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**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2017**

The Editor's Notebook*Catholic schools offer hope for the future*

By David Garick, Editor



We live in a very challenging and confusing world. Take a look around you and everywhere you see conflict, tragedy, evil, and failed leadership. It is very tempting to just throw up one's hands and say "I give up." So much in our society seems to be off the track. We feel like we're trapped in the middle of a mass of lemmings, marching inexorably toward the precipice.

Yes, there is a lot in our world that is wrong. But I'll tell you something that is right and offers hope for the future: Catholic education. In this issue of *Catholic Times*, we salute Catholic Schools Week. In a time when our public schools are floundering and students are given little direction as to what is right and wrong, Catholic schools shine like a beacon. While public schools struggle to meet the basic standards of educating children, the Catholic schools are far exceeding those standards.

There is a real difference between a Catholic education and a generic secular education. Sadly, our public schools have lost the ability to bring real spiritual values into the education process. Students are presented with factual knowledge, but not with the spiritual direction to apply that knowledge. Too many young people come out of schools without a moral dimension to their education, and that leads them into lives disconnected from the love of God.

Archbishop Charles Chaput of

Philadelphia recently wrote in his weekly column, "The goal of all Catholic education is to form young people in a strong Catholic faith, a faith rooted in the truth about God and humanity, a faith that can guide them to a fruitful life in this world, and home to the joy of eternal life with their Creator."

He said Catholic education is built on the foundational principle that "facts and achievements are empty, or worse, unless they're embedded in a pattern of meaning." The archbishop said it's no surprise that suicide, abortion, and euthanasia become the norm in a culture where people regularly reject the existence of objective truth.

"The belief that truth exists, is permanent and knowable, and is worth pursuing and fighting for because it makes us free, is an affirmation of the goodness of life and the world's loving Creator," wrote Archbishop Chaput. "This enduring passion for truth is the fire at the heart of all Catholic education, from the first day of first grade forward throughout life."

There is a lot to be excited about and proud of in the Catholic schools in the Diocese of Columbus. Thousands of students are daily gaining the knowledge and values that will allow them to grow into adults who can live productive lives that reflect the love of Christ. They will know how to do what is right.

**Two parishes to host presentation on Padre Pio**

Columbus Catholic Renewal is sponsoring Mass and a presentation of relics and the chalice of St. Pio of Pietrelcina (also known as Padre Pio) at two diocesan parishes.

Father Joseph Tuscan, OFM Cap, a priest of the Capuchin Franciscan order, to which Padre Pio belonged, will be at Newark St. Francis de Sales Church, 40 Granville St., on Tuesday, Oct. 10, and Columbus St. Elizabeth Church, 6077 Sharon Woods Blvd., on Wednesday, Oct. 11.

Both programs will last from 6 to 9:30 p.m. They will begin with a reception, followed by a presentation by Cindy Russo, group leader of the Padre Pio Prayer Group of Cleveland. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place from 7 to 8. During this hour, there will be praise and worship and prayer ministry, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available.

Mass begins at 8, with Padre Pio's crucifix and chalice on the altar. Father Tuscan's homily will be on "Surrendering to the Will of God, As St. Pio and Solanus Casey Did." Father Casey, also a Capuchin Franciscan, was known, like Padre Pio, for his power to heal, and will be beatified later this year in Detroit, where he was doorkeeper at a convent for the last 33 years of his life.

Following Mass, Padre Pio's glove, which covered one of the stigmata wounds in his hand, along with other relics of his, will be offered for veneration.

Father Tuscan was born in Columbus. His priestly assignments include Papua New Guinea and Puerto Rico. He currently serves as minister of the Word and evangelization for his Capuchin province and offers retreats and reflection days for parishes, religious, and other faith communities.

**OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT**  
Clergy Assignment

The following clergy assignments are effective immediately:

Father Eduardo Velazquez Alvarado, MSP, from Associate Administrator, St. Stephen the Martyr Church, Columbus, to Administrator, St. Stephen the Martyr Church, Columbus.

Father Saul Alonso Garcia Avila, MSP, from Administrator, St. Stephen the Martyr Church, Columbus, to Associate Administrator, St. Stephen the Martyr Church, Columbus.

Father Peter Asantebwana, from service in the Tuscarawas-Holmes-Coshocton Deanery, to Parochial Vicar, St. Matthew Church, Gahanna.

Father Patrick Toner, from retirement, to Priest Moderator, St. Aloysius Church, Columbus.

Father Ronald Aubry, from Priest Moderator, St. Aloysius Church, Columbus, continuing as Priest Moderator, St. Agnes Church, Columbus.



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# Bishops urge extending renewal deadline for DACA youth in Texas, Florida

By Catholic News Service

A top U.S. bishops' committee urged the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to extend the renewal deadline for those covered by the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program who live in Texas and Florida, where communities have been hit hard by massive hurricanes.

Instituted by President Barack Obama in 2012, DACA allows 800,000 young people brought to the United States illegally as children to stay in the country and work or go to school. The Trump administration announced on Sept. 5 the program would end in six months if Congress does not pass legislation to make the program permanent.

In a Sept. 12 statement, the Executive Committee of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops called for an extension of the deadline for current DACA beneficiaries in Texas and Florida who must renew their status between Oct. 5 of this year and March 5, 2018.

The committee, which includes the officers of the USCCB, also urged Congress to find "a durable and permanent solution on behalf of DACA youth" and, in the same statement, urged the Trump administration to allow 75,000 refugees into the United States in 2018, instead of admitting only 50,000 the government plans to accept.

"In the wake of hurricanes Irma and Harvey and the devastation left behind," the deadline for DACA renewals should be extended, the committee said.

"As Texas and Florida have some of the largest populations of DACA youth, we ask that you ensure that these individuals receive fair access to renew and are not unduly punished due to natural disaster. We fear that they cannot adequately do so at this time given the physical damage on the ground," it said.

The Executive Committee, which met in Washington at USCCB headquarters the week of Sept. 11, said it was making its own a Sept. 5 statement from Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, USCCB president, objecting to the Trump administration rescinding DACA. The cardinal called the decision "unacceptable and does not reflect who we are as Americans."

The committee committed the USCCB "to redouble its efforts to help find a permanent legislative solution



Immigration activists and those enrolled in the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, or DACA, take part in a Sept. 12 rally in Washington to urge Congress to pass the DREAM Act. The U.S. bishops have urged the federal government to extend the renewal deadline for those covered by DACA who live in Texas and Florida.

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in Congress" during the "six-month wind-down period" for the program.

It said, "In light of many years of failure by Congress, whether controlled by Republicans or Democrats, to address the situation, the committee urges the Catholic faithful and all people of good-

will to contact their representatives in Congress to urge the passage of the DREAM Act or similar legislation as a prompt, humane, and durable solution to this problem of greatest urgency.

"The Executive Committee also notes the tremendous contributions of the

DACA youth to date as extraordinary, including the fact that many serve in our military."

The group also said it is "further troubled and deeply concerned" by a decision from President Donald Trump to reduce the number of refugees the United States will admit in 2018.

Trump is nearing "a final decision to reduce the number of refugees welcomed in the United States by 50 percent, (which) will unduly restrict our reception of those in search of safety for their families."

"The USCCB proposes that 75,000 refugees, already a reduction of over 25 percent from the previous determination, be the goal for welcoming refugee admissions for 2018," the statement said. "Going further down to 50,000 or below, as proposed in previous executive orders by the president, is simply inhumane, particularly when our great nation has the resources and ability to do more."

The bishops added: "We implore the administration to show mercy and compassion for those seeking refuge, and to advance the American value of freedom through providing safe harbor to those fleeing tyranny and religious persecution."

## Where to give to assist with recovery from hurricanes Irma, Harvey

Several Catholic organizations have established emergency relief operations for the thousands of people affected by Hurricane Irma in the Caribbean and southeastern United States and for those still recovering from Hurricane Harvey in Texas and Louisiana.

Contributions can be made to:

- Catholic Charities USA: online at <https://catholiccharitiesusa.org/donate-to-disaster-relief>; telephone (800) 919-9338; mail to Box 17066, Baltimore MD 21297-1066 and write "Hurricane Relief" in the memo line of the check.

- Catholic Relief Services is taking donations for emergency shelter, water, and critical supplies for families in Haiti, the Dominican Republic, Cuba, and Caribbean islands: <https://www.crs.org>.

- Parishes in the Diocese of Columbus will take up a special collection for hurricane relief at Masses on Sept. 30 and Oct. 1.

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*Answering God's Call***THINGS WORKED OUT AS THE  
HOLY SPIRIT WANTED****Fr. Charles Klinger**

by Tim Puet

Father Charles Klinger says his call to the priesthood came slowly, but unmistakably.

"I graduated from St. Charles Preparatory School in Columbus in the spring of 1961 and began studying for the priesthood that fall at the old St. Charles Seminary," he said. "After a year there, I knew I wasn't ready to make the decision to be a priest. So I left, with no intention of coming back."

During the next 16 years, he studied history, ultimately earning a doctoral degree, and was a college teacher and researcher. "I always practiced my faith, tried to be prayerful, went to daily Mass often, and every now and then, I'd find myself thinking 'Maybe I should be a priest after all,'" he said.

"Then came a day in December 1978 at St. Olaf Catholic Church in downtown Minneapolis. I went to Mass that day and just decided that God had been calling me and I needed to follow that call. Once I did, I never looked back.

"I wasn't ready at age 19 to make the sacrifices needed to be a priest, and I treasure the period between then and when I answered the call. It was a rich time in my life and helped me to be a good priest. Looking back, I think things worked out in pretty much the way the Holy Spirit wanted them to," he said.

