



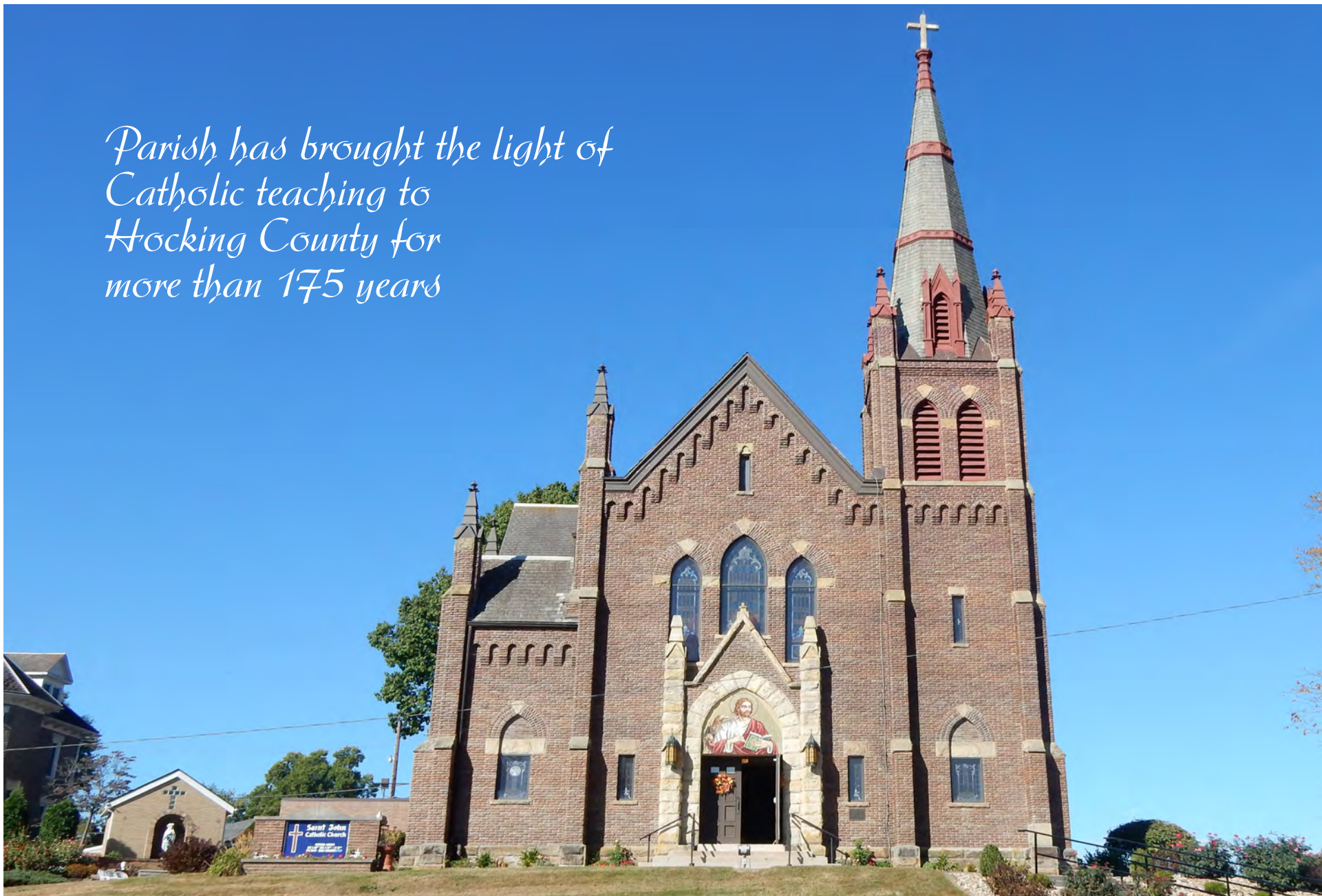
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The Editor's Notebook

Making a beautiful landscape

By David Garick, Editor



The brilliant days of autumn have arrived. God does some of his best artwork at this time of year. The hillsides are ablaze with glorious brushstrokes of color. The winding country road that I live on is especially beautiful. After turning off the major highway, my road winds upward for about a mile under a canopy of trees, each one competing with the next to provide the more striking splash of red, orange, gold, yellow, or purple. Then as I reach the top of the hill, the vista opens up to a scene of broad golden fields bounded by distant woods that display an impressionistic masterpiece of autumnal glory that would do Monet proud.

Sure, the trees change color in the middle of the city, too. But there is something about the magnitude of the color change in the rural area, especially in southern Ohio, that makes the season of autumn a special treat. One of the best places to take in the fall colors is Hocking County in southeast Ohio. While you are there, you might also wish to take in some of the spiritual color of worship at Logan St. John Church.

As is the case in a number of smaller Ohio communities, the Catholic population is a relatively small portion of the community. However, the impact these Catholics have on Hocking County

is far larger than their numbers. That is due in part to their commitment in doing the larger work of carrying out Christ's message of love, service, sacrifice, and redemption to make their community a better place. You can read all about that in this issue of *Catholic Times*.

Just as each tree and all of the individual leaves on a distant hillside bring their own distinct color to the landscape, our Catholic parishes and all of their individual members contribute to the community canvas to create an image of Christ's presence in the heartland of Ohio. Jesus used the image of light. In Chapter 5 of St. Matthew's Gospel, he says, "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven." That light breaks down into a glorious spectrum in which the beauty of God's promise becomes very apparent in the lives of his children. We are all called to be part of God's spiritual artwork in our own communities. Be colorful.

