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The Editor's Notebook

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By David Garick, Editor



As a boy, radio was my window on the world. Sure, we had television and I did watch it quite a bit. But late at night, alone in my room, I would turn on my radio and listen to sounds from beyond the borders of my home town. I listened to the music of my generation. It was on that radio that I found the Beatles, the Beach Boys, Fats Domino, and Jimi Hendrix. As I carefully tuned across the AM radio band late at night, those tunes played out from stations like WLS in Chicago, WBZ in Boston, and WABC in New York. Between the songs, I picked up on the disc jockeys who melded the music and the culture of our generation.

I also had a shortwave radio and was fascinated to listen to news of the world coming from London and Rome, and laughed at propaganda from Moscow and Havana. Radio had a wonderful ability to bypass the limitations of visual images in books and on television. Audio played directly to our imaginations and allowed us to be caught up in communication that is much more vivid than anything a video producer can present.

This all may seem strange, coming from an ink-stained wretch who edits a weekly newspaper. But the fact is that I have spent far more time in my career behind a microphone than in a newspaper office. I love what radio can do. And, I am especially excited about how radio today is being used to spread the Word of God.

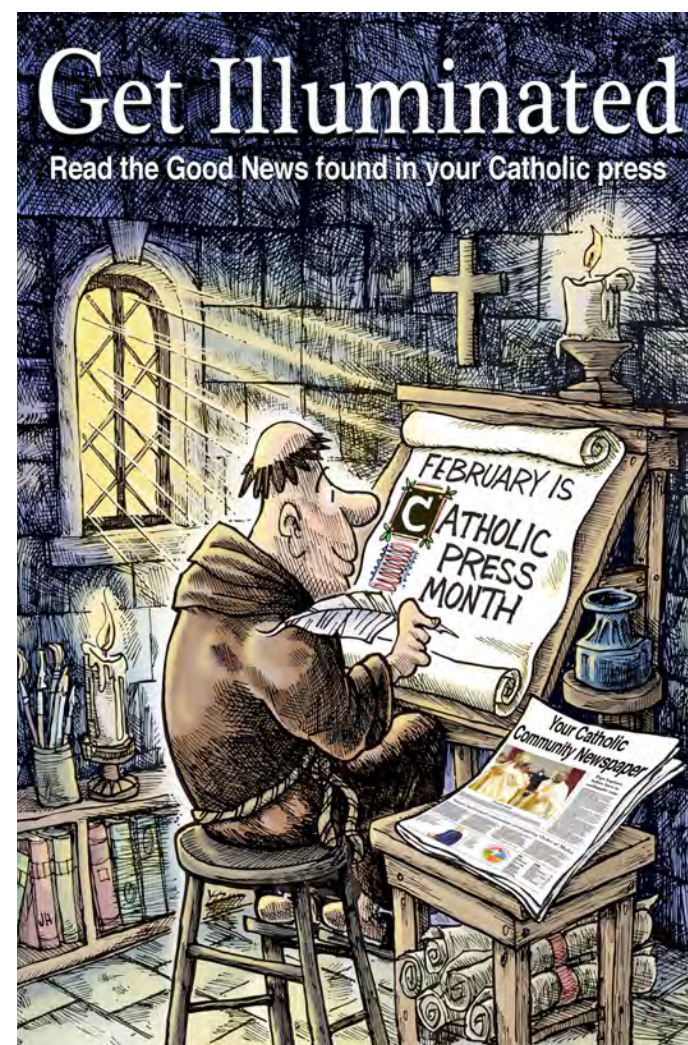
The airwaves today are far different from when I was a boy. But radio is still a medium that people turn to every day. I think they turn to radio today much more in search of information than entertainment. But they still are captivated by receiving information that is being spoken directly to them over their radios.

One of the fastest-growing segments of ra-

dio today is Catholic broadcasting. We in central Ohio are very blessed to have a radio apostolate that is bringing the truth of the Word of God as expressed in the Catholic faith to the people of this community. This issue of *Catholic Times* focuses on the great work being done by St. Gabriel Radio. Through their broadcasts, St. Gabriel Radio and the Eternal Word Television Network's radio division are reinforcing the faith of Catholics in our community and evangelizing the hosts of people in our area who are searching for answers in a very complex and confusing world. Thousands of people who would never take the step of going inside a Catholic church or picking up a Catholic newspaper or book will listen to the Word when they hear it as they tune across the radio dial.

The best communicator that the American church has ever seen or heard, Archbishop Fulton Sheen, once said, "There are not one hundred people in the United States who hate the Catholic Church, but there are millions who hate what they wrongly perceive the Catholic Church to be."

Radio is an outstanding tool to tell people the truth and help us carry out Christ's command to take his message to the ends of the earth. We may reach people as they commute in their cars or stream audio on their smart phones. We may be playing it in the background while doing housework or providing connection to the world for a person confined to a hospital or nursing home. We even may be expanding the horizons of young boys or girls listening to the radio in their bedrooms and forming where their lives are headed. Stay tuned.



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Participants in St. Gabriel Radio's "Raising Saints" program (from left): Erica Wisniewski, Madison Sikyta, host Katy Wyatt, and Christopher Crum.

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Cardinal calls Catholic health care 'beacon of light'

BY TIM PUET

Reporter, *Catholic Times*

As society has placed the dignity of human life under constant attack, there has never been a greater need for the Catholic approach to health care in response to the needs of the sick, Cardinal Raymond Burke said to participants in a medical ethics conference.

Cardinal Burke (*pictured*) spoke on "The Economy of Life and the Catholic Identity of Catholic Hospitals in an Age of Secularization" at the event on Tuesday, Feb. 7, which took place at The Ohio State University's college of medicine. The conference was organized independently of the college by Dr. Kimberly Klapchar, a resident physician in Columbus, and Giovanni Battista Bellomo, a law student at Bocconi University in Milan, Italy, who is a friend of hers.

"In a totally secularized society, there is more than ever a hunger for the witness to the meaning of human life and human suffering which Catholic health care gives," said Cardinal Burke, who lives in Rome, where he serves as patron of the Knights of Malta. He formerly was archbishop of St. Louis and prefect of the *Apostolic Signatura*, the Vatican's highest court.

"Our country suffers the scourge of an attack on the dignity of human life," whose signs include "direct abortion on demand, the termination of the life of those who have special needs or are weakened because of illness or advanced years, and the pervasive view of the human body as a tool to be used for achieving maximum personal convenience and pleasure," said the 68-year-old cardinal, one of the 10 American cardinals currently eligible to vote in the next papal election because they are younger than 80.

"Catholic health care, by its constant and careful attention to the perennial moral teaching of the church, safeguards and promotes the respect for all human life from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death," he continued. "It stands as a beacon of light, the light of Christ, in a society which finds itself confused about the most fundamental truths, about the nature of human life, and about the vocation of man and woman to follow

Christ in his suffering and dying.

"It responds to the fundamental need of the sick to know that those who care for them are free to act according to a well-informed conscience. What is more, Catholic health care looks not only to the care of those who are sick, but to the promotion of good health among the population in general."

Cardinal Burke said Catholic health care which is faithful to the church's teaching has seven key elements.

"The first element must be a sound and thorough understanding of what it means to be Christian and of the importance of providing health care in accord with the teaching, worship, and governance of the Catholic Church," he said. "What distinct care of the sick does an institution of Catholic health care offer if its life is not rooted deeply in a knowledge and love of the church and of her teaching?"

"Knowledge and commitment to a distinct form of health care, namely the care of the sick and the dying in the church, as an integral part of the church's mission under the direction of the diocesan bishop and ultimately the Roman pontiff" is the second element, he said. "A Catholic health care institution cannot see itself as simply part of what is called the general health care delivery system, but must know that it is participating in Christ's care for and healing of the sick.

"The third element is the personal commitment of the administration and staff of the Catholic health care institution to the church's teaching, to carrying out the care of the sick and dying after the mind of Christ alive for us in the church. Such commitment cannot be simply adherence to company policy, but rather a knowing and willing adherence to God's law providing for the true good of man.

"The fourth element is a Catholic un-



derstanding of man which inspires the care of the whole person," Cardinal Burke said. "In other words, Catholic health care can never view the sick and the dying from the impoverished perspective of biology or psychology alone, but must see the physical and emotional difficulties of the person within the context of his moral and spiritual life.

"The fifth element is the priority of ethical and religious standards over professional standing and position within the larger medical community," he said. "The desire to have the approval of prominent secular institutions can never justify the compromise of ethical and religious principles."

Cardinal Burke described the sixth element as "freedom from financial support and assistance which is given under conditions which obscure or even betray the Christian identity of the Catholic health care institution." He did not mention a specific example of such conditions, but the proposed U.S. Health and Human Services Department mandate which would force Catholic health care institutions, as a condition of receiving federal aid, to pay for things they consider immoral would fit the definition.

"The proposed approach of cultural tolerance in Catholic health care is unacceptable," he said, "for it would countenance the acceptance of policies and practices contrary to the natural

moral law, which is always and everywhere binding."

The cardinal said the seventh and final element in faithful Catholic health care "must be the discipline of the desire for credibility or prestige which would lead the Catholic institution into relationships with large health care institutions by way of mergers, partnerships, or joint ventures.

"Why would a Catholic hospital see the need to compete for secular prestige by engaging in practices which violate the moral law?" he asked. "The unique contribution and therefore prestige of a Catholic health care institution comes from its fidelity to the church's teaching in every aspect of its life."

During a question-and-answer period, Cardinal Burke said he endorsed the decision several years ago by Bishop Thomas Olmsted of Phoenix which declared a hospital in that community no longer could call itself Catholic because an abortion was performed there. Hospital officials said the procedure was appropriate under church guidelines allowing certain exceptions for saving a mother's life.

In his response to the question, the cardinal also said, "It would be such a great blessing in our country ... if a Catholic university would develop a medical school which operated according to the moral law." He suggested Franciscan University of Steubenville as one such institution.

Also speaking at the conference were Dr. Patrick Lee, director of the Center for Bioethics at Franciscan University, on the bioethics of conception and the early stages of life; Danielle White, legal counsel for Columbus-based Heartbeat International, on *Roe v. Wade* and subsequent abortion-related U.S. Supreme Court decisions; Dr. Frank Ferris, executive director of palliative medicine for OhioHealth, on palliative care; and Dr. Klapchar on the role of young people in pro-life activities.

Before the conference, Cardinal Burke visited the Jubilee Museum and Catholic Cultural Center at the former Holy Family School in the city's Franklinton neighborhood (*see photo on Page 8*), which houses the nation's largest collection of diversified Catholic artwork.



St. Mary School Named a Columbus Greenspot

Columbus St. Mary School became a Columbus Greenspot school on Monday, Jan. 30. In doing so, it became committed to a new, environmentally responsible lifestyle. The school sponsored an assembly with speakers Rebecca Mellino and Richard Hicks from the city's health department, who spoke about ways to conserve and protect natural resources for future generations and what it means to be a Greenspot school.

In addition, students heard from Jerry Freewalt of the diocesan Office for Social Concerns. He discussed Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'*, which focuses on the care of our common home, the Earth. David Celebrezze of Greenspot Columbus also was on hand.

The school became a Greenspot site by having the students signing a green dot which hangs in the gymnasium and taking a pledge to start recycling in their classrooms and homes; recycle and compost in their new cafeteria; and help with a garden to be designed and built

this spring by the eighth-grade class as its gift to the school.

The zero-waste cafeteria has cut the amount of trash it sends to the landfill by nearly half. The school is now recycling clean cardboard, paper, and plastic, as well as collecting any unopened food items. Students have volunteered to help at breakfast and lunch to keep the cafeteria organized and clean. The Student Council is taking the leadership role on recycling, the 4-H Club will help maintain the garden, and the Home & School Association helped with the purchase of new green recycling bins.

The goal of the project is to make students more aware of recycling and where their trash is going, giving them a chance to make a positive commitment to caring for God's creation.

Pictured are Student Council members, with adults (back, from left): David Celebrezze, Christina Hickey of St. Mary School, Jerry Freewalt, and Rebecca Mellino.

Photo courtesy St. Mary School

ODU to Host "Wrestling with the Faith"

Dr. Richard Gaillardetz (*pictured*) will speak at Ohio Dominican University on "Wrestling With the Faith: Why Religious Belonging Still Matters" at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 21 in the Colonial Room of Sansbury Hall at the university's main campus, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. The event will be sponsored by ODU's Center for Dominican Studies and office of academic affairs.



religious beliefs and have a keen interest in spirituality. This lecture will explore this demographic shift and consider whether an option for committed religious belonging still matters."

Gaillardetz previously taught at the University of Toledo and at the graduate

school of the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota. He has published several articles and authored or edited 13 books. He previously served as a delegate for the U.S. Catholic-Methodist Ecumenical Dialogue and as president of the Catholic Theological Society of America. He holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Texas, a master's degree from St. Mary's University in San Antonio, and master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Notre Dame.

"The last 10 years have seen the publication of a number of major studies documenting an alarming exodus from mainline religious communities in the U.S., including the Catholic Church," he said. "Among the millennial generation, 36 percent now identify themselves as 'religiously unaffiliated.'"

