,100 meals.

Another ministry, Saints Alive, was formed early in the year and has representatives at the corner of Grubb and Broad streets, near Columbus Holy Family Church, distributing food and other necessities every Saturday to as many as 100 homeless people and others in need. On Sundays, the group goes to 10 to 15 homeless camps and provides hot food, groceries, propane, blankets, towels and other items to camp residents.

Leaders of the programs include Sandy Bonneville of the outreach ministry and Margaret Thompson of Saints Alive, both of whom have been involved for many years with providing assistance to Hilltop residents.

Bonneville said that because of the COVID-19 virus, all items her ministry has provided this year have been on a takeaway basis. They have been



Members of Columbus St. Aloysius Church's Saints Alive ministry set up for their Saturday distribution of items at the corner of Grubb and Broad streets to those in need. Photos courtesy St. Aloysius

distributed periodically from a "grab and go" canopy at the church's parking lot off West Broad Street, with regular distribution set to begin from that site every Saturday from 1:30 to 3 p.m. starting in May.

The ministry also distributed more than 200 spaghetti dinners and 50 meatball subs to community residents in late February. Bonneville said Mike DeMassimo of Hilliard St. Brendan Church was of great assistance with the dinner.

"Food and faith are connected and sharing a good meal feeds more than



Columbus St. Aloysius Church parishioners (from left) Warren Wright, Christine Marcum and Janice Salvatore prepare a spaghetti dinner distributed by the parish's community outreach ministry to residents of the Hilltop neighborhood.

stomachs. It's evangelization through service," she said. "Service is a call of grace that opens our hearts to become more focused on others' needs and encourages us to work toward justice in our communities."

Thompson is the sister of Father Pat Toner, pastor of St. Aloysius and St. Mary Magdalene churches on the Hilltop. She and her husband, Wayne, began visiting homeless camps late in 2020 and have been joined by 10 to 15 other people since then, including Mike and Mary Ann Williams and Father Toner's brother, Jim.

"Our ministry is very personal to each of our team members," Thompson said. "We are silent warriors who desire no recognition for ourselves, but love what we do and who we do it for. It's all about God and what He has taught us. We want this ministry to be only about our friends in need, not about who is behind the curtain."

"Our neighbors living in tents invite us into their homes and you find out that these are spiritual, talented, loving people and over a short time, they have become our friends. So now we make it a point to go out during the week with our car full of supplies and food to check on them and to see if there are any needs that we can help with."

Thompson said she hopes an available building can be found to house all of the parish's neighborhood outreach programs, including the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Conference to focus on health care

Health care and human dignity will be the subject of a medical ethics conference for all health care professionals next month at the Pontifical College Josephinum.

The Converging Roads conference will be sponsored by the St. John Paul II Foundation, in collaboration with the Diocese of Columbus and the Catholic Medical Association (CMA) of Central Ohio. It will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, April 24 at the Jessing Center.

The program will open with a talk by Dr. Thomas W. McGovern of Fort Wayne, Indiana on the role of faith and religion in the practice of medicine and the challenges of being a medical practitioner with a Catholic worldview. He specializes in treating skin cancer patients and is a co-host of EWTN radio's "Doctor, Doctor" program.

Dr. DiAnn Ecret, assistant professor at the Jefferson College of Nursing and a staff member of the National Catholic Bioethics Center, both in Philadelphia, will follow. She will give a presentation on the criteria that determine whether a treatment is morally obligatory or morally optional in end-of-life situations.

Decision-making and application of the principles of proportionate and

disproportionate means and the medical realities of such situations will be discussed by Dr. Greg F. Burke, chief patient experience officer of the Geisinger Medical System of Danville, Pennsylvania.

After lunch, Dr. Ashley Fernandes of the center for bioethics at Ohio State University's college of medicine will speak on the appropriate role that the religious or ethical convictions of medical professionals plays in clinical settings.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 1:30 to 2:15 p.m. At 1:50, there will be a talk on palliative care strategies and their ethical implications associated with the care of neonatal and fetal patients. The speaker will be Dr. Robin Pierucci, a neonatologist with Bronson Children's Hospital in Kalamazoo, Michigan and clinical assistant professor in the department of pediatric and adolescent medicine at the Western Michigan University medical school.

Dr. Cynthia Hunt, chair of the CMA's national opioid task force, will follow, with a look at the scope of the opioid crisis and how medical professionals and hospitals can respond.

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BOOKKEEPER

The parish community of Blessed Sacrament, located in Newark, Ohio, is seeking a full time Bookkeeper who, under the direct supervision of the Business Manager, will be responsible for performing routine and repetitive bookkeeping and accounting duties in the areas of Accounts Payable, General Ledger entry, Census contribution entry, and Annual Budgeting. Certain projects may require more hours.

The ideal applicant would possess a college degree (preferred) with a degree in a related field and a minimum of three years prior experience is required. Ongoing working knowledge of computer software including QuickBooks and Microsoft Office. Knowledge of Catholic Church and its mission is required. The candidate should be self-motivated to complete the responsibilities of the job with minimum supervision; have the ability to communicate effectively; ability to multi-task and establish priorities; ability to maintain flexible attitude and approach towards assignments and successfully operate under appropriate guidelines. Additionally, have the ability to read and comprehend simple instructions, write short correspondence, and memos and to exercise discreet judgment in maintaining all information highly confidential.

Job offer is contingent on the successful passing of the mandatory background screening and completion of the VIRTUS "Protecting God's Children" course. Compensation is commensurate with experience and ability. We offer a full complement of benefits, including health, dental, vision, life, short & long-term disability, and matching 403(b). Benefits are according to Diocesan policy.

Send cover letter, resume, salary requirement and references (3) by Thursday, April 15, 2021 to Jim Weisent, Business Manager, at busmgr@bbsac.net.

2021 schedule for Holy Week activities

The following is a list of Masses for Palm Sunday and its vigil and services for the Sacred Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday, plus other special Holy Week activities, supplied by diocesan parishes to *The Catholic Times*.

Some parishes are requiring tickets or reservations for certain services because of safe-distancing requirements. Many are livestreaming some or all of their Holy Week events. For details, go to the parish's website or contact the parish office.

Ada Our Lady of Lourdes – Palm Sunday Masses at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, March 27 and 11 a.m. Sunday, March 28; Holy Thursday, April 1, Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7 p.m.; Good Friday, April 2, Mime Stations of the Cross, 3 p.m., Celebration of the Lord's Passion, 7 p.m.; Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 3, Mass, 8:30 p.m.; Easter Sunday, April 4, Mass, 11 a.m.

Bremen St. Mary – Palm Sunday, 8:30 a.m., Holy Hour, 3 p.m.; Holy Thursday, Latin Mass, 5 p.m.; Good Friday, Passion celebration in Latin, 3 p.m., Stations, 7 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 11 p.m. in Latin; Easter, 8:30 a.m.

Buckeye Lake Our Lady of Mount Carmel – Palm Sunday, 4 p.m. Saturday, 8 and 11 a.m. Sunday, with Eucharistic Adoration between Sunday Masses; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m.; Good Friday, prayer service, noon, Stations of the Cross, 3 p.m., Passion celebration, 7 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 9 p.m.; Easter, 8 and 11 a.m.

Canal Winchester St. John XXIII – Palm Sunday, 9 and 11 a.m.; Holy Thursday, Mass, 7 p.m., Night Prayer, 10 p.m.; Good Friday, Morning Prayer, 8:30 a.m., Passion celebration, 3 p.m.; Easter Vigil, Morning Prayer, 8:30 a.m., Mass, 8 p.m.; Easter, 8:30, 10, 11:30 a.m.

Cardington Sacred Hearts – Palm Sunday, 4:30 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. Sunday; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m.; Good Friday, 3 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8:30 p.m.; Easter, 9 a.m.

Chillicothe St. Mary – Palm Sunday, 5 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. Sunday; Tenebrae penance service, designed to recreate the sense of betrayal, abandonment and agony related to Jesus' Passion, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 31; Holy Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; Good Friday, noon; Easter Vigil, 8:30 p.m.; Easter, 8 and 10 a.m.

Chillicothe St. Peter – Palm Sunday, 5 p.m. Saturday, 8 and 11:30 a.m. Sunday; Holy Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; Good Friday, 3 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8:30 p.m.; Easter, 8 and 11:30 a.m.

Circleville St. Joseph – Palm Sunday, 5 p.m. Saturday, 8 and 11:15 a.m.



Stations of the Cross will be part of Holy Week observances at some diocesan parishes.

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and 5 p.m. Sunday; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m., with Adoration in parish hall until midnight; Good Friday, Veneration of the Cross, 3 p.m., Tenebrae service, 7:45 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8:30 p.m.; Easter, 8 and 11:15 a.m., 5 p.m.

Columbus Christ the King – Palm Sunday, 4 p.m. (English) Saturday, 10 a.m. (English), 12:30 p.m. (Spanish) and 6 p.m. (bilingual); Monday and Wednesday, March 29 and 31, Adoration, 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., with confessions from 6 to 9 p.m.; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m. (bilingual); Good Friday, Stations, 11 a.m. (bilingual), Passion celebration, 3 p.m. (English), 7 p.m. (Spanish); Easter Vigil, 8 p.m. (bilingual); Easter, 10 a.m. (English), 12:30 p.m. (Spanish), 6 p.m. (bilingual).

Columbus Corpus Christi – Good Friday, noon (Spanish); Easter, 9 a.m.

Columbus Holy Cross – Palm Sunday, 9 and 11 a.m.; Holy Thursday, 5:15 p.m.; Good Friday, 11:30 a.m.; Easter, 9 and 11 a.m.

Columbus Holy Family – Palm Sunday, 9 and 11 a.m., 5 and 8 p.m.; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m.; Good Friday, Liturgy of the Word and Veneration of the Cross, 3 p.m., Passion service, 7 p.m.; Easter Vigil, basket blessing, 10 a.m., Mass, 8:30 p.m.; Easter, 9 and 11 a.m., 5 and 8 p.m.

Columbus Holy Name – Palm Sunday, 5:30 p.m.; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m. (bilingual); Good Friday, Stations, 3 p.m., Passion celebration, 5:30 p.m.; Easter Vigil, Marian Hour, 8:30 a.m.; Easter, 9 a.m., 6:30 p.m.

Columbus Holy Rosary-St. John – Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, 9 a.m.

Columbus Holy Spirit – Palm Sunday, 11 a.m.; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m.; Good Friday, 7 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8:30 a.m.; Easter, 9 and 11 a.m.

Columbus Immaculate Conception – Palm Sunday, 4 p.m. Saturday, 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m.; Good Friday, 1 and 7 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8 p.m.; Easter, 8 and 10 a.m., noon.

Columbus Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal – Palm Sunday, 4 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. Sunday; Holy Thurs-

day, 7 p.m.; Good Friday, Passion celebration, 2 p.m., Stations and Veneration of the Cross, 7 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8:30 p.m.; Easter, 10 a.m.

Columbus Our Lady of Peace – Palm Sunday, 4:30 p.m. Saturday, 9:30 a.m. and noon Sunday; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m., followed by Night Prayer at 10; Good Friday, Morning Prayer, 8:30 a.m., Passion celebration, 2 p.m.; Easter Vigil, Morning Prayer, 8:30 a.m., Mass, 8:30 p.m.; Easter, 9:30 a.m. and noon.

Columbus Our Lady of Victory – Palm Sunday, 5 p.m. Saturday, 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m., followed by Adoration until 11; Good Friday, 3 p.m., Passion celebration, 7 p.m., Stations; Easter Vigil, 8 p.m.; Easter, 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.

Columbus Parroquia Santa Cruz (celebrated at Holy Name) – Palm Sunday, 6 p.m. Saturday, 8 and 11 a.m. Sunday; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m. (bilingual); Easter Vigil, 8 p.m.; Easter, 11 a.m.

Columbus Sacred Heart – Palm Sunday, 4 p.m. Saturday, 11 a.m. Sunday; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m.; Good Friday, 3 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8 p.m.; Easter, 11 a.m.

Columbus St. Agnes – Palm Sunday, 7 p.m. (bilingual) Saturday, 9 a.m. (bilingual), 11 a.m. (Spanish) Sunday; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m. (bilingual); Good Friday, Stations, noon (Spanish), Passion celebration, 6 p.m. (Spanish); Easter Vigil, 7 p.m. (bilingual); Easter, 9 a.m. (bilingual), 11 a.m. (Spanish).

Columbus St. Agatha – Palm Sunday, 5 p.m. Saturday, 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday; Holy Thursday, 7:30 p.m., followed by Adoration until midnight; Good Friday, 3 p.m., Passion celebration; 7 p.m., Tenebrae; Easter Vigil, 8:30 p.m.; Easter, 8:30 and 11 a.m. in church, 11 a.m. in parish hall.