Death penalty is 'contrary to the Gospel,' pope says

By Cindy Wooden
Catholic News Service

The death penalty, no matter how it is carried out, "is, in itself, contrary to the Gospel," Pope Francis said.

Marking the 25th anniversary of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* at the Vatican on Oct. 11, Pope Francis said the catechism's discussion of the death penalty, already formally amended by St. John Paul II, needs to be even more explicitly against capital punishment.

Capital punishment, he said, "heavily wounds human dignity" and is an "inhuman measure."

"It is, in itself, contrary to the Gospel, because a decision is voluntarily made to suppress a human life, which is always sacred in the eyes of the Creator and of whom, in the last analysis, only God can be the true judge and guarantor," the pope said.

The death penalty, he said, not only extinguishes a human life, it extinguishes the possibility that the person, recognizing his or her errors, will request forgiveness and begin a new life.

The church's position on the death penalty, he said, is one example of how church teaching is not static, but grows and deepens along with a growth in faith and in response to modern questions and concerns.

In the past, when people did not see any other way for society to defend itself against serious crime and when "social maturity" was lacking, he said, people accepted the death penalty as "a logical consequence of the application of justice."

In fact, he said, the church itself



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believed that, and the death penalty was a possible punishment in the former Papal States. It was only in 1969 that Pope Paul VI formally banned the death penalty in the Vatican, even though it had never been imposed there.

"Let us take responsibility for the past and recognize" that use of the death penalty was "dictated by a mentality that was more legalistic than Christian," Pope Francis said. "Remaining neutral today when there is a new need to reaffirm personal dignity would make us even more guilty."

The first edition of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, published by St. John Paul II in 1992, recognized "as well-founded the right

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Front Page photo:

Logan St. John Church is on a hilltop overlooking Logan, the Hocking County seat. The parish was founded in 1841. The church building was dedicated in 1898.

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Marian Dinner introduces girls to religious life

About 40 girls from the Diocese of Columbus attended the annual diocesan Marian Dinner at Columbus St. Andrew Church on Wednesday, Oct. 11. They were greeted by Bishop Frederick Campbell and had an opportunity to learn about religious life from sisters representing the Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary; the Dominican Sisters, Immaculate Conception Province; the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist; the Dominican Sisters of Peace; the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur; the Missionary Sisters, Servants of the Word (Misioneros Servidores de la Palabra); the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm; the Children of Mary; the Little Servant Sisters of the Immaculate Conception; the Sisters of St. Birgitta; and the Daughters of Holy Mary of the Heart of Jesus.

The featured speaker, Sister Maria Ecclesiae, HSMCJ, grew up as a member of Dover St. Joseph Church and graduated from New Philadelphia Tuscarawas Central Catholic High School in 2005 and Franciscan University of Steubenville in 2009. She said she first had thoughts at age seven about becoming a sister, felt uncertainty in her middle-school and high-school years, then heard the Lord calling her to a consecrated life during a time of reconciliation when she was a high-school senior. While discerning her vocation further in college, she realized that her true desire was to serve Christ as a religious sister. She made her perpetual vows as a sister of the Daughters of Holy Mary of the Heart of Jesus in September. She told the girls, "God has created you with your vocation. It's just a matter of listening, of asking him, 'What is that vocation?' I am so grateful to the Lord for the gift and grace of my vocation and for the grace of being able to say 'Yes' and of persevering every day in his service."

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Above: Sister Maria Ecclesiae, HSMCJ. Below, left: Sister Mary Michael, OP, with Anna Shoen, Therese Shoes, and Mari Shoes. Below, right: Sisters of St. Birgitta.



2017 Sacred Heart Congress

The sixth annual diocesan Sacred Heart Congress took place Saturday, Oct. 14 at Columbus Christ the King Church. Father David Schalk, pastor of the host parish, opened the event by leading the Litany of the Sacred Heart and giving a short talk. The keynote speaker for the morning session was Sister Joseph Andrew Bogdanowicz, OP (pictured at top left), one of the four founders of the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, based in Ann Arbor, Michigan. She told those in attendance that they can hear the word of the Lord in the voice of Mary, "We need to open our hearts and listen to the voice of Our Lady, just as the three children who witnessed her apparition in Fatima did, and receive the Holy Spirit in order to enshrine the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary into our lives," she said.

The main speaker for the afternoon session was Father John Paul Mary of the Franciscan Missionaries of the Eternal Word (pictured at bottom left), who said, "Enthronement to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary can change your life. Just as Mary said, 'Yes' to God's call, so must we. God is pushing at your heart and giving you the capacity to love. When we answer that call, we enter into the deepest places with Christ, who is the universal savior of the world."

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Faith in Action

By Mark Huddy

It's a Matter of Principle

October is Respect Life Month. For decades, the Church has set aside the entire month of October as a time for us to reflect on the inestimable dignity, the inherent worth, the unfathomable mystery and gift of every human life at every stage and condition, from conception to natural death. We do this to begin to fathom God's incredible love for us in creating us in His image, in redeeming us by the blood of His Son, Jesus Christ, and in calling us to a transcendent and eternal destiny in communion with the Trinity.