Father Klinger, 74, pastor of Westerville St. Paul Church, was born in Marietta and moved to Columbus in 1947 at age four with his family. He attended church and grade school at Columbus Immaculate Conception, and was a server at the funeral of Msgr. John Fagan, the parish's pastor for 37 years until his death in 1960. "Msgr. Fagan was the greatest influence on my becoming a priest," Father Klinger said. "He was a real leader, a very kind, gentle pastor who worked hard, but always had time to listen to people. At least a dozen young men became priests because of his example. I'm one of them."

After leaving St. Charles, Father Klinger attended The Ohio State University from 1962-67, receiving bachelor's and master's degrees. "From 1965-67, one of my fellow graduate students in history was a young man named Frederick Campbell," he said. "We were in a group of wonderful friends who had a lot of fun and were serious about our studies, as well. I'm sure neither of us thought that years later, both of us would be priests and he would be my bishop."

Father Klinger left Ohio for doctoral studies at the University of Minnesota, where he was a teaching assistant and did research in the history of medicine. He earned a doctorate in medieval history in 1978. In the mid-1970s, he was assistant to the director of the Hill Monastic Manuscript Library at St. John's University in Collegeville, Minnesota.

"St. John's sent monks to Austria, Spain, and Portugal who supervised putting medieval manuscripts on microfilm in that pre-digital era, then brought the microfilm back to Collegeville to make it more accessible to American doctoral candidates," he said.

"I really enjoyed this time at St. John's and traveled a good bit to represent the library. I also had the challenge of cataloguing the manuscripts. This entailed reading Medieval Latin cursive, which can look like scribbling at first glance. After I received the PhD, I was a visiting assistant professor for a time back at the University of Minnesota, and I loved being a college teacher. More than a few college students majored in history then, but

today the liberal arts tradition is unfortunately waning."

Father Klinger's educational background enabled him to finish his theological studies in three years instead of four after he discerned his call to the priesthood. He attended the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., from 1979-82, earning a master of divinity degree. During this time, he served as a summer intern at Kenton Immaculate Conception Church in 1980 and Columbus Holy Family Church in 1981.

His final period of preparation for the priesthood was spent as a deacon in 1982 and 1983 at Westerville St. Paul, where he would become pastor two decades later. He was ordained a priest by Bishop James Griffin at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral on June 11, 1983.

His first assignment was as associate pastor at Marion St. Mary Church from 1983-85. "I was very excited, and it was wonderful to start at such a busy place," he said. "At the time, we had nine weekend Masses, including some at a satellite chapel near Marion Catholic High School and one at St. Lawrence O'Toole Church in Caledonia (now closed), which was our mission church.

"I also was a teacher at Marion Catholic High School. That was a memorable experience because it was so different from college teaching," he said. "It gave me a healthy respect for elementary and high school teachers."

His time at Marion was followed by two years as associate pastor at Hilliard St. Brendan Church. During that time and during the period he served as pastor of Plain City St. Joseph Church, he also taught European history at the Pontifical College Josephinum.

Father Klinger was at Plain City and its former mission at Milford Center (now closed) from 1987-91. "That was a great place for a first-time pastor because the parish was relatively small," he said. "The choir was very dedicated. We had a youth group which was small, but outstanding, with close to 100 percent participation. We started a St. Vincent de Paul Society there, which also happened at the other two parishes where I've been pastor."

He was appointed pastor of Zanesville St. Nicholas Church in 1991 and stayed there for 12 years. "I was ready for the challenge of a larger church," he said. "It seemed like a place where a priest could do a lot of good, and it was. My years there were a great time for growth for myself and the parish spiritually, while physically, we built a new activity center during that period. The one thing that was hard to do was giving up teaching at the Josephinum, but I realized you can only do so much and be effective."

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He said his experience 20 years earlier at St. Paul was great preparation for his return there as pastor in 2003. "I was eager to come back because I knew the people there," he said. "I knew they had outgrown the church they had and needed a new one. People wanted it, and they were willing to support it, and I'm constantly grateful for that support."

The parish, with about 4,300 families, is the largest in the diocese. The church building seats about 1,500 people and also is the largest in the diocese. It has been nationally recognized for the beauty of its Romanesque architecture, for its bright, open appearance, and for its pipe organ, which was custom-built by the local Muller Pipe Organ Co. Construction again is going on at the parish – this time, to add a second floor to much of the existing school building.

"Having a large parish enables us to offer so much," he said. "This includes things like our prison ministry, the Elizabeth ministry for couples struggling with the loss of a child or the desire to have a child, our partnership with Columbus Holy Rosary-St. John Church, the Stewardship Employment Ministry for the unemployed, and the work of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, just to name a few.

"Small church communities are especially important in a large parish like this (or any parish, for that matter) as a way for people to connect their everyday life with their faith on a regular basis in an intimate way. These communities consist of eight to twelve people who come together on a convenient night to reflect on the coming Sunday's Gospel. They're not based on friendship, but on what night you can come. But of course, many friendships result from these gatherings."

Asked to give his definition of a priest, Father Klinger said, "He is someone who should be very conscious that he is ministering the mercy of God through Jesus Christ. Pope Francis has been a great inspiration to me in the way he has given us an example of compassion, mercy, caring, and forgiveness. He affirms my ministry.

"He may be the pope, but he's constantly showing that he's not different from the rest of us and that he wants to walk with people, to go to the margins, to have us think outside of ourselves, and, to use the phrase that's become so associated with him, 'to smell the sheep.'"

Although he is past 70, the retirement age for priests, Father Klinger said he hopes to remain in active ministry for some time. "I will retire," he said. "It has been a tremendous blessing to serve beyond 70 and see so many things going on at St. Paul. I think I'll know when it's time to retire, but until then, I want to be part of this parish for as long as I'm able."

## St. John Learning Center Volunteer Coordinator

Part-time job available at Holy Rosary-St. John Church. Responsibilities include: recruiting volunteers and students for the St. John Learning Center adult education program, providing access in and out of classrooms and buildings for volunteers (evening and Saturday hours may be required), and keeping track of class attendance for reports, etc.

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## SEVEN DIOCESAN SCHOOLS HAVE NEW PRINCIPALS

By **Tim Puet**, *Catholic Times*

Seven diocesan schools have new principals for the 2017-18 school year. Sarah Sciarretti was hired as principal at New Philadelphia Tuscarawas Central Catholic High School. Elementary schools with new principals are: Columbus Holy Spirit, Amy Chessler; Coshocton Sacred Heart, Mary Kobel; Portsmouth Notre Dame, Josh McMakin; Columbus Trinity, Kimber Moehrman; Logan St. John, Andrew Potter; and Reynoldsburg St. Pius X, Darren Smith.

These educators come from a variety of backgrounds, but all expressed great enthusiasm for Catholic education when asked their reasons for seeking the position of principal and their goals for the academic year.

“Our children are our most valuable assets. Catholic education is the best gift that we could be giving them,” Sciarretti said. She and her husband have four children, ages three to nine, all of whom attend Tuscarawas Central Catholic Elementary in Dover. “It is an investment not only in their education, but also in the future of our church. Knowing that they are able to spend their day in an environment that not only fosters, but encourages their open relationship with God is such a blessing.”

She grew up in Granville and received a bachelor’s degree in early childhood education from Ashland University and a master’s in teaching and learning from The Ohio State University. She taught kindergarten in Heath for three years and second and third grade in Dover for two years and is returning to education after staying home for the past nine years to raise her children.

“I would like for our school to be a viable option for all students in our county who seek it,” she said. “We offer a small-school atmosphere with big results. Our school is more than bricks and mortar. It is a family. We are affordable and we are open to all.”

### PRAYER TO THE VIRGIN

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

Chessler is from the Canton area and also received a bachelor’s degree from Ashland and a master’s from Ohio State. She taught for seven years in south Florida, three years in a Columbus charter school, and two years at Holy Spirit School before becoming its principal. She has taught third and fourth grades, as well as middle school math, and has been an assistant principal.

“I have chosen to be in Catholic education because of the faith and values instilled in me from my family all through my life,” she said. “I want to be able to share my faith with others, especially children, because they are the heart of it all. My goals are to continue the education and traditions at Holy Spirit School. I want to see the school grow in faith, scholarship, and community.”

The school has three new teachers, two of whom are graduates of Columbus diocesan schools, and is beginning a service learning project, led by Student Council members, to bring clean water to an area of Kenya.

The selection of Kobel as principal at Sacred Heart School adds to a tradition that is its third generation. Her mother attended the school, as did Kobel, her seven brothers and sisters, and Kobel’s three children, one of whom is a fourth-grader there. She has taught at the school since 2007. Before teaching, she was a social worker for more than a decade. She earned a bachelor’s degree in sociology at Walsh University and a master’s in education at Muskingum University, and continues to work in adoption services.

“I firmly believe that Catholic education provides a solid spiritual foundation, as well as academics,” she said. “Catholic schools are founded in faith, helping students realize the full potential of their God-given abilities. Catholic education is special: the high standards, the moral foundation, and the positive, compassionate energy are things our society needs now more than ever. Our schools challenge students and teachers to go above and beyond to meet and exceed expectations.”

Her school has five new teachers and new cafeteria staff members. It also is continuing a jump rope club and starting a running club, basketball, and family literacy nights.

McMakin said he chose to be part of Notre Dame Elementary School “because of its history of academic and spiritual stature. Also, my children attend Notre Dame. I want to bring a talented staff closer together, which I believe also will unify our student body to work toward common goals of excellence in the classroom, spiritual growth, and a higher sense of humility and charity.”

He grew up at Franklin Furnace in Scioto County and has been a teacher for 17 years, the last 10 of them at CAPE, a behavioral alternative school in the county. He also has taught at Franklin Montessori School, which is a part of the Dayton school system, and in Wadesboro, North Carolina. His bachelor’s degree is from Morehead State University in Kentucky and his master’s is from Xavier University.

Moehrman becomes principal at Trinity after teaching fifth grade and coaching there for the past 15 years. She also has taught at Belleville Clear Fork High School and Columbus St. Leo School and was interim principal at Columbus St. Thomas School. She grew up in Co-

lumbus and has an education degree from OSU and her master’s in education from the University of Dayton at Capital. Her two children are Trinity graduates.