Columbus St. Aloysius – Palm Sunday, 4 p.m. Saturday, noon Sunday; **Good Friday, 3 p.m.; Easter, noon.**

Columbus St. Anthony -- Palm Sunday, 4 p.m. Saturday, 10:30 a.m. Sunday, 1:30 p.m. Sunday (Ghanaian Mass); Holy Thursday, Morning Prayer, 9 a.m., Mass, 7 p.m.; Good Friday: Morning Prayer, 9 a.m., Passion celebration, 3 and 7 p.m.; Easter Vigil, Morning Prayer, 9 a.m., Mass, 8 p.m.; Easter, 8:30 and 10:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. (Ghanaian Mass).

Columbus Sts. Augustine & Gabriel – Palm Sunday, 10 a.m. (English), noon (Vietnamese); Holy Thursday, 7 p.m.; Good Friday, Stations (English and Vietnamese), 9:30 a.m., Passion celebration, 7 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 7 p.m.; Easter, 11 a.m. (Vietnamese).

Columbus St. Catharine of Siena – Palm Sunday, 8:30 and 11 a.m., 5

p.m.; Tenebrae service, 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 31; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m., followed by Adoration until midnight; Good Friday: Passion celebration, 3 p.m., Sorrowful Mother novena, 7 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8:30 p.m.; Easter, 8 and 10 a.m., noon.

Columbus St. Cecilia – Palm Sunday, 5 p.m. Saturday, 7:30 and 9:30 a.m. and noon Sunday; Monday, March 29, Adoration, 4 to 7 p.m.; Holy Thursday, Morning Prayer, 8:15 a.m., Mass, 7 p.m., followed by Adoration, concluding with Night Prayer at 10 p.m.; Good Friday, Morning Prayer, 8:15 a.m., Passion celebration, 1 p.m., Presentation on the physical aspects of the Crucifixion, 7 to 9 p.m.; Easter Vigil, Morning Prayer, 9 a.m., Mass, 8:30 p.m.; Easter, 7:30 and 9:30 a.m. and noon in church, 9:30 a.m. in parish center.

Columbus St. Christopher – Palm Sunday, 4:30 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. (English), noon (Polish), 6 p.m. (English) Sunday; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m.; Good Friday, Stations, noon, Passion celebration, 3 p.m.; Easter Vigil, Blessing of baskets, noon (English), 4 p.m. (Polish); Mass, 8:15 p.m.; Easter, 8 and 10 a.m. (English), noon (Polish), 6 p.m. (English).

Columbus St. Dominic – Palm Sunday, 11:30 a.m.; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m.; Good Friday, 7 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8 p.m.; Easter, 11:30 a.m.

Columbus St. Elizabeth – Palm Sunday, 5:30 p.m. Saturday, 9 and 11 a.m. Sunday; Holy Thursday, 6 p.m., followed by Adoration until 9; Good Friday, 1:30 and 6 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8:30 p.m.; Easter, 9 and 11 p.m.

Columbus St. Francis of Assisi – Palm Sunday, 9 and 11 a.m.; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m.; Good Friday, Stations, noon, Passion celebration, 7 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8:30 p.m.; Easter, 9 and 11 a.m.

Columbus St. James the Less – Palm Sunday, 4:30 (English) and 6 p.m. (Spanish) Saturday, 8 and 11 a.m. (English), 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. (Spanish) Sunday; Holy Thursday, 5:30 (English) and 7:30 p.m. (Spanish); Good Friday, 1:30 (English) and 7 p.m. (Spanish); Easter Vigil, 8:30 p.m. (Spanish); Easter, 8 and 11 a.m. (English), 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. (Spanish).

Columbus St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic – Palm Sunday, 10 a.m., noon; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m., Vespers with Divine Liturgy; Good Friday, Royal Hours, 9 a.m., Burial Vespers, 7 p.m.; Easter Vigil with blessing of food, 10 p.m.; Easter, Matins, 10 a.m., Divine Liturgy with blessing of food, 11 a.m.

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Columbus St. John the Baptist – Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral – Palm Sunday, 5:15 p.m. Saturday, 8 and 10:30 a.m., 12:30 and 5:15 p.m. (preceded by Vespers at 4:45) Sunday; Holy Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; Good Friday, Passion celebration, noon, Tenebrae service, 8 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8 p.m.; Easter, 8 and 10:30 a.m., 12:30 and 5:15 p.m.

Columbus St. Ladislav – Good Friday, 1 p.m.; Easter, 11 a.m.

Columbus St. Leo the Great Oratory – Palm Sunday, Low Mass, 8 a.m., Blessing of palms and High Mass, 10:30 a.m.; Holy Thursday, High Mass, 6:30 p.m.; Good Friday, Mass of the Presanctified Gifts, 3 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 5 p.m.; Easter, Low Mass, 8 a.m., High Mass, 10:30 a.m. All Masses in Latin.

Columbus St. Mary Magdalene – Palm Sunday, 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m.; Good Friday, 7 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8:30 p.m.; Easter, 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Columbus St. Margaret of Cortona – Palm Sunday, 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m., followed by Adoration until 11; Good Friday, 2 p.m.; Easter Vigil, food blessing, 1 p.m., Mass, 8:30 p.m.; Easter, 8:30 and 10:30 a.m., noon.

Columbus St. Mary German Village – Palm Sunday, 4 p.m. Saturday, 9 and 11 a.m. (English), 12:30 p.m. (Spanish); Holy Thursday, 6:30 p.m., followed by Adoration until midnight. Good Friday, Mass, 3 p.m., prayer service, 7 p.m.; Easter Vigil, Food blessing, 9 a.m., Mass, 8:30 p.m.; Easter, 9 and 11 a.m. (English), 12:30 p.m. (Spanish).

Columbus St. Matthias – Palm Sunday, 5 p.m. Saturday, 9 and 11 a.m.; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m.; Good Friday, 3 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8:30 p.m.; Easter, 9 and 11 a.m. in church, 11 a.m. in school gym.

Columbus St. Patrick – Palm Sunday, 5 p.m. Saturday, 7, 9 and 10:30 a.m. and noon Sunday; Monday to Wednesday, March 29 to 31, Adoration, 12:15 to 7 p.m., concluding with Solemn Vespers and Benediction; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m., with Adoration until midnight; Good Friday, Seven Last Words of Christ, noon to 2:46 p.m., Passion celebration, 3 p.m., Tenebrae service, 7:30 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8:30 p.m.; Easter, 7, 9 and 10:30 a.m. and noon.

Columbus St. Peter – Palm Sunday, 5 p.m. Saturday, 9 and 11 a.m. (English), 5 p.m. (Spanish); Holy Thursday, 7 p.m.; Good Friday, Living Stations, 1 p.m., Passion celebration, 3 p.m. (both bilingual); Easter Vigil, 8 p.m.; Easter, 9



The altar at Columbus Holy Name Church features a representation of Jesus and the apostles at the Last Supper on Holy Thursday. *CT photo by Ken Snow*

and 11 a.m. (English), 5 p.m. (Spanish).

Columbus St. Philip – Palm Sunday, 4 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. Sunday; Good Friday, 2 p.m.; Easter, 9 a.m.

Columbus St. Stephen the Martyr – Palm Sunday, 4 p.m. (English) and 6:30 p.m. (Spanish) Saturday, 8 a.m. (Spanish), 10 a.m. (English), 11:30 a.m., 1 and 7 p.m. (all Spanish) Sunday, all preceded by procession with palms 15 minutes earlier; Holy Thursday, 5 p.m. (English), 7 p.m. (Spanish); Good Friday, Passion celebration, noon (English), 6 p.m. (Spanish), Stations, 1 p.m. (Spanish); Easter Vigil, 6 and 9 p.m. (both bilingual); Easter, 8 a.m. (Spanish), 10 a.m. (English), 11:30 a.m., 1 and 7 p.m. (Spanish).

Columbus St. Thomas the Apostle – Palm Sunday, 5 p.m. Saturday, 11:30 p.m. Sunday; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m.; Good Friday, 3 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8:30 p.m.; Easter, 11:30 a.m.

Corning St. Bernard – Palm Sunday, 4 p.m. Saturday; Easter, 10:30 a.m.

Coshocton Sacred Heart – Palm Sunday, 5 p.m. Saturday, 8 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m.; Good Friday, 3 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8 p.m.; Easter, 8 and 10:30 a.m.

Crooksville Church of the Atonement – Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, 9 a.m.

Danville St. Luke – Palm Sunday, 5 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. Sunday; Holy Thursday, 6:30 p.m.; Good Friday, 3 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8 p.m.; Easter Sunday, 10 a.m.

Delaware St. Mary – Palm Sunday, 4:30 p.m. Saturday, 7:15, 9 and 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m. (Spanish) and 5:30 p.m. Sunday; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m.; Good Friday, Passion celebration, 3 p.m.; Stations, 7 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8:30 p.m.; Easter, 7:15, 9 and 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m. (Spanish).

Dennison Immaculate Conception

– Palm Sunday, 8 and 11 a.m.; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m.; Good Friday, Stations, noon, Passion celebration, 3 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8:30 p.m.; Easter, 8 and 11 a.m.

Dover St. Joseph – Palm Sunday, 4 p.m. Saturday, 8:30 and 11 a.m. (English), 1 p.m. (Spanish); Monday, March 29, Adoration, 4 to 7 p.m.; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m.; Good Friday, 3 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8 p.m.; Easter, 8:30 and 11 a.m. (English), 1 p.m. (Spanish);

Dresden St. Ann – Palm Sunday, 9 a.m.; Good Friday, Adoration, noon to 3 p.m., Stations and Passion celebration, 3 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 7 p.m.; Easter, 9 a.m.

Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare – Palm Sunday, 5 p.m. Saturday, 9 and 11 a.m. Sunday; Holy Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; Good Friday, 3 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 7:30 p.m.; Easter, 9 and 11 a.m.

Gahanna St. Matthew – Palm Sunday, 5 p.m. Saturday, 8 and 10 a.m., noon, 5 p.m. Sunday; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m.; Good Friday, 3 and 7 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8:30 p.m.; Easter, 8 and 10 a.m., noon.

Glenmont Ss. Peter and Paul – Palm Sunday, 8:30 a.m.; Holy Thursday, 8 p.m.; Good Friday, 12:05 p.m.; Easter, 8:30 a.m.

Granville St. Edward – Palm Sunday, 5 p.m. Saturday, 8:15 and 10:45 a.m. Sunday; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m., followed by Adoration until 10; Good Friday, 12:30 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8 p.m.; Easter, 7:30, 9 and 11 a.m.

Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help – Palm Sunday, 5 p.m. Saturday, 8:30 and 11:30 a.m. Sunday; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m.; Good Friday, Passion celebration, 3 p.m., Stations, 7 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8 p.m.; Easter, 8 and 10 a.m., noon.

Groveport St. Mary – Palm Sunday, 5 p.m. Saturday, 8:30 and 11 a.m.

Sunday; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m.; Good Friday, Passion celebration, 3 p.m., Stations, 7 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8 p.m.; Easter, 8:30 and 11 a.m.

Heath St. Leonard – Palm Sunday, 5:30 p.m. Saturday, 9:30 a.m. Sunday; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m.; Good Friday, Stations, noon, Passion celebration, 3 p.m.; Easter, 9:30 a.m.

Hilliard St. Brendan the Navigator – Palm Sunday, 5:30 p.m. Saturday, 7:15, 8:45 and 10:45 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Sunday; Holy Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; Good Friday, noon and 7 p.m.; Easter Vigil, food blessing, 9 a.m., Mass, 8:30 p.m.; Easter, 7:15, 8:45 and 10:45 a.m., church, 10:45 a.m., multipurpose room.

Jackson Holy Trinity – Palm Sunday, 4 p.m. Saturday; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m.; Good Friday, noon; Easter Vigil, 8 p.m.

Johnstown Church of the Ascension – Palm Sunday, 4 p.m. Saturday, 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m., with Adoration until 10; Good Friday, Morning Prayer, 9 a.m., Passion celebration, 3 and 7 p.m.; Easter Vigil, Morning Prayer, 9 a.m., Mass, 8:30 p.m.; Easter, 8:30 and 11 a.m.

Junction City St. Patrick – Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, 9 a.m.

Kenton Immaculate Conception – Palm Sunday, 4 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. Sunday; Easter Sunday, 9 a.m.

Lancaster St. Bernadette – Palm Sunday, 4 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m. (Latin) and 7:30 p.m. Sunday; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m., with Adoration until midnight; Good Friday, Passion celebration, noon, Stations, 3 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8 p.m.; Easter, 8:30 and 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m. (Latin), 7:30 p.m.

Lancaster St. Mark – Palm Sunday, 5 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. Sunday; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m.; Good Friday, 1 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8:30 a.m.; Easter Sunday, 9 and 11 a.m.