In recognizing the light, we also see the shadows. With so many manifestations of the erosion of respect for human life and dignity in our common life together as community, we sometimes feel overwhelmed and can allow ourselves to be outraged only by a subset of these violations that correspond to our experience and our interests. The shootings in Las Vegas horrify us, but the unnecessary use of the death penalty does not register on our meter. We see the toll of 45 million abortions in the abstract, but may not recognize the need to help a pregnant mom overcome all of the barriers to choosing life for her child, especially if they are numerous and expensive to address. We rightly support helping our elderly live with the greatest independence possible, and at the same time blithely accept the withholding of food and hydration from elderly patients that need technological help in receiving them. We are so comfortable with individual autonomy and so frightened by individual suffering that we can fail to see the problem of giving legal recognition to assisted suicide. So we can categorize and politicize the unified principle of respect for human life and dignity into a multiplicity of issues on which we can hold divergent and contradictory positions.

Whenever and wherever human life and dignity are attacked, we must find both the will and the means to rise to its defense. Nearly 52 years ago, the Second Vatican Council issued *Gaudium et Spes* (the Pastoral Constitution of Church in the Modern World). It gave this exhortation:

"Coming down to practical and particularly urgent consequences, this council lays stress on reverence for man; everyone must consider his every neighbor without exception as another self, taking into account first of all his life and the means necessary to living it with dignity, so as not to imitate the rich man who had no concern for the poor man Lazarus."

As we consider how we can make this month of reflection meaningful and a springboard for Christian action, we can begin with prayer, asking God to give us the grace and strength to recognize and defend the principle of respect for human life and dignity. We can seek to learn more about the Church's teaching on life-threatening and life-diminishing social problems by going to <https://columbuscatholic.org/social-concerns-office> and by reading the 2017 Respect Life Program materials found there. While our defense of the principle is to be universal, our field for pastoral activity may be restricted to an area for which we have interest and competency. We may seek to volunteer at a pregnancy center, assist returning citizens as they exit incarceration, or participate in a parish Respect life committee. Lastly, we want to be involved in addressing structural reform to bring about greater respect for human life and dignity. See <https://columbuscatholic.org/action-alerts> for action alerts that offer opportunities to promote the defense of human life and dignity. May God bless our efforts.

Mark Huddy is Episcopal Moderator for the diocesan Social Concerns Office.

**Life in the Spirit program to be presented**

Columbus Catholic Renewal is offering a Life in the Spirit program from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28 at Columbus St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road. Millions of Catholics worldwide during the past 50 years have completed the program, which teaches the full role of the Holy Spirit, using established material.

Topics including God's love, salvation, and new life are reflected upon within small discussion groups. Father Dean Mathewson will lead an optional prayer for anyone desiring a deeper

personal relationship with Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. Praise and worship music for the day will be led by Jesse Carbungcal.

The program is free and includes a box lunch.

For information or to register, go to <http://www.cccolumbus.org> or call (614) 582-1721.

Columbus Catholic Renewal, also known as Catholic Charismatic Renewal, Inc., is under the authority of Bishop Frederick Campbell through his appointed liaison, Father Mathewson.

Community prayer breakfast at Newark Catholic

Newark Catholic High School, 1 Green Wave Drive, will host its inaugural Catholic community prayer breakfast on Thursday, Nov. 16. The breakfast will provide an opportunity to celebrate the many blessings the school has been given and to share the traditions, programs, and practices of its campus ministry program with the community.

Breakfast will begin at 6:30 a.m.,

with the program starting at 7 and concluding by 7:45. Father G. Michael Gribble, a member of the school's Class of 1961, will be the main speaker, and there will be testimonials by recent graduates. The Newark Catholic Ensemble also will be featured.

Tickets for the event are available at the school office or online at www.newarkcatholic.org. The price is \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door.

Basketball skills clinic at Bishop Ready

The basketball coaches at Columbus Bishop Ready High School are sponsoring a skills clinic for students in grades three through eight on two separate evenings: Monday, Oct. 23 at London St. Patrick Church, 61 S. Union St., and Thursday, Nov. 2, at Bishop Ready High School, 707 Salisbury Road.

Both sessions run from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

and will be led by Ready girls basketball coach Joe Lang and boys basketball coach Dan DeCrane.

The cost is \$5 per session. Castle Crew members may participate in one session free of charge. There is no advance registration only.

For more information, call DeCrane at (614) 276-5263, extension 231.

Knitters, crocheters invited to Fiber Fair

The annual diocesan Fiber Fair will take place Saturday, Oct. 28 at the New Albany Church of the Resurrection, 6300 E. Dublin-Granville Road. All knitters, crocheters, quilters, seamstresses, and others who work with fibers are invited to join in the fun and to

share their talents as servants of God.

Shawls will be collected for the St. Peregrine Cancer Ministry. Lunch will be provided. To register for the event and for lunch, and to note any dietary restrictions, contact Sandy Walsh at (614) 342-6003.

Newark Catholic invites prospective students, parents

Eighth-grade students interested in attending Newark Catholic High School for the 2018-2019 academic year are invited to spend a day at the school, 1 Green Wave Drive, from 9:15 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 8.

For reservations and information, call Jodi Snider at (740) 344-3594.

All students of the Knox/Licking Vicariate are invited. An information session for parents will be the same evening starting at 6 p.m. at the school.