"At the same time, high levels of Americans, including millennials, continue to affirm many traditional re-

ligious beliefs and have a keen interest in spirituality. This lecture will explore this demographic shift and consider whether an option for committed religious belonging still matters."

Registration for the talk is free, but reservations are requested. Contact the Center for Dominican Studies at (614) 251-4722 or traffasd@ohiodominican.edu.

Director of Music Ministries Position

The community of St. Joseph Church in Dover, Ohio, seeks an experienced pastoral musician to serve as Director of Music Ministries. This is a full-time, professional, ministerial position with benefits. The Director of Music will oversee, direct and coordinate the music ministries for all Liturgy and Parish worship including our Hispanic and Elementary School liturgies. The successful candidate will recruit, train and oversee all musicians, choirs (both English and Spanish speaking choirs), cantors, song leaders and other music volunteers. He or she will also serve as a resource to parish ministries and develop a plan for introducing new repertoire.

This person must work collaboratively with the Pastor, Parish Clergy, and all Parish Staff, as well as serve on the Parish's Spiritual Life and Liturgy Committee and Leadership Team. Qualified applicants must be highly organized, possess a friendly demeanor, and dedicated to St. Joseph's mission of becoming a parish of authentic, missionary disciples. The ideal candidate will have previous experience as a pastoral musician and proficient in both the piano and organ. An excellent working knowledge of Catholic worship is required and the ability to converse in Spanish will be a plus.

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Bishop Frederick Campbell's homily at the funeral Mass for Father Joseph Losh at Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church on Monday, Feb. 6:

"On behalf of Bishop Griffin, my brother priests and deacons, and all those in this congregation, I extend my prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of Father Losh.

"We gather today to offer this funeral Mass for Father Losh as he embarks on the final journey of a Christian soul – the Mass in which we participate in the saving death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the true source of hope and consolation, and the Mass for which celebration Father Joseph Losh was ordained.

"We gather here to consider the meaning of death and the promise of eternal life, as we consider not only the life and death of Father Losh, but also the meaning of our own lives and death.

"Many years ago, while visiting a Benedictine monastery, I noticed on the wall of the entrance hall a passage from Blessed John Henry Newman, which the author wrote in response to the question 'What is a monk and what does he do?'

"Newman answered that a monk lives in an atmosphere of prayer, faithful to his obligation to worship and to the daily work assigned to him, trusting in the providence of God and dedicated to the pursuit of holiness. He sometimes stumbles, but, knowing the mercy of God, rises and continues, until that moment when his earthly service to Christ ends and he, the faithful servant, passes from this world to the eternal one.

"This description could apply to any faithful Christian, I suppose, but most certainly the life of a priest.

"Throughout our earthly existence, and especially at times of challenge and weakness, the faithful Christian understands more deeply the words of Job, spoken in the midst of many difficulties.

'As for me,' Job says, 'I know that my vindicator lives, whom I myself shall see with my eyes, not another's, and behold him, and from my flesh, I shall see God. My inmost being is consumed with longing.'

"Job wanted these words inscribed on a rock with a chisel, in lead, encouraging us to understand the real meaning of the word 'celebration,' derived from the Latin *celebrete*. It does not indicate a party, but, rather, a command to let the message be writ large. Let the message sink deeply into our minds and hearts, becoming the sure source of sustenance in our lives and the certain hope for the future.

"I knew Father Losh only in his retirement from active pastoral ministry. During most of these days, he faced considerable physical challenges. Joseph, I found, was not a great conversationalist, but he was always a man of prayer. I never heard from him a word of doubt or discouragement. I was always moved by his remarkable patience.

"He could very well have found, in the saint after whom he was named, a marvelous role model. No word that St. Joseph ever spoke is recorded in sacred Scripture. The saint simply discerned the voice of God and responded with dedication, fulfilling his extraordinary vocation. *Tacuit et fecit*, the ancients would say of St. Joseph. 'He was silent and he did it.'

"Even in those last days while in the hospital and having endured a painful procedure, Father Losh exhibited not what the world would call resignation, but a simple peace. After we had prayed, he made only one request – a glass of 7Up to quench his thirst.

"I believe that Father Losh found comfort in the words of St. Paul: 'For this

momentary light affliction is producing in us an eternal weight of glory, for we know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent, should be destroyed, we have a building for God – a dwelling not made with hands, eternal, in heaven.'

"I understand that Father Losh in his active ministry touched many people with his gentle soul and prayerful manner. Such memories will long remain with us. Our sorrow at Father's death is an expression of our esteem and gratitude for him, and our prayers express the Christian hope that the Lord will grant him peace and light.

"Death is the ultimate mystery of our earthly existence, and some approach this reality by simply turning away from it, as did one sad comedian who quipped that he was not afraid of death, he just didn't want to be around when it showed up.

"Others ease the reality by concentrating on a detailed examination of the life of the deceased, sprinkling the examination with moments of laughter to lessen the sadness. But it is not given to us to make a final summing-up of the meaning of a person's life, no matter how well we may have known him, for no human can peer that completely into the heart of another.

"Only Jesus Christ can do this, and Christians know that he is a gracious and merciful Lord, who wills the salvation of the believer. In his death, Christ crushed the power of death. And in his resurrection, he assured the triumph of life, abundant and eternal. For this reason, when Catholics celebrate a funeral, they enfold the one who has died into the saving mystery of the dying and rising of Jesus Christ, the very meaning of the Mass.

"How very poignant, this giving over of one who was known and loved into the hands of the risen Lord. How poignant it is when the one given over is

a priest, who offered the funeral Mass for many others and is now himself the recipient of this life-giving offering.

"Father Losh was incorporated into the ministerial priesthood of Jesus Christ, and therefore undertook the easy yoke and the light burden which Jesus placed on his shoulders at his ordination in remaining faithful to the Lord's commission and imitating the Lord's meekness and humbleness of heart. A priest such as Father Losh can look forward in trust and confidence to the fulfillment of the Lord's promise of rest, light, and peace.

"There is an image of Father Losh which I will always keep in my memory. When I would see him in his room in the Mother McCrory Manor, he would most frequently be sitting in his wheelchair by the window, praying the rosary.

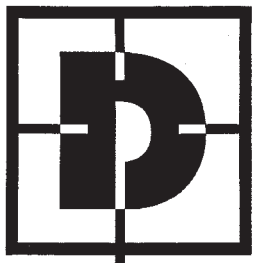
"A 20th-century theologian once said that one can see – as he said in German – *das ganze im fragment*. That is a phrase suggesting that in one telling detail, the whole meaning of a life can be discerned. In that room, Father Losh seemed to me to express that deep life of faith of the disciple – a sense of the nearness of Christ and an experience of the maternal care of our Blessed Mother, patiently and in prayer.

"Father Losh appeared to wait for God to reveal his will to him, and if it was the moment, to call him from this life to the next.

"So now we commit Father Joseph Losh to the Lord Jesus Christ. We assist him in this final journey with our prayers, and we commend him to the Blessed Virgin Mary, in whom all the promises of Christ have been fulfilled.

"Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen."

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SHOPPING ON SUNDAY?; MIXED MARRIAGE LONG AGO



QUESTION & ANSWER

by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE
Catholic News Service

Q. Genesis 2:3 says that, after creating the universe, God “rested from all the work he had done.” Since the church has always viewed the seventh day (Sunday) as holy, a day of rest and worship, is it right to go shopping on Sunday (which means that store clerks have to work on that day)? After all, there are six other days to buy and sell. (Bedford, Virginia)

A. The “rules” of the church on Sunday shopping are appropriately short on detail; instead, they place the responsibility on individual Catholics to determine whether their Sunday activities impact the day’s primary purpose of rest and prayer.

The responsibility to attend Mass on the Sabbath is, of course, a serious obligation for every Catholic. As for activities during the rest of the day, here is the general guideline: The *Code of Canon Law* says the faithful “are to abstain from those works and affairs which hinder the worship to be rendered to God, the joy proper to the Lord’s day, or the suitable relaxation of mind and body” (No. 1247).

In my mind, the deciding question about Sunday shopping ought to be this: How necessary is it? There is a big difference between dashing to a convenience store because you ran out of orange juice and making Sunday the shopping day for the

rest of the week.

And you make a valid point about causing others (store clerks) to have to work: The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says, “Every Christian should avoid making unnecessary demands on others that would hinder them from observing the Lord’s Day” (No. 2187).

Q. Recently in a conversation with our pastor, I happened to tell him that, when my parents got married in 1930 (my father was not a Catholic), the Catholic Church did not allow a mixed marriage inside the church building, and so they were married in the living room of my mother’s home by the local Catholic priest.

He responded that this could not have been recognized as a valid Catholic marriage if it did not occur inside a church. I do not believe that and would like to show him something to indicate that their marriage was recognized by the Catholic Church.

My mother was very religious; she went to Mass every day that she was able and would never have entered a marriage without the Catholic Church’s approval. I was very upset at our pastor’s response and would like to put my mind at ease. (Blaine, Minnesota)

A. You can relax and be at peace: I am

quite sure that your parents’ marriage was recognized as valid by the Catholic Church.

At the time to which you refer (1930), marriages between a Catholic and a non-Catholic were quite rare. Frankly, the church tried to discourage them and required that such a marriage, though officiated by a priest, take place not inside a Catholic church (in a celebration attended by family and friends), but in a private ceremony, usually in the church rectory.

Today, perhaps one-third of Catholic marriages in the United States are ecumenical or interfaith. Although the church does not go out of its way to encourage such marriages (because of the additional challenges a couple must deal with), it does try to support these couples and help them live holy and happy lives.

Such marriages require diocesan permission, but they now do, of course, take place inside the church building -- usually without a Mass, but sometimes, if the couple wishes, with a Mass.

Your pastor may be young and unaware of the church’s history on this. If you really want to prove it to him, contact the Catholic parish where your mother lived at the time, and I’ll bet it can provide you with a written record of your parents’ wedding.

Questions may be sent to Father Kenneth Doyle at askfatherdoyle@gmail.com and 30 Columbia Circle Drive, Albany NY 12203.



“Blind Date With a Book”

Middle-school students at Columbus St. Anthony School are participating in a “Blind Date With a Book” program. Each student chose one from a selection of books which were wrapped and labeled with a few words letting the reader know what the book is about. Students have the month of February to choose a book, read it, and take an accelerated reading test on it to earn extra credit. Participants include (from left): Layla Jones, Cidney Barron, Angela Adu, Maggie Valentine, Clinton Calloway, Nathan Traver, Nana Baffour-Awuah, Victoria Asiedu, and Chuck Keener. Photo courtesy St. Anthony School

Coshocton Sacred Heart Mission

Coshocton Sacred Heart Church, Walnut Street and Park Avenue, will host a parish mission on the theme “Life in Christ” at 7 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, Feb. 20 to 22, with Father Thomas Blau, OP. There also may be a question-and-answer session on Thursday, Feb. 23 if sufficient questions are received.

Father Blau is stationed at Columbus St. Patrick Church and was appointed a missionary of mercy by Pope Francis during the Jubilee Year of Mercy. His principal as-

signment now is to preach at missions throughout the diocese.

His talks will focus on the virtues, vices, and grace. He will be the homilist at the parish’s Masses on Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 18 and 19, and will celebrate daily Mass at 9 a.m. the following Monday through Wednesday.

Each evening will begin with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and will conclude with Benediction. There also will be an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation each evening.

Lancaster St. Mary Mission

Lancaster St. Mary Church, 132 S. High St., will sponsor a parish mission with Father Thomas Blau, OP, at 7 p.m. Monday to Thursday, March 6 to 9. The theme will be “I Believe in One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church.” In conjunction with the mission, there will be a penance service at 7:30 p.m. Tues-

day, March 7.

Father Blau was named by Pope Francis as a missionary of mercy for the recently concluded Jubilee Year of Mercy. He is continuing in this role by preaching at missions throughout the diocese while being assigned to Columbus St. Patrick Church.



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JOY ALWAYS HAS BEEN A PART OF PRIESTLY LIFE



Fr. Kevin Kavanagh

by Tim Puet

Father Kevin Kavanagh has found great joy in priestly life, starting with the time he began seriously considering a religious vocation.

"The thought of being a priest was always in the back of my mind growing up," said Father Kavanagh, 59, whose home parish is London St. Patrick Church.

"When I was a senior at London High School, Msgr. (Gilbert) Schmenk, who was treasurer at the Pontifical College Josephinum and helped on weekends at St. Patrick's, invited me to visit the college for a weekend. That was a wonderful experience, just sitting around listening to the seminarians from all around the country and the teachers—a very diverse group obviously enjoying each other's company," he said. "I found that joy was something I wanted, so I enrolled in the Josephinum in the fall of 1975."

He received a bachelor of arts degree from the college four years later and master's degrees in theology and divinity from Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland, in 1983. On June 11 of that year, he was ordained by Bishop James Griffin at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral.