“I wasn’t actively seeking to be a principal, but God had other plans,” she said. “I feel blessed to have this opportunity, and I have high hopes for the future of Trinity Catholic. The summer kept us busy as we cleaned and remodeled key work spaces.

“We added a second Chromebook cart to our upper grades and have a 3-D printer fired up and ready to go. We will begin to build a STEM program, establish family groups, begin student goal setting and student-led conferencing, kick off a 4-H club, and begin grade band collaboration.”

Potter has spent 32 years in education as a music teacher, technology coordinator, elementary school principal, and technology teacher. He came to Logan in the fall of 1991 and was employed by the Logan-Hocking public schools from then until this summer. He also has been a pastoral musician at St. John Church for all of his 26 years in Logan.

He worked in the Steubenville city schools from 1986-91 and taught music at a seminary in Parkersburg, West Virginia, and a parochial school in Mingo Junction. He also was a pastoral assistant at Athens Christ the King Church. His wife, Karen, teaches art at St. John School. They have four grown children. He is from Belpre and has a bachelor’s degree in music and a master’s in educational administration.

“I have chosen Catholic education because each one of us has to follow Our Lord Jesus and his quiet call,” he said. “I’m following his call and, at the same time, receiving his enormous blessings in my new vocation.” His goals for the school include becoming a Google G-Suite for Education school this fall, increasing the use of the diocesan student information program School-Speak, and continuing the mission of evangelization in the context of a Catholic school by becoming a “channel of peace.”

Smith was assistant principal at St. Pius X last year. “I am excited to continue the school’s great tradition of academic excellence and am empowered by the staff, which combined has more than 378 years of teaching experience,” he said.

He and his six siblings graduated from Columbus Immaculate Conception School and Columbus Bishop Watterson High School, as did his parents. He has a master’s degree from Ohio Dominican University, taught at Columbus St. James the Less School, and coached basketball at Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School. His wife teaches at Trinity, and his father owns Smith’s Deli in Columbus’ Clintonville neighborhood.

The school’s theme for 2017-18 is “Be the Best Version of YOU!” The school has purchased new SMART boards, Chromebooks for all third-through eighth-graders, and a 3-D printer. Proceeds from the Home and School Association’s annual “Night in Green” fundraiser were used for whiteboards, which replace the school’s chalkboards; new wiring to support technology; a curriculum coach; and the Tynker computer program, which teaches computer programming to students.

## DUTIES OF A PASTOR; INCENSE AT MASS



### QUESTION & ANSWER

by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE  
*Catholic News Service*

**Q.** Can you please explain what a pastor's duties are and whether he has anyone overseeing him? Does he report directly to the bishop? Does the bishop ever meet or check with the pastor to see how things are going? (Syracuse, New York)

**A.** A pastor, as the word itself signifies, is essentially a "shepherd" entrusted with the care of souls for those in his parish. The pastor's responsibilities are laid out in Canon 528 of the church's *Code of Canon Law*.

They are multiple and include such things as: nourishing the faithful through the sacraments; preaching the word of God and the truths of the faith; providing for Catholic education, especially for children and young people; fostering charitable works and social justice; evangelizing the unchurched and those who have left the faith; and encouraging family prayer.

The very next canon (529) instructs the pastor to strive to know his parishioners personally -- especially by visiting the sick and those experiencing special difficulties. Depending on the size of the parish and its staff, a pastor might also find himself involved in temporal matters, such as overseeing building projects or managing finances, but his primary duties are spiritual ones, as the code indicates.

As for overseeing the pastor's performance and

his welfare, that can vary somewhat according to the size of the diocese. Dioceses in the U.S. range from a few thousand Catholics to more than a million.

Generally in smaller dioceses, there is frequent interaction between the bishop and his priests, while in larger ones, regular supervision may be entrusted to a vicar for clergy or director of priests' personnel. Even in "megadioceses," though, bishops tend to schedule periodic meetings with their priests to share thoughts on pastoral matters and to hear each others' concerns.

With the decline in the number of Catholic priests in the U.S. (58,000 in 1965, 37,000 in 2016), most parishes now have only one priest and that priest is busier than he has ever been. So to counter isolation and loneliness, fraternities of priests ("support groups") are growing in number -- six or eight priests meeting together monthly to share a meal as well as ideas and challenges in ministry.

**Q.** I am a Catholic, but I have forgotten why incense is sometimes used at Mass. Please explain, especially with regard to its use at funerals. (Aumsville, Oregon)

**A.** The smoke of burning incense is seen by the church as an image of the prayers of the faithful rising to heaven. That symbolism is seen in Psalm 141:2: "Let my prayer be incense before

you; my uplifted hands an evening offering."

Incense is also mentioned in the New Testament Book of Revelation (8:4) as an image of the worship offered to the Almighty in heaven: "The smoke of the incense along with the prayers of the holy ones went up before God from the hand of the angel."

The use of incense was common in Jewish worship and carried over into Christian practice. In Exodus, Chapter 30, the Lord instructs Moses to build an altar of incense. Christian ritual books as early as the seventh century mark the use of incense in church services on Good Friday.

The current *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* (the church's "guidebook" for liturgical celebrations) permits the use of incense at several different times during the Mass, including at the Gospel and at the elevation of the consecrated bread and wine.

At a funeral Mass, as well as symbolizing the prayers of the congregation directed toward heaven, incensing the casket honors the body of the deceased, which through baptism became a dwelling place of the Holy Spirit.

(One pastoral caution: Occasionally people can be allergic to incense; at a couple of funerals, I have been tipped off in advance about such a concern and have foregone the use of incense at that particular Mass.)

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## David Clark named new development officer at Catholic Foundation

The Catholic Foundation has hired David Clark as development officer. David joins Loren Brown, chief executive officer; Scott Hartman, vice president of development; and Craig Hepner, development officer, in their efforts to meet the ongoing needs of the diocese's schools, parishes, and ministries.

Clark is a native of Akron, where he attended Archbishop Hoban High School. He earned a bachelor of arts degree in English from Kent State University. As a beneficiary of Catholic elementary and secondary schooling and the son of two teachers, he felt compelled to pursue a life of service in the Catholic faith.

In 2011, he worked with the Lasalian Volunteers, a national service program through which he taught underserved students at Cristo



Rey Kansas City High School. This experience led him back home to Ohio, where in 2013 he helped with the opening of Cristo Rey Columbus High School as the inaugural chair of its English department.

In addition to teaching for five years in Catholic high schools, he also worked for six years with Cleveland Catholic Charities as an activity coordinator and camp counselor at their SUM-FUN summer program for mentally and physically handicapped children.

More recently, he was a major gifts officer at The Ohio State University's Fisher College of Business, where he helped cultivate philanthropic support of the college from alumni and donors. He lives in Columbus and attends St. Patrick Church.

## Fatima celebration scheduled near Steubenville

Those who can't make it to Fatima, Portugal, to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Mary's final apparition there on Friday, Oct. 13 will have a chance to experience some of the devotions, sights, and sounds of Fatima here in Ohio.

Catholic Familyland in Bloomingdale, near Steubenville, is sponsoring a Fatima Fest pilgrimage from Friday to Sunday, Oct. 13 to 15. The program is designed for families and in-

cludes times for Mass, prayer and reflection, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, talks by inspiring speakers, a concert, and outdoor activities.

Catholic Familyland is located on the grounds of the former St. John Vianney Seminary and includes 72 wood cabins, 11 cinder-block cabins, and areas for tents and motor homes.

For more information, go to [www.AFC.org/FatimaFestPilgrimage](http://www.AFC.org/FatimaFestPilgrimage).

## Bishop to speak to men's luncheon club

The next Catholic Men's Luncheon Club meeting, on Oct. 6, will feature Bishop Frederick Campbell's annual address to the club. It will be sponsored by St. Gabriel Catholic Radio AM 820.

The program at Columbus St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., will begin at 11:45 a.m. with Mass, followed by lunch and Bishop Campbell's talk until 1:15 p.m. No reservations necessary. A \$10 donation is requested to cover the lunch and meeting.

For information on the Catholic

Men's Luncheon Club, visit [www.catholicmensministry.com/cmlc](http://www.catholicmensministry.com/cmlc) or contact club president George Harvey at [george.harvey@tvssiohio.com](mailto:george.harvey@tvssiohio.com).

## Organ Dedication set for Lancaster St. Mark

Lancaster St. Mark Church, 324 Gay St., will dedicate its new Allen organ at 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 24. The dedication will feature a recital on the new instrument by Chuck Yannerella, a renowned organist and composer of choral music.

## THE EVERYDAY CATHOLIC



By Rick Jeric

### *An Educational Eternity*

Above and beyond all the things we worry about, strive for, and set our sights upon, the one thing we know for sure is that God loves us. Not only does He love us, He invites us to share Paradise for eternity. Think about that. It seems like an eternity when we long for something very good, but are not quite sure when

or if it will happen. It seems like an eternity when uncertainty over a potentially negative or very hurtful situation lingers on and on. Grade school seems like an eternity because we cannot wait to get to high school and be all grown up. Then high school seems like an eternity because we cannot wait to get to college or a real job and be an adult, just like that. Then life brings us challenges and hardships, and we wonder what the big hurry was. As we go through real life and face all our challenges, all of us react differently and make choices based on our life experiences up to that point. We are happy, we are sad, we succeed, we fail, we support others, we hurt others, we sin, and we set a good Christian example. It is all too easy to point out our sinfulness and remind ourselves how imperfect we are as sinful human beings. It is essential that we acknowledge this, and work hard on repentance, change, and begging with confidence for forgiveness. But we also need to recognize all the good things we do and already have done. We are a naturally loving people, and we care deeply about our family and friends. We want what is best, we love them, and we go out of our way to show it through sacrifice, great care, and humility. Our Faith keeps us strong, and even though we fail, we continue forward without giving up. It is important that we recognize and maintain continuity in all the good things we do for others.