Columbus Catholic Women's Conference enters second decade

The Columbus Catholic Women's Conference is gearing up for its 11th year, with expectations of more than 4,000 women taking part, making this conference the largest of its kind in the United States.

The women will gather on Saturday, Feb. 17 in the Cardinal Building of the state fairgrounds for an exhilarating day of Mass, powerful speakers, Confession, Eucharistic Adoration, and fellowship. But the conference is more than an unforgettable one-day experience. It is a means of re-engaging spiritually for the year.

Many women find healing with the Church or in specific relationships in their lives as a result of the conference. Some find that healing through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, especially if it has been several years since they received the sacrament. Others experience it through Mass, praise and worship, uplifting presentations, or the majestic sacredness of Eucharistic Adoration.

"I have been deserted and divorced by my husband of 40 years. My heart has been full of pain, sorrow, and hatred. I am now no longer in pain. I am still working on forgiving my husband, but I no longer harbor hate for him," said one woman who attended last year's conference.

Others have found the conference to be a source of hope, encouragement, and renewal.

"I am overwhelmed. ... I'm still processing all that happened," another conference attendee said. "The best part is that I am now comfortable expressing my Catholic faith without worrying about being politically correct. It gave me more courage to live my faith and my religion in this crazy world. Thank you for the gift of this conference."

"It is very important to take the time and feed myself with grace, to be renewed in an environment of peace, prayer, positivism, and hope," said another. "That is



why I go: to renew my hope, come out stronger, and continue living God's plan for me."

"Life is hard and sometimes I feel alone in the battle. But at the conference, I am renewed," said one woman who particularly relished the sisterhood she experienced at the conference. "I love being with other women who value their faith and are seeking to grow spiritually."

For this woman and many others, the day provides an opportunity to engage with friends, see old acquaintances, and, most importantly, make new friends – friendships that can be cultivated beyond the conference.

Eucharistic Adoration is always one of the high points of the conference. Last year's Holy Hour led by Father Mathias Thelen received exceptionally high marks from the conference attendees.

"Adoration was the most powerful experience of my life," said one woman.

"The Holy Hour was so dynamic. I have never been so moved during a Holy Hour. The whole day was amazing, but Holy Hour and Adoration was beyond amazing. I've never had an experience quite like it," echoed another.

Dozens of priests are available each year at the conference to hear confessions, and perhaps because of the palpable grace of the day and the way hearts are opened and touched, the confessional becomes a place of radical conversion and healing.

Throughout the day, top Catholic speakers give

powerful presentations with heartfelt messages that bring laughter, tears, support, clarity, and strength. "I was able to do a lot of soul searching due to their messages," reflected one woman.

Speakers scheduled for the 2018 conference include Lisa Hendy, award-winning author, speaker, and missionary disciple and founder of CatholicMom.com; Obianugu "Uju" Ekeocha, an internationally acclaimed pro-life speaker and activist and founder of Culture of Life Africa; Matt and Kristin Laboda, young parents who experienced a miraculous healing for their 19-month-old daughter; and Father Ignatius Mazanowski, FHS, founding member of the newly established Franciscan Friars of the Holy Spirit.

Women who had mountaintop experiences at last year's Columbus Catholic Women's Conference are already making plans to attend the 2018 conference.

"Last year was my first time at the conference, and I was overwhelmed in spirit with it all. I am recruiting others for next year by lending out the CD I purchased of the presentations. I definitely needed this and plan on attending each year," one woman said in sending in her registration for this year's event.

"I started to tell all my friends about it. I am very sure it will be a lifetime experience (like it was for me) for anybody to be there. This year, two of my friends are registering to go for the first time. I am very excited," another said.

You don't have to be Catholic to attend the Columbus Catholic Women's Conference. The mission of the conference is to bring women of all faiths into a relationship with Our Lord Jesus Christ. For some attendees, this is a first step to doing just that.

The cost for the conference is \$40 for adults, \$25 for students, and complimentary for women Religious. Registrations are being accepted now. To register, visit www.columbuscatholicwomen.com.

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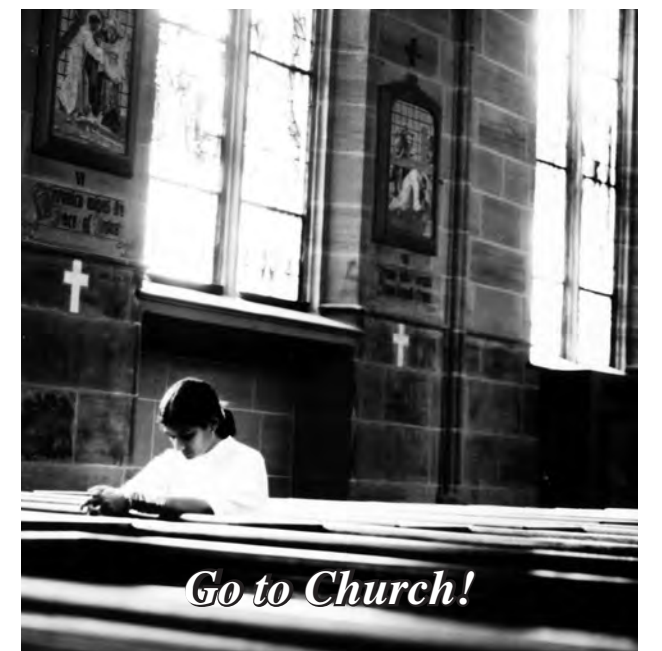
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Changing God's mind? Brothers and sisters of Jesus?