As a seminarian, he had served during summer breaks at New Philadelphia Sacred Heart, Marysville Our Lady of Lourdes (where he now is pastor), and Columbus St. Timothy churches. The pastor at St. Timothy during his time there in the summer of 1982 was the late Msgr. James Hanley, who also was vicar at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral when Father Kavanagh was associate pastor there from mid-1987 to mid-1988 and from 1991-94.

Father Kavanagh said Msgr. Hanley was a great influence on his own priesthood because "he had such a beautiful perspective on life. He always saw beauty in life and people. I remember how sometimes, we would be eating and he would say 'Isn't life grand?' and laugh heartily. His joy was infectious and certainly affected me. As a friend, he was very wise, and I gain from his wisdom."

Father Kavanagh said his earliest thoughts about the priesthood came at about the time he was in fifth grade at London St. Patrick School. "Two of my great aunts, Sisters Alma Marie and Anicita Pitstick, were both Dominican Sisters of St. Mary of the Springs," he said. "I distinctly remember that about the time I was in eighth grade, Sister Alma Marie was visiting our house, and all of a sudden while walking up the stairs, she turned around on the landing, pointed a finger at me, and said out of the blue, 'You will have supreme happiness if you follow your vocation.' That always stuck with me, and she was right."

"Another influence was Msgr. Romano Ciotola (now pastor at Columbus Our Lady of Victory), who was pastor at St. Patrick's while I was growing up. He's a very holy man and continues to be very encouraging to me."

Father Kavanagh was one of five children of Joseph and Nancy (Ryan) Kavanagh. His father was a real estate agent, and his mother was part of the family which continues to operate the Egan-Ryan funeral homes. She died in 1963, when he was six years old. He and his siblings were raised mainly by their father's second wife, Doris, who died in 1987. Joseph Kavanagh then remarried again and also outlived his third wife, Millie.

Father Kavanagh spent his last six months of preparation for the priesthood doing pastoral work at Delaware St. Mary Church, where he became associate pastor after his ordination and remained for four years. He also began working with the

diocesan Tribunal at that time.

"That was an eye-opening experience," he said. "Every day, you are confronted with the struggles of life and trying to weigh those against the laws of the church. It's a real pastoral outreach, but a very quiet one."

Father Kavanagh then went to the cathedral. Between his two periods of service there, he did graduate studies in the liturgy from 1988-91 at the North American College in Rome. When he returned to Columbus, he became director of the diocesan liturgical office, now known as the Office of Divine Worship, and served as the bishop's master of ceremonies for Masses at the cathedral.

He returned to Delaware St. Mary in 1994 for his first pastorate and stayed there for 12 years, his longest tenure in one parish. "I felt like I was going home when I was assigned there," he said. "I didn't realize how much I had grown to love them until I returned there after a seven-year absence."

St. Mary was then, as it is now, a growing parish because of the continuing population growth in Delaware County. The biggest physical change in the parish while he was its pastor involved construction of an addition including a gym and six classrooms at the parish school.

From 2006-14, he was pastor of Our Lady of Peace Church in Columbus' Clintonville neighborhood. "That was the most hospitable parish I've ever known," he said. "The parishioners have created an atmosphere that's like a country parish in the heart of a big city because of the way people know each other. They have a wonderful outreach to the neighborhood. That's their most beautiful quality."

In 2014, he became parochial vicar at Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare Church, which has about 3,000 families—three times more than Our Lady of Peace. "That was a big adjustment because everything was so much larger," he said. "I remember that at our first staff meeting, there were 32 people. But with a big parish, you can do big things. They have wonderful men's and women's groups, great retreats. I was very impressed by the personal spirituality programs there and hope to get them started here."

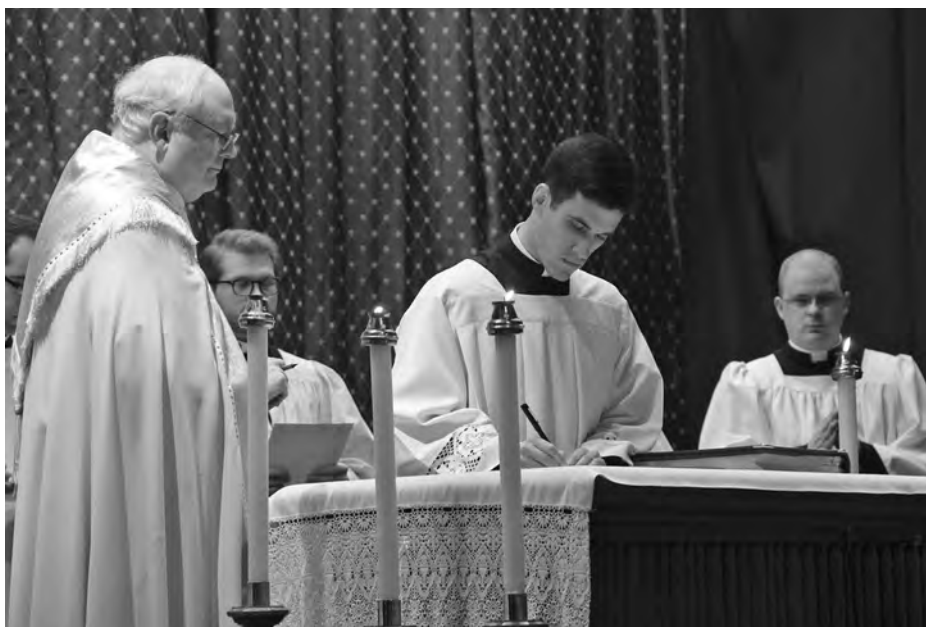
He has been at Marysville since mid-July and is still getting to know the people there. "It reminds me very much of Our Lady of Peace, with a small-town atmosphere in the metropolitan area," he said. "The size also is similar—about 800 families, and they've been very welcoming."

He said he will continue with plans begun by his predecessor, Father David Poliafico, to replace the church's community center, which has served the parish, the city, and surrounding Union County for 37 years. It includes a basketball court which can double as a banquet facility, plus a stage, a kitchen, seven classrooms, and an office.

As Father Kavanagh reviewed his priestly career, he was asked what he might say to encourage a young man considering the priesthood, and the conversation again turned to joy.

"I would first remind him that when the Lord sent out his first 72 disciples to preach the good news, he sent them as lambs among wolves," he said. "He didn't promise a life of safety or goodness, but emphasized the difficulties they would have proclaiming the kingdom of God. But the Gospel says of them that they all returned with joy. That's what I would say to someone discerning a possible religious life: We always return with joy."

SEMINARIANS' PROFESSION OF FAITH



Seminarians in their third year of theological study at the Pontifical College Josephinum made a profession of faith and took an oath of fidelity to the Catholic Church on Thursday, Feb. 2, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, in the presence of Msgr. Christopher Schreck, Josephinum rector-president. Candidates preparing for ordination to the diaconate and eventually to the priesthood pledged to remain faithful to the teachings of the Catholic Church and swear to be faithful teachers of the Gospel. Seminarians from the Diocese of Columbus who took part in the ceremony were Brett Garland (pictured), Thomas Herge, Todd Lehigh, Chris Tuttle, and Robert Johnson. Msgr. Schreck is at the left of the picture.

Photo by Deacon Joshua Altonji

CARDINAL BURKE AT THE JUBILEE MUSEUM



Cardinal Raymond Burke visited the Jubilee Museum and Catholic Cultural Center in Columbus before speaking at a medical ethics conference at the Ohio State University on Tuesday, Feb. 7. He is shown with museum supporters. Pictured are (from left): front row, Mary Hayes, Martha Marshman, Linda Stickney, and Michael Stickney; back row, Fred Kauser, John Mohn IV, Shawn Kenney, museum executive director; Cardinal Burke; Father Kevin Lutz, museum founder; Father Ryan Schmit of Marion St. Mary Church; Tyler Carter, Dr. Stephen Ondrey, and Tom Dailey.

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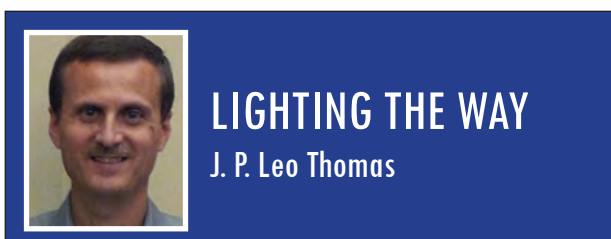


Finding your purpose

Many people go through life with blinders on, not knowing whether they are coming or going, constantly being pulled by accomplishment and responsibility. Some of us seem to be lost in an endless path of choices – never reaching but always seeking that perfect balance of serenity and success. We are either too afraid to make the decision, or, as with life, it has been made for us. Jesus once asked His disciples, “Who do you think that I am?” He was asking not for himself, but for anyone who followed Him. They had to determine their path and figure out what destiny lied ahead. Why do we do what we do? Do we love our profession, or is it just going through the daily motion of work?

People say that if you do what you love, then you may never have to work a day in your life. Sound true? For many of us, there are doors that open and close constantly in our lifetime. Are we listening to His call? It may come in the form of a gentle whisper, from the voice of a friend or even within our dreams. It is up to all of us to discern how we best can help to make this world a better place. That is the quandary God places on our heart. What is your answer?

Each of us has a unique role to play in the world. Our mold is special. God knows how we are to be shaped. He is just waiting for us to make the choice.



We are never alone. He is there to guide us to our ultimate destination. Enjoy the journey. It is what makes life so worthwhile.

What makes you a better person? What do you enjoy doing? Remember, Christ was looking not just for leaders, but for the people that could do the heavy lifting. Are you a good teacher? Are you good with working with your hands? Do you see art in the everyday actions of others? Do you like working by yourself or with a group? These are some of the questions you must ask yourself. Even though God already has a plan for all of us, He still wants us to be excited about our journey and to join Him in the awesome events about to happen in our lives.

What talents do you have? What are you good at doing? What have people complimented you on doing? Try something out and see if it fits for you. Do not be afraid of failure. It will happen many times.

We need to get up and keep trying. God will never let us fail. He invites us in the quietness of prayer and in the calm of contemplation.

Especially now, during these trying times, let us give to one another the power of our talents and our faith. Bring them into the light of Christ. Let's not decide on what we can give up within ourselves, but what we can give to one another. Our time is special. But for that one person, the small amount of time you may give to him or her may result in a sense of calling. By bringing the person to where he or she always was meant to be, we find the path within ourselves, the path to true peace.

We all have a responsibility to find our purpose. Mother Teresa once said, “I am nothing; I am but an instrument, a tiny pencil in the hands of the Lord with which He writes what he likes. However imperfect we are, he writes beautifully.” So remember, in life, in truth, and in love, what you do in humility can unite a very divided world. All we need is a little love. May you find your true calling. May you help others along the way, and may His peace be with you always.

Joseph Thomas, a member of Gahanna St. Matthew Church, is a freelance writer and is active in many diocesan and church activities.

Walking With Purpose Ministry Plans Training Program

A new women's ministry titled Walking With Purpose (WWP) has been impacting the lives of more than 1,000 women in 12 diocesan parishes this year.

Leaders of the ministry invite all women and parish leaders to learn more about the program from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 1 at Sunbury St. John Neumann Church, 9633 E. State Route 37.

Representatives of parishes offering WWP will talk about their experience and what is needed to start the program. There also will be presentations from WWP national staff about free ongoing support and online leadership training, plus a question-and-answer session. To register, contact Michele Niklaus at micheleniklaus712@gmail.com by Tuesday, March 21 with the number of women who will be attending from your parish.

There is no charge for the day and a continental breakfast will be provided.

Walking with Purpose is a Catholic Bible study that meets women where they are and gives them practical biblical teaching that is consistent with the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. It offers as much as seven years of study material that is fresh and relevant, speaking to themes that are important in women's lives.

Diocesan parishes currently offering WWP are St. John Neumann, Columbus Immaculate Conception, St. Cecilia, St. Catharine, and Our Lady of Peace, Hilliard St. Brendan, Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare, Newark Blessed Sacrament, Buckeye Lake Our Lady of Mount Carmel, London St. Patrick, and Lancaster St. Mary.

Agriculture Conference

The Catholic Conference of Ohio is sponsoring a day of dialogue and prayer on “The Vocation of Agriculture: To Till and Keep God's Creation,” from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 25, at the parish center of Plain City St. Joseph Church, 670 W. Main St.

Catholics from throughout Ohio will gather on that day to explore the blessings and challenges that face rural workers, parishes, and communities. The keynote speaker will be Ursuline Sister Christine Pratt of Brown County, Ohio, who has been

active in the Catholic Rural Life movement since the 1980s.

The day also will include a panel discussion, small-group dialogue, a chance to talk with state legislators, and lunch. Those planning to participate are asked to read *'Laudato Si'* and the *Vocation to Agriculture* by Cardinal Peter Turkson, president of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace.

For more information, contact the Catholic Conference of Ohio at its website, www.ohiocathconf.org or call (614) 224-7147.

ST. GABRIEL RADIO EVANGELIZES WHEREVER PEOPLE ARE

BY TIM PUET

Reporter, Catholic Times

Try and drive for more than 15 minutes during the day or evening along any well-traveled central Ohio highway without spotting a car with an “AM 820 Catholic Radio” bumper magnet from St. Gabriel Radio.