Catholic Schools Week is a nice opportunity for us to reflect on the people and things that have shaped us and molded us into who we are today. That may or may not have included Catholic schools for us, but we all have our Faith and education, along with those who raised us. The value of our Catholic schools is priceless. Even if we never attended a Catholic school for everyday education, the CCD and PSR classes, parish adult education, and family or group opportunities to enrich us all begin with our Catholic schools and education system. The classroom brings us our formal education, our Catholic Faith, discipline, morals, ethics, values, and a mature, well-rounded way to live our lives. Outside the classroom, we learn how to compete in athletics and in the competition of the work world. We learn how to work together, cooperate, and build and maintain good relationships. We learn to respect and love one another. We learn to respect life itself, from conception to natural death. We learn how to selflessly serve others and give of our time, talent, and treasure with no expectation of receiving anything in exchange. We move closer each day to that promise of eternal love that is our God. Life is challenging, but it also is filled with so much good. You and I do good things for others often. Can we do more? Yes, of course. We repent and recognize our imperfections, but we also must continue our positive and loving impact on others in so many ways. We thank our parents and those who have made a good impact on us and made us who we are today. We thank our teachers, religious, pastors, volunteers, and all who support our Catholic schools. We all long for the same eternity, and they have helped us prepare well.

## Lancaster Knights donate to Forest Rose School

Lancaster St. Mark Council 15447 of the Knights of Columbus recently made a \$500 donation to the Fairfield County Society for Children and Adults with Disabilities. The society will use it to help purchase augmentative communication devices for the Forest Rose School



in Lancaster, which serves developmentally disabled children in preschool through 12th grade and is owned by the Fairfield County Board of Developmental Disabilities. Pictured are (from left) Randy Tipple, the council's grand knight, and Jodi Blais and Megan Rowles of the Forest Rose staff. The money came from voluntary \$5 contributions by individual members which are part of the Knights' annual statewide Measure-Up campaign for the developmentally disabled. Other phases of the campaign include collections at parishes, in front of stores, and at intersections, as well as a general mailing to businesses. Photo courtesy K of C Council 15447

## EDITOR/BUSINESS MANAGER POSITION AVAILABLE

The Catholic Diocese of Columbus is looking for a full-time Editor/Business Manager of the Diocesan newspaper, The Catholic Times. The essential job responsibilities include, but are not limited to: primary responsibility for the day-to-day operation of the Diocesan newspaper in both print and electronic platforms; work with the Reporter to determine appropriate themes of and articles for issues of the newspaper; monitoring story development and editing the resulting material from both the Reporter and freelance writers; work with staff in planning layouts for diocesan print materials; establish publication schedules and resolve publication problems; assist in developing a network of freelance writers, graphic artists, and photographers as well as supervise and edit their stories and photos for all publications; and prepare and monitor the operating budget for the office.

Additional requirements include: an understanding of journalism and the Catholic perspective; the ability to both serve and lead others; excellent written communication skills; working knowledge of computers and applications, including but not limited to Microsoft software applications (Microsoft Word, Outlook, Excel) and Adobe InDesign software; excellent knowledge of Church teachings and practices; and ability to work collaboratively in a team environment.

A master's degree in journalism is preferred (MA or MJ); a bachelor's degree in the same or related field is required. A minimum of three years prior experience is required; experience in newspaper management is preferred.

Any job offer is contingent on the successful passing of the mandatory background screening and completion of the VIRTUS "Protecting God's Children" program. Salary is commensurate with education and experience; benefits are according to Diocesan policy.

Send resume, including educational background, and references by Monday, October 2, 2017 to:

**Dominic Prunte/Director of Human Resources**  
**dprunte@columbuscatholic.org**

## THREE DIOCESAN SCHOOLS RECEIVE EDISON AWARD

Three diocesan elementary schools and 18 teachers in those schools have received the Governor's Thomas Edison Award from the Ohio Academy of Science.

The awards were presented for excellence in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) education and student research during the 2016-2017 school year to 58 schools and 509 teachers statewide.

Diocesan schools and teachers receiving the award were: Chillicothe Bishop Flaget School and teachers Dianne Cryder, Christina Kessler, Debbie Fyffe, Maria Polacek, Linda Kerr, Courtney Maxwell, Nancy Ames, Hillery Kennedy, Terrina Fahnestock, Tina Haller, Julie Beatty, Carrie Hill, Barb Nowlin, Danielle McDaniell, and Mindy Martin; Columbus Immaculate Conception School and teachers Megan Wood and Sandra Frazier; and Lancaster St. Mary School and teacher Anita Yapple.

Each school will receive a special Governor's Award certificate, and each teacher will receive a free membership to the Ohio Academy of Science. The technology division of the Ohio Development Services Agency funded the program.

To receive the award, a school must conduct a local science fair with 12 or more students, qualify two or more of these students for one of the academy's 17 district science days, have students participate in at least one or more youth science opportunities beyond the classroom, and convince external STEM professionals how and to what extent the school's program meets the sci-



**Eighth-grade students at Edison Award-winning Chillicothe Bishop Flaget High School share the wonder of science with their fourth-grade "buddies." Shown are (from left) eighth-grader Ava Holbrook, fourth-graders Bobby Bennett and Leo Hampshire, and eighth-grader Tyler Morin.**

Photo courtesy Bishop Flaget School

ence academy's definition of STEM education.

The academy defines STEM education as the mastery and integration of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics for all students in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. It incorporates scientific inquiry and technological design through student-focused, project-based curricula to develop skills of communication, teamwork, collaboration, creativity, innovation, critical thinking, and problem-solving.

First established in 1985, the Governor's Thomas Edison Awards recognize Ohio schools and teachers who stimulate scientific student research and technological design and extend opportunities beyond traditional classroom activities.

"These schools and teachers push the boundaries of the traditional classroom by advising and mentoring student-originated research and other hand-on experiences," said Michael E. Woytek, the academy's chief executive officer.

The academy initiated this educational partnership program in cooperation with the governor's office and the technology division of the Ohio Development Services Agency to recognize schools and teachers for excellence in STEM education and scientific student research. Forty professionals, broadly representing STEM employers from business, industry, government, and education, evaluated Edison Award applications in a review process.

The Ohio Academy of Science, founded in 1891, is a membership-based, volunteer-driven nonprofit organization which fosters curiosity, discovery, innovation, and problem-solving skills in Ohio. Academy members are as diverse as the science taking place in Ohio, and support science from pre-college and college students through scientific professionals. For more information about the academy, visit its website at <http://www.ohiosci.org>.

## CONSIDER SUPPORTING THE CELEBRATING CATHOLIC SCHOOL VIRTUES GALA



Bishop Fredrick Campbell has said he believes that Catholic education is the most important component of evangelization for the church. It is only in our Catholic schools that our children receive a total education in both faith and academics. Central to the mission is that a Catholic education is available to anyone who wants it. However, many families are financially sacrificing to ensure that their children receive a Catholic education. Still others struggle to be able to afford the cost of tuition. The challenge is that in most cases, the tuition charged is less than the actual cost of educating a student, resulting in what education administrators call the "funding gap." Hence, ways are needed to find ways to provide tuition assistance to families in need.

Providing tuition assistance to families in need is a commitment the Diocese of Columbus makes to keep Catholic schools affordable, accessible, and available to all families. Tuition assistance funds help give a quality Catholic school education to as many children as possible. The Diocese of Columbus has more than 15,000 students in 53 schools in 23 counties. Local and diocesan education administrators, pastors, and school parents are working together to maintain operations at the schools.

Tuition assistance is available through a variety of sources: Diocesan assistance and scholarship programs, parish assistance, and scholarships offered by

individual schools. For the 2017-2018 school year, the diocese received approximately 2,900 requests for tuition assistance, totaling more than \$5.8 million, but could meet less than 15 percent of the documented need. Through the Bishop's Annual Appeal, the annual Bishops' Golf Outing, the Legacy of Catholic Learning fund, and the Celebrating Catholic School Virtues Gala, more than \$800,000 in tuition assistance has been awarded to more than 1,100 students. During the past 10 years, students have been awarded more than \$1 million in tuition assistance through the Gala alone.

Through supporting tuition assistance efforts such as the ones mentioned above, more students will have the opportunity to receive an education instilled with Catholic values that will stay with them throughout their lives. Your support will contribute to making up the difference between the cost of tuition and what a family can afford to pay.

With increased tuition assistance, more families will be able to stay in Catholic schools and more families will be able to consider Catholic schools for their children. In addition, by increasing enrollment through tuition assistance, you will be helping sustain our Catholic schools into the future.

If you would like to donate to the Diocese of Columbus to support tuition assistance for Catholic education, consider registering to attend the 10th Annual Celebrating Catholic School Virtues Gala on Thursday, Nov. 9 in the Walter Student Commons at Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School, 2010 E. Broad St. Tickets are \$500

each and tables of 10 can be purchased for \$5,000, or, if sponsoring a school or parish table, tickets are \$250 each and tables of 10 are \$2,500. Event sponsors are needed. For more information, and to register to attend, to purchase a table, or to become a sponsor, contact Kathy Wilson, associate director of school planning, development, and advocacy for diocesan schools, at [kwilson@columbuscatholic.org](mailto:kwilson@columbuscatholic.org) or (614) 221-5829, extension 1326. You also may purchase a table or seat online at <https://goo.gl/WhaJ6n>.