QUESTION & ANSWER

by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE
Catholic News Service

Q. I'm confused about something and would be grateful for your help. Does prayer change God's mind? Can someone be moved to the head of the line if we pray hard enough? (Cuba, Missouri)

A. To answer this question, we first need to admit our limitations. I cannot pretend to know the mind of God. No one can, so long as we are still on this side of heaven.

But what I do know is that Jesus told us to pray. He said that whatever we ask for in prayer will be granted (Mark 11:24; John 15:7), and he even said that we should pray for those who persecute us (Matthew 5:44).

Throughout the Scriptures, which we believe to be inspired by God, we are instructed to pray for the sick (James 5:14), for leaders of government (1 Timothy 2:2), for ministers of the Gospel (Ephesians 6:19).

I do not think that prayer changes God's mind. In his infinite wisdom and foreknowledge, God already knows what's going to happen.

But that divine plan, I believe, takes into account the fact that we will pray for certain things and is guided in advance by the prayers that we will offer. So people, in my view, don't "jump the line" because we pray for them; they are already standing at the front because God knew from all eternity that we would do exactly that.

As I said, I don't purport to know exactly how it all works, and I look forward to grasping it better when, hopefully, I arrive in God's presence. Meanwhile I will continue to pray for others, especially those in particular need, because Jesus told me to -- and I trust that they will continue to pray for me.

Q. When I was a Protestant, I was told that a young Joseph and Mary would later go on to have other children together, after Jesus. (Jesus would have been the eldest, and these other children would have been his half-brothers and sisters.)

Now, as a Catholic, I've been told that Joseph was significantly older than Mary, was more of a guardian than a husband, that he had children from a previous marriage and that his first wife had passed away. These children would have

been older than Christ and would have been his stepbrothers and sisters. I'm also told that Joseph and Mary never had any children of their own and that Mary remained a perpetual virgin.

I have also heard that in the Scriptures, where it talks about the "brothers and sisters" of Jesus, those words could be just generic, meaning "relatives." Any help? (southern Indiana)

A. You are correct that the belief of the Catholic Church is that Mary was a perpetual virgin -- before, during and after the birth of Jesus. That doctrine is reflected when we pray in the *Confiteor* at Mass "blessed Mary ever-virgin."

What are we to say, then, of the fact that the New Testament refers in several places to the "brothers and sisters" of Jesus? In Mark 6:3, for example, when onlookers were marveling at the wisdom and works of Jesus, they asked: "Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary, and the brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?"

The explanation most commonly offered by Catholic scriptural scholars is that the Greek words in the original language of the Gospels (*adelphos* and *adelphē*) can mean not only biological siblings (what we understand as "brother" and "sister") but cousins or even close friends or associates.

Another explanation, though -- likewise acceptable in the church's eyes -- is that Joseph was a widower at the time he was betrothed to Mary, and that these Gospel passages refer to children of Joseph from that previous marriage. This theory finds support in that Joseph is nearly always portrayed in art as much older than Mary and that he had evidently died before the public life of Christ, or he would have been mentioned by the evangelists for his role at that time.

What I find a bit puzzling, though, about this second theory is that, moments before he died on the cross, Jesus entrusted Mary to the care of the apostle John -- rather than to one of his "brothers," as the law would have prescribed.

(Finally, allow me to comment, if I may, on your description of Joseph as "more of a guardian than a husband." I quite imagine that Joseph offered Mary strong emotional support -- particularly at such times as the announcement of the annunciation, the flight into Egypt and the disappearance of the 12-year-old Jesus in Jerusalem before he was found in the Temple.)

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

Borromeo lecture to feature religion writer

Kenneth L. Woodward, who has been writing about religion for more than 50 years, will present the 17th annual Borromeo lecture at Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School, 2010 E. Broad St., at noon Tuesday, Nov. 14. Tickets for the talk and luncheon are \$25.

Woodward was responsible for *Newsweek's* religion section from 1964-2002. He reported from five continents, producing more than 40 cover stories, as well as articles on a variety of subjects, including the family. He has written on the life cycle of Jesus and on the image of Jesus in other world religions.

The Cleveland native graduated with honors from the University of Notre Dame in 1957. He has lectured at more than 40 colleges and universities and has contributed articles and book reviews to many religious and secular publications. He is the author of the books *Making Saints: How the Catholic Church Determines Who Becomes a Saint, Who Doesn't, and Why*, and *The Book of Miracles: The Meaning of the Miracle Stories in Christianity, Judaism, Buddhism, Hinduism, and Islam*, and, with child psychiatrist Arthur Kornhaber, is co-author of *Grandparents/Grandchildren: The Vital Connection*.

The Borromeo lecture series was founded in 2001 by Robert L. Dilenschneider, a 1961 St. Charles graduate who is chief executive officer of The Dilenschneider Group of New York City and one of the nation's leading public relations authorities. The event annually attracts a person of national renown to speak on the topic of morals and ethics in business and government. The series is named in honor of the school's patron saint, St. Charles Borromeo.

Martin de Porres Center celebrates patron's feast day

The Martin de Porres Center's annual celebration of the feast day of its patron, St. Martin de Porres, will take place from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 5. The feast day is Friday, Nov. 3.