It’s possible, but it’s not easy.

More than 40,000 of the magnets have been distributed to date. St. Gabriel Radio executive director Bill Messerly says they’re great, and effective, tools of the New Evangelization.

“The Catholic Radio Association took a survey a few years ago which indicated that for every Catholic who listens to Catholic radio, there’s one non-Catholic also listening. So if those 40,000 stickers represent people who listen at least occasionally to us, that means we’re providing the truths of the Catholic faith to about 80,000 people,” he said.

“That gives us a great opportunity to evangelize people, often when they’re driving, at a time when they’re particularly receptive to the church’s message because they aren’t dealing with the distractions of home and work. It’s also a great responsibility, which we try to fulfill with programming 24 hours a day, seven days a week, always with a Catholic focus.

“I’ve found you never know when or how Catholic radio might have an impact on someone,” he said. “Many times, people come to the station to tell us how it has changed their lives. The

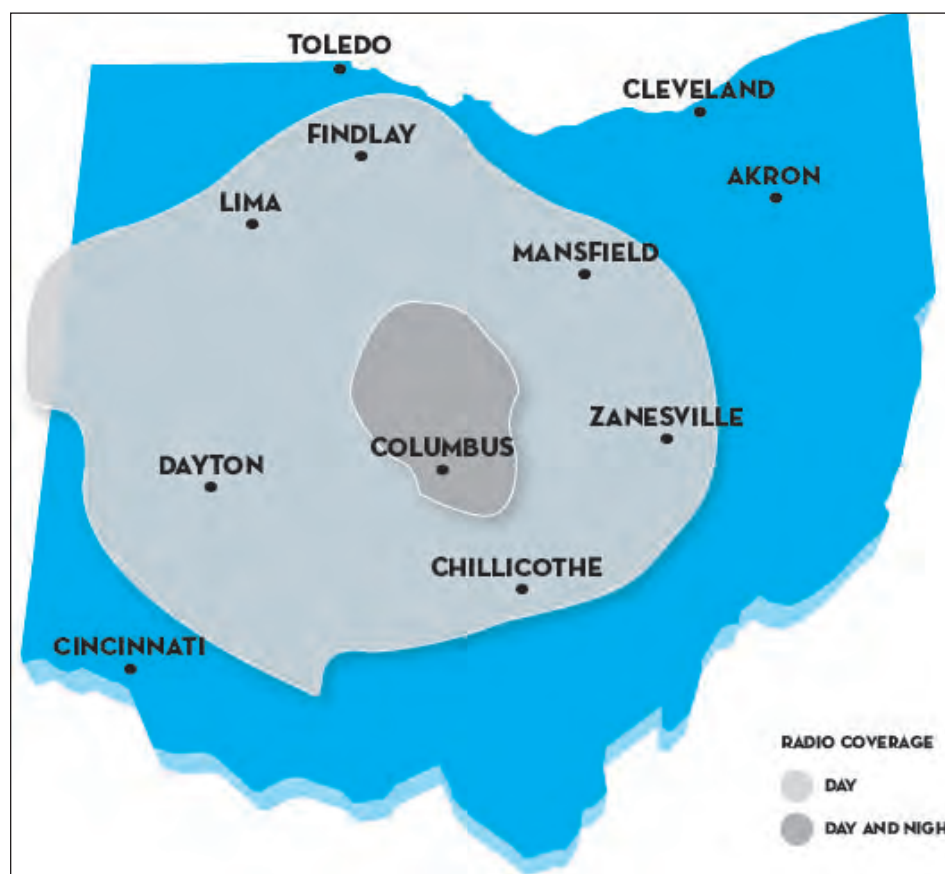


Bishop Frederick Campbell at the St. Gabriel Radio microphone for his weekly ‘From the Chair’ message. Photo courtesy St. Gabriel Radio

other day, a man in the armed services came in to tell us his story. He had been dabbling in the study of religious rituals. This prompted him to want to experience in the Mass from a deeper perspective, since he had been raised Catholic.

“He began listening to AM 820 regularly, and now he has re-entered the church and wants to get more involved in it. He also has some technical skills we can use, so he will help us as a volunteer in a way that’s an answer to our prayers.”

Aaron and Ashley May of Sunbury St.



John Neumann Church were baptized as Catholics in 2014 as a result of what they learned from the radio station and their own kitchen-table talks.

A friend who himself was a Catholic convert encouraged Aaron to listen to AM 820, which he did while driving on errands and to work. “Then Ashley and I started talking about this Good News,” Aaron said. “Every night for four years, we would talk about what we heard on AM 820. We read, we prayed, and we journeyed together.”

The couple came from a Christian religious background, but wanted something more. When Aaron heard the Catholic teaching of the Eucharist on the radio, he realized, “Either it’s true and a game changer, or it’s false and

Taping “The Seminarians” program are (from left) Robert Johnson, Rick Childress, and John Nahrgang. CT photo by Tim Puet

meaningless. If it is true, I have to ask the Lord to open my heart to this truth.”

The diocesan Catholic Women’s Conference this coming Saturday, Feb. 18, and the Catholic Men’s Conference one week later on Feb. 25, both at the Cardinal Center on the state fairgrounds, will be broadcast live on St. Gabriel Radio, from pre-conference coverage at 7:30 to post-conference discussion for people driving home from the event. Talks from the conferences will be replayed at 4 p.m. on weekdays immediately following both events.

The station has offered live broadcasts of the conferences, followed by replays, every year since 2009, following the events as they expanded from church halls to ever-larger facilities at the fairgrounds, and as attendance for



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2017 CATHOLIC TIMES LENTEN FISH FRY



GUIDE





It's FISH FRY TIME!

Lent is almost upon us. The final Mardi Gras parties are under way. In a few days, Ash Wednesday will be here, ushering in a season of repentance and sacrifice. But it does not mean we will be totally without good times.

One of the great parts of Lent is the return of that wonderful Catholic institution, the Friday fish fry. Since you are going to give up meat every Friday, this is a great way to get something extra out of that discipline. The fish fry is a chance to not only make a personal sacrifice, but also strengthen your bond with your spiritual community by joining other Catholics at these weekly gatherings.

By spending time with your fellow parishioners at this weekly meal, you build the strength of the parish through fellowship. That is really important. But you also can benefit by visiting other parish fish fry dinners. It is a great way to experience the breadth of the Catholic Church. There are a number of local Catholics who make an annual event out of seeing how many different fish fries they can visit each Lent.

You will get some great food and meet a lot of wonderful new friends. So check out the listings in these pages and plan to visit your own or some other parish's fish fry every Friday. I hope to see you there!

David Garick
Editor

CENTER-SOUTH

- **ST. PATRICK CHURCH**
280 N Grant Ave, Columbus
Each Friday; 3/3-4/7• 5-7 PM
- **ST. DOMINIC CHURCH**
453 N 20th St, Columbus
(Parish Center, rear of Church)
Saturday, 3/25• 11 AM-5 PM

- **ST. LADISLAS CHURCH**
277 Reeb Ave, Columbus (Huber Hall)
SPAGHETTI DINNER
Sunday, 3/26• Noon-5 PM

NORTHWEST

- **OUR LADY OF VICTORY CHURCH**
1559 Roxbury Rd, Columbus
Each Friday; 3/3-4/7• 4:30-7 PM
- **ST. ANDREW CHURCH**
1899 McCoy Rd, Upper Arlington
Each Friday; 3/3-4/7• 4:30-7 PM

- **ST. BRENDAN CHURCH**
4475 Dublin Rd, Hilliard (In School)
Each Friday; 3/3-4/7• 4:30-7:30 PM

- **ST. CHRISTOPHER CHURCH**
1420 Grandview Ave, Columbus
LENTEN PASTA DINNERS
Each Friday; 3/3-4/7• 5-7 PM

- **ST. JOAN OF ARC CHURCH**
10700 Liberty Rd, Powell
Each Friday; 3/3-4/7
5-7:30 PM

- **ST. MARGARET OF CORTONA**
1600 N Hague Ave, Columbus
Each Friday; 3/3-4/7
4:30-7:30 PM

NORTH HIGH

- **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**
414 E North Broadway, Columbus
(Marian Hall)
Each Friday; 3/3-4/7• 5-7:30 PM

- **ST. MICHAEL CHURCH**
5750 N High St, Worthington
Each Friday; 3/3-4/7• 5-8 PM

NORTHLAND

- **CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION**
6300 E Dublin-Granville Rd,
New Albany (Ministry Center)
Each Friday; 3/3-4/7• 5:30-8 PM

- **ST. ANTHONY CHURCH**
1300 Urban Dr, Columbus
SPAGHETTI DINNER
Sunday, 2/26• Noon-6:30 PM

- **ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH**
6077 Sharon Woods Blvd, Columbus
LENTEN DINNERS
Each Friday; 3/3-4/7• 5-7 PM
SOUP SUPPERS
Tuesdays, 3/7-4/4• 6:30-7 PM

- **ST. JOHN NEUMANN CHURCH**
9633 E State Route 37, Sunbury (Social Hall)
Each Friday; 3/3-4/7• 4 -7 PM

- **ST. MATTHIAS CHURCH**
1582 Ferris Rd, Columbus
Each Friday; 3/3-4/7
4:30-7:30 PM

- **ST. PAUL CHURCH**
313 N State St, Westerville (Miller Hall)
Each Friday; 3/10-4/7• 5-7:30 PM

WEST

- **OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP**
3752 Broadway,
Grove City (School Cafeteria)
Each Friday;
3/3-4/7• 5-7:30 PM



- **SS. SIMON & JUDE CHURCH**
9350 High Free Pike, West Jefferson
MEATLESS PASTA DINNER
Fridays, 3/24, 3/31, 4/7• 4:30-7 PM

- **ST. CECILIA CHURCH**
434 Norton Rd, Columbus (School Hall)
Each Friday; 3/3-4/7• 5-7:30 PM


- **ST. JOSEPH CHURCH**
670 W Main St, Plain City
Each Friday; 3/3-4/7• 5:30-8 PM

- **ST. PATRICK CHURCH**
226 Elm St, London (In School)
Each Friday; 3/3-4/7• 4:30-7:30 PM

- **ST. STEPHEN THE MARYTR CHURCH**
4131 Clime Rd, Columbus (West entrance)
Each Friday; 3/3-4/7• 5-7 PM

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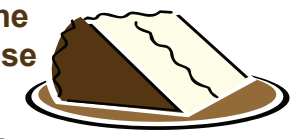
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Full Menu and Weekly Specials can be found at: www.cotrna.org/

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EAST• **CHRIST THE KING CHURCH**

2777 E Livingston Ave, Columbus
Fridays, 3/17, 3/24• 5-8 PM
All Saints Academy Gym

• **HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH**

4383 E Broad St. Columbus (Parish Hall)
Each Friday; 3/3-4/7• 5:30-7:30PM

• **OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL CHURCH**

5225 Refugee Rd, Columbus
Each Friday; 3/3-3/31• 6-7:30 PM
After Stations of the Cross

• **ST. ELIZABETH SETON PARISH**

600 Hill Rd N, Pickerington
 (Parish Activity Center)
Each Friday; 3/3-4/7• 5-7 PM

• **ST. CATHARINE CHURCH**

500 S Gould Rd, Columbus
Fridays, 3/3, 3/17, 3/31, 4/7• 5-8 PM

• **ST. MATTHEW THE APOSTLE**

807 Havens Corners Rd, Gahanna
Each Friday; 3/3-4/7• 4:45-7 PM

• **ST. PIUS X CHURCH**

1051 S Waggoner Rd, Reynoldsburg
Fridays, 3/3, 3/17, 3/31• 5-7 PM

OUTSIDE COLUMBUS• **OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH**

1033 W 5th St, Marysville
Each Friday; 3/3-4/7• 5-7:30 PM

• **ST. MARY CHURCH**

66 E William St, Delaware
Each Friday; 3/3-4/7• 5-7 PM

• **ST. MARY CHURCH**

K of C Hall - 1232 E Center St, Marion
Each Friday; 2/24-4/7• 5-7:30 PM

• **CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION**

555 S Main St, Johnstown
Each Friday; 3/3-4/7• 4:30-7 PM

• **CHURCH OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

394 E Main St, Newark (School Cafeteria)
LENTEN MEALS
Each Wed; 3/8-4/5• 4:30-7 PM

• **NEWARK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL**

1 Green Wave Dr, Newark
Each Friday; 3/3-4/7• 4-7 PM

• **ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR**

785 Newark Rd, Granville
Each Friday; 3/10-4/7• 5-7:30 PM
 (Seniors 4-7:30)

• **ST. LEONARD CHURCH**

57 Dorsey Mill Rd, Heath
Each Friday; 3/3-4/7• 5-7 PM

• **ST. LUKE CHURCH**

7 W Rambo St, Danville (Community Center)
Each Friday; 3/3-4/7• 5-7 PM

• **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH**

206 E Chestnut St, Mount Vernon (School Gym)
Each Friday; 3/3-4/7• 4:30-7 PM

• **CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY**

1835 Dover-Zoar Rd, Bolivar
Each Friday; 3/3-4/7• 4-7 PM

• **SACRED HEART CHURCH**

777 3rd St NE, New Philadelphia
 (Tuscarawas Central Catholic High School)
Friday, 3/17• 5-7:30 PM

• **SACRED HEARTS CHURCH**

4680 U.S. Highway 42, Cardington
Each Friday; 3/3-4/7• 4-7 PM

• **ST. JOHN CHURCH**

351 N Market St, Logan
Each Friday; 3/3-4/7• 4-7 PM

• **ST. COLMAN OF CLOYNE CHURCH**

219 S North St, Washington Court House
Each Friday; 3/3-4/7• 4:30-7PM

• **ST. JOSEPH CHURCH**

K of C Hall - 2489 N Court St, Circleville
Each Friday; 2/24-4/7• 4:30 - 6:30PM

• **BISHOP FLAGET SCHOOL**

St. Peter Parish Hall
 285 W. Water St, Chillicothe
Each Friday; 3/3-4/7• 4-7 PM

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each grew to more than 3,000 people annually.