### "Beauty of the Feminine" conference

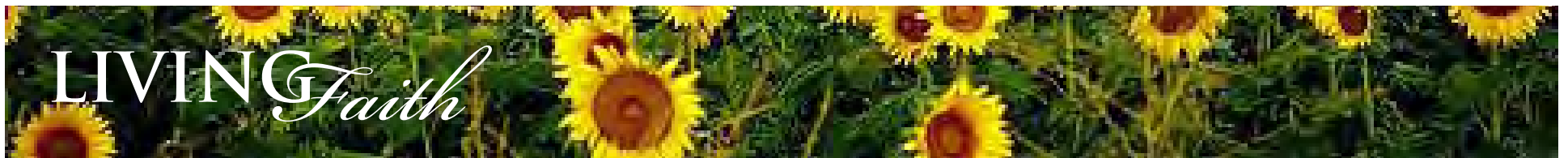
The sixth annual "Beauty of the Feminine" conference at Zanesville St. Thomas Aquinas Church, 144 N. 5th St., will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7.

The theme for this year's conference is "Anchored in Hope." The speakers—Dr. John Wood, Kelly Nieto, and Mikayla Owens—each will share insights on this topic.

Registration begins at 8 a.m., followed by Mass and the day's program, which will include lunch, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, lunch, and an opportunity to visit displays by Catholic organizations and vendors present.

The cost to attend is \$20 if registered through the parish office by Friday, Sept. 29, or \$25 at the door. The cost for students is \$10. Scholarships are available for those unable to pay. Consecrated religious will enter for free.





## How Much Is Enough?

When it comes to exercise, the general train of thought is that more is better. Sometimes, my first task as a fitness coach is to gently move people to a new way of thinking, making them realize that developing quality technique is more productive than doing lots of work without careful attention to how the body is moving and recovering.

Most people are exercising to improve their general fitness and overall health for life and sport. Even when they are training for a specific event, such as an obstacle course race or a marathon, focusing on the quality of training, rather than the quantity, is essential to prevent injury and ensure they are well-prepared.

I was reminded in a recent conversation with a friend that sometimes we have the same view of our prayer lives – that more is better. That may not always be the case.

If we set a goal of a specific quantity of prayer, rather than allowing the Holy Spirit to guide us as to what to pray about and how to pray, we might not even start, or, if we do, we might rush through without any heartfelt contemplation.

We might be expecting too much from ourselves,

based on our vocation and especially with our full lives serving family, community, and our employer – which, with the proper intention, are also forms of prayer.

Asking the Holy Spirit to guide our prayer lives and coach us on how to pray can be freeing and spiritually productive – without a time element. So we start by setting aside a little time and space, in our schedule and in our hearts, and trust that the Spirit will move us to pray in the way he desires us to pray.

St. Teresa of Avila said, “Much more is accomplished by a single word of the Our Father, said now and then from our heart, than by the whole prayer repeated many times in haste and without attention.”

What if it isn't clear how we should pray?

We can stop, listen, and have an openness to the gentle movement of the heart to pray, for example, a fervent decade of the rosary for a family member. Maybe later in the day, the Holy Spirit will prompt us to pray another decade. We may have a lunch date be canceled, resulting in a desire to attend noon Mass. We might comfort a suffering friend with spontaneous prayer. We can pray the Gospel for that day in a few minutes at bedtime. The possibilities are endless, and



### HOLY AND HEALTHY

Lori Crock

the Holy Spirit might just surprise us.

I know that each of us have experienced “God instances” when we asked for help with time to pray while getting everything else done, too. Then we look back over the day and see how Our Lady and her Son worked it all out in a way we never could have imagined.

St. John Vianney reminds us that prayer is love, rather than an item on a checklist: “Prayer is the inner bath of love into which the soul plunges itself.” With that thought in mind, let us pray with joy and confidence in the way the Holy Spirit is individually and intimately moving each of us.

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## Why I “Re-Fired”

**By Father Patrick A. Toner**

In August 2015, I retired as pastor of Plain City St. Joseph Church. In September 2017, I unretired. A friend suggested it sounded like I “re-fired.” I like

the idea that there still is a lot of fire left in me.

At age 71 and after 40 years as a priest, it seemed like time to retire. I decided I would step down from parish duties, but

keep some of the other ministries I was engaged in – namely, the Ohio Reformatory for Women; Columbus Bishop Ready High School; Courage, for people with same-sex attraction; EnCourage, for their loved ones; and Retrouvaille, for couples in troubled marriages. What prompted the change?

At age 27, while on a retreat, I was overwhelmed by God's goodness and said, “Thank you, God. If I can ever do anything for you, just ask.” He asked for one little favor – that I consider being a priest. Four years in seminary and 40 years of being a priest were filled with other moments and little favors. When God asks, how can you say “No”?

When I decided to retire, I told God about my plans and he said, “Well done, good and faithful servant. Enter into your rest. But would you consider one little favor?” When God asks, how can you say “No”? That favor was to visit Food for the Poor. When I went down and saw what they were doing, my heart

broke. When your heart opens, God rushes in. For two years, I've been traveling on behalf of Food for the Poor and continuing my weekday ministries. I did add Franklin Medical Center to the prison ministry. Food for the Poor always will be part of my ministry.

In July, I told God the one thing I missed most was parish life. Eighteen years at Plain City St. Joseph had spoiled me. God asked for one more favor – that I go see the bishop. Now I am priest moderator at Columbus St. Aloysius Church on the Hilltop, where I went to grade school and learned to serve Mass. I will be helping at Riverside and University hospitals as chaplain. I feel the same excitement as when I first began to serve the Lord.

Why did I “re-fire”? God is good and I am addicted to Him. I am sure he will have a few other small favors in the future. Saying “Yes” to God opens up more excitement than I can imagine. Why wouldn't I “re-fire”? Shouldn't we all?

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## LOCKER 'LIBRARY' SURPRISES TRINITY STUDENTS

Fourth- and seventh-grade students at Columbus Trinity Elementary School were pleasantly surprised at the school's open house when they found their lockers didn't have the usual institutional look, but were more like a brightly colored shelf of books.

English teacher Sara Boyle spent many evenings during the summer scrubbing, sanding, and painting the 45 lockers in vibrant hues, then giving each of them the title of a book widely read by young people.

She got the idea from a similar project at a school in Biloxi, Mississippi. Boyle said she wanted to paint the book titles on the lockers, but "didn't trust my ability to paint sideways" to create the appearance of a stack of books on a shelf. Instead, she went to the Etsy website for crafters and found



**Pictured at Columbus Trinity Elementary School's open house next to their lockers, newly painted with the titles of books, are: (from left): Ava Baker ("The Giver" by Lois Lowry); Gabbie McCreary ("Where the Red Fern Grows" by Wilson Rawls); and Sam Schulz ("The Tell-Tale Heart" by Edgar Allan Poe).** Photos courtesy Trinity Elementary School

a decal expert who created appliques for the lockers.

"I smile every time I peek out in the hallway," she said. "I couldn't wait to see my students' faces when they arrived

at open house" just before classes started. "I was still applying book titles an hour before they got there. I just wanted them to know that someone cares about them. Their enthusiasm and the parents' enthusi-

asm was worth the hard work.

"The feedback has been wonderful," Boyle said. "I had many parents volunteer to help me next time."

She hopes to decorate the

school's 75 other lockers with symbols of other academic subjects, such as a periodic table, calculator, and map of the United States.

She initially used her own money to pay for the decals. The Trinity Home and School Association reimbursed her for their cost. Then, an hour before the school's "meet the teacher" night, she was surprised by a call from a representative of the makers of Rust-Oleum spray paint, to whom she earlier had written to request a donation.

"He said his own children went to Catholic schools," Boyle said. "He knew how much the teachers did for their students and how much he valued Catholic education. He offered to send paint to fund the entire project. What a huge blessing! I'm so happy this has received the reaction it has."



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## MASS MARKS BICENTENNIAL OF FIRST MASS IN LANCASTER



Lancaster St. Mary Church celebrated the 200th anniversary of the first Mass celebrated in the city on Tuesday, Aug. 15, the Feast of the Assumption, which is the parish's patronal feast. The program for the event began at the Fairfield Foundation building, which in 1817 was the home of the Michael Garaghty family, where the first Mass was celebrated, then continued with a procession across the street to the church for the anniversary Mass. Clergy shown at the altar are (left to right, beginning with fourth from left): Father Peter Gideon; Father Thomas Blau, OP, homilist for the Mass; Bishop Frederick Campbell, principal celebrant; Father James Walter; Deacon Mark Scarpitti; Father Craig Eilerman, St. Mary Church pastor; and Msgr. Robert Noon. Pictured in the procession are Deacon Scarpitti holding the Book of the Gospels and (from left) Fathers Gideon, Walter, Blau, and Eilerman.

Photos courtesy St. Mary Church

## ST. MARY IS FIRST GREENSPOT SCHOOL

Columbus St. Mary School is the first school in Columbus to be designated as a GreenSpot school after students there spearheaded several environmental projects during the past academic year.

Students in preschool through eighth grade developed a schoolwide recycling project, a school garden, and a composting project as part of a pilot program on climate change. GreenSpot Schools activities were developed as an offshoot of GreenSpot, a Columbus city program that offers participants a chance to pledge online to actions that improve the environment. The GreenSpot Schools program is coordinated by the Columbus public health and public utilities departments.

Christina Hickey, St. Mary School community relations director and art teacher, said she became interested in the GreenSpot Schools program after an initial communication from Jerry Freewalt of the diocesan Office for Social Concerns. Hickey and Freewalt met with program representatives to learn more, and a school kickoff took place in January.