Lancaster St. Mary – Palm Sunday, 5:30 p.m. Saturday, 8:45 and 11:15 a.m. Sunday, Tenebrae service, 7 p.m. Sunday; Holy Thursday, Morning prayer, 9 a.m., Mass, 7 p.m.; Good Friday, Morning prayer, 9 a.m., Passion celebration, 12:10 p.m.; Easter Vigil, Morning Prayer, 9 a.m., Mass, 8:30 p.m.; Easter, 8 and 10 a.m., noon.

Logan St. John – Palm Sunday, 5 p.m. Saturday, 8 and 10 a.m. Sunday; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m., followed by Adoration; Good Friday, Walking Stations, 10 a.m., Stations in church, 3 p.m., Passion celebration, 7 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8:30 a.m.; Easter, 8 and 10 a.m.

London St. Patrick – Palm Sunday, 5 p.m. Saturday, 7:30 and 10:30

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p.m. Sunday; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m., followed by Adoration until 10; Good Friday, Stations, 1 p.m.; Passion celebration, 3 p.m.; Easter Vigil, Morning Prayer, 9 a.m., followed by food blessing; Mass, 8:30 p.m.; Easter, 7:30 and 10:30 a.m., noon.

Marion St. Mary – Palm Sunday, 5 p.m. Saturday, 8 and 11 a.m. (English), 1 p.m. (Spanish) Sunday; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m.; Good Friday, 6 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8:30 p.m.; Easter, 8 and 11 a.m. (English), 1 p.m. (Spanish).

Marysville Our Lady of Lourdes – Palm Sunday, 4:30 p.m. Saturday, 9 and 11:30 a.m. Sunday; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m., with adoration until 11; Good Friday, Passion celebration, noon; Stations through Mary's eyes, 3 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8:30 p.m.; Easter, 9 and 11:30 a.m.

Mattingly Settlement St. Mary – Palm Sunday, 4:30 p.m. Saturday; Holy Thursday, 6 p.m.; Good Friday, Adoration, noon to 3 p.m., Stations and Passion celebration, 6 p.m.; Easter, 11 a.m.,

Millersburg St. Peter – Palm Sunday, 5 p.m. Saturday, 10:30 a.m. Sunday; Holy Thursday, 6 p.m.; Good Friday, 7 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 9 p.m.; Easter, 10:30 a.m.

Mount Vernon St. Vincent de Paul – Palm Sunday, 4:30 p.m. Saturday, 8 and 10 a.m. and noon Sunday; Holy Thursday, 6 p.m.; Good Friday, 3 p.m.;

Easter Vigil, 8 p.m.; Easter, 8 and 10 a.m. and noon.

New Albany Church of the Resurrection – Palm Sunday, 5 p.m. Saturday, 9 and 11 a.m. Sunday; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m.; Good Friday, Stations, noon, Passion celebration, 7 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8:30 p.m.; Easter, 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. in ministry center, 9 and 11 a.m. in church.

New Lexington St. Rose – Palm Sunday, 6 p.m. Saturday, 7:30 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m.; Good Friday, 3 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8:30 p.m.; Easter, 7:30 and 10:30 a.m.

New Philadelphia Sacred Heart – Palm Sunday, 8:30 a.m., 5 p.m.; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m.; Good Friday, 3 p.m.; Easter Vigil: 8:30 p.m.; Easter, 8:30 and 11 a.m.

Newark Blessed Sacrament – Palm Sunday, 4:30 p.m. Saturday, 8 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday; Holy Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; Good Friday, Stations, noon and 7 p.m., Rosary, 1 p.m., Divine Mercy Chaplet, 2 p.m., Passion celebration, 3 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8 p.m.; Easter, 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m., with Divine Mercy Chaplet at 12:30 p.m.

Newark St. Francis de Sales – Palm Sunday, 4:45 p.m. Saturday, 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday; Holy Thursday, Mass, 6:30 p.m., Movie, The Passion of the Christ, 8 p.m.; Good Friday, Stations, 3 p.m., Passion celebration, 6:30 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8:30 p.m.; Easter, 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.

Newcomerstown St. Francis de Sales – Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, 5:30 p.m.

Pickerington St. Elizabeth Seton – Palm Sunday, 9 and 11:30 a.m.; Holy Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; Good Friday, 3 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8:30 p.m.; Easter, 9 and 11:30 a.m. (simultaneous Masses in church and activity center for both times).

Plain City St. Joseph – Palm Sunday, 4:30 p.m. (activity center) Saturday, 8:30 a.m. (church), 11 a.m. (activity center) Sunday; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m. (church); Good Friday, 7 p.m. (church); Easter Vigil, 8 p.m. (church); Easter, 7 and 8:30 a.m. (church), 8:30 and 11 a.m. (activity center).

Pond Creek Holy Trinity – Palm Sunday, 5 p.m. Saturday; Easter, 9 a.m.

Portsmouth Holy Redeemer – Palm Sunday, 4:30 p.m. Saturday, 4:30 p.m. (bilingual) Sunday; Good Friday, Walking Stations, 5:30 p.m., beginning at Holy Redeemer, ending at St. Mary; Easter, 9 a.m.

Portsmouth St. Mary – Palm Sunday, 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday, March 31, Tenebrae service, 7 p.m.; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m.; Good Friday, noon; Easter Vigil, 8 p.m.; Easter, 10:30 a.m.

Powell St. Joan of Arc – Palm Sunday, 5:30 p.m. Saturday, 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Sunday; Holy Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; Good Friday, Morning Prayer, 8:30 a.m., Passion celebration, 3 p.m., Stations, 7:30 p.m.; Easter Vigil, Morning prayer and food blessing, 8:30 a.m., Easter Vigil, 8:30 p.m.; Easter, 7:30 a.m. (church), 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. (simultaneously in church and social hall).

Reynoldsburg St. Pius X – Palm Sunday, 4:30 p.m. Saturday, 8 and 10 a.m. Sunday; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m., followed by Adoration until 10; Good Friday, Passion celebration, 3 p.m., Stations and Adoration, 6 p.m.; Easter Vigil, Basket blessing, 1 p.m., Mass, 8 p.m., Easter, 8 and 10 a.m.

Somerset Holy Trinity – Palm Sunday, 5 p.m. Saturday, 10 p.m. Sunday; Good Friday, 3 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8:30 p.m.; Easter, 10 a.m.

Somerset St. Joseph – Palm Sunday, 8 a.m.; Holy Thursday, Morning Prayer, 8 a.m., Mass, 7 p.m.; Good Friday, Tenebrae service and Morning Prayer, 8 a.m.; Easter Vigil, Tenebrae service and Morning Prayer, 8 a.m.; Easter, 8 a.m.

Sugar Grove St. Joseph – Palm Sunday, 4:30 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. Sunday; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m., followed by Adoration until 9:30; Good Friday, Stations, 2 p.m., Passion celebration, 7 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8:30 p.m.; Easter, 9 and 11:30 a.m.

Sunbury St. John Neumann – Palm Sunday, 4 p.m. Saturday, 9 and 11 a.m., 5 p.m. Sunday; Holy Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; Good Friday, Stations, 3 p.m., Divine Mercy Chaplet, 4:15 p.m.; Passion celebration, 7 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8:30 p.m.; Easter Sunday, 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.

Washington Court House St. Colman of Cloyne – Palm Sunday, 5 p.m. Saturday, 9 and 11 a.m. Sunday, with Adoration from 5 to 6 p.m.; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m.; Good Friday, 3 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8:30 p.m.; Easter, 9 and 11 a.m.

Waverly St. Mary – Palm Sunday, 9:30 a.m.; Holy Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; Good Friday, 6:30 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8:30 p.m.; Easter, 9:30 a.m.

Wellston Sts. Peter & Paul – Palm Sunday, 9 a.m.; Good Friday, Tenebrae service, 7 p.m.; Easter, 9 a.m.

West Jefferson Sts. Simon & Jude – Palm Sunday, 4 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m., with Adoration until 10; Good Friday, Outdoor Stations (weather permitting), 3 p.m., Passion celebration, 7 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8:30 p.m.; Easter, 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

Westerville St. Paul – Palm Sunday, 4 and 6 p.m. Saturday, 8 and 10 a.m. and noon Sunday; Holy Thursday, Mass, 7 p.m., Night Prayer, 11 p.m.; Good Friday, Morning Prayer, 8:30 a.m., Stations, noon, Passion celebration, 3 and 7:30 p.m.; Easter Vigil, Morning Prayer, 8:30 a.m., Mass, 8:30 p.m.; Easter, 8 and 10 a.m. and noon.

Wheelersburg St. Peter in Chains – Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, 9 a.m.

Worthington St. Michael – Palm Sunday, 4 p.m. Saturday, 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Sunday; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m., followed by Adoration until midnight; Good Friday, Passion celebration, 3 p.m.; Stations, 7 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8:30 p.m.; Easter, 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

Zaleski St. Sylvester – Palm Sunday, 11 a.m.; Holy Thursday, 6:30 p.m.; Good Friday, 6:30 p.m.; Easter, 11 a.m.

Zanesville St. Nicholas – Palm Sunday, 5:15 p.m. Saturday, 8:15 and 10:45 a.m. Sunday; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m., followed by Adoration until 11; Good Friday, 2 p.m.; Holy Saturday, nightfall; Easter, 8:15 and 10:45 a.m.

Zanesville St. Thomas Aquinas – Palm Sunday, 4:30 p.m. Saturday, 7:45 and 11 a.m. Sunday; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m.; Good Friday, 3 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8:30 p.m.; Easter, 7:45 and 11 a.m.

Zoar Holy Trinity – Palm Sunday, 4:30 p.m. Saturday, 11 a.m. Sunday; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m.; Good Friday, 3 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 6 p.m.; Easter, 11 a.m.

Seton Parish

600 Hill Road North
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Employment Opportunity

Position: Custodian

Deadline: April 15, 2021 Status: Non-Exempt (Hourly) Practicing Catholic: Preferred

Seton Parish, Pickerington, Ohio, seeks qualified candidates for the position of custodian. Full and part-time positions are available.

The custodian is responsible for general cleaning, setup, and tear down of assigned areas within the parish facilities.

Duties include and are not limited to: sweeping, vacuuming, mopping, scrubbing, with industrial vacuum cleaners and scrubbing machines; using ladders; dusting and washing walls; cleaning ceilings; dusting and polishing light fixtures; washing and replacing blinds; washing windows; moving objects as needed to clean areas; removing stains from surfaces using chemicals and cleaning solutions; sweeping walks; raking leaves; removing snow and performing other incidental seasonal tasks; emptying trash cans and replacing liners; emptying recycling containers; and refilling soap, paper towel, and toilet paper dispensers.

Applicants must be able to work independently, pay close attention to detail, and perform all physical aspects of job duties. Previous custodial experience is preferred, but not required. Some non-standard hours may be required.

Job offer is contingent on the successful passing of the mandatory background screening and completion of the VIRTUS "Protecting God's Children" course.

Please forward resume, references, and compensation requirements by April 15, 2021 to Jim Hamilton, Director of Maintenance, at jhamilton@setonparish.com, or call the parish office at 614-833-0482.

Missionaries to share their work, ask for support remotely

By Sister Zephрина Mary GracyKutty, FIH
Director, Diocesan Missions Office

As we've confronted the COVID-19 pandemic, we've learned to navigate our life journey by wearing a mask, attending Zoom and Google meetings and maintaining social distancing.

Many mission organizations have taken initiatives to help orphans and the poor by delivering COVID-19 prevention materials, sanitation supplies, masks, health kits, food packets, bottled water and much more. We know our mission work is impossible without the people of God who support us and pray for these efforts. This also is an opportunity for missionaries to pray for you as they are thankful for your financial support.

On behalf of Bishop Robert Brennan, I wish to welcome missionaries who are eager to share their stories and mission activities with our parishes remotely this year due to the pandemic.

The annual Missionary Cooperation Plan (MCP) began in the late 1930s. Missionary organizations complete the diocese's online application to be considered for one of the 38 mission organizations given the opportunity to speak at an assigned parish or parishes during one weekend between April and September.

The MCP centralizes the efforts of missionary organizations from throughout the world that wish to appeal to Catholics in the United States and share with parishioners their mission experiences, personally appealing for prayers and support.

The plan helps parishioners learn about missions at home and abroad and assist these organizations financially in their efforts to spread the Gospel.

In his recent encyclical letter, Fratelli Tutti, Pope Francis says we should be the friend of the poor. "This type of charity is always a preferential love for the least. As such, it is behind every action taken on their behalf" (Fratelli Tutti, No. 187). The pope encourages us to promote charitable works for the needy who are longing for equality and solidarity. Charity welcomes everyone and heals the wounds of many hearts.

As COVID-19 has spread throughout the

world, missionaries are struggling financially. They might travel through mountainous villages over great distances on foot and carry groceries for the poor and physically disabled. Let us welcome these missionaries, hear them and help them so we can spiritually go forth to the whole world for the salvation of souls.