Like the conferences, St. Gabriel Radio has experienced tremendous growth since it went on the air on Aug. 1, 2005, as WUCO radio in Marysville. Its founder, Chris Gabrelcik of Cardington, recalled in a previous *Catholic Times* story that in its early days, it survived a lightning strike to its tower and snakes in the transmitter.

It switched frequencies in 2008, taking over the more powerful 1580 AM signal of WVKO in Columbus and adopting its call letters. In late 2011, it made a more dramatic move, purchasing the 820 AM frequency from The Ohio State University, which had decided to move its WOSU-AM news and public affairs station to FM.

With the move came another change in call letters, to WVSG (Voice of St. Gabriel). However, the station is best-known as St. Gabriel Catholic Radio, the identity it adopted at the start. In 2010, it moved its offices from Bethel Road to the current location at 4673 Winterset Drive, just off Henderson Road. When the office suite next door



St. Gabriel Radio personalities (clockwise from left): Tricia Kasson, Father Nic Ventura, Kayla Walton, and Joel Yarmesch of "Alive for More"; Chip Stalter, with "Catholic Times" announcements; Elizabeth Ficocelli and Al "Kresta in the Afternoon." Photos courtesy St. Gabriel Radio

in the same building became available, it expanded into that space, enabling it to build a chapel where the staff gathers every weekday at 3 p.m. to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

The 820 AM frequency allows it to operate under Federal Communications Commission rules with a daytime power of 5,000 watts, enabling it to be heard "north to Toledo, south to Cincinnati, east to beyond Zanesville, and west to the Indiana border," an area of about four million people, until sundown each day, Messerly said. Its power is reduced at night, but it continues to

reach central Ohio after dark.

Like St. Gabriel Radio, most Catholic radio stations are members of the EWTN network, which was founded in 1981 by Mother Angelica, a Canton native who was a cloistered Poor Clare Franciscan nun and died in 2016. The network is based at the Poor Clares' monastery in Irondale, Alabama.

The first thing a person sees when entering the St. Gabriel lobby is a statue of *El Divino Nino* (the Divine Child Jesus, pictured on Page 16). The statue honors Mother Angelica, because after viewing a similar statue in Colombia, she had a vision which resulted in construction of a shrine to the Divine Child in Hanceville, Alabama.

Messerly said about 80 percent of St. Gabriel Radio's programming is furnished by EWTN. Other Catholic radio networks exist, but they are not considered competitors in the sense that traditional broadcast networks are;



for example, 40 percent of EWTN's content is produced by other sources, such as the Ave Maria Radio network and the *Catholic Answers* organization, and the Relevant Radio network carries EWTN's nightly news program.

He said the most popular EWTN programs on St. Gabriel Radio include *Christ is the Answer* with Father John Riccardo at 8 a.m., *Faith Alive*, with

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The broadcast team for St. Gabriel Radio's Catholic high school football game of the week (from left): Randy Rhinehart, Doug Lessells, Ryan Baker, Lee Cochran, and Larry Wolf.

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a variety of top speakers, at 4 p.m., and *Catholic Answers Live* at 6 p.m.

A variety of local programs are heard on the station, with the most listened-to being *From the Chair* with Bishop Frederick Campbell, heard on Tuesdays at 5 p.m. and repeated on Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m. and Fridays at noon.

The bishop's series was created so he could directly speak with Catholics and non-Catholics in the station's listening area about living the Catholic faith. His subjects include life in the Church, spiritual growth, our responsibility as Christians, and our individual vocation to holiness.

The programs are generally 15 minutes in length. However, once a month, they are expanded to an hour. On the first Tuesday of most months, the bishop takes live calls from listeners. The expanded programs also include the bishop's annual dialogues with seminarians and young people.

Two programs have been in the station's lineup since its beginning – *Foundations in Faith* with Msgr. Frank Lane, and *The Seminarians*.

Msgr. Lane's program is heard Fridays at 12:30 a.m. and Sundays at 10 a.m., just before a weekly live broadcast of the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass from Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral. It offers insights into the readings heard at the Sunday Mass.

As its name implies, *The Seminarians* features seminary students from the Pontifical College Josephinum discussing both the Catholic Church and their own lives as men preparing to be priests.

"It's a great way to dispel people's myths about the Josephinum and the priesthood," said Dave Orsborn, the station's assistant director, who produces the program. "People think of the Josephinum as this mysterious place with the tall steeple on High Street in north Columbus and sometimes get the impression it's something like Hogwarts in the *Harry Potter* books. The program is an opportunity to show the seminarians are ordinary young men who feel called by God to serve his church."

A different group of seminarians is featured each year. This year's hosts are third-year seminarians Robert Johnson of Columbus, John Nahrgang of Phoenix, and Rick Childress of Nashville.

"It hasn't exactly made us celebrities, but once in a while, people do recognize our voices and say they listen," Johnson said. "It's a great way to develop our own conversational skills, how we explain the faith to others, and our ability to listen to people," Childress said. "You can't dominate a conversation if you want to have an effective radio program."

The program is part of a community service curriculum developed by Father Louis Iasiello, a teacher at the Josephinum and former chief chaplain of the Navy, for theology students in their last four years of training for the priesthood. In the first year, they visit prisons and make Communion calls; the second year is for work with hospitals and the Bethesda Healing Ministry; the third year features work in radio, RCIA, and adult education programs; and in the fourth year, they are deacons assigned to a parish.

Other local programs heard every week on St. Gabriel Radio include *Answering the Call*, with locally based Catholic author Elizabeth Ficocelli talking to priests and religious about their vocations; *Alive for More*, with Father Nic Ventura of Columbus St. Peter Church and three young adults; *Dominican Dimensions*, with the friars of Columbus St. Patrick Church; *Encounter*, with two youth ministers; *Family Sanctuary*, with counselor Mary Ann Jepsen and Heartbeat International founder Peggy Hartshorne; *Raising Saints*, a program for parents of teens with Katy Wyatt, youth minister at the Church of the Resurrection in New Albany; *Sacred Soundings*, hosted by Al Romano and featuring Gregorian chant; and *The Sacred Heart Hour*, heard monthly, with Father Stash Dailey and Chuck and Jo Ann Wilson talking about enthronement of the Sacred Heart in homes.

Emily Jaminet is featured every weekday at 2:55 p.m. with *A Mother's Moment*, a short reflection on being a Catholic parent. The program schedule also includes material from the *Catholic Times*, with editor Dave Garick looking at each week's issue on Wednesdays at 12:45 p.m. and Fridays at 12:15 p.m., and Chip Stalter talking at various times about coming events listed on the paper's Happenings page.

Each Friday at 7:15 p.m. during the high school football season since 2009, the station has presented the Catholic

high school game of the week, featuring a game involving one or two of the five Columbus Catholic high schools, with veteran sportscaster Randy Rhinehart and longtime coach Larry Wolf. The game is preceded at 6 p.m. by a show previewing all the schools' games, hosted by Doug Lessells and Ryan Baker, and followed by the only high school football scoreboard show in central Ohio, with *ThisWeek* newspapers sports editor Lee Cochran and Baker.

"Besides the magnets, the games are probably our biggest outreach to people who normally wouldn't listen to the station," Messerly said. "They're also a great forum for coaches, players, and school administrators to communicate their Catholic faith and values."

Ficocelli, who lives in Reynoldsburg, and Granville-based Catholic author and lecturer Patrick Madrid are heard not only on St. Gabriel Radio, but also nationally. Both have studio facilities in their homes for those appearances.

Ficocelli is a frequent guest host on EWTN, filling in at various times for the regular hosts of *Morning Glory*, *Catholic Answers Live*, *Catholic Connection with Teresa Tomeo*, and *Kresta in the Afternoon*, in addition to her work on *Answering the Call*.

Concerning the latter program, she said, "I'm a Catholic convert who didn't grow up with priests and sisters. This has helped me see the people behind the robes. I'm always struck by the stories of how God calls different people in different ways for the same purpose of serving him."

Madrid's daily program is heard at 10 a.m. He has been on Catholic radio locally and nationally since its early days and was on the St. Gabriel board for several years. "Probably the biggest change in Catholic radio in that time has been in the number of stations and networks," he said. The Catholic Radio Association said that number has grown from about 20 in 1999 to more than 300 today.

"It used to be there was just EWTN. Now there are additional networks like Relevant Radio, Immaculate Heart, Ave Maria, and others," Madrid said. "I think that testifies to both the quality of the programs and people's need and desire for them. We're not fighting each other for advertising dollars, but sharing in the effort to change people's minds and



hearts, so the more, the better."

St. Gabriel Radio has five full- or part-time employees – Messerly, Orsborn, communications coordinator Leslie Malek-Pasian, accounting coordinator Margi Baker, and community outreach coordinator Colleen Lewis – and relies heavily on the efforts of about 400 volunteers. About 28 percent of its \$806,000 in revenues last year came from advertisers and underwriters, with the rest from fundraisers and the station's sustaining members.

The largest of the fundraisers, the station's twice-a-year Spirit Drive, will take place from Tuesday, March 22 to Friday, March 25, and again in September.

The station has approximately 1,200 sustaining members who for the most part donate \$20 a month. Their constant support gives St. Gabriel Radio a steady source of income and allows it to make long-term plans with the knowledge it has money available to fulfill them.

"There is so much confusion and so little depth as we journey through life," Messerly said. "More than ever, we need a place where we can all capture a glimpse of Jesus. Catholic radio, through the support of our listening family, provides that safe place where people can rise above the worldly clamor and approach Jesus."

For more information about St. Gabriel Catholic Radio, go to its website, www.stgabrielradio.com.

Plain City St. Joseph tops this year's list of 'fish fry guy' favorites

BY TIM PUET

Reporter, *Catholic Times*

Plain City has a reputation as the best place to go to in central Ohio for good Amish cooking. J.K. Mendenhall, the *Catholic Times'* traveling fish fry expert, says it's also a great place for that popular mainstay of Catholic food – the Lenten fish fry.

With help mainly from of David Drees of Pickerington St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, plus additional assistance from Peter Supron of Columbus and the Central Ohio Transit Authority's Mainstream service, Mendenhall again expanded his travels last year in search of the perfect fish fry.

He made it to 12 fish fries in 2016, the same number he visited the previous year. He visited more places in the first two years he reviewed fish fries for the newspaper, but that's because he went only to sites in the immediate Columbus area. Last year, just four of his stops were in Franklin County, with one in nearby Pickerington. He also traveled to Plain City, London, Johnstown, Danville, Chillicothe, Washington Court House, and Circleville.

He hopes to make it this year to the outer edges of the diocese in southern, northeast, and west central Ohio in an attempt to visit all the approximately 45 fish fry sites in the diocese before hanging up his knife and fork for good. Mendenhall says thyroid and diabetes-related issues will force him to retire from the fish fry circuit after this year and perhaps next, but he doesn't want to go out "until I've seen everything I can, in a manner of speaking."

The remark about "seeing" is one of the many sight-related puns Mendenhall enjoys making because of his blindness. The *Catholic Times* learned in 2013 of how he used the newspaper's fish fry guide and the Mainstream service to take him to parish fish fries on the six Fridays of Lent before Good Friday. His comments on those meals have been a pre-Lenten part of the newspaper since then.

The first story about him included a request for assistance from *Times* readers willing to take him to fish fries in other areas. This has resulted in responses from several people in the last three years, most notably from Drees, who has been his travel partner and fellow fish fry connoisseur on many Fridays.



JK Mendenhall (left), Scout parent Nick Ianitto, and Girl Scouts of Troop 2381, who sell cookies at the Columbus St. Margaret of Cortona Church fish fry.

Photo by Larry Pishitelli

In 2015, Mendenhall gave his top rating to Newark Blessed Sacrament Church, but he didn't go back there last year. Plain City St. Joseph Church topped the list of the places he visited in 2016. "I give them six stars on my five-star list because they do so many things so well," he said.

"First, the fish. By now, I'm familiar with the taste of most of the fish the churches use around here, because it generally comes from one of the big suppliers like Gordon Food Service, US Foods, or Sysco. It's all good, but you can tell when you have something different, and I found that at Plain City.