Brother Herman Johnson, OP, a professor at Xavier University in New Orleans, will speak on the role St. Martin has played in his life. The program also will include the Bakhita Dancers and the Catholic Community Choir. This event is co-sponsored by the Office of Black Catholic Ministries.

For more than 13 years, the Martin de Porres Center, an outreach ministry of the Dominican Sisters of Peace, has been serving the Columbus area.

It provides programs on spirituality, education, and personal growth, as well as reasonably priced rental space for not-for-profit groups whose mission is in keeping with that of the center. It also has become known for its art exhibits, featuring a variety of artists and media.

The center is located at 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus. For more information, contact the center at (614) 416-1910 or martindeporres@oppeace.org.

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and duty of legitimate public authority to punish malefactors by means of penalties commensurate with the gravity of the crime, not excluding, in cases of extreme gravity, the death penalty.”

At the same time, it said, “bloodless means” that could protect human life should be used when possible.

But the language was formally changed in 1997 after St. John Paul II issued his pro-life encyclical *Evangeliium Vitae*.

Since then, the catechism has specified that the use of the death penalty is permissible only when the identity and responsibility of the condemned is certain and when capital punishment “is the only possible way of effectively defending human lives against the unjust aggressor.”

The development of church teaching, Pope Francis insisted, is not the

same as contradicting or changing church teaching.

“Tradition is a living reality and only a partial vision would lead to thinking of ‘the deposit of faith’ as something static,” the pope said.

“The word of God,” he said, “cannot be saved in mothballs as if it were an old blanket to protect against insects.”

The Christian faith, he said, always has insisted on the dignity of human life from the moment of conception to natural death. So the church has a continuing obligation to speak out when it realizes something that was accepted in the past actually contradicts church teaching.

“Therefore, it is necessary to reiterate that, no matter how serious the crime committed, the death penalty is inadmissible, because it attacks the inviolability and dignity of the person,” Pope Francis said.

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Custodian Positions

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

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

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By: Rick Jeric

Take Away the Pain



When it comes to physical pain, I am a classic wimp. Give me the Ibuprofen right now. I have undergone many surgeries over the years, from oral to back and neck. I will faithfully take the opioid painkillers so I can be comfortable and close to pain-free. That kind of pain is out of the ordinary, and we all have different levels of tolerance. Taking away that pain can be important. A sore joint or headache is another story. Of course, arthritis or migraine headaches require attention and maintenance. But the common aches and pains that I experience will go away. I feel that I can “tough it out” more often. About six or seven years ago, I had some pretty serious surgery on my back and neck. Before surgery, I was on an opioid regimen because the pain was so severe. After surgery, I had a huge number of the same pills, only stronger, and was advised to take them regularly, as needed. I did so, never feeling any kind of “high” or addiction. When the pills were gone, I stopped, and felt just fine. The second night after I stopped, I woke up in the middle of the night feeling very sick, but in a very unique way. I was sweating, my skin was crawling, and I felt like my heart was going to beat right through my chest. Very scary. A long story short, it took me a while to realize that I was addicted to the painkillers and never knew it. I was experiencing extreme withdrawal. I never took another pill, toughed it out, slept poorly, and was miserable for about three weeks. But I did overcome it, and eventually got back to normal. I got through it in spite of my weaknesses. Besides the support of my wife and family, my faith in Jesus Christ got me through it.

So how do we take away the pain? Add emotional, psychological, and spiritual pain. So many of us are seeking ways to take away the pain. But so many of us are dying every day from a serious addiction to a man-made, temporary solution. The opioid crisis is horrible. The massacre in Las Vegas was horrible, and not the same thing, but it would not take long to come up with the same number of deaths from pain-killing overdoses in Ohio alone. Are we shocked? Do we care? Of course we do. Some food for thought and consideration: Our physical pain can be managed with other drugs and prescriptions. There is enough research and development cost in what we pay for prescriptions right now. It should be handled. Our mental, emotional, psychological, and spiritual pain also can be managed. I apologize for lumping these together. Our mental pain needs more clinical and professional care. Thank you, groups like Mount Carmel. Our spiritual pain can start with our priests and deacons. Our emotional and psychological pain can be addressed similarly. Will all of it ever be taken away? Yes, but only at the end of the age, the final judgment, the end of the world, the second coming. In the meantime, can we possibly take comfort in knowing that we have the same strength available to us right now? Jesus Christ is our God and Savior. But He is also our brother and friend. No one gets through pain on an island. Life is hard work. Jesus told us He always would be here, and with us forever. All too often, our human impatience keeps us from emptying ourselves and surrendering to His love. How do we take away the pain, and make it last? We have the love and promise of Jesus Christ. Just look to His pain on the cross. Then look to the healing and joy of the Resurrection.

'S'Mores and More' with St. Pius X Girl Scouts

Girl Scouts from Reynoldsburg St. Pius X Church recently participated in their annual "S'Mores and More" celebration. The event, organized and led for the past three years by Girl Scouts from Columbus Bishop Hartley High School who are St. Pius X parishioners, brings together St. Pius Girl Scouts from age five to 18 with their adult leaders in an evening of community service, Scout traditions, and a celebration of the relationship between the Catholic Church and Girl Scouting. The Scouts completed a national Catholic Scouting recognition program focusing on the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima. The program is designed to teach participants about the events that occurred at Fatima and the special message of Our Lady to the world. The Scouts planted flowers as a community service project and rounded out the evening with a campfire, songs, and S'mores.