Freewalt and David Celebrezze, GreenSpot director, spoke about the importance of environmental stewardship, and Hickey told students about the opportunity to become a GreenSpot school. Students selected from among several projects that have a positive impact on climate change. Recycling,

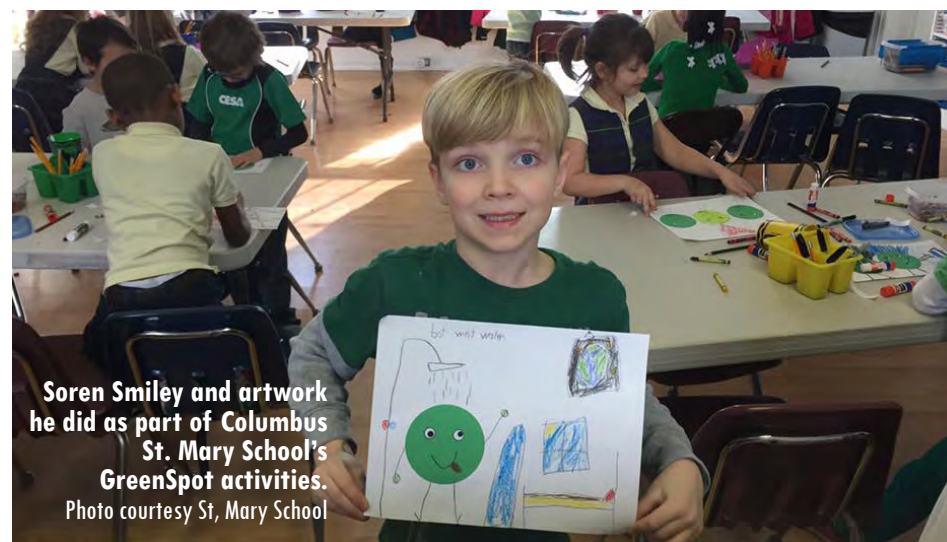
composting, and gardening projects were chosen, based on the interests of students and school staff.

Students worked first with a schoolwide recycling project led by Student Council representatives. Volunteers used a portion of their lunchtime each day to collect recyclables from around the building and take them to the school custodian, who placed them in a dedicated outside trash container for pickup. Participants wore GreenSpot School necklaces created by Hickey so other teachers would know the students had permission to go through the building each day and gather the recyclables.

A GreenSpot poster was placed in the school gym so that student contributions could be noted each day. Hickey also created GreenSpot School certificates that were awarded to participating students at a year-end assembly. She said the certificates offered a chance for students who might not be singled out otherwise to be recognized for an important contribution.

"They (the students) loved them," she said. "It was a chance for other kids to shine." In the four months the program was in place at the school, students collected more than 8,000 gallons of recyclable material.

The school's other GreenSpot project was a garden, which was completed as the school year ended. A group of eighth-graders created the garden,



Soren Smiley and artwork he did as part of Columbus St. Mary School's GreenSpot activities. Photo courtesy St. Mary School

which was dedicated to the school as a class project. The garden will focus on growing tomatoes and cilantro that students can harvest and turn into salsa.

Hickey said the opportunity to become a GreenSpot school has been a positive experience for all students. She said it's been a great opportunity to gain experience in the concept of service learning, which will be a focus of the school for the 2017-2018 academic year. Student volunteers had fun carrying out their project responsibilities and enjoyed the recognition they received for participating.

Hickey said endorsement of and participation in the program by the Office for Social Concerns was important because it helped all the school's students understand the link between GreenSpot participation and the moral concept of environmental stewardship.

Now that St. Mary is officially a GreenSpot school, Hickey is excited about expanding its environmental efforts in the coming year. She and other teachers are working on ideas to refine the school's recycling program and to expand its garden. In addition, several possible projects that can help students understand the problem of climate change problem are on the drawing board.

These include students volunteering to plant trees that can help provide shade and reduce air pollution, as well as building outdoor bat boxes to boost bat populations, which can feed on mosquitoes and can greatly reduce the potential spread of diseases such as West Nile virus.

If you are interested in learning more about the GreenSpot Schools program, contact Richard Hicks of the Columbus Public Health Department at (614) 645-6189 or rickh@columbus.gov.

## Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle A)

# Allowing God to be God makes things very simple



Father  
Lawrence L. Hummer

**Isaiah 55:6-9;**  
**Philippians 1:20c-24,27a;**  
**Matthew 20:1-16a**

Isaiah makes a stunning point. The Lord God is full of mercy and generous in forgiving. We hear that message constantly, but we so often ignore it. The sinner must abandon sin and God will forgive. People often object that it cannot be that simple. The Lord says, through the prophet, that it is: "My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways." Allowing God to be God makes things very simple. Our God is "generous and forgiving." This provides the perfect companion piece to the Gospel for this Sunday.

Once again, Jesus sets out by way of a parable to describe what the Kingdom of Heaven is like. In reading parables, we must remember that the individual details are less important than the point the parable makes. This means that objections we might raise from our own perspective 20 centuries later do not affect the original parable. I don't know how many times I have heard people remark after this parable that the man soon would be out of business for paying the workers the same amount, whether they worked all day or only an hour. Others share the reaction of the workers, who objected that it was unfair to those who worked long and hard the whole day to receive the same as the ones who worked only an hour. Therein lies the point.

The Kingdom of Heaven is not about merit or about earning our way in. It is about pure gift, or grace, if you will. Those of us old enough to remember how it was drummed into us about piling up gold stars and the like

## Stamp honors Father Hesburgh

The U.S. Postal Service on Sept. 1 issued a commemorative "Forever" stamp honoring the late Father Theodore Hesburgh, CSC, who was president of the University of Notre Dame from 1952-87, was chair of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission, and received the Congressional Gold Medal and the Presidential Medal of Freedom for his work on behalf of peace and social justice.

Shown displaying the stamps when they went on sale at the Dresden post office is Father Donald Franks, pastor of Dresden St. Ann and Mattingly Settlement St. Mary churches. Father Franks, a 1975 Notre Dame graduate, considered Father Hesburgh a mentor, and they celebrated Masses together after Father Franks' ordination to the priesthood in 1979. Father Franks

as a way of advancing toward the Kingdom eventually discovered it was always about grace. "Am I not free to do as I wish with my own money (literally, *with what is mine*)?" asked the landowner. "Are you envious because I am generous?"

This last question is expressed in Greek, literally, "Is your eye evil because I am good?" In this expression, "evil" is to be understood in a moral sense as sinful, as opposed to the idea of a good eye as being virtuous. Thus, to have an evil eye is to be envious, while to have a good eye would mean "to admire." Here, the workers who complained envied the landowner who had so much that he could dispense what was his own at will. An evil eye also could mean a lustful eye, and obviously would be considered immoral. Saints often embraced "custody of the eyes" as a way of life. That is beyond the scope of our "eye" examination here. Suffice it to say that there is a lot more to the discussion than simply translating "Are you envious because I am generous."

That leaves us to discuss "generous," which translates the Greek word *agathos*. In the context, *agathos* clearly means "generous," although its root meaning is "good or useful or beneficial." The very nature of God as revealed by Jesus is goodness itself. "Only one is good (God alone)," said Jesus to the rich young man (Matthew 19:17).

Those who agreed to do the work and did it were paid what they had agreed to. The second group who went out three hours later were promised "what is just." Others at noon and at 3 p.m. did likewise, until finally the last group came and worked an hour. Adding fuel to the fire, the last ones to work were paid first. Jesus must have chuckled when he said this, because the more outrageous the scene, the easier it is to grumble with those who worked all day. The result is the same. The owner can do what he wants with what is his.

Let us rejoice that God is a generous and merciful Father!

**Father Lawrence Hummer, pastor at Chillicothe St. Mary Church, can be reached at [hummerl@stmarychillicothe.com](mailto:hummerl@stmarychillicothe.com).**



also preached at the 40th anniversary reunion of his Notre Dame class about Father Hesburgh's legacy. Pictured with him are (from left): Dresden postmaster Rocky Brownfield, St. Ann parishioner Phyllis Vensil, postal clerk Sandy Belangia, and postal carriers Kathy Davis, Marge Hindel, Troy Frazee, and Nicki Stotts.

Photo courtesy St. Ann Church

## The Weekday Bible Readings

### MONDAY

Ezra 1:1-6  
Psalm 126:1-6  
Luke 8:16-18

### TUESDAY

Ezra 6:7-8,12b,14-20  
Psalm 122:1-5  
Luke 8:19-21

### WEDNESDAY

Ezra 9:5-9  
Tobit 13:2,3-4,7-8 (Ps)  
Luke 9:1-6

### THURSDAY

Haggai 1:1-8  
Psalm 149:1-6,9  
Luke 9:7-9

### FRIDAY

Daniel 7:9-10,13-14 or Revelation 12:7-12a  
Psalm 138:1-5  
John 1:47-51

### SATURDAY

Zechariah 2:5-9,14-15a  
Jeremiah 31:10-13 (Ps)  
Luke 9:43b-45

## DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 24, 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](http://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 (Spectrum Channel 385, Insight Channel 382, or WOW Channel 378).

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

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

### 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](http://www.stgabrielradio.com).

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

# A memoir I never expected to write

When the second volume of my John Paul II biography, *The End and the Beginning*, was published in 2010, I thought I was finished with John Paul book-making. I hoped I'd done my best in bringing to a global audience the full story of a rich, complex life that had bent the curve of history in a more humane direction. I had tried to make a modest contribution to contemporary history by using once-classified documents from communist secret police files to illustrate previously hidden facets of the communist war against the Catholic Church. I had kept the promise I made to John Paul at our last meeting on December 15, 2004: "Holy Father, if you don't bury me, I promise to finish your story."

But as I traveled the world speaking about *The End and the Beginning* and the legacy of John Paul II, I discovered that many people were less interested in the book's analyses than in stories: stories that would bring a beloved figure alive again; stories that would help keep John Paul II close, rather than having him drift away into the remote intangibility of the canonized. And it struck me, on reflection, that this yearning was the 21st-century equivalent of the love for stories that once inspired the popular medieval lives of the saints. Thus perhaps there was more to be done in fulfilling my last promise to John Paul II.

And here, too, there was a curious symmetry.

John Paul thought he was finished with poetry when, en route to the conclave that elected him pope in 1978, he wrote *Stanislas*, his poetic valedictory to



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George Weigel

Cracow. Then, at the end of his life, he discovered there were things he wanted to say that could only be said in a poem; the result was *Roman Triptych*. So, like the man whose life changed my own and to whose story I had already devoted two large books, I am now happy to make a triptych: to publish a third panel in my account of the emblematic figure of the second half of the 20th century.