"Their fish comes from Lovejoy's Market in Plain City, which I found out has been around since 1950, is a fourth-generation, family-owned store, and gets as much of its meat, produce, cheese, and fish from local suppliers as possible. I don't know the source of the fish, but it tasted so fresh that it could have been caught from some pond around the corner. It was pollock, which they offer fried and baked.

"The macaroni and cheese was the best I've had in years. The slaw was good, and there were homemade pickles – something I haven't seen anywhere else. Then came the homemade desserts – a remarkable variety, including cream puffs, rhubarb pie, and peanut butter cake.

"Like the name of the town, everything was plain and simple. The people

there knew Dave and I were coming and took good care of us. I run into so many friendly people at fish fries that it's hard to single one place out as the friendliest, but I can say there's nowhere that's more friendly than this. They get about 250 people a night and have room for more. It's not far from Columbus, so it would make a good road trip for people living inside the Interstate 270 outer-belt."

Here are highlights from the other fish fries Mendenhall visited last year, as he recalled shortly after Easter in 2016:

Columbus St. Margaret of Cortona – "Once again, five stars, which I've given them every year. They call it the best fish fry in town. I don't want to get into whether they are or not, but they're always one of the best. They have a lot of experience, for they've been doing it since 1999. They pack in 900 people a week and they'll serve you seconds of good-sized cod and perch. Sides include slaw, apple sauce, and a baked potato, steak fries or french fries, plus beer. They have a drive-through and pickup window, I always get seated in about two minutes, and the food comes quickly. They added Girl Scouts selling cookies in 2015. The Scouts were back last year, with the cookie price at \$5 instead of \$4. That's a national decision and I had no problem with it, but I remember one man who refused to pay the extra money, and I'm still upset thinking about him. I call him Ebenezer

Scrooge's American cousin."

Columbus Christ the King – "Four stars. They had one fish fry last year. It's actually in the All Saints Academy building which was the former Christ the King School. The fish fry raised money to provide air conditioning for the school, and was the first in three years there. They used equipment borrowed from Columbus St. Catharine Church, and there were no fries, because the fryer had broken down. I come in the door, and who should be there but Pope Francis – well, a life-size cardboard cutout of him. The Girl Scouts were selling cookies there, too. This time, I couldn't find any Scrooges. The rating is related to the lack of fries, but otherwise, the service was great. They had slaw, apple sauce, some vegetables, and homemade desserts. They're planning just one fish fry again this year, so come out and support them, especially if you live on the east side of Columbus."

London St. Patrick – "Five stars. Anyone coming needs to know it's at the school, not the church, because the two are at separate sites. They rank right up there with Plain City. The phrase 'It takes a village' came to mind here. The original phrase refers to raising a child, but I use it to refer to how these guys all were hustling. David says everyone looked like they were working hard and no one was taking any breaks, and that's how it sounded to me. As with so many parishes, the Knights of Columbus sponsored the fish fry. I was told the Knights council has only 30 members, with 13 working the fish fry. If this is any example, that's an awfully hard-working council. The fish was breaded Alaskan pollock from Restaurant Depot. Fries were fresh-cut; slaw was nice and tangy, with Marzetti's sauce; rolls and desserts were homemade. They're the first place I've been to with fish sticks for the kids. They have a drive-through that accounts for 60 percent of sales. Fifty people were there when we came, 100 when we left. It's small, so it's a nice place to get to know your neighbor."

Church of the Ascension, Johnstown – "Five stars again. I looked forward to coming back after visiting the previous year, and they didn't disappoint me. Thanks to Charlie Kramer and the

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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle A)

Because the Lord is holy, we also must be holy



Father
Lawrence L. Hummer

Leviticus 19:1-2,17-18;

1 Corinthians 3:16-23;

Matthew 5:38-48

“Be holy, for I, the Lord, your God, am holy.” In most religions, the holy is the realm of the divine. To encounter the holy is to encounter the divinity itself, and yet the encounter usually is obscured by smoke, clouds, or a light so bright that it cannot be looked at. We tend to regard the negative side of the holy because that’s where we all too often encounter it. It is by doing that which is taboo or forbidden that we instinctively know we have violated the holy.

The example of Adam and Eve illustrates the point. When they have eaten from the forbidden fruit, “their eyes were opened, and they knew that they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made loin cloths for themselves.” Their natural state of nakedness became something they had to avoid. They covered it to try to regain their lost innocence. They had violated the taboo and could not return to their former state. This was a negative experience of the holy. They had, quite simply, sinned.

Because the Lord is holy, those in company with the Lord must seek to be holy, though few, if any, ever succeed. So “bear no hatred for your brother or sister in your heart.” That also means to take no revenge against her, nor to cherish a grudge against him. “You shall love your neighbor as yourself. I am the Lord.” The neighbor enjoys the same call to holiness that we do, and that should be all the motivation we need for doing likewise.

Ohio Dominican MBA program

Ohio Dominican University will host an information session for its master of business administration program at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21 in room 274 of the Bishop Griffin Student Center, on the ODU campus at 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Attendees may check in starting at 5:30 p.m. at the first-floor information desk.

To register for the free event, visit www.ohiodominican.edu/MBAinfo.

During the session, attendees will have an opportunity to learn about ODU’s MBA program, which may be completed entirely online, on campus, or in a combination of both formats in as few as 16 months. Students have the option of concentrating in one of six areas, including finance, risk management, and leadership. The program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs.

In the Gospel, Jesus begins by citing the “law of retaliation: an eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth.” Included in that command from Exodus 21:24 was also “a life for a life, a hand for a hand, a foot for a foot, burn for burn, wound for wound, stripe for stripe.” In its own setting, it made sense that one could only respond in kind to an injury. Forbidden was taking two teeth for one that had been knocked out. This was to prevent things getting out of hand, resulting in a feud.

What Christians miss, unfortunately, is what Jesus said about all of this. If I had a dime for every time I have heard Bible thumpers quote this passage to justify their retaliation, I’d be a rich man. Regrettably, Catholics also cite this as one bit of Old Testament teaching they like, because they want revenge. But what did Jesus actually teach?

“I say to you, offer no resistance to one who is evil.” To which our Bible-thumping Catholics respond, “Say what?” He continues, “When someone strikes you on your right cheek, turn the other one as well.” If he wants your tunic, offer him your cloak as well. “Give to the one who asks of you, and do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow.” By this point, the amateur Bible enthusiast is edgy.

When he hears the next part, he may want to set aside the “Good Book” forever. Jesus continues: “You have heard that it was said *you shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy*. But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father, for he makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust. ... So be perfect just as your heavenly father is perfect.” By this time, our Bible lover has disappeared altogether. Yet this is what Jesus teaches us, in a time when we are told we have enemies everywhere.

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Pray, Pray, Pray

The Weekday Bible Readings

MONDAY
Sirach 1:1-10
Psalm 93:1-2,5
Mark 9:14-29

TUESDAY
Sirach 2:1-11
Psalm 37:3-4,18-19,27-28,39-40
Mark 9:30-37

WEDNESDAY
1 Peter 5:1-4
Psalm 23:1-3a,4-6
Matthew 16:13-19

THURSDAY
Sirach 5:1-8
Psalm 1:1-4,6
Mark 9:41-50

FRIDAY
Sirach 6:5-17
Psalm 119:12,16,18,27,34-35
Mark 10:1-12

SATURDAY
Sirach 17:1-15
Psalm 103:13-18
Mark 10:13-16

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 19, 2017

SUNDAY MASS

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

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. Check local cable system for cable channel listing.

Mass from Our Lady of the Angels Monastery, Birmingham, Ala., at 8 a.m. on EWTN (Time Warner Channel 385, Insight Channel 382, or WOW Channel 378).

(Encores at noon, 7 p.m., and midnight).

Mass from 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).

DAILY MASS

8 a.m., Our Lady of the Angels Monastery in Birmingham, Ala. (Encores at noon, 7 p.m. and midnight). See EWTN above; and on I-Lifetv (Channel 113 in Ada, Logan, Millersburg, Murray City and Washington C.H.; Channel 125 in Marion, Newark, Newcomerstown and New Philadelphia; and Channel 207 in Zanesville); 8 p.m., St. Gabriel Radio (AM 820), Columbus, and at www.stgabrielradio.com.

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

Synod talk, again

On Jan. 13, the General Secretariat of the Synod of Bishops published a “preparatory document” for the 2018 Synod on Young People, Faith, and Vocational Discernment. The document begins well enough, with a brief meditation on St. John the Beloved as the model of a young person who answers the call to follow the Lord and makes a gift of himself in evangelical witness. Sadly, things go downhill from there. Rather than pursuing that Johannine biblical imagery to explore the dynamics of youthful faith in the 21st-century world, the synod’s general secretariat reverts to the sociologese that marred the *Instrumentum Laboris* (Working Document) of the 2015 synod, wandering rather aimlessly through prolix discussions of “A Rapidly Changing World,” “New Generations,” “Young People and Choices,” etc., etc.

It’s also noteworthy, if strange, that the preparatory document comprehensively ignores the contemporary saint who was a powerful magnet for young people during his 26-year pontificate, Pope St. John Paul II. Surely there is something for the world Church of the 21st century to learn from his experience.

I’ve been asked dozens of times why John Paul was such a Pied Piper for the young, especially when, in his latter years, he didn’t look like what youth culture imagines to be a “celebrity.” Two reasons strike me.

The first is that John Paul II transparently believed and lived what he proposed. He didn’t ask young people to bear any burden he hadn’t borne, risk anything he hadn’t risked, stretch themselves as he hadn’t been stretched. Young people have a good nose for fakery, and there was nothing false about John Paul II’s cat-

echesis and way of life. He transparently walked the walk, living out the talk.

Then there was his refusal to play the pander bear with the members of a generation long accustomed to being told how amazing they were. He held up a higher standard, summoning the young to risk the lifelong adventure of heroic virtue. He knew they would fail from time to time, just as he had. But that was no excuse for lowering the bar of expectation.

Rather, it was a reason to seek out the divine mercy and re-encounter God’s truth: to repent, confess, be forgiven, and then try again, with the help of grace, to grow into the sanctity that is everyone’s baptismal vocation. Never, ever settle for anything less than the spiritual and moral grandeur that the grace of God makes possible in your life: that was John Paul II’s challenge. A lot of young people found it irresistible at a historical moment when youth ministry in the Church seemed moribund and perhaps even impossible.

The synod’s preparatory document ends with a proposed global survey of the Catholic youth scene, full of generic (and, alas, dull) questions. As the Church prepares for Synod 2018, there are at least two more urgent lines of inquiry for our reflection.

The first involves All-In Catholicism vs. Catholic Lite. Why are the growing youth movements in the Church those that have embraced the symphony of Catholic truth in full? How do those movements create vibrant microcultures in which young people grow in their relationship to Jesus Christ and are formed as missionary disciples, offering healing to the battle-



THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE George Weigel

field casualties of the post-modern world? How does the Church summon young people to be countercultural Catholics, precisely for the sake of converting the cultures in which they find themselves?

The second set of questions touches the synod’s theme of vocational discernment and accompaniment. Here, the Church should ponder why Catholic Lite religious orders are dying, while religious orders that try to live the evangelical counsels and the consecrated life in a distinctive way are growing. The same seems true for seminaries. In their case, how can re-discovering the sacred character of the priesthood as a unique participation in the priesthood of Jesus Christ be disentangled from temptations to clericalism, understood as a kind of ecclesiastical caste system?

And since most young people will live their Christian vocations as married couples, not as priests or consecrated religious, might Synod 2018 take the opportunity to lift up the vocation to marriage, not as an impossible ideal, but as a holy challenge that can be met through the power of the grace that Christ never denies his people?

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OUR LADY OF PEACE STARTS ROBOTICS CLUB

Columbus Our Lady of Peace School has started a robotics club, which has 26 members in grades five to eight who have teamed up to build and program Lego Mindstorms robots. The club meets once a week, with members beginning with the basic robot from a manual and becoming more creative with use of additional sensors and bricks. The club hopes to compete in a national challenge in December. Its lead teacher is Kathy McMahon, with the assistance of parent Shawn Potts and grandparent Helmut Naunheimer. Pictured are (from left) club members Ryan Williams and Josh Ulibarri.

Photo courtesy Our Lady of Peace School



Magazine features Olbarra's photos

Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School senior Jennifer Ibarra's photojournalism skills were prominently on display in The Ohio State University's “¿Que Pasa?” magazine.

A photo taken by her was on the cover, and a photo essay of hers was given a full page inside the publication.