Photo courtesy St. Pius X Church



Catholic Schools Week at Trinity

Columbus Trinity Elementary School celebrated Catholic Schools Week from Sept. 25-29 by having students and teachers dress as their favorite book character. Pictured are (from left): first row, students Nolan Nye and Sophia Suerdieck; second row, teacher Joe Wilson, student Mia Stratton, teacher Sara Boyle, and principal Kimber Moehrman. The school's multiple-grade "family" groups of students met on Sept. 25 for the first time and talked about why each student chose his or her particular character or book. In addition, the entire school participated in a 30-minute "Drop Everything and Read" session. The following day, the newly formed family groups competed against each other in a Quiz Bowl. The week also included a spirit day, featuring a volleyball game between eighth-graders and teachers, and a parent-child day.

Photo courtesy Trinity Elementary School



Sister and students enjoy play time

Sister Paulina Porczynska, OP, gets ready to go down a slide at Gahanna St. Matthew School, where she serves as a pre-kindergarten aide. Hannah Hess and Roman Rush (standing) are ready to follow her. Sister Paulina is one of three members of the Dominican Sisters of the Immaculate Conception who live in Columbus, where their congregation has been present since 2013. Sister Leonarda Zielinska, OP, is religious education director at Columbus St. Patrick Church and Sister Vianneya Skora, OP, is a first-grade aide at Columbus St. Mary School. The sisters have moved to a building at 2575 E. Livingston Ave., which is being renovated to serve as a convent.

Photo courtesy St. Matthew School



St. Anthony students take part in outdoor Mass

Father Thomas Petry celebrates an outdoor Mass for Columbus St. Anthony School seventh- and eighth-grade students as part of their annual camping experience at Lutheran Memorial Camp in Morrow County. Patrick Anderson is the server. Students, parent chaperones, and school staff members spent three days hiking, wall climbing, creeking, and cooking. The camp has been hosting St. Anthony students for more than 30 years.

Photo courtesy St. Anthony School





Embracing change according to God's will

I'm writing to you from the dock on our backyard pond, and I am contemplating change. While it feels like a midsummer day, it is fall and change is in the air. Leaves are landing all around me, and the wind and sun's warmth on my face is intoxicating. This spot in nature is where I pray the Rosary, talk to Mary and Jesus, wait, and listen for God to prepare me for the day.

As I reflect on the beauty of God's creation, I feel a rush of uncertainty in the change of seasons. While I tell my friends that I like change, I know that with change comes new responsibilities. With the advent of fall, the fireplace needs cleaned, firewood ordered and stacked, and gardens and porches cleaned and prepared for winter.

Isn't it the same in our spiritual lives? Change can be seasonal, constant, comfortable, unpredictable, or a little of all these. As we head into the winter months, we might have a tinge of excitement about change and our plan to start a new spiritual book, begin a Bible study, or make a retreat.

It's funny ... at the gym, my students tell me one of the things they like most about how we exercise



HOLY AND HEALTHY
Lori Crock

is that it's never the same. It may feel that way, but there is a consistent structure, and while the tools and movements vary, the change has a pattern that is familiar and comfortable to them ... so there isn't as much change as they think.

Similarly, our spiritual lives may change in the way we feel called to pray, but we have the sturdy anchor of the holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, and perhaps a calling to pray the prayers of the Catholic Church, such as the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. The Church and our parishes give us a sturdy structure, along with other constantly changing ways to grow in our faith, no matter where we are on our spiritual journey.

When I contemplate change, I think of the Blessed Mother and her preparation for the birth of her Son, who would change the world forever. Change must have been on her mind on her long journey to visit her cousin Elizabeth, who also was expecting a son, John the Baptist. She must have known her life would be one of constant change, but with the sturdy structure of uniting her will to the will of the Father. May her example inspire us to stay strong in our faith amid the changes in our lives.

Let us pray:

Blessed Mother, you give us the perfect example of embracing change according to God's will for your life. We pray to imitate your surrender to God's plan for our lives with joy, trust, and patient perseverance. Amen.

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Immaculate Conception Fatima centennial



About 100 people gathered on Friday, Oct. 13 at Columbus Immaculate Conception Church to pray the rosary on the 100th anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima's final apparition.

Photo by Jim Andracki

LOGAN ST. JOHN VIEWS FUTURE AFTER HONORING 175 YEARS OF FAITH

BY TIM PUET

Reporter, Catholic Times

After celebrating their 175-year faith heritage, parishioners of Logan St. John Church are looking toward the future.

Earlier this year, the parish conducted a “Beyond 175” retreat, which its pastor, Father William Ferguson, described as “a Friday night and Saturday morning and afternoon of brainstorming. About 80 representatives from all parish groups talked about long-term pastoral needs, especially how to better address evangelization, catechesis, and how to respond effectively to the challenges presented by the culture we live in.”

Besides planning for the future of the parish, those attending the retreat heard presentations from Father Joshua Wagner, pastor of Columbus St. Dominic and Holy Rosary-St. John churches, and John Bradford of Wilderness Outreach.

In the months since the retreat, Parish Council members have considered the parish’s mission, what areas need the most attention in parish life and pastoral work, what principles should guide that work, and how other parishes nationally have been addressing similar questions. Father Ferguson is working with a parish brainstorming group to propose concrete steps and to provide guidance for the parish in preparation for the next few years.