Let us remember: "The Church is missionary by her very nature. As such, the Church's missionary task is rooted in the Blessed Trinity. Thus, she continues the mission of the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit, by proclaiming to the ends of the earth the salvation that Christ offers to those who love and sincerely promote the Church's missionary activity" (National Conference of Catholic Bishops in the U.S.A., To the Ends of the Earth).

I encourage you to help the poor and serve the Church by contributing what you have in your own way, small or big. In the wake of COVID-19 shutdowns, our missionaries have become a refuge for the abandoned, homeless and those most in need.

Brother Lucio, a PIME missionary who spent the past 20 years serving the poor in Bangladesh, said, "We help them to become aware of their situation but also of the alternatives they might have, besides living in the streets. We create bonds of trust through games, counseling, small literacy courses and some basic general medications as needed.

"However, during the lockdown period, we also had to start distributing food because everything was closed, and there were far fewer people around. They could not even scrape together a few coins to survive. On top of it all, people wrongfully accused street children of being intentional spreaders of the coronavirus! Hence, they were even more stigmatized than before. Their already very poor sanitary conditions have worsened substantially" (Mission World, January/February 2021).

We also must foster vocations to the missionaries who are consecrated for the work of the Gospel and are prepared to go forth into the whole world to bring salvation to souls. Let us humbly serve Christ to promote His kingdom.

CONFERENCE *continued from Page 11*

The concluding talk will be by Dr. Claudia Sotomayor, a clinical ethicist and adjunct assistant professor at Georgetown University, on access to health care for the poor.

The conference will end with a Mass celebrated by Bishop Robert Brennan and a wine and cheese reception. For more information, visit convergingroads.com or email sara@forlifeandfamily.org.

HOLY WEEK AT SAINT JOSEPH CATHEDRAL

SUNDAY, MARCH 28 ~ PALM SUNDAY

- Vigil Mass, Saturday, March 27, 5:15 p.m., preceded by Confessions at 4:00 p.m.
- Masses: 8:00 a.m. | *10:30 a.m. | 12:30 p.m. | 5:15 p.m.
- Vespers Sunday at 4:45 p.m.
- *Reservations Required

MONDAY, MARCH 29

- 7:30 a.m. ~ Daily Mass
- 12:05 p.m. ~ Daily Mass
- 4:00-7:00 p.m. ~ Confessions

TUESDAY, MARCH 30

- 7:30 a.m. ~ Daily Mass
- 10:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. ~ Confessions
- 12:05 p.m. ~ Daily Mass

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31

- 7:30 a.m. ~ Daily Mass
- 12:05 p.m. ~ Daily Mass
- 5:15 p.m. ~ Daily Mass
- 5:45 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. ~ Holy Hour & Confessions

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 1

- No weekday morning or midday Masses
- 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. ~ Confessions
- 7:30 p.m. ~ Mass of the Lord's Supper

Please note: The Church permits only one Mass to be celebrated on Holy Thursday

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 2 (a day of fast and abstinence)

- 12:00 Noon ~ Good Friday Liturgy: Celebration of the Lord's Passion
- Confessions heard following the Celebration of the Lord's Passion
- *8:00 p.m. ~ Office of Tenebrae, Saint Joseph Cathedral Choir
- *Reservations Required

Please note: No Masses are permitted to be celebrated on Good Friday.

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 3

8:00 p.m. ~ Easter Vigil Mass

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 4

Masses: 8:00 a.m. | 10:30 a.m. | 12:30 p.m. | 5:15 p.m. Vespers at 4:45 p.m.

Please note: All Masses for Easter Sunday require reservations.
To reserve your seat go to our website at <https://www.saintjosephcathedral.org>

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Passion (Palm) Sunday Year B

Where do you stand at Christ's Passion?

Mark 11:1–10 or John 12:12–16
Isaiah 50:4–7
Psalm 22:8–9, 17–18, 19–20, 23–24
Philippians 2:6–11
Mark 14:1–15:47

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion opens Holy Week. We begin with the joyful anticipation that comes with the Lord's revealing Himself as the messiah. We end with the Easter Triduum and its impressive liturgies that call us to reflect upon particular moments of the final days of the Lord's public ministry. At the same time, we open our minds and our hearts to the good news of what God has accomplished for us in Jesus the Lord. This gives us hope.

Ironically, the greatest cause for hope for us comes from Jesus' cry on the cross: "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?" Hearing this cry, we know that Jesus truly experienced the depths of our pain and the emptiness that accompanies us throughout the most difficult times of our lives.

With St. Paul, allowing ourselves to reflect upon this awareness, we can see the truth that "Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped." He came among us and lived our human life to the full.

Jesus is the Son of God. Our faith makes this very clear. And yet, He cried out in anguish. He took on our humanity from start to finish. No aspect of the human experience was foreign to Him. He accepted the most humiliating form of death possible: rejected, considered a criminal, having enemies at every level of human society, public and cruel.

The self-emptying of Christ in our

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Father Timothy Hayes

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humanity made room for His divinity in us. God the Father, through the power of the Holy Spirit, raised Him up, exalted Him, made it possible for human beings to give God glory in His name.

Our faith tells us that what happened in Jesus is precisely what is happening in us. There is a movement, from emptying to fullness, from dying to living forever, from pain and suffering and loss to exaltation. Our prayer must be patterned after the prayer of Jesus. We hear and join in His cry, "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?" But we also acknowledge that in that very cry is an expression of trust and love for His Father.

The Psalm from which this cry of loss comes goes on: Jesus speaks the first words, but in intention includes the whole journey. "But you, O Lord, be not far from me; O my help, hasten to aid me. I will proclaim your name to my brethren; in the midst of the assembly I will praise you: 'You who fear the Lord, praise him; all you descendants of Jacob, give glory to him; revere him, all you descendants of Israel!'"

Jesus accepts the suffering that is inflicted upon Him as a fulfillment of the Songs of the Servant and as His clearest form of teaching us that God is with us. In His acceptance of suffering, we see the truth made manifest:

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THE WEEKDAY BIBLE READINGS

3/29-4/3

MONDAY

Isaiah 42:1-7
 Psalm 27:1-3,13-14
 John 12:1-11

TUESDAY

Isaiah 49:1-6
 Psalm 71:1-4a,
 5-6b,15,17
 John 13:21-33,36-38

WEDNESDAY

Isaiah 50:4-9a
 Psalm 69:8-10,
 21-22,31,33-34.
 Matthew 26:14-25

HOLY THURSDAY

Exodus 12:1-8,11-14
 Psalm 116:12-13,
 15-16c,17-18

1 Corinthians 11:23-26
 John 13:1-15

GOOD FRIDAY

Isaiah 52:13--53:12
 Psalm 31:2, 6,
 12-13,15-17,25
 Hebrews 4:14-16;5:7-9
 John 18:1--19:42

EASTER VIGIL

Old Testament
 Vigil readings -- 3-7 sets
 Romans 6:3-11
 Psalm 118:1-2,
 16-17,22-23
 Mark 16:1-7

4/5-4/10

MONDAY

Acts 2:14,22-23
 Psalm 16:1-2a,5,7-11
 Matthew 28:8-15

TUESDAY

Acts 2:36-41
 Psalm 33:4-5,18-20,22:
 John 20:11-18

WEDNESDAY

Acts 3:1-10
 Psalm 105:1-4,6-9:
 Luke 24:13-35

THURSDAY

Acts 3:11-26
 Psalm 8:2ab,5-9:
 Luke 24:35-48

FRIDAY

Acts 4:1-12
 Psalm 118:1-24,22-27a:
 John 21:1-14

SATURDAY

Acts 4:13-21
 Psalm 118:1,
 14-15ab,16-21:
 Mark 16:9-15

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION

MASS SCHEDULE: WEEKS OF MARCH 28 & APRIL 4, 2021

SUNDAY MASS

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

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.

12:05 p.m. weekdays, 8 a.m. Saturdays, Mass from Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral on St. Gabriel Radio (AM 820), Columbus, and at www.stgabrielradio.com and diocesan website, www.columbuscatholic.org. (Saturdays on radio only).

Videos of Masses are available at any time on the internet at these and many other parish websites: Mattingly Settlement St. Mary (www.stannstmary.org); Columbus St. Patrick (www.stpatrickcolumbus.org); Delaware St. Mary (www.delawarestmary.org); Sunbury St. John Neumann (www.saintjohnsunbury.org); and Columbus Immaculate Conception (www.iccols.org). Check your parish website for additional information.

We pray Week II and the Octave of Easter Seasonal Propers of the Liturgy of the Hours.

Easter Sunday Year B

Acts 10:34a, 37–43
Psalm 118:1–2, 16–17, 22–23
Colossians 3:1–4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b–8
John 20:1–9, Mark 16:1-7 or Luke 24:13–35

How wonderful it is that many parishes can celebrate Easter liturgy this year with churches open! Our hearts go out to all still, or once again, on "lock-down" due to the pandemic. The hope of Easter can sustain all of us with the realization that Jesus Christ has risen

from the dead. He has conquered death and every other limitation that we face as human beings.

Because there are still "locked doors" for some, we can empathize with the disciples of the Lord who were afraid that first Easter morning. The Lord will surely manifest His presence among us no matter what might keep us from gathering together in full celebration.

St. Paul did not come with sublimity of words or of wisdom but with the perspective that everything flows through the Crucified One. "For I resolved to

know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. I came to you in weakness and fear and much trembling, and my message and my proclamation were not with persuasive words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of spirit and power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God."

Our lives are proof of the resurrection of Jesus, if we cooperate with the power He has unleashed in our world. Temptation, sin, suffering and death, even the worldwide reality of the pan-

demic, do not have the last word. Christ crucified and risen is the Word that brings us to life, the Word of wisdom that fills us with the Spirit and feeds and nourishes us in our life of faith.

The sights and sounds that surround those who can be in church are a testimony of this: the beauty of Easter flowers, the Paschal candle and the neophytes, that is, the newest members of the Church, show that the light

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“Truly this man was the Son of God!”

If we are honest with ourselves, we can admit our own place in the unfolding of the Passion. We were not there when they crucified our Lord, and yet, we live for Him or against Him in our choices today. The Church, the Body of Christ experiences the same sufferings as Her Lord. She is rejected and ridiculed. Her teachings are called into question without a hearing. The truth that She speaks is denied or ignored, even by those who claim to stand by Her.

There are many poignant moments in the Passion of Jesus Christ as expressed through all the liturgies of

Holy Week. This is a good time to review all the events of this week for ourselves and to discover what we are called to now.

Take each day and its celebrations as Holy Week unfolds. Where do you stand among the crowds? How do you respond? What does it do to your heart?

We stand at the moment of judgment. We live in a time when a new decision must be made. Will we join the crowd? Or will we choose to love the Lord and His Church more than ourselves?

PROMISE, continued from Page 16

of Christ shines in creation and in the redeemed, all who have responded to His call.

The liturgies of the Easter Triduum and the Solemn Mass of Easter tell us who we are. Men and women, children and families, Catholics and non-Catholics gather for Mass throughout the world – in most years, in great numbers – drawn by the beauty of the celebration and by a mysterious call that invites them to be with others who share faith in Jesus. We are together, expecting great things, from God and from those who respond to His call.

We have journeyed together through a long and difficult Lent. We now stand at the moment of a new birth in Christ, by water and the Spirit, as we renew together the vows of our baptism. God has brought us to this time. He will sustain us in the days ahead. And, according to His promise, for every heart that opens to Him and responds to His call, there is a kingdom of light and peace and glory that will be ours forever.

The proclamation of the Easter message – by the pope in many languages

and by our Easter Mass in every language throughout the planet – testifies to its universality. The message goes out to the world.

In the Gospel, Peter and John arrive at the empty tomb, responding to Mary Magdalene's news that the body of Jesus is no longer there. They do not yet understand the mystery unfolding before them. In the Acts of the Apostles, the same Peter proclaims the full truth of salvation history and calls for a response from those who hear the message. Paul invites the Colossians to seek what is above, that is, to acknowledge the transforming power of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The risen Lord offers the same invitation to us. We are to be servants in the image of our master. We are to take our unique place in the unfolding of the mystery of salvation.

“This is the Day that the Lord has made, let us be glad and rejoice in it!”

May we be docile to the Spirit Who raised Jesus from the dead, and may we live with Him forever! Jesus Christ is risen!

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In the marriage case styled TODD ANDREW KNERR and ALISSA ANN CHAFIN-BROWN, the Tribunal of the Diocese of Columbus, Ohio is currently unaware of the present address of ALISSA ANN CHAFIN. The Tribunal herewith informs her of the case and invites her to contact REVEREND MONSIGNOR JOHN JOHNSON, JCD, Presiding and sole Judge, no later than – 19 APRIL 2021, or call phone 241-2500 Extension 3. Anyone who knows of the whereabouts of ALISSA ANN CHAFIN-BROWN is herewith asked to make this Citation known to her or to inform the Tribunal of her current address.