Photo courtesy St. Francis DeSales High School

Pray for our dead

ADOLPH, David G., 79, Feb. 17
St. Brigid of Kildare Church, Dublin

BECK, Barbara J., 52, Feb. 5
St. Catharine Church, Columbus

BOND, Teresa V. (Davis), 69, Feb. 6
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Grove City

BORGHESE, Juanita L. (Miller), 84, Feb. 9
St. Mary Church, Groveport

BOW, Michael W., 70, of Columbus, Feb. 4
St. Mary of the Woods Church, Russells Point

BURKHART, John R., 80, Feb. 10
St. Nicholas Church, Zanesville

CREA, Ralph "Sonny" B., 71, Jan. 31
St. James the Less Church, Columbus

CURRAN, Francis J. Jr., 72, Feb. 8
St. Paul Church, Westerville

DEFERRO, Norma G. (Wiley), 89, Feb. 8
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

DUNKLE, Marcia K. (Helsel), 65, Feb. 1
St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Zanesville

ELIZONDO, Alberto L., 83, Feb. 10
St. Mary Church, Groveport

ELLIS, Jon A., Feb. 5
Corpus Christi Church, Columbus

FAVRET, Alice P. (Fitzburgh), 86, formerly of Lancaster, Feb. 4
Christ the King Church, Ann Arbor, Mich.

FINNEN, Jennie R. (Hickman), 92, Feb. 9
St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Columbus

FREDETTE, Diane (Kaufman), Feb. 6
Our Lady of Victory Church, Columbus

GINNETTI, Kiomi (Yoshikawa), 88, Feb. 7
St. Joseph Church, Dover

GROVE, Willard N., 87, Jan. 29
St. Philip Church, Columbus

HARRISON, Marda G., 80, Feb. 6
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Grove City

HENDERSON, Patricia B. (Barry), 86, Feb. 10
St. Peter Church, Columbus

KENNY, Charles J., 92, Feb. 7
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

LAPE, Joan (Hackett), 91, Feb. 10
St. Mary Church, Columbus

LOMBARDO, Donald A., 72, Feb. 7
Our Lady of Victory Church, Columbus

MARCH, Edward T., 80, Feb. 11
St. Cecilia Church, Columbus

MITCHELL, John P. Jr., 74, Feb. 6
St. Matthew Church, Gahanna

PARKER, Elizabeth (Freas), 92, Feb. 5
St. Christopher Church, Columbus

RAPCZYNSKI, Patricia E. (Morgan), of Columbus, 76, Feb. 5
St. Martin of Tours Church, Vicksburg, Miss.

ROGERS, Gus A., 88, Feb. 12
St. Matthias Church, Columbus

SAUER, Mary K. (Carmichael), 81, Feb. 8
St. John XXIII Church, Canal Winchester

WAY, David M., 52, Feb. 7
St. Matthias Church, Columbus

Mary C. Polilli

Funeral Mass for Mary C. Polilli, 110, who died Saturday, Feb. 4, was held Saturday, Feb. 11 at Dover St. Joseph church. Burial was at Calvary Cemetery, Dover.

She was born on March 28, 1906 in Oceola Mills, Pennsylvania, to Anthony and Josephine (Aveni) Marino.

She was employed by the former Belmont Stamping Co. and then worked for the Reeves Steel Co., both in Dover. She belonged to her parish's

Ladies Catholic Benevolent Association and Christian Mothers, and was a 25-year volunteer for the Community Hospice of Tuscarawas County.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 64 years, Louis A. Polilli on Aug. 24, 1990, and by a son, Joe; and a granddaughter.

Survivors include her daughter, Rosemary Natale; nine grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

Mary Jo Dooley

Funeral Mass for Mary Jo Dooley, 92, who died Tuesday, Feb. 7, was held Friday, Feb. 10, at Zanesville St. Nicholas Church. Burial was at Mt. Olive Cemetery, Zanesville.

She was born April 4, 1924 to the late Joseph and Francis (Kernan) Hildebrand.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Russell; brothers, William, Bernard, David, Joseph, Edward, and John; and sisters, Sister Francis Aloysius Hildebrand,

OSF, and J. Pauline Jones. Survivors include sons, Michael (Teresa) and Kevin (Suzanne); daughters, Martha (Michael) Scott, Maureen Pack, and Kathleen Ross; sister, Sister Frances Joseph Hildebrand, OSF; 17 grandchildren, including Father Sean Dooley, parochial vicar of Chillicothe St. Peter, Washington Court House St. Colman of Cloyne, Waverly St. Mary, and Zaleski St. Sylvester churches; and nine great-grandchildren.

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bus. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, with prayers in the Cenacle format of the Marian Movement of Priests.

Abortion Recovery Network Group
 7 to 8 p.m., Gateway Center, 2670 N. Columbus St., Lancaster. Abortion recovery network group meeting for anyone interested in recovering from abortion or who has been through a recovery program and wants to stay connected.
 614-721-2100

Frassati Society Meeting at Columbus St. Patrick
 7 p.m., Aquinas Hall, St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Meeting of parish's Frassati Society for young adults. Talk on the Liturgy of the Hours with Michael Murphy, followed by questions and answers.
 614-224-9522

Michael Coleman Talk at Ohio Dominican
 7 p.m., Alumni Hall, Ohio Dominican University, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Former Columbus Mayor Michael B. Coleman talks about "Being Human: Civic Engagement, Civility and Community." Free; seating limited. Go to www.ohiodominican.edu and click "News & Events" and "Current News."

16-19, THURSDAY-SUNDAY

Bishop Hartley Presents 'Footloose'
 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Columbus Performing Arts Center, 549 Franklin Ave., Columbus. Columbus Bishop Hartley High School theater department presents the musical "Footloose." Admission \$7 to \$10; Hartley students free with ID.
 614-237-5421

18, SATURDAY

Columbus Catholic Women's Conference
 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Cardinal Building, State Fairgrounds, Columbus. Tenth annual Columbus Catholic Women's conference, with talks by Jeff Cavins, Magnus Macfarlane-Barrow, Kerri Caviezel, and Father Mathias Thelen. Details at www.columbuscatholicwomen.com.
Life and Mercy Mass in Plain City
 9 a.m. Mass, St. Joseph Church, 140 West Ave., Plain City. Saturday Life and Mercy Mass, followed by rosary and confession.

19, SUNDAY

St. Agatha Adult Education
 9:30 a.m., St. Agatha Church, 1860 Northam Road, Columbus. Third of four talks with Father Edmund Hussey on a modern theology of the Church. Topic: "You Are the Missionaries of Our Church."
 614-488-6149

St. Christopher Adult Religious Education
 10 to 11:20 a.m., Library, Trinity Catholic School, 1440 Grandview Ave., Columbus. "Making Old Prayers New: A Fresh Look at the Familiar" with Catholic Times columnist Mary van Balen.

Blessing of St. Gerard Majella at Holy Family
 After 11 a.m. Mass, Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St., Columbus. Blessing of St. Gerard Majella, patron of expectant mothers, for all women who are pregnant or wish to become pregnant.
 614-221-1890

Angelic Warfare Confraternity at Columbus St. Patrick
 Following noon Mass, St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Monthly meeting of Angelic Warfare Confraternity, with talk on chastity-related issues followed by Holy Hour.
 614-224-9522

St. Padre Pio Secular Franciscans
 1:30 to 5 p.m., St. John the Baptist Church, 720 Hamlet St., Columbus. Fellowship and ongoing formation followed by adoration and prayer, Liturgy of the Hours, and initial formation with visitors.
 614-282-4676

Taize Evening Prayer at Corpus Christi
 4 to 5 p.m., Corpus Christi Center of Peace, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus. Evening Prayer in the style and spirit of

the Taize monastic community, with song, silence, and reflection.
 614-512-3731

Prayer Group Meeting at Christ the King
 5 to 7 p.m., Christ the King Church, 2777 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus (enter at daily Mass entrance). Weekly parish prayer group meets for praise, worship, ministry, and teaching.
 614-861-1242

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

20-23, MONDAY-THURSDAY

Parish Mission at Coshocton Sacred Heart
 7 p.m., Sacred Heart Church, Walnut Street and Park Avenue, Coshocton. Parish mission with Father Thomas Blau, OP, of Columbus St. Patrick Church and papal missionary of mercy. Theme: "Life in Christ." (Thursday evening pending for questions and answers.)
 740-622-8817

21, TUESDAY

Ohio Dominican MBA Information Session
 6 p.m., Room 274, Bishop Griffin Center, Ohio Dominican University, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Information session for university's master of business administration program.
 614-251-4615

Rosary for Life at St. Joan of Arc
 Following 6:15 p.m. Mass, St. Joan of Arc Church, 10700 Liberty Road, Powell. Recital of Rosary for Life, sponsored by church's respect life committee.

23, THURSDAY

Ohio Dominican Natural Sciences Open House
 6 to 7:30 p.m., Battelle Hall, Ohio Dominican University, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Open house for high school students interested in university's science- and health care-related majors.
 614-251-4500

Cenacle at Holy Name
 6 p.m., Holy Name Church, 154 E. Patterson Ave., Columbus. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, with prayers in the Cenacle format of the Marian Movement of Priests.

Frassati Society Meeting at Columbus St. Patrick
 7 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Meeting of parish's Frassati Society for young adults. "Christ in the City" program with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, confessions, Taize chant, and night prayer, followed by refreshments at Claddagh Irish Pub.
 614-224-9522

23-26, THURSDAY-SUNDAY

St. Charles Presents 'The Diviners'
 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday, St. Charles Preparatory School, 2010 E. Broad St., Columbus. School's theater department presents "The Diviners" by Jim Leonard Jr., a play about a farm town in Depression-era Indiana. Admission \$10 adults, \$5 students.
 614-252-6714

24-26, FRIDAY-SUNDAY

Bishop Ready Presents 'Arsenic and Old Lace'
 7 p.m. Friday and Sunday, 2 p.m. Saturday, Bishop Ready High School, 707 Salisbury Road, Columbus. School's theater department presents the comedy "Arsenic and Old Lace." Admission \$10 adults, \$9 seniors, \$8 students.
 614-276-5263

25, SATURDAY

Columbus Catholic Men's Conference
 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Cardinal Building, State Fairgrounds, Columbus. 20th annual Columbus Catholic Men's Conference, with talks by Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, Father Jonathan Morris, and Steve Bollman. Details at www.columbuscatholicmen.com.

Life and Mercy Mass in Plain City

9 a.m. Mass, St. Joseph Church, 140 West Ave., Plain City. Saturday Life and Mercy Mass, followed by rosary and confession.

Bishop Hartley Luncheon and Style Show

11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Jefferson Country Club, 7271 Jefferson Meadows Drive, Blacklick. 26th annual luncheon and style show benefiting Hartley Parents Organization, featuring students modeling prom fashions and mothers modeling spring wear, with silent auction. Tickets: \$40 adults, \$15 students.
 614-580-7381

Our Lady of Perpetual Help School Alumni Mixer

6:30 to 8 p.m., Plank's, 4022 Broadway, Grove City. Mixer for all alumni and current and former faculty and staff of Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help School to benefit school's tuition assistance fund. Admission \$10 per person, includes pizza and soft drinks. Cash bar available. Reservation deadline Feb. 20.
 614-875-3322

26, SUNDAY

St. Agatha Adult Education
 9:30 a.m., St. Agatha Church, 1860 Northam Road, Columbus. Last of four talks with Father Edmund Hussey on a modern theology of the Church. Topic: "You Are the Sinners and Saints of Our Church."
 614-488-6149

St. Christopher Adult Religious Education
 10 to 11:20 a.m., Library, Trinity Catholic School, 1440 Grandview Ave., Columbus. "Virtues: Spiritual Aids to a Life of Holiness" with Susan Bellotti, pastoral associate, Westerville St. Paul Church.

Praise Mass at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal
 11 a.m., Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refugee Road, Columbus. Praise Mass with upbeat contemporary music.
 614-861-1242

World Marriage Day at Cols. Immaculate Conception
 1 to 4 p.m., Marian Hall, Immaculate Conception Church, 366 E. North Broadway, Columbus. Diocesan World Marriage Day celebration, featuring talk by Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers on "Male & Female He Created Them: Complementarity and Intimacy in Marriage," concluding with Holy Hour.
 614-241-2560

St. Catherine of Bologna Secular Franciscans
 2 to 4:30 p.m., St. Francis of Assisi Church, 386 Buttles Ave., Columbus. Meet in church for prayer, followed by general meeting, ongoing formation, and fellowship. Visitors welcome.
 614-895-7792

Prayer Group Meeting at Christ the King
 5 to 7 p.m., Christ the King Church, 2777 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus (enter at daily Mass entrance). Weekly parish prayer group meets for praise, worship, ministry, and teaching.
 614-861-1242

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

27, MONDAY

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

Our Lady of Peace Men's Bible Study
 7 p.m., Our Lady of Peace Church, 20 E. Dominion Blvd., Columbus. Bible study of Sunday Scripture readings.

28, TUESDAY

Padre Pio Prayer Group at St. John the Baptist
 12:30 p.m., St. John the Baptist Church, 168 E. Lincoln Ave., Columbus. Padre Pio Prayer Group meeting, including rosary, devotions, and 1 p.m. Mass.
 614-294-5319



THEATER

Arsenic and Old Lace

Mortimer Brewster, whose life is going swimmingly, pays a visit to his two spinster aunts to tell them of his recent engagement.

There always has been a touch of “eccentricity” in the family (his brother Teddy believes that he is Teddy Roosevelt), but when he finds out that his aunts (who simply couldn’t be sweeter) have poisoned lonely old men for years, well, it’s all Mortimer can do to keep his own wits about him. When his maniacal brother Jonathan returns on the night the aunts were planning

to bury the newest victim, mayhem ensues.