*Lessons in Hope: My Unexpected Life with St. John Paul II* (Basic Books) is very different than *Witness to Hope* and *The End and the Beginning*, the first two panels in my portrait of John Paul II. *Lessons in Hope* is entirely anecdotal; hardy readers of the first two volumes will be relieved to learn that it contains nary an endnote. It's all stories all the time, and all in bite-size pieces. My intent is that, out of these stories, an even fuller, more deeply etched portrait of John Paul will emerge, for there is much this exemplary figure still has to teach us.

When he went on pilgrimage to Fatima on May 13, 1982, to give thanks for his life being spared during the

assassination attempt a year before, John Paul II said, "In the designs of Providence there are no mere coincidences." What strikes us as mere happenstance or coincidence is, in fact, an aspect of divine providence that we don't yet understand. That's how he thought of his life, and that's how telling the story of his life taught me to think of my own. Experiences I had, subjects I studied, professional positions I held, people who had a profound impact on my thought: much of this, seemingly random at the time, came into focus as remote preparation for becoming the papal biographer I never intended to be. Thus *Lessons in Hope* also explores how someone who never set out to write a papal biography ended up doing two volumes of just that, in what I hope is an act of thanksgiving for the providential guidance of my own pilgrimage.

Then there are the stories of getting my biographer's job done amid the often-sluggish realities of Vatican life: stories that wouldn't have fit in *Witness to Hope* and *The End and the Beginning*, but which now retrospectively illuminate, not only my own adventures in Rome (and elsewhere), but the accomplishment of John Paul II in getting the balky machinery around him to work as well as it did under his creative, courageous, firm, and collaborative leadership.

*Lessons in Hope* was great fun to write. I hope it will be great fun to read.

*George Weigel is Distinguished Senior Fellow of the Ethics and Public Policy Center in Washington, D.C.*

## AUTHOR JAMIE FORD TO VISIT HARTLEY

Some of the captains of Columbus Bishop Hartley High School's student houses, including (clockwise from top left) Nick Cone, Lily McClung, Emma Mackessy, Rachel LeMay, Grace Cole, and Andrew Berger, are preparing for *New York Times* best-selling author Jamie Ford's visit to the school on Monday, Oct. 2. Parents, alumni, and friends of the school are invited to share in this opportunity. Check the school website ([www.bishop-hartley.org](http://www.bishop-hartley.org)) or the parent newsletter for more details.

All members of the Hartley community – incoming freshmen through seniors, faculty, staff, and administrators – read Ford's *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* this summer. This shared reading experience is bringing the Hartley community together while serving as a platform to discuss current issues related to American history, culture, race, and other concerns on the minds of students, families, teachers, and the public. *Photo courtesy Bishop Hartley High School*



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**BABIC, Mary E. (Pishitelli), 52, Sept. 11**  
St. John the Baptist Church, Columbus

**CALDWELL, Raiden, 4 months, Sept. 6**  
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

**CRONIN, Barbara A. (Dalton), 82, Sept. 10**  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Grove City

**DENNY, Alice (Brunton), 81, Sept. 1**  
St. Bernard Church, Corning

**DESARRO, Emma K. (Willison), 87, Sept. 5**  
Church of the Atonement, Crooksville

**ENESEY, Veronika T.L., 85, Sept. 14**  
St. Agatha Church, Columbus

**FRONK, Dean H., 75, Sept. 9**  
Resurrection Cemetery Chapel, Lewis Center

**HANKINSON, Noel F., 80, Sept. 3**  
St. Rose Church, New Lexington

**LENOY, Mary J. (Blazian), 98, Sept. 9**  
St. John Neumann Church, Sunbury

**LEONE, Ruth (Ronald), 65, Aug. 23**  
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

**LOOMIS, Charles L., 73, Sept. 12**  
St. Anthony Church, Columbus

**LYNCH, Kathleen J., 65, Sept. 12**  
St. Elizabeth Church, Columbus

**McKINNEY, Kevin J., 35, Sept. 11**  
Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Marysville

**PATRICK, Louise (Fantin), 80, Sept. 4**  
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

**PORTIER (de la Croix), Yvonne, 88, Sept. 11**  
St. Matthew Church, Gahanna

**RUTH, Eulalia (Conway), 94, Sept. 12**  
St. Michael Church, Worthington

**SLANE, Stephen S., 64, Sept. 11**  
St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, Pickerington

**YEAMANS-BEAVER, Jodene, 58, Sept. 15**  
St. Agatha Church, Columbus

**YOUNG, Thomas, 74, Sept. 12**  
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

**ZIEGLER, Mary L. (Arrasmith), 90, Sept. 12**  
Our Lady of Peace Church, Columbus

## Sister Bernadette Metzger, SNDdeN

Funeral Mass for Sister Bernadette Metzger, SNDdeN, 86, who died Friday, Sept. 15, was held Tuesday, Sept. 19 in the St. Julie Chapel at Mount Notre Dame in Cincinnati. Burial was in the sisters' cemetery.

She was born on Nov. 15, 1930, to Turney and Mary (Blubaugh) Metzger and was a member of Columbus Holy Name Church while growing up.

She was a graduate of Columbus St. Joseph Academy and received a bachelor of science degree in education from the University of Dayton in 1963, a master of arts degree in mathematics from Webster College in St. Louis in 1968, and a master of education degree in mental health counseling from Boston (Massachusetts) State College in 1980.

After two years as a clerk with the Ohio Division of Securities, she entered the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur on Sept. 7, 1950, professing her first vows on March 28, 1953,

taking the name Sister Daniel Joseph, and her final vows on Aug. 13, 1958.

In the Diocese of Columbus, she was a teacher from 1961-63 at Columbus St. Christopher School and worked at the diocesan child guidance center from 1971-74.

She also taught at schools in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and in Detroit and worked in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati's education office in Dayton and in the finance offices of her congregation's Boston and Ohio provinces and the Mount Notre Dame Health Center in Cincinnati. In addition, she was a lector, distributed the Eucharist in hospitals, and was involved in the RCIA program at Good Shepherd Church in Cincinnati, the city where she lived from 1988 until her death.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and sisters, Ociea Metzger and Mildred Iezzi. Survivors include a brother, Daniel, and a sister, Patricia Wolff.

## St. Pius X ministry for widows and widowers

Reynoldsburg St. Pius X Church has developed a new support and healing ministry for widows and widowers. It is called For I Shall See You Again, with its name coming from Jesus' words to his disciples at the Last Supper in John 16:22.

The ministry offers a regular opportunity for widows and widowers to gather in a safe, loving environment and share their grief journey through discussion and prayer. Leading the ministry are Sister Maxine Shonk, OP, pastoral minister, and parishioners Valerie Bryan and Mary Pisaniello.

"We currently have about 25 participants and are slowly discerning the needs and wants of each member," Bryan said. "Our discussions from our first few meetings have addressed grief, dealing with loneliness, and how others are dealing with us through our grief. We have learned that having a safe place to share with others who have experienced a similar loss is very beneficial, and our members are starting to rely more on each other and form a community."

Anyone who has lost a spouse may attend a monthly meeting. The group announces its meetings through the parish bulletin. It currently meets once a month at the church, 1051 S. Waggoner Road, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The third Tuesday of the month has been set as a regular meeting date. Meetings typically consist of an opening prayer, introductions, discussion, and a closing prayer. No prior registration or RSVP is required to attend; simply show up.

The first few meetings have yielded rich fruit for participants and facilitators. "As I have met with the widowed community, I have been inspired and humbled," Sister Maxine said. "The experience of losing one's life partner is like no other. One can imagine the loneliness and the lost-ness, but unless you have had the experience, you cannot fully identify with it."

A parish web page for the ministry is in development. For more information, contact Sister Maxine at (614) 861-1575, Pisaniello at (614) 367-9467, or Bryan at (614) 738-5386.

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## SEPTEMBER

### 21, THURSDAY

#### Oliver North Speaks at PDHC Dinner

6 p.m., Villa Milano, 1630 Schrock Road, Columbus. Pregnancy Decision Health Centers life and liberty celebration with featured speaker Oliver North, former deputy director of the National Security Council. Register at [www.SupportPDHC.org](http://www.SupportPDHC.org).

#### 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.

#### Abortion Recovery Network Group

7 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

All fund-raising events (festivals, bazaars, spaghetti dinners, fish fries, bake sales, pizza/sub sales, candy sales, etc.) will be placed in the "Fund-Raising Guide."

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### 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. "Mass and a Meal" monthly event. Bring side dishes, desserts, or beverages. 614-224-9522

### 22, FRIDAY

#### Shepherd's Corner Labyrinth Walk

7:30 to 9 p.m., Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. Labyrinth walk led by Joy Lawrence. Theme: "Balance." Suggested donation \$5. 614-866-4302

### 23, SATURDAY

#### Founders of Faith Program at Somerset St. Joseph

8 a.m. to 6 p.m., St. Joseph Church, 5757 State Route 383 N.E., Somerset. Annual Founders of Faith program, sponsored by diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting, examining the early days of the Catholic Church in Ohio. For anyone 11 and older. Includes 5 p.m. Mass. Fee \$25. 614-882-7806

#### Retreat for Separated and Divorced Catholics

8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 3730 Broadway, Grove City. "After Divorce: Adventure into the Interior Life," a retreat led by Rose Sweet, author of "Surviving Divorce: Hope and Healing for the Catholic Family." For separated or divorced Catholic men and women, as well as lay leaders and clergy. Registration required. Lunch provided. Register at [www.Divorced-CatholicColumbus.org](http://www.Divorced-CatholicColumbus.org).