Given this 17 March 2021;

REVEREND MONSIGNOR JOHN JOHNSON, JCD
Presiding Judge

Sue Ulmer
Notary

PRAYER TO THE VIRGIN

Oh, most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of heaven, blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in necessity. Oh, star of the sea, help me and show me herein, you are my Heaven and Earth. I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to secure me in this necessity. There are none who can withstand your powers. Oh, show me herein you are my Mother. Oh, Mary conceived without sin, pray for us, who have recourse to thee. (Repeat three times) Oh, Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hand. (Repeat three times) Holy Spirit, you who solve all problems, light all roads that I can obtain my goals. You gave me the divine gift to forgive and forget all evil against me, and in all instances in my life, you are with me. I want in this short prayer to thank you for all things as you confirm once again that I never want to be separated from you in eternal glory. Thank you for your mercy toward me and mine. The person must say this prayer three consecutive days, after three days, the request will be granted. PS



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The standard-bearer of God's armies, pray for us,
Guardian of the Catholic faith, pray for us,
Champion of God's people, pray for us,
Defender of the Church, pray for us,

“O glorious Archangel Saint Michael, Prince of the heavenly host, be our defense in the terrible warfare which we carry on against principalities and powers, against the rulers of this world of darkness, spirits of evil. Come to the aid of man...”

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BETTENDORF, Frank, 83, March 12
St. Agatha Church, Columbus

BIEGA, Joe T., 56, March 3
St. Matthew Church, Gahanna

COMPSTON, Dale L., 72, Feb 17
St. Rose Church, New Lexington

CONRAD, Brady A., 29, March 9
St. Rose Church, New Lexington

CRABTREE, Patria (Gimenez), 88, March 8
St. Matthew Church, Gahanna

CROMLEY, Barbara J., 73, March 11
St. Matthew Church, Gahanna

DeMATTEO, Ralph P., 95, March 7
St. Margaret of Cortona Church, Columbus

DUNNINGTON, David A., 76, March 18
St. Mary Church, Lancaster

FEYKO, John R., 90, March 6
St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, Pickerington

FINAN, Barbara, 81, March 17
St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Zanesville

HAITHCOCK, Christine M. (Painter), 68, March 10
St. Colman of Cloyne Church, Washington Court House

HANLON (DIXON), Jane T. (Hruby), 82, March 11
St. Peter Church, Columbus

HANSON, Jake R., 23, March 14
St. John XXIII Church, Canal Winchester

HARTLINE, Patricia A. (O'Donahue), 63, March 2
St. Francis de Sales Church, Newcomerstown

HUTH, Joseph, 86, March 7
St. Joseph Church, Dover

JACOBS, Anne T. (Muller), 91, March 4
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

JAHN, John, 81, March 13
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Grove City

JAROS, Margaret "Peggy," 90, March 12
St. Michael Church, Worthington

KELLEY, Barbara A. (Suttles), 88, March 1
St. Anthony Church, Columbus

KLUNK, Carolyn B. (Bringardner), 81, March 3
St. Catharine Church, Columbus

KRIEG, John A., 68, Dec. 22
St. Elizabeth Church, Columbus

LADAGA, Dominga S., 86, March 17
St. Mary, Mother of God Church, Columbus

McGROTHERS, Charles "Pete," 77, March 4
St. Michael Church, Worthington

McNEILL, Joseph L., 63, March 17
St. Joseph Church, Plain City

MOORE, Carl L., 90, March 15
St. Mary Church, Delaware

ODDI, James E., 71, March 19
St. Mary Magdalene Church, Columbus

O'RYAN, Leona, 73, March 14
St. Cecilia Church, Columbus

PANICO, Joseph A. Jr., 95, Feb. 24
St. Joan of Arc Church, Powell

PAPROCKI, Raymond E., 90, March 8
St. Matthias Church, Columbus

PEDROTTY, Robert W., 94, March 9
Immaculate Conception Church, Dennison

SCHNEIDER, David A., 72, March 3
St. James the Less Church, Columbus

SERGIO, MaryAnn, 86, March 5
St. Timothy Church, Columbus

STEMBER, Lawrence H. Jr., 90, March 8
St. Paul Church, Westerville

STEMBER, Timothy D., 64, Dec. 13
St. Paul Church, Westerville

TREJO, Mary L. (Brinkman), 84, March 11
St. Thomas More Newman Center, Columbus

TRENEFF, Louis, 94, March 3
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Grove City

WHALEN, E. Ruth (Corbett), 89, March 9
St. Joan of Arc Church, Powell

WILCOX, Dennis J., 78, March 15
Immaculate Conception Church, Columbus

Bernardine Fox

Funeral Mass for Bernardine Fox, 94, who died Wednesday, March 10, was celebrated on Tuesday, March 16 at Gahanna St. Matthew Church. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus.

She was born in Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania to the late Alexander and Catherine (Butcher) Petroski, grew up in Scranton, Pennsylvania and moved to Columbus when she was 21 years old.

She was the secretary at Columbus St. Philip School for 24 years and was involved with St. Matthew Church's charitable works ministry, knitting and

crocheting ministry and library. She also was a "Friend Across Time" buddy for the parish and volunteered at Mount Carmel East Hospital for more than 3,000 hours.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas; brothers, Alexander and Carl; sisters, Dolores Petroski and Perpetua Poveromo; and two granddaughters. Survivors include a son, Dennis (Debra); daughters, Dolores (John) Igel and Eileen Quinn; two grandsons; five granddaughters; and a great-grandson.

Sister Martina Keitz, OSF

Funeral Mass for Sister Martina Keitz, OSF, 91, who died Wednesday, March 17, was celebrated Friday, March 19 at the chapel of the Sisters of St. Francis of Penance and Christian Charity in Stella Niagara, New York. Burial was in the sisters' cemetery.

She was born Elizabeth Keitz on March 20, 1929 in Buffalo, New York to Peter and Anna (Follett) Keitz.

She received a Bachelor of Science degree in 1965 from Rosary Hill College (now Daemen College) in Amherst, New York.

She entered the Stella Niagara Franciscan order on Sept. 5, 1948 and made her first profession of vows on Aug. 17,

1951 and her final profession on Aug. 18, 1954.

In the Diocese of Columbus, she taught at Columbus Holy Rosary (1956-1957), Lancaster St. Bernadette (1973-1981) and New Lexington St. Rose (1984-1987) schools.

She also taught in the Diocese of Steubenville, in New York, New Jersey, West Virginia and South Carolina and at her congregation's St. Francis International School in Rome. She retired at Stella Niagara in 2008 and had resided at the Stella Niagara Health center since 2010.

She was preceded in death by her parents and 11 siblings and is survived by nieces and nephews.

Sister M. Paulette Paille, OP

Funeral Mass and burial for Sister M. Paulette Paille, OP, who died Thursday, Feb. 25 at the Mohun Health Care Center in Columbus, will take place privately.

She was born Lelia Odette Paille in New Orleans in 1943 to Andre and Lucille (Arceneaux) Paille entered the congregation of the Dominican Sisters of St. Mary's New Orleans (now the Dominican Sisters of Peace) in 1962.

She earned a Bachelor's degree in elementary education from St. Mary's Dominican College in New Orleans and a Master's degree as a reading specialist

from the University of Southern Mississippi.

She taught in schools in Louisiana and Mississippi, served as a secretary at St. Mary's Dominican and the Magnificat Ministry to Catholic Women, and was assistant director and director at the Rosaryville Spirit Life Center in Ponchatoula, Louisiana.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Andre; and sister, Mary Margaret Wallace. Survivors include a brother, Robert; and sisters, Suzanne Arnold and Arlene Carlton.

Sister Susan Youst, SNDdeN

Funeral Mass for Sister Susan Youst, SNDdeN, 79, who died Tuesday, March 9 at the Mount Notre Dame Health Center in Cincinnati, will be celebrated at a date to be determined.

She was born on Sept. 22, 1941 in Mount Vernon to Roy and Bertha (Paques) Youst.

She was a 1962 graduate of the Mount Carmel Hospital School of Nursing in Columbus and received an Associate's degree in nursing from Gateway Community College in Florence, Kentucky,

in 1996.

She was a nurse at Mount Carmel Hospital in Columbus in 1977 and 1978 and spent most of her service as a sister in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati as a nurse, assistant to director of the Power Inspires Progress job training center, in community service, and in a ministry of prayer at Mount Notre Dame.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, David, and is survived by one brother, Roy (Terry), and a niece and nephews.

Deacon Christopher Reis' funeral homily for Father Justin Reis

"You know, the death of a close friend or a family member reminds us how precious life is. The psalmist says 'Precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of His faithful ones.' Death reminds us all how fleeting and how temporary our life is. Jesus knew this deep emotional turmoil when He heard the bad news about Lazarus. He wept for His friend.

"Jesus wept because He was fully human, because Lazarus' absence really affected Him. It seems that the Lord purposefully delayed going to Bethany to raise Lazarus. It's almost as if He wants to show us His power – a power that can help us survive disturbing, earth-shaking events like the death of a close friend or a family member. Jesus wants us to be clear about our belief in Him. Believing in Jesus gives real life, everlasting life, abundant life right here and right now.

"The particular passage that Justin chose is from this Fifth Sunday of Lent. We read it last year. It's in the 'A' cycle. We're at the 'B' cycle now, but Justin picked this one little piece of conversation the Lord had with Mary, with Martha of Bethany. Martha confronts Jesus – 'Where were You?' I've heard this many times in my life from close friends when I've let them down – 'Hey buddy, where were you? You were supposed to. ...' (I think we've all been there.) 'Come on!'

"Here, Martha makes a confession of faith – 'I know he will rise on the resurrection of the last day.' She knows whatever you ask of God, He will give you. Your brother will rise. Jesus is the Lord of death and life. 'I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me, even if he dies, will live. Everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die.' What a promise!. We're banking on this, Lord.

"Do you believe this?" as He rhetorically says. 'Yes Lord, yes Lord, I have come to believe that You are the Messiah, the Son of God, the One Who is coming into the world.' It keeps on echoing. 'Yes Lord, yes Lord.' It's a simple statement of faith. Perhaps Martha was questioning Jesus' commitment to the family. Without seeing her body language, it's impossible to know, but she accepts and receives this reassurance.

"Now today, we are the ones who are being raised up at this Mass. Jesus calls us each by name – 'Phil, Chris' – He calls us. At your ordination (as deacons and priests), you were called by name – 'Present, Bishop, present.' At your baptism, you were called by name. A name is identity. Lazarus, beloved friend of Jesus, represents us all because we are the beloved friends of Lazarus.

"At this Eucharist, He calls us out

of the depths of our isolation and our spiritual darkness. At baptism, at confirmation and ordination, we were called and challenged to embrace that joy, the challenge of being a friend and clinging to the promise of life. God had a plan for our lives when He spoke our name, when He called us out of nothingness into being.

"At conception, He gave us a destiny and we were set free. At baptism, the Sacrament of Baptism, the celebrant says to the parents, 'What name do you give your child?' A name is identity. It means vocation. Justin – Justin, he turned that into a phrase – the just one.

"We who follow Christ are in the business of calling people out of their graves, out of their spiritual death, out of their spiritual paralysis, out of their lack of freedom. The Church is a circle of friends who set Lazarus free. In the light of the Gospel, it's important to look at – examine Justin's presence and priesthood. They show an important context for guidance for our own spiritual journey.

"Like Martha, Justin was patient. He waited on the Lord. He listened for the Lord. He was present to people. If anything, I've heard in these last days of testimonies from people how available he was – Morning and Evening Prayer, contemplating Scripture and Lectio.

"Justin was a seeker. He sought the Lord, Our children grew up witnessing and learning prayer was normal. Waiting and listening for God was good – giving and receiving blessing, speaking blessing into people's lives.

"He would sometimes say to my wife, Lisa, 'I don't know what's going to happen to Chris. I think he's just going to be taken up to heaven.' He said 'Zeal for the house of the Lord consumes you, little brother.'

"He was a lot of fun and I know that you guys all enjoyed his presence at gatherings in the fraternity (of priests and deacons), but he was gentle, quiet. He was at the top of his class at St. Charles. He probably tutored a lot of you guys in Latin. I don't think you'd have been priests if he hadn't worked with you.

"Patience is a virtue of prayer. My brother was deeply good at prayer, and I hung around him because I wanted to get that relationship, too. He passionately worked for the needs of the poor. He got it, Bishop. He understood it.

"Like Martha, he understood the promise – 'And behold' – the promise of the Father from Luke – 'You will receive power from on high.' From Acts – 'Wait for the promise of the Father. He will baptize you in the Holy Spirit.' Martha accepted Jesus' promise – 'Yes Lord, yes Lord, I believe.'

"Passion – Justin was incredibly imbued with a passion for learning. He

was constantly reading. He was constantly studying. He was constantly asking questions. It drove us a little crazy. Even when Lisa would be cooking the Thursday night dinners, he would say 'Now what is that spice, and where did you get that?' It was constant. But he was about you. He wanted to find out about you.