This is the plot of *Arsenic and Old Lace*, a farce by Joseph Kesselring, which also was a popular movie of the 1940s. It promises to provide much laughter for audiences of all ages.

Columbus Bishop Ready High School’s production of the play, directed by faculty member Jill Larger, features Ready seniors Olivia Rowe and Mary Beth Mogan as aunts Abby and Martha, and senior Andrew Pindell as Mortimer. Sophomore John Pyles and



senior Matthew Picknell play the roles of Mortimer’s brothers, Teddy and Jonathan, respectively. Three freshmen, three other sophomores, and three other seniors round out the cast of 14.

Performances are scheduled at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 24 and Sunday, Feb. 26 and 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25 in the school’s little theater, 707 Salisbury

Road. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$9 for those 65 and older, and \$8 for students. For more information, call the school at (614) 276-5263.

Photo: Rehearsing for Columbus Bishop Ready High School’s production of “Arsenic and Old Lace” are (from left) Olivia Rowe, Andrew Pindell, and Mary Beth Mogan. Photo courtesy Bishop Ready High School

The Diviners

The drama department at Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School, 2010 E. Broad St., will stage its winter production, *The Diviners* by Jim Leonard Jr., at 8 p.m. Thursday to Saturday, Feb. 23 to 25 and 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26. Adult tickets are \$10 and student tickets are \$5. Reservations may be placed by calling the school’s main office at (614) 252-6714 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays.

Cast members in photo include (from left): foreground, Rayquon Brown, Natalie Belford, Matthew Turek, Campbell Smith, and Camron Alten-Dunkle; standing, Anthony Miller, Jaz Nappier, Mariel Trinidad, Nathan Kuhr, Julia Allwein, and Caroline Golonka. Photo courtesy St. Charles Preparatory School.

The Diviners is a fable that takes place during the Dust Bowl of the 1930s in rural Indiana. It is the story of an unexpected friendship that evolves between C.C. Showers, a former preacher, and Buddy Layman, a “touched” boy, and the help they give each other in order



to confront their biggest fears.

C.C. arrives in the small community of Zion, looking for work and determined to leave preaching behind. The residents look to Buddy to use his gift of divining water to save their crops and to C.C. to save their spirits. Both fight against using their gifts, until fate takes a tragic turn.

This 1980 drama introduced Leonard’s highly original voice. His challenging works are driven by a distinctive style and an incisive view of the human condition. *The Diviners* is a lyrical fable set in bucolic America – a fascinating yarn that bristles with complex psychological undercurrents and a hint of Greek tragedy.

ST. CHARLES PREPARATORY SCHOOL DRAMA DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES WOMEN’S AUDITIONS

The Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School drama department has announced that women’s auditions are scheduled for its spring musical, “Zombie Prom” by Dana Rowe. They will take place at 4 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday at the campus theater, 2010 E. Broad St., and are open to all young women who are high school students in central Ohio. For more information, call the school at (614) 252-6714 or email Doug Montgomery at scdramadirector@aol.com.

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others who run the fish fry for another great experience. The sauteed fish with secret ingredients to make it so much better, the crisp, firm slaw, the non-greasy fries, and the homemade desserts were unchanged. I got to meet Sharon Rhodback, who I noted in last year's story was so excited to see me there but didn't get a chance to talk to me then. I also found another 'groupie,' Joanne Conrad, who I met again later in the Lenten season in Circleville. It turns out she's from Sugar Grove St. Joseph and was getting ideas for the breakfasts they have on the first Sunday of the month and the evening meals on the third Saturday."

Danville St. Luke – "Five stars across the board. Baked and fried fish – all-you-can-eat on the fried – no grease, beer-battered. Also, scalloped potatoes or fries, green beans, apple sauce. Five desserts, mostly homemade. Leo Mickley was one of the main people taking care of things, and I learned the Mickelys are one of the families who have been part of this parish for most of its history, which goes back almost 200 years. About 300 people come to the fish fries every week. The week before I was there, 675 people attended a benefit for Thomas Cottrell, a

Danville police officer who was shot to death earlier in the year. The church hall was the natural place for that, because it also serves as the main gathering place for community events."

Columbus St. Dominic – "Five stars, same as last year. They have one fish fry a year, on a Saturday, and I'll repeat what I've said before about them being a hidden gem in the inner city. They continue to have great homemade sauce, and the slaw got better. They serve whiting as the fish, offering a sandwich option. I said the slaw ought to go on top of the sandwich rather than be separate. Call it 'the fish fry guy sandwich.' Ask for one of those this year and see if they'll do it. Their beans continue to be good, and they've got apple sauce and mixed vegetables. I'm repeating a lot of things, so I'll also repeat my request of last year asking readers to check the *Times* fish fry guide, see when St. Dominic's is having this year's fish fry, and come out and support what the church is doing."

Chillicothe St. Peter – "Five stars. This is a fundraiser for Chillicothe Bishop Flaget School. The money goes to an annual seventh- and eighth-grade trip to somewhere like Chicago, Washington,

or Charleston, South Carolina. Food is store-bought, but doctored up by the parishioners to give the mac and cheese, potato salad, and baked beans a unique taste. The fish is cooked outdoors in a shed, so I can follow the smell to get to the fish fry. It's perch, crispy on the outside, light and tender on the inside. Bread is white or rye. The homemade desserts get a six-star rating."

Washington Court House St. Colman of Cloyne – "Four stars. The fish is pollock, deep-fried or baked, and pre-battered. Good deep-fried shrimp and grilled cheese sandwiches also are available, along with green beans, buttered corn, fries, baked potatoes, lemonade, and homemade desserts. Slaw was long and stringy, and the hall is hot and crowded, but that means a lot of people are enjoying the food. I was impressed by the sign the Knights of Columbus put up, listing the 17 charities they support through the fish fry and other events. I've mentioned before how as a non-Catholic myself, I've come to greatly respect the Knights' work as the sponsor of most fish fries in the diocese, and how their good meals aid their good works."

Circleville St. Joseph – "Five stars. This is another Knights of Columbus event, held at the Knights' hall (at 2489 N. Court St. near U.S. 23), so don't go to the church. The fish is fried perch and pollock from a local market. They have green and baked beans and good redskin roasted potatoes, plus mac and cheese. Desserts are outstanding, especially the chocolate caramel pie. I don't always eat everything on my plate, because a lot of times, I'm trying to get to several fish fries a night and I'm on a tight schedule, but I cleaned my plate for this one. I also met a delightful lady named Jean Howley, who is in her 90s and has been going to fish fries for 35 years, and ran into Joanne Conrad again."

Pickerington St. Elizabeth Seton – "Five stars. Always a favorite, plus it's

David's home parish. The pollock is good, but the salmon option is the highlight. It's the same as you get at Bob Evans, but twice the size. It's almost as good as my mom's. Nothing's as good as hers was. You know it's a good meal when the firefighters eat there, and we had firefighters from Violet Township on hand. Just remember to get there early because of the Friday-night traffic on Route 256. It can take 15 or 20 minutes to get there from the freeway exit. One night I got there late and missed the salmon."

Columbus St. Patrick – "Four stars, desserts are five. The service is great, and has gotten better every year I've been going here. That's really important when you're in a situation like mine. The choice is between cod, perch, and pollock, as it's been since I started going here. It is crowded, so get there early, as the food is worth waiting for. You can blame St. Patrick's somewhat for getting me started on the fish fry circuit around 2011. I knew about the one at Worthington St. Michael, near where I live. Then I found out there were other fish fries in Columbus. I went to the ones at St. Patrick, St. Matthias, and Immaculate Conception, and just kept going from there."

"As I've said before, there's no such thing as a bad fish fry," Mendenhall said. "Prices for many went up 50 cents or \$1 last year because of the cost of fish and other food, but they're still a great bargain, with a meal for \$10 maximum, and lower rates in many cases for seniors and children. And there's the satisfaction of helping the Knights of Columbus or other good causes."

"I can't thank David enough for putting up with me again this year," he added. "Thanks also to Peter Supron for taking me around one week while David was in Hawaii with his wife. I think David needed the vacation from me. It's great fun doing this and I know people enjoy reading these reviews, but

it wouldn't be possible without the kindness and generosity of the people who have taken the time to drive me places."

If anyone is interested in providing transportation for Mendenhall on one Lenten Friday or more a year, call him at (614) 400-8879 or (614) 846-6446 and leave a message.



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Rare della Robbia exhibit celebrates Renaissance art, family and faith

By Jem Sullivan

Catholic News Service

This spring, the National Gallery of Art in Washington hosts “Della Robbia: Sculpting With Color in Renaissance Florence,” an exhibit of about 40 rare works of painted terracotta sculpture, mostly the creation of three generations of the renowned della Robbia family of artists.

Groundbreaking in their day, their signature large white relief figures, set against a sky-blue background framed by garlands of fruit, flowers, and animals in vibrant hues of green, yellow and purple, now come together for the first time in a major American exhibition.

From now to Sunday, June 4, visitors to the National Gallery can step back into the Renaissance to marvel at the unmatched craftsmanship of this artistic family whose works decorated Florence, birthplace of the Italian Renaissance.

This must-see exhibit, which opened on Sunday, Feb. 5 and is free to the public, also allows visitors to make a visual retreat during the Lenten and Easter seasons with evocative devotional sculptures depicting the Pieta, the Resurrection, the Visitation, the virtues, the saints, and many tender scenes of the Madonna and Christ Child. (Those unable to visit the gallery in person can learn about the exhibit at <https://tinyurl.com/jkmm4jd>.)

Breathing life into clay, Luca della



Robbia (1399/1400–1482) was a true Renaissance innovator. He combined baked terracotta with painting by perfecting new modeling techniques and glaze recipes in one-of-a-kind, expressive, lustrous, long-lasting sculptures. From molds, he customized the same compositions to meet the tastes and means of different patrons.

Famed Renaissance biographer Giorgio Vasari praised Luca for his uniquely Florentine art form, which he deemed “almost eternal.” Della Robbia’s creations have stood the test of time, with brilliance of color and luminous shine that endures 500 years later.

“These sculptures are miracles,” said Alison Luchs, curator of early European sculpture and deputy head of the National Gallery of Art’s department of sculpture and decorative arts.

Family and art blended seamlessly in the della Robbia workshop. Luca handed on his innovative sculpture glazing techniques to his nephew, Andrea della Robbia, who passed on the valued skills to his sons Giovanni, Girolamo, and Luca the Younger.

Their craft was an act of faith itself as the sculptor submitted his modeled clay to the unpredictable kiln fire. And even as their distinct creations began to be admired widely and demand for them increased across Europe, the della Robbia modeling techniques and glaze recipes remained a closely guarded family secret, along with the family-owned clay bed near the Arno River.

No signatures are found on della Robbia creations because no other Renaissance artist succeeded in replicating their exclusive colors and sculptural forms. Noteworthy works by one competitor family, led by Benedetto Buglioni, are included in the exhibit.

The Renaissance intersection of art and family continues into the present in the monumental lunette titled *Resurrection of Christ* (pictured below). In the early 16th century, a nobleman of the winemaking Antinori family commissioned Giovanni della Robbia to create a sculptural relief to decorate the garden gate of his family villa outside Florence.

Five hundred years later, that impressive masterpiece welcomes visitors to the exhibit, with the current generation of the Antinori family providing gen-

erous support for its conservation and exhibition, through the Altria Group.

Composed of 46 pieces of glazed terracotta which fit together like a massive puzzle, the lunette shows the resurrected Christ in a mandorla of yellow and blue rays with attendant angels. An elaborate frame evokes the Tuscan countryside alive with green foliage and trees, golden fruit and flowers, and playful animals. Soldiers dressed in green, brown, and gold fall back in fear while the Antinori patron kneels in fervent prayer before Christ. On the lower corners of the lunette is the Antinori family coat of arms.

Alessia Antinori, representing the family in its 26th generation, expressed its pride and delight in continuing the family’s historic connection to the Renaissance, first as patrons of Giovanni della Robbia’s original work and now as supporters of this exhibit five centuries later.

Another breathtaking piece is *The Visitation* (pictured above). Here, the humble element of clay, shaped by Luca della Robbia’s hand, begins to speak. For as the youthful Mary and older Elizabeth, both pregnant, meet in tender embrace, one can almost hear these women of faith sing a hymn of praise to God for the wonder of the Incarnation.

“Luca chooses white for simplicity,” and the “humility of clay radiates from this Gospel scene,” said Marietta Cambareri, senior curator of European sculpture and the Jetskalina H. Phillips curator of Judaica at the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston. On loan from the Church of San Giovanni Fuorcivitas in the city of Pistoia, Italy, in the Diocese of Pistoia, *The Visitation* is one of six major loans from Italy, traveling to the United States for the first time. The exhibit’s two U.S. locations in Boston and Washington reflect the partnership of the Museum of Fine Arts with the National Gallery of Art.

Della Robbia sculptures decorated many spaces in Florence, from public squares and street corners, to cathedrals, chapels and altars, to private homes and domestic settings.

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