#### 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.

#### Alpha Course Prayer Training Ministry

9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., St. John Neumann Church, 9633 E. State Route 37, Sunbury. Prayer training session for previous participants in the Alpha course, a look at the basics of Catholicism, who want to become more involved in bringing it to others. Begins with prayer ministry training from 9 to 11:30 a.m., followed by lunch (\$7) and retreat support session from 12:15 to 2:30 p.m. for those who wish to stay. Register with [jasbury@insight.rr.com](mailto:jasbury@insight.rr.com).

**Veterans Appreciation Day at Ohio Dominican**  
5:30 p.m., Ohio Dominican University, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Veterans Appreciation Day tailgate party precedes ODU's 7 p.m. football game against Lake Erie. All veterans attending will be provided with complimentary tickets for themselves and one guest. 614-251-4458

#### Cristo Rey Garden Party Fundraiser

7 to 10:30 p.m., Cristo Rey High School, 400 E. Town St., Columbus. School's annual Garden Party fundraiser. Tickets \$150. 614-223-9261, extension 12010

### 24, SUNDAY

#### St. Christopher Adult Religious Education

10 to 11:20 a.m., Library, Trinity Catholic School, 1440 Grandview Ave., Columbus. Introduction to Jeff Cavins Bible study series "Wisdom: God's Vision for Life." which will be explored further in November, December, and January.

#### 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

#### Catholic Record Society Meeting

2 p.m., Jessing Center, Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 N. High St., Columbus. Catholic Record Society quarterly

meeting, with architect Clyde Gosnell speaking on "A Tale of Two Landmarks: The Kelley Mansion and The Christopher Inn." 614-268-4166

#### 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

#### St. Rose Church 150th Anniversary Mass

3 p.m., St. Rose Church, 309 N. Main St., New Lexington. Mass of Thanksgiving to celebrate parish's 150th anniversary, preceded by open house from 1 to 2 in St. Rose School and followed by reception. 740-342-1348

#### Cathedral Music Series

3 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Prizewinning organist Jonathan Ryan, associate director of music at Christ Church in Greenwich, Connecticut, presents the complete Clavier-Ubung III of Johann Sebastian Bach. 614-241-2526

#### Organ Recital at St. Mark

3 p.m., St. Mark Church, 324 Gay St., Lancaster. Recital on church's new Allen organ with organist and composer Chuck Yannerella. 740-653-1229

#### St. Agatha Church Parish Picnic

4 to 7 p.m., St. Agatha Church, 1860 Northam Road, Columbus. Parish picnic hosted by Knights of Columbus Council 11311. Includes food, soda and water, magician, children's activities, bounce house, egg toss, and more. Beer available for purchase. Cost \$10 (\$40 families). Rain or shine; indoor seating available. 614-306-8744

#### 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. 614-237-0401

#### Spanish Mass at Columbus St. Peter

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

### 25, MONDAY

#### Catholic Singles Fellowship Mass, Dinner, Adoration

5:30 to 8 p.m., St. Mary Church, 82 E. William St., Delaware. Parish's Catholic singles fellowship group attends Mass, followed by dinner at a site to be determined, and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 7 to 8. All diocesan Catholic singles welcome. 740-362-2246

#### 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.

### 26, 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

#### Landings Program at Newman Center

7 p.m., St. Thomas More Newman Center, 64 W. Lane Ave., Columbus. First session of eight-week Landings program welcoming returning and inactive Catholics. 614-602-7756

#### Rosary for Life at St. Joan of Arc

Following 7:30 p.m. Mass, St. Joan of Arc Church, 10700 Liberty Road, Powell. Recital of Rosary for Life, sponsored by church's respect life committee.

### 27, WEDNESDAY

#### Diocesan Drug Awareness Summit

8:15 a.m. to 3 p.m., Parish Center, Church of the Resurrection, 6300 E. Dublin-Granville Road, New Albany. Diocesan drug awareness summit, focusing on heroin, opioids, and addiction, for educators, youth ministers, parents, and anyone else working with young people. Speakers include Bishop Frederick Campbell and Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine. Developed in cooperation with diocesan religious education, youth and young adult ministry, social concerns, and Catholic schools offices. 614-221-4633

### 28, THURSDAY

#### 'Theology of the Common Good' Talk at ODU

3:30 p.m., Colonial Room, Sansbury Hall, Ohio Dominican University, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Talk on "Building Bridges That Unite Us in Health Care" with Shonna Riedlinger, director of ODU's master of science in physician assistant studies program. Part of university's "Theology of the Common Good" talk series. 614-251-4453

#### 'Exercise the Senses' Hike at Shepherd's Corner

5:30 to 7 p.m., Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. Hike with staff member Miranda Land designed to exercise the senses of taste, touch, sight, and sound. Children should be accompanied by an adult. 614-866-4302

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### 29, FRIDAY

#### Frassati Society Goes to Corn Maze

8 p.m., Maize at Little Darby Creek, 8657 Axe Handle Road, Milford Center. Columbus St. Patrick Church Frassati Society for young adults explores corn maze. 614-224-9522

### 29-30, FRIDAY-SATURDAY

#### Diocesan Marriage Preparation Program

6 to 9 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Immaculate Conception Church, 414 E. North Broadway, Columbus. "The Joy-Filled Marriage," diocesan Marriage & Family Life Office marriage preparation program. Cost: \$175 per couple, including breakfast and lunch. 614-241-2560

#### 'Walking Toward Eternity' at Church of the Resurrection

7 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Church of the Resurrection, 6300 E. Dublin-Granville Road, New Albany. "Walking Toward Eternity ... Making Choices for Today" adult faith formation program with Bible scholar Jeff Cavins. Cost: \$45, including breakfast and lunch. 614-429-7308

### 30, SATURDAY

#### Life and Mercy Mass in Plain City

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

#### North Columbus Serra Luncheon for Religious Sisters

Noon, Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Road, Columbus. Luau luncheon for religious sisters of the diocese, sponsored by Serra Club of North Columbus. Reservations required.





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The concert will be at 3 p.m. Sun-

day, Oct. 15. Because of the rarity of such a performance, St. Colman music director Craig Jaynes strongly urges purchase of a season ticket (both concerts, one price) to the parish’s “Concerts in a Country Church” series.

The other concert in the series will feature Jaynes in a solo organ program on Sunday, April 15, 2018.

Seats are reserved for season ticket holders first. Single-event tickets are available at the church, 219 S. North St., before each program as long as the limited seating capacity has not been reached. Because of the large number of participants needed for the *Requiem*, seating will be restricted to 200.

For more information, contact Jaynes at [craig@englishgardenfarm.com](mailto:craig@englishgardenfarm.com) or call (937) 675-7055.

### St. Joseph Cathedral Concert

## Jonathan Ryan Organ Recital

Jonathan Ryan, a winner of many prizes as an organist, will present the complete *Clavier-Ubung III* of Johann Sebastian Bach at 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 24 in Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St.



instrument’s capabilities, and bold programming, he has emerged as one of North America’s premier young concert artists.

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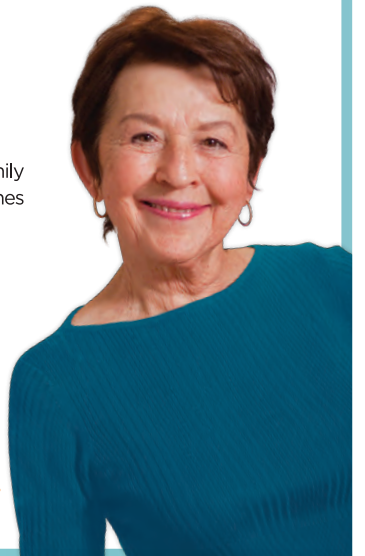
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## ROSECRANS FOOTBALL, SOCCER TEAMS HAVE FIRST HOME FIELD



Zanesville Bishop Rosecrans High School's football and boys and girls soccer teams have a home field for the first time. The teams are pictured above. The first game on the field was played on Friday, Aug. 25 as the football team defeated Beallsville. Teams from Zanesville Bishop Fenwick Elementary School also are using the field, which was blessed on the first day of school by the pastors of Zanesville's two churches – Father Martin Ralko of St. Nicholas and Father Jan Sullivan of St. Thomas Aquinas.

Photo courtesy Bishop Rosecrans High School

## Watterson classroom remodeling completed

This summer, Columbus Bishop Watterson High School completed a classroom renovation project that began in 2013 with a single classroom and grew to include 29 classrooms. Watterson graduates Mike Kenney and Nick King, both members of the school's Class of 1993, have continued their generosity since they provided funds for a business classroom in 2013. Other donors have joined in to assist with the \$2.5 million remodeling project, which includes new windows on two sides of the entire school. This year's remodeling involved 18 classrooms, the largest renovation to date, and cost nearly \$1 million.

Each refurbished classroom has new heating and cooling equipment, in addition to new flooring, lighting, televisions, clocks, and ergonomic desks.

The classrooms also are equipped to keep up with technology. Eleven of the classrooms will have interactive monitors which are touch-screen, have web access, and allow for free-form drawing or writing, which can be saved on the monitor to be utilized again. The monitors also have an integrated operating system that enables a teacher to connect a laptop and view files.

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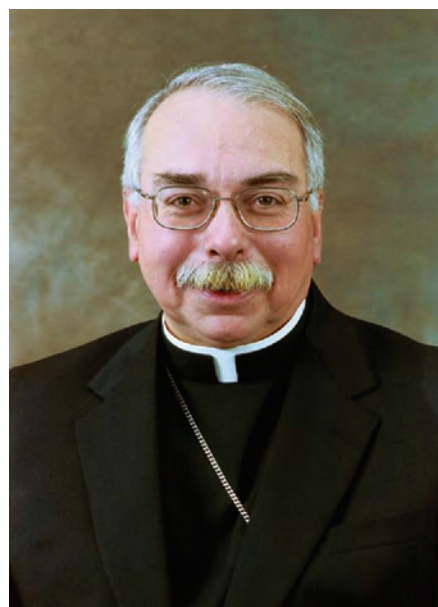
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