"He was passionate for love for the poor, the marginalized. He knew that things were not right. In his days in seminary, he witnessed violence in Cincinnati and the unrest in the city. He took time to go into the city and listen to those voices of those involved. He asked questions and reflected on them. He later in his life, throughout his priesthood, went on mission trips to Central and South America seeking to walk and serve and understand the voices of the poor calling out.

"This parish, St. Peter, at Justin's urging and efforts developed a beautiful Hispanic ministry that is just thriving here now. He took doctors to Central America to help with parishes. He formed sister relationships with parishes in Central America.

"JR – Justin, my brother JR – he was always interested in sharing faith in other cultures and other peoples. His most fascinating experience he shared with me was being the chaplain at Ohio Reformatory for Women. He was passionate about renewal and connect-

ing with those prisoners with growth and encounter that led to many retreat movements there. Justin was a man of action.

"Brothers, I give to you patience, passion, prayer, promise and priesthood. Oh, I am so much in awe of his priesthood! We all were. We can believe it – the penitents, the people, the stories, the healings. The freedom gained, the lives changed. Brothers, thank you for the gift of your priesthood. Thank you, Bishop. You just don't know the ripple effects of acting in persona Christi.

"I refer to Baptism. We pray the Luminous Mysteries. At the Baptism of the Lord, the commissioning – and I believe Justin got commissioned – 'You are my beloved Son, in Whom I am well-pleased.' I hope all of us can hear that. Just like Martha, we can say 'Yes Lord, yes Lord. You've called me out of my grave, out of my spiritual death.'

"You know, Justin got it. Martha got it. Bishop, you got it. Most importantly – Jesus, He gets us. 'I am the Resurrection and the Life.'"

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DeSales' Des Watson (left) battles Akron St. Vincent-St. Mary's Malaki Branham during the Division II state final at the University of Dayton. Photos courtesy John Hulkenberg

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St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church in Westerville, OH is a Catholic parish of 4,000 households committed to the New Evangelization from the Heart of the Church. We are enthusiastically Catholic and strive to be a parish that joyfully embraces dynamic orthodoxy. Our parish mission statement is "Inspired by Saint Paul, Centered on Christ, Called to Holiness" and we are committed to living this mission through the singular purpose of forming missionary disciples of Jesus Christ. To this end, we are establishing the Director of Evangelization position.

The Director of Evangelization will provide leadership and supervision to all evangelizing and catechetical activities within the life of the parish. The Director of Evangelization will lead and oversee the Evangelization Office staff and volunteers. Major areas of programming include all Children, Youth, Young Professional, Marriage Ministry, Family Ministry, Adult Faith Formation, and all Outreach Ministries. This includes Sacramental Preparation, Parish School of Religion, Middle School and High School Youth Ministry, Young Adult Ministry, R.C.I.A., Parish Athletic Association, and Adult Faith Formation.

The Director of Evangelization will work closely with the pastor in overseeing the liturgy as the principal place of encounter with parishioners. The Director of Evangelization will work collaboratively with the principal of Saint Paul School in order that the school's mission and the parish mission remain aligned and integrated. The Director will report directly to the Pastor and will serve in conjunction with the Director of Parish Administration and the School Principal as a member of the Pastor's Leadership Team.

Position qualifications: Education: Master's degree in Catholic Theology or equivalent is required. Knowledge and understanding of the Catholic Church and its mission is also required, particularly regarding the Parish and the vital role it plays in a Christian's personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Experience: Practicing Catholic in good standing with minimum of 10 years parish and/or diocesan ministry is strongly preferred. Individual should be able to demonstrate familiarity with the various aspects of ministry including liturgy, catechesis and faith formation, youth ministry, charity, parish outreach activities and the day to day operations of the parish business office. Above all, the desired candidate must manifest a missionary disciple identity, be able to share their own testimony of Christ, proclaim the kerygma, and form other disciples.

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Interested parties: Please submit cover letter, resume, and references to: Evangelization@stpacc.org. We are receiving applications through Friday - April 16, 2021. We anticipate a start date in June 2021.

DeSales boys basketball team makes run to state title game

By Doug Bean
Catholic Times Editor

Columbus St. Francis DeSales found itself on the cusp of reaching the boys state basketball tournament last season before the COVID-19 pandemic stopped the Stallions – and every other team in Ohio – in their tracks.

A year later, DeSales players and coaches navigated through a challenging season that started three weeks later than originally scheduled because of continuing coronavirus concerns to reach the destination that eluded them a year ago.

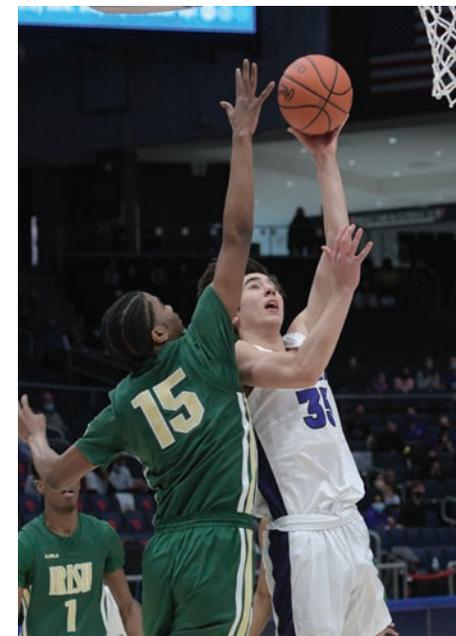
The Stallions (19-8) won district and regional titles to advance to the final four in Division II of the Ohio High School Athletic Association championships, where they defeated Dayton Chaminade-Julienne 51-34 in a semifinal on Saturday, March 20 before falling 72-50 to juggernaut Akron St. Vincent-St. Mary in the final on Sunday, March 21 at the University of Dayton Arena.

DeSales has now finished as the state runner-up in two sports during the current school year. In November, the school's football team also made a run to the championship game before losing 31-28 to Chardon in Division III.

The trip to the basketball final four last week was the fifth in school history but the first since 2009. The Stallions' only state title in the sport came in 1987. Last year's team reached the regionals and was considered a favorite to move on to the final four before the tournament was cancelled when COVID-19 lockdowns began.

With all but two graduated senior contributors back for the Stallions this year, coach Pat Murphy anticipated another deep run in the postseason and packed the regular-season schedule with formidable opponents to prepare. DeSales suffered seven losses, including one to Division I finalist Westerville Central, and during one stretch played 14 games in 30 days, but when tournament time came, the players were ready.

"We think it's a direct reflection of the toughness of our schedule we faced," Murphy said. "We had some adversity this year. We had guys who weren't with us (because of injuries), and we lost three games in our league on all last-second possessions. The games could have gone either way, and so, because of that, this group was confident but not arrogant at all because



DeSales' Cruz Sanchez (35) shoots over St. Vincent-St. Mary's Dalen Burney (15) in the Division II final.

we've been humbled."

In a matchup of two unranked teams in the state semifinal, the Stallions and senior standout Desmond Watson seized control early and never let up against Chaminade-Julienne. Watson, a Davidson College signee and a candidate for Ohio's Mr. Basketball, scored 11 points in the first quarter and finished with 20.

After leading by six at halftime, DeSales pulled away with a 12-0 spurt in the third quarter, and its defense cranked up its pressure, holding the Eagles scoreless for seven minutes and to a season-low point total.

DeSales senior Obed Achirem complemented Watson with 10 points and 12 rebounds.

"We are extremely proud of the effort our young men put forth this weekend," Murphy said. "We soundly beat a very good C-J team with a phenomenal team performance."

In the final against St. Vincent-St. Mary, DeSales looked to be on the verge of pulling a monumental upset in the first half after opening a 13-point lead. But the top-ranked Irish (25-2) closed the opening half with an 11-2 run to pull within five and then, led by Ohio State signee and Columbus native Malaki Branham, overwhelmed the Stallions in the second half to claim the program's ninth state title.

Hartley wrestler finishes as runner-up at state tournament

By Doug Bean
Catholic Times Editor

Denied the chance to compete at the state wrestling tournament in March 2020 after the COVID-19 pandemic led to its last-minute cancellation, Dylan Newsome made the most of his opportunity this year.

The Columbus Bishop Hartley sophomore not only qualified for the Ohio High School Athletic Association championships for the second straight season, but he also reached the final in the 170-pound weight class in Division II before losing to Tiffin Columbian junior Brody Conley 7-4 on Saturday, March 13, at Marengo Highland High School.

With Ohio State University's Schottenstein Center, the tournament's regular venue, unavailable this year, state meets in Divisions I, II and III were contested at central Ohio high schools.

"It made me hungry because I wasn't able to compete last year in the state tournament," Newsome said. "Unfortunately, after (Saturday's championship) match, I was a little devastated that I didn't get the state title because that's the main goal. But as the day went on, and I reflected on it, I know I'll have something to work for the next few years."

The loss was the only blemish on Newsome's season record. He finished 46-1 for a winning percentage of 97.8, the best in school history, and now has a career record of 76-8. He had gone 30-7 as a freshman last season and qualified for the state tournament at 160 pounds before the meet was called off just days before the opening round. "The season went very good for me,"



Bishop Hartley's Dylan Newsome (bottom) wrestles Tiffin Columbian's Brody Conley in the Division II state championship match at 170 pounds. Photo courtesy Bishop Hartley

Newsome said. "I came into the tournament undefeated so that was good. I had a few close matches before the finals, and that set me up and put me in the right mental state, knowing what I need to do for the finals in order to win."

"I didn't wrestle my best match, but, like I said before, (Conley) had never been taken down this year or trailed going into the third (period)."

In the championship match, Newsome took a 4-3 lead into the third and final period against his nationally ranked opponent, but he allowed an escape early in the period, and then Conley scored a takedown in the final minute for a decision that capped his 48-0 season.

"That was a good match," Newsome said. "Usually before matches I'm a little nervous, but I wasn't nervous at all. You really don't have anything to lose."

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"We came out together and executed our game plan in the first half," Murphy said. "We authentically believed in each other, and it showed. In the end, we lost to a better team."

Branham led all scorers with 37 points. Watson, who plays AAU basketball with Branham, paced DeSales with 23 points, giving him a school-record 1,722 for his career.

Watson entered the final four averaging 24.8 points, 6.1 rebounds and 3.8 assists per game.

"I would say what he's done this year compared to his junior year was he's been more of a complete player," Murphy said of Watson. "We really challenged him to guard night in and night out the best perimeter player on

the other team, and he accepted and embraced that challenge.

"He's just become such a great leader, and he's the hardest worker on our team. When your most talented player is your hardest worker, you usually have pretty good results. And, statistically, he was just phenomenal."

Murphy also paid tribute to the seniors on the roster.

"Our four seniors, Obed Achirem, Noah Garrick, Austin Mann and Desmond Watson, showed tremendous leadership this year and led us to a historic tournament run that we will always cherish," Murphy said.

The 5-foot-6 Mann scored 10 points in the title game, and Achirem grabbed 11 rebounds.

Newsome won sectional and district titles before advancing to the state meet, where he claimed wins over Salem's Caiden Hart (9-2), East Liverpool's Howard Williams (4-3) and Harvey's Jayden Jackson (injury default) to reach the title match.

"What a great, great kid, a hard worker," Hartley coach Kevin Petrella said. "You can't ask as a coach for a better kid to be involved with or a better team."

"Probably the district tournament last year is where he really started to blossom. Even from last year to this year you could see growth. I think part of it is confidence, and the other part is creating good habits."

"One of the things he's doing extremely well that a lot of high school athletes have a difficult time grasping is being able to dictate the pace of the match."

Newsome, also an All-Central District special-mention linebacker last fall for the Hawks' football team, set season team records for near falls with 76 and for technical falls – in which a match ends with a wrestler leading by 15 or more points – with 17. He plans to compete in national tournaments this spring.

His teammate, freshman Cooper Rathburn, took seventh place at 113 pounds with a 2-1 decision over Millersburg West Holmes sophomore Mason Taylor in the consolation round.

Hartley tied for 22nd with 25 points in the state team standings with Minerva, capping a year that started with uncertainty because of COVID but, unlike last March, ended with a completed season.

Petrella feared during this season that the postseason meets would be cancelled for a second straight year and said that would have been "really heartbreaking."

"Last year not being able to go (to state), and then this year being able to go through the season, I'm sure that was a little bit of a motivating factor as far as the kids working to try to get to that point again," Petrella said. "We were just grateful for the opportunity to compete. ... I thought the kids did a great job of doing what they were asked to do."

Columbus St. Francis DeSales finished with 18 team points and in a tie for 29th with Granville in Division II.

Stallions freshman Max Shulaw claimed fourth place at 195 pounds. He went 2-2 in the state tournament, losing by a fall to Indian Creek's Austin Starr in the third-place match, to complete his first varsity season with a 27-4 record.



DeSales' Obed Achirem puts up a shot in the Division II state championship game. Photos courtesy John Hulkenberg



DeSales' Austin Mann finds traffic in the lane against St. Vincent-St. Mary's Ramar Pryor (20) and Kevin Hamilton (2).

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whom we are mystically united and in order to form His church.”

How are the liturgy and the rites of Holy Week an encounter with Christ? The liturgy is not an anniversary celebrating a historical event from 2,000 years ago. In the contemporary understanding of holidays and festivals, we commemorate or remember events that occurred long ago but should be remembered.

Rather, the liturgy is a memorial in which the events or mysteries of Christ's life are made present. Even more beautifully, the participants in the liturgy are mysteriously made present to the actual events of Christ's life. At every liturgy, we stand present at the pinnacle and summation of Christ's life – the saving mysteries of His passion, death and resurrection. We with Mary and John stand before Christ on the cross of Calvary. We meet Him at the tomb with Mary Magdalene and the other witnesses.

All of these rites, which we enter into during Holy Week, are not reenactments but the events made present so that each of us, contemporary disciples, can meet and re-encounter Jesus Christ as did the original disciples.

Crucial to the New Evangelization of

the Diocese of Columbus, launched by the Real Presence, Real Future initiative, is a growth in the appreciation for the sacred liturgy. Crucial to the formation in and living of missionary discipleship is a spirituality deeply rooted in the liturgy. All Catholics, regardless of their particular vocation, struggle with being attentive at Mass, especially at some of the lengthier rites that characterize Holy Week. A renewed approach to the liturgy is to recognize it as an encounter with Jesus Christ.

The Second Vatican Council called for “full, conscious, and actual (the Latin is *actuosa*) participation” in the liturgy (Sacrosanctum Concilium, 14). That approach requires first an awareness that we are present at the very events of Christ's life. Second, we approach the liturgy with attentiveness to how Christ breaks into each of our lives through the sacred liturgy and with an eagerness to find Him in those rites that seem very familiar.

Entering Holy Week, we eagerly anticipate the many encounters and re-encounters with Jesus Christ through the liturgy in these special days.

Father Adam Streitenberger is the diocesan coordinator for evangelization.



Happy Easter from ODU

He is not here, for he has risen, as he said he would.
– Matthew 28:6

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Blessed Sacrament opens preschool with help from Foundation grant

Newark Blessed Sacrament School is a Christ-centered community whose mission is to educate the whole child – body, mind and soul – to form life-long disciples of Christ who love the truth, practice the faith and live virtuous lives.

In the 2020 Responsive Grants cycle, The Catholic Foundation gave Blessed Sacrament a \$7,800 grant to help fund the opening of a preschool for the 2020-21 academic year. The preschool is a classroom of 3- to 5-year-olds with a play-based curriculum and faith-based approach accommodating 24 students.

Principal Joshua Caton said, “The grant allowed us to offset some of the startup costs such as tables, chairs, sensory needs, toys, dramatic play toys, etc. It's a large and great space that we can really grow into.

“We didn't have those things, and it would have been a challenge to furnish those items without the help of the Foundation. It's a dream come true to have a preschool here, and we are thrilled to see what the future has in store for us.”

Caton said a recent trend of small kindergarten classes at Blessed Sacrament has left total school enrollment below 150 students for the first time in several years.

“We have also observed several instances where our own parish families or alumni, forced to enroll their children in other preschools without a program here, have not returned to Blessed Sacrament for K-8 education,” he said.

“By introducing new families to our school and parish community through preschool, and by offering preschool services to both our parishioners and existing school families, we hope to increase kindergarten class sizes, student retention rates and our overall enrollment.”



One of the students in the new preschool at Newark Blessed Sacrament enjoys an activity.

Photos courtesy The Catholic Foundation

During the past school year, 75 percent of families who visited the school ultimately chose to enroll at Blessed Sacrament, including three families of kindergarten students. School staff members think that by inviting new families to experience their joyful, faith-filled community through preschool, these families will have a positive effect on enrollment. A preschool can also be the means to invite new families into the Catholic Church.

“We are very happy to be able to play a small part in helping Blessed Sacrament School start up their preschool program,” said Dan Kurth, vice president of grants and community impact at the Foundation. “Watching little ones learn the Catholic faith through our schools is one of the greatest sources of joy I have at The Catholic Foundation.”

“Principal Caton's vision of beginning a preschool program is exactly what we need in our diocese at this time in our history. We are very excited to see how Blessed Sacrament passes on the flame of our faith to future generations.”

To support Blessed Sacrament, or your parish's Catholic school, through The Catholic Foundation, contact Scott Hartman at (614) 443-8893 or shartman@catholic-foundation.org.



Newark Blessed Sacrament School principal Joshua Caton

Seeing God's face on the off-ramp

By Cecile Smith

I struggle with what to do when I come upon someone with a cardboard sign at the end of the highway off-ramp. I hope that the light will be green so I can pretend I don't see the person or just give a quick smile and nod, without having to consider what to do. Give money? Speak?

There is much conflicting advice. So, I try to imagine what Jesus would do, but I cannot be Him. I cannot open the car door and say, "Come. Follow me." I know that as a Christian I should see God's face in theirs, but I don't know how.

Finally, I came to a decision. I will do something.

One sunny morning coming up the

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ramp, there he was. Cardboard sign, ruddy skin from much exposure to the elements ... and a face mask. I wasn't prepared for that.

This was it! I had promised myself that I would look at his face, smile and speak. The light was red, of course, giving me time. Because of his mask, I could see only his eyes, and, to my surprise, they were pleasant, smiling eyes.

As I said "Hello," they brightened, and he returned my greeting. Our eyes locked for those few seconds because they were all I could see.

The light soon changed, but in that

brief encounter, I recognized a human being – maybe even Jesus. As I drove away, the thought of his eyes stayed with me – they were beautiful, sparkling and full of vitality.

After that it seemed as though every off-ramp I travelled provided me with another opportunity to talk to Jesus. Each representative had a unique personality; one asked what time it was; one ignored me, and I tried to imagine the pain he must have been harboring; one mother was with a young child who played happily at her side.

Our city is full of these lost souls who sometimes just want a smile or a "hello" – to know that somebody sees them, that they are a member of humanity.

We will indeed see the face of God

at the end of our time, but we need not wait until then, for He is in the face of the poor, the homeless, our neighbors, our family, our loved ones.

Take advantage of this moment in history when many people we pass are wearing masks, to look into their eyes, the "windows to their souls."

"May God be gracious to us and bless us; may God's face shine upon us." (Psalm 67:1)

This Lenten season, instead of waiting for some future event or situation, consider cultivating the virtue of preparation so you will be ready for spring.

Cecile Smith, a parishioner at Columbus Holy Cross Church, writes from her garden and is always in pursuit of God's presence here on earth.

Experiencing mom's suffering

By Dana Giddens

Is it possible that Jesus is with us on earth? I would argue that Our Lord is always among those who are suffering because the journey to the foot of the cross is revealed to us through suffering.

Even more beautiful is that we are given the freedom to participate in the consolation of those who are suffering, as did John and Mary Magdalene when they stood at the foot of the cross with the Blessed Mother of God. Anyone, at any time, may sit at the foot of the cross and be in the presence of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

One day, while listening to St. Gabriel Radio, I heard a priest say, "Jesus is always with those who are suffering. He understands suffering." A thought occurred to me: Who better understands suffering than Our Lord?

Being of melancholic temperament and longing to be drawn into the lives of people who are sad, I had an epiphany a few days later while visiting my delicate mother, who is anguished with aphasia and dementia.

I watched her with great love as she sat on the edge of her sofa and looked for something in her purse. Her eyes were filled with the wonder as she opened and closed her wallet several times, unaware that I was watching her.

Her tiny feet were positioned like a little girl sitting on a swing. Tears filled my eyes as she seemed so vulnerable and fragile. Yet her whole being transcended the reality of what she was doing because she was not alone.

This once stunning woman was carrying her cross. Without full knowl-

edge of the truth, the stroke she suffered many years ago, coupled with the natural aging process, had transformed her from a cynical adult to a little girl learning how to speak and reason. It was apparent that the abstract innocence of a child that pulls so tenderly on my heartstrings was enveloped entirely around a woman I never really understood until now.

My eyes absorbed this moment, and I was drawn to the foot of the cross. Suddenly, the parables from the Gospel came to life and sitting with my mother was Jesus. This was my moment to sit at the foot of the cross and quietly observe what Pope St. John Paul II described as "the certainty that God saves man ... through His cross." As I contemplated how He does this, there was a distinct sensation of His presence and the gift of these long seconds.

Sadness enslaved me because she is mentally distant now. Anxiety shackled me because she is alone and afraid without her husband. Sorrow pierced my heart knowing she is mocked and humiliated by bystanders as she attempts to navigate the simple task of grocery shopping. Curiously, the chains that bind me to the conditions bestowed upon her by God, to sanctify her soul as He prepares to bring her home, reveal the truth.

The choice to avoid the suffering of another human being because it is uncomfortable has become a way of life. But, if we choose to sit at the foot of the cross, abandoning all the things we feel are more important and preclude us from accepting the truth, Jesus will be with us.

Dana Giddens is a parishioner at Columbus Holy Family Church.



Diocese of Columbus Child Protection Plan

It is the goal of the Diocese of Columbus to make the Church a place of safety: a place of prayer, ministry and comfort. Everyone who enters our churches, schools, or facilities must be confident in this. Not one child or young person should suffer from abuse while at Church. In order to assure the safety of our youth, the Diocese of Columbus has enacted a complete program of protection. As part of this program, the Diocese of Columbus will provide appropriate, just, and pastoral care for anyone who has suffered the crime of sexual abuse of a minor at the hands of diocesan clergy or church employees or volunteers. The Diocese of Columbus will report any and all allegations of abuse reported to it to the authorities and will cooperate fully with those authorities.

Help is available: The Diocese of Columbus wants to hear from anyone who has suffered. If you wish to report an allegation of abuse or need pastoral and/or clinical care in order to begin or continue the process of healing from sexual abuse as a child at the hands of a member of the clergy or a church employee or volunteer, simply call the diocesan Victims' Assistance Coordinator. You can find contact information at the bottom of this notice. If you wish to receive a copy of the diocesan complaint form or any of the diocesan policies and procedures, simply call the number below or visit the diocesan web site at www.columbuscatholic.org.

To contact the diocesan Victim's Assistance Coordinator, call:
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father, and you want to be like him... You entrust yourself entirely into his paternal care so that he can help you acquire his virtues and become holy.

“Total consecration to St. Joseph means you make a formal act of filial entrustment to your spiritual father so that he can take care of your spiritual well-being and lead you to God. The person who consecrates himself to St. Joseph wants to be as close to their spiritual father as possible, to the point of resembling him in virtue and holiness.”

The seminarians’ 33-day preparation was led by Father Brett Brannen, director of spiritual formation at the Josephinum. “This experience revealed itself to be extremely powerful for the seminarians,” he said. “The purpose was to help them reflect upon this great saint in a concentrated way, leading to their consecration of themselves and our seminary to St. Joseph.”

Seminarian Eric Ruiz (Diocese of Oakland, California) said he learned much about St. Joseph while preparing for the consecration. “It helped me spiritually by finding a new form of father figure, which through him has shown me what a true man should be,” he said.

Seminarian Peter Scheck (Diocese of Gallup, New Mexico and Arizona) said he is drawn closer to Jesus in the Eucharist through his devotion to St. Joseph. “Most English translations of the Bi-



The Pontifical College Josephinum’s observance of the Solemnity of St. Joseph during the Year of St. Joseph included Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in St. Turibius Chapel.
CT photo by Ken Snow

ble translate the angel’s second message to Joseph something like this: ‘Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you’ (Matthew. 2:13),” he said.

“But in the Greek, what the angel says is *isthi ekei*, which means ‘be there.’ Joseph’s role, his

identity, is to be there – to be with, and present to, Jesus and His mother. Devotion to Joseph is important because he reminds me that I was literally created to be with Jesus, to be present to Jesus Present. Devotion to Joseph always points to devotion to Jesus Present in the Eucharist.”

Events on the evening of March 19 began with Exposition and Evening Prayer in St. Turibius Chapel – the seminary’s main chapel. At the close of Vespers, a Eucharistic procession exited the chapel, circled the campus outdoors and then reentered the building and proceeded to St. Joseph Chapel in the Theology wing. There, special prayers and the Litany of St. Joseph were led by Father Beseau, and seminarians voiced in unison their formal act of filial entrustment.

“We ended our procession in the Chapel of St. Joseph, in the House of Joseph, on the Solemnity of St. Joseph, in the Year of St. Joseph – the first in 2,000 years,” Father Brannen said. “I think, for the Josephinum, this is not a coincidence; it is Providence. I believe that this has been and will be a very significant year for this seminary.”

A video of the Josephinum’s Eucharistic Procession and Consecration may be found on Facebook: The-Pontifical-College-Josephinum or Instagram: @pontifical.college.josephinum.

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The extent of in-person learning will be based on guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the State of Ohio, and includes the possibility of offering classes entirely in a face-to-face classroom setting. ODU has utilized a hybrid format, or a combination of online and in-person courses, during the 2020-21 academic year.

ODU president Robert Gervasi says safety measures put in place this past year, which include the increased availability of hand sanitizing stations, enhanced cleaning protocols, and the wearing of face masks have been effective in keeping students and employees healthy and could remain in place in the fall. He says the university is committed to working with state and local officials to ensure the health and safety of students, faculty and staff.

“I could not be more proud of how the Ohio Dominican community responded to this extensive, unpredictable and alarming pandemic, which included a rapid and successful transition to a fully online learning model last spring and a hybrid format this past fall. Their resilience has been inspiring,” Gervasi said. “As the vaccine becomes more widely available, the number of cases continues to decline, additional treatments are identified, and research affirms the safety of the classroom environment, we feel the time is right to transition back to classroom instruction on a full-time basis.”

If state and local health guidelines and restrictions related to classroom instruction and gatherings prohibit the university from resuming full in-person learning, the semester will begin in a hybrid format.

To learn more about ODU’s response to the pandemic, visit ohiodominican.edu/ODURising.

Donation received for scholarship fund

Ohio Dominican University (ODU) has received

a \$200,000 gift from long-time supporters Don and Thekla Shackelford to provide scholarship support for students who come from lower income families.

Theckla Shackelford is a co-founder of I Know I Can, a Columbus-based nonprofit organization that provides resources to inspire, enable and support Columbus city schools as they pursue college degrees. She received an honorary degree from Ohio Dominican in 1995.

The Shackelfords’ gift creates a scholarship in honor of their former colleague at I know I Can, Amy Bango Farkas, a 1982 graduate of ODU and former employee in its admissions office.

Starting this fall, the fund will provide financial resources to future and current Ohio Dominican students to help them attain an ODU education while helping to pay for expenses related to tuition, textbooks and housing. Preference will be given to CCS students and I Know I Can participants; however, other eligible students of need will be considered.

Approximately 37 percent of ODU’s full-time undergraduate students are first-generation college students, and 40 percent are considered eligible for federal Pell grants because of their family’s income. Approximately 99 percent of ODU students receive some kind of financial assistance.

The university also announced that it will offer 35 undergraduate courses at nearly half the usual cost this summer. Courses for traditional undergraduate students will be \$400 per credit hour (including technology fee), which is significantly less than the part-time student rate of \$760 per credit hour.

ODU’s summer undergraduate courses will cover many fields of study, including art, science, business, education, English, history and theology. While the majority of courses will be available online, allowing students the convenience of attending

class remotely, a select number of courses will take place on campus.

ODU’s summer sessions range from two to eight weeks with start dates in May, June and July.

To learn more about summer course offerings, visit ohiodominican.edu/Summer, or contact ODU’s admissions office at (614) 251-4500 or admissions@ohiodominican.edu with any questions.

ODU to host instant admission event

Students who are interested in enrolling at Ohio Dominican University (ODU) will have an opportunity to begin or complete the admission process from the comfort of their car during ODU’s drive-thru instant admission event on Saturday, May 1, which is National College Decision Day.

The event is free and open to any high school or college student who wishes to enroll at or transfer to ODU in 2021 or 2022.

Participants are invited to visit ODU’s campus between 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. or 3 and 4:30 p.m. The event will take place in the gold parking lot, located beside the Bishop Griffin Student Center at 1215 Sunbury Road, Columbus.

Participants will be able to complete a free application; explore and tour campus, receive an on-the-spot admission decision (for those who intend to enroll for the summer or fall 2021 semesters), discuss their financial aid package (for those who have completed their FAFSA form), and submit a deposit for enrollment (for those who intend to enroll at ODU during the fall or summer 2021 semesters).

To learn more or to register, visit ohiodominican.edu/DriveThru. For more information, contact admissions@ohiodominican.edu or (614) 251-4500. Learn more about transferring to ODU at ohiodominican.edu/Transfer.

Local news and events

Walking Stations of the Cross will be virtual this year

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the annual diocesan Walking Stations of the Cross will not be offered in-person in downtown Columbus on Good Friday, April 2.

However, the diocesan offices of Youth and Young Adult Ministry and Social Concerns are working with parishes and the Diocesan Youth Council to provide video and audio reflections for small groups, families and individuals.

There also will be a guide provided with a map of the Walking Stations route for those interested in making a self-guided pilgrimage. For details, visit www.columbuscatholic.org/walking-stations.

Carry the Cross hike to resume

The annual Holy Saturday Carry the Cross hike sponsored by Wilderness Outreach, which was canceled last year because of the COVID-19 pandemic, will resume at a new site.

The event for men and their sons of all ages will take place on Saturday, April 3 at Tar Hollow State Forest, near Laurelville in the Hocking Hills. The 14-mile hike will stop at 14 Stations of the Cross, with participants taking turns carrying a cross built of 3- by 6-inch timber, approximately 10 feet long with a 7-foot cross beam.

The hike provides a way for fathers and sons and parish men's groups to engage and bond with one another in a masculine, spiritual and physical challenge. Participants should bring a day pack with 2 to 3 liters of water, snacks and rain gear if appropriate.

During the hike, silent meditation on Jesus' Passion is encouraged. Spoken prayers such as the Rosary, the prayer to St. Michael, and the Angelus are encouraged. Participants do not have to hike the entire 14 miles.

The event will begin and end at the Doulen Loop trailhead on Lipscomb Road, which must be accessed from State Route 327 south of the park's main entrance. Men are encouraged to arrive by 7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer will begin at 7:45, with the hike beginning at 8 and concluding at 3 p.m.

For more information, contact Wilderness Outreach at wildernessoutreach2560@gmail.com or by text or phone at (614) 679-6761.

Wilderness Outreach plans trip

The Wilderness Outreach organization will be returning to the Platte River in Wyoming in July for its 50th

Western mountain expedition. Father Adam Streitenberger will be its chaplain and spiritual leader.

Expedition members will continue reclaiming the hiking trail that parallels Devil's Gate Creek to Douglass Creek. Late last year, this area was burned in a massive forest fire. Participants will close the event by climbing 12,000-foot Medicine Bow Peak at the end of our expedition.

Some of men will be driving to the site and others will fly in to Denver or Laramie, Wyoming. Arrangements will be made with those flying in to get them to the base camp. Those driving are asked to consider helping out transportation of tools, equipment and men to and from the airport.

For more information, go to wildernessoutreach2560@gmail.com or call John Bradford at (614) 679-6761.

Deacon Bonacci writes book

The second book written by Deacon Tony Bonacci of Plain City St. Joseph Church, *Reflections for Everyday Living*, is now available.

With a foreword written by Deacon Phil Paulucci and reviewer comments by Father Pat Toner, Deacon Frank Iannarino and *Catholic Times* columnist Lori Crock, the book is a series of short reflections from the Sunday Gospel homilies that Deacon Bonacci has preached for the last 24 years.

The book is on sale at the Generations religious goods store, 1095 Dublin Road, Columbus; on Amazon.com and Barnes and Noble.com; or from Deacon Bonacci at (614) 873-8850. The price is \$12.95, with all net proceeds donated to local charities.

St. Charles names admissions director

Sam Binnig, a 2010 graduate of the school, has been selected as the new admissions director at Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School.

He direct the school's activities surrounding prospective student admissions, visits and events, grade school outreach and recruitment, and the school's involvement and retention efforts.

As a student, he was a member of the school's soccer team, jazz and concert bands, theater program, and audio-visual team. "I was fortunate to see firsthand the impact of a St. Charles education," Binnig said. "I am excited to be starting in this role with the school and am looking for-

ward to helping families learn how St. Charles can benefit their sons."

DeSales student wins state poetry competition

Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School senior Monserrat Tlahuel-Flores has been named state champion of Ohio's 16th annual Poetry Out Loud (POL) state finals competition, which was conducted virtually this year. She is the school's first state champion in the event and will take part virtually in the national finals in May, competing for a \$20,000 cash prize.

Created by the National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation, POL is administered in partnership with the state arts agencies of all 50 states, the District of Columbia, the U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico. The program helps students master public speaking skills, build self-confidence and learn about literary heritage and contemporary life.

Josephinum names librarian

Beverly Lane became the Pontifical College Josephinum's new director of library services, effective March 15.

She has served as assistant librarian at the Josephinum's A.T. Wehrle Memorial Library since 1990. She holds a Master of Library Science degree from Kent State University and worked in the editorial library at The

Columbus Dispatch before joining the seminary staff.

She succeeds Peter Veracka, who had been director of the Josephinum library for 45 years until his retirement in January 2021. "Peter Veracka was a wonderful mentor for 31 years and I look forward to building upon his legacy of commitment and service to the institution," she said.

At the Josephinum, Lane has taught research classes to seminarians and contributed to many faculty committees, in addition to promoting the library's technological advancement and digitizing the Josephinum's extensive special collections.

Seasons of Hope announces spring schedule

Those who are suffering from the loss of a loved one or looking for friends to share in the grief and healing process are invited to take part in the six-week grief support program of the Seasons of Hope Bereavement Ministry, sponsored by the North High Deanery.

The program's six sessions for spring will take place via Zoom from 2 to 4 p.m. every Sunday from April 11 to May 23, except May 9.

To guarantee the safety of all group participants, anyone interested in attending must register. To do so, call Karen Droll at (614) 582-8848 or send an email to ksdroll@gmail.com.

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Interested candidates should send a cover letter, resume, salary requirement and references to Deacon Andy Naporano, Parish Business Administrator at anaporano@standrewparish.cc by Wednesday, March 31, 2021. To see the full job description, visit <https://columbuscatholic.org/job-openings-diocese-parish-school>



Employees of Henninger's Church Services load a statue of Mary that stands in front of Columbus Our Lady of Peace Church into a truck so it can be cleaned at the company's Cleveland offices. *Photo courtesy Our Lady of Peace Church*

Our Lady of Peace statue being cleaned

A familiar landmark along North High Street in Columbus' Clintonville neighborhood is missing, but she will be back. The statue of the Virgin Mary that stands in front of Our Lady of Peace Church was taken to Henninger's Church Services in Cleveland for a long-overdue cleaning.

The church and the statue both are celebrating their 75th anniversaries this year. Father Sean Dooley, the parish's pastor, said this might be the first time that the statue, which is 6 feet 8 inches tall and weighs 1,500 pounds, has been cleaned.

"We have a very competent maintenance staff, but the statue is made of sandstone, so we didn't want to

risk damaging her with chemicals or a power washer," she said. "We've worked with Henninger's before and we trust them to take good care of her. We thought it would be appropriate to restore her to her original beauty as we celebrate our anniversary and give thanks for her patronage."

The parish expects to have the statue back in time for a May crowning on Sunday, May 16, which is one of many events the parish plans for this anniversary year.

Anyone interested in more information about the parish or its elementary school may call the parish office at (614) 263-8824 or visit the parish website at www.olp-parish.com.

St. Charles wins team, individual chess titles



The Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School chess club won the 2021 Columbus High School Chess League championship, defeating nine other teams. Bexley finished second and Columbus Centennial third. The Cardinals' Brady Perna won the individual city title one week later. Team members are (from left): first row, Nicholas D'Alberto and Lucas Cloran; second row, Matthew Weger, AJ Liss, Abhilash Iruthaya, Brady Pema, Cameron Billingslea, Alex Zeyen, club director Joe Thompson and Aaron Silva.

Photo courtesy St. Charles Preparatory School

Irish 4 Life Club collects diapers



The Lancaster Fisher Catholic High School Irish 4 Life Club collected 8,667 diapers and 4,497 baby wipes for the Bottoms Up diaper drive during a weeklong event that included talks by pro-life advocates on each day of the drive. Jo Welsh, Bottoms Up president (far left), is pictured with students (from left) Patrick Kenney, Anna Tecza and Taylor Fitch.

Photo courtesy Bottoms Up

St. Michael students create music board game



Worthington St. Michael School fifth-graders have been using their creativity to design a music board game that incorporates music skills. *Photo courtesy St. Michael School*

St. Charles bridge builders win prize



A team of juniors from Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School won the inaugural Central Ohio miniature bridge building competition, with its arched design rating first in both the load-to-weight ratio efficiency and the aesthetics categories. Team members were (from left): Andrew Huffman, Luke Knueve, Andrew Gilmartin and Austin Barnhart. Students were required to research, design and build a bridge to given specifications, using only balsa wood and glue.

Photo courtesy St. Charles Preparatory School

Why a Catholic Cemetery?

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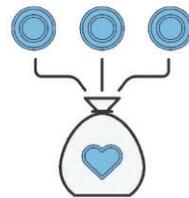


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