The retreat followed a yearlong celebration of the parish’s 175th anniversary that took place from September 2015 to September 2016. Anniversary events had a theme of “Welcome, Celebrate, Remember” and included an opening Vespers program and potluck; an Octoberfest; a concert with organist Jeff Daubenmire; a talk by Father Wagner on the New Evangelization; a children’s program on the history of the parish; a procession with the Blessed Sacrament on the Feast of Corpus Christi; and a parish picnic and ice cream social.

The final event of the celebration was a Mass on Sept. 11, 2016, celebrated by Bishop Frederick Campbell, with concelebrants including

Father Ferguson and his predecessor, Msgr. William Dunn, who served the parish for 12 years as pastor before his retirement in 2014. Also in attendance were clergy native to the parish and who serve elsewhere, including Father Jeffrey Rimelspach, Father William Hahn, and Franciscan Brother Joseph Schmitzer, FFI. Father Kevin Lutz, a close friend of another former St. John pastor, the late Father Richard Pendolphi, was organist.

Besides the major events, the celebration also was a catalyst for several maintenance projects, including repairs to the bell tower and a retaining wall; repaving and repainting of various areas; cleaning of the statues of St. Joseph and the Virgin Mary in the sanctuary; and addition of new windows throughout the parish school.

St. John Church is the only Catholic church in Hocking County. The county’s history of Catholicism goes back to 1837, when six Catholic families arrived from near Saarbrücken, Germany. Four years later, Catholic pioneers John and Margaret Ucker donated a small parcel of land to the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, which included Logan at the time because the Diocese of Columbus was not founded until 1868. That land is 1.5 miles north of Logan. The original log church building there was torn down long ago, but a Catholic cemetery remains at the site. The last burial there was in the 1950s, but volunteers continue to keep it in good shape.

The current church, constructed of locally made brick and located at 351 N. Market St., was dedicated in 1898, followed by the rectory in 1902, and the school in 1925. All are on the National Register of Historic Places. A social hall was added to the church in 1981, and the school hall, located between the church and school and containing a gym, library, and computer lab, was completed in 2001. The buildings are clustered on a hilltop, with the church’s location and 96-foot tower making it stand out when viewed from downtown at the bottom of the hill.

The parish has about 450 families, a number that has remained fairly stable for several years. Logan, the

county seat, is a city of 7,000 residents in a county of 30,000. Both of those numbers are larger than ever, making Hocking County unusual among southeast Ohio counties, most of which have declined in population because of the loss of coal mining jobs.

Tourism and proximity to urban areas have worked to Hocking County’s advantage. The beauty of the Hocking Hills and the presence of attractions such as Old Man’s Cave, the Cantwell Cliffs, and the Conkles Hollow nature preserve make the county a popular site for tourists all year, and the completion of bypasses around Lancaster and Nelsonville now makes it possible to travel the 70 miles from Columbus to Athens on U.S. 33 with hardly any stoplights.

Logan is about 20 miles from Lancaster to the north and Athens to the south along that road. In 2013, Hocking County was added to the Columbus metropolitan statistical area by the federal government.

“Travelers, a lot of them with their families or on group vacations, come here to Mass nearly every Sunday,” said parishioner Marie Aufflick. “People think of the Hocking Hills as a place to travel at this time of year because of the beauty of the fall colors, but more people come here in the summer. It’s busy even in the wintertime because of the popularity of hiking in the winter,” particularly the Grandma Gatewood Hike, a six-mile walk in mid-January. This event, which draws thousands of people annually, has taken place every year since 1965 and is named for its initial leader, the first 70-year-old to hike the Appalachian Trail.

St. John Church is the largest single religious congregation in Hocking County. Methodists make up the county’s largest religious group, with about 2,200 members, but they are scattered among many small churches. Father Ferguson is president of the Hocking County Ministerial Association, which represents many of the county’s Christian congregations and is currently focusing on the opioid crisis and its effects on the county.

Father Ferguson said that this



Clockwise: From left: Father William Ferguson, Marie Aufflick, Carol Shelton, Deacon Don Robers, and Marian Gall in front of Logan St. John Church’s Marian grotto and tomb of the unborn; Bishop Frederick Campbell and Logan St. John School students; a scene from Vacation Bible School; school principal Andy Potter. CT photos by Tim Puet (group shots, Potter); photos courtesy St. John Church



month, the county’s opiate task force sponsored an annual town hall meeting on addiction, which included presentations by prominent authors, public officials, counselors, and representatives of law enforcement, the courts, and the schools. The ministerial association is assisting the task force by working with officials of the Logan-Hocking School District to offer outreach and advice to families affected by drug abuse.

The association’s member churches have a long tradition of pooling resources, with particular congregations specializing in meeting certain areas of need.

St. John is one of three churches in the county which has a food pantry. “The pantry is run by our St. Vincent de Paul Society,” said parish secretary Marian Gall. “The pantry is located in the rectory basement and receives a lot of calls from the needy in our community, who come on an individual basis. The St. Vincent de Paul Society also puts together about 70 or 80 Thanksgiving baskets for the needy each year. In addition, it sponsors a summer lunch program for the whole community, providing items every Monday evening. This makes a big difference for children who can’t get school lunches at that time of year.”

The ministerial association also sponsors a community prayer ser-

vice on Good Friday, which is preceded by the parish’s own Walking Stations of the Cross procession through downtown Logan.

St. John School has been educating students in the Catholic tradition for 92 years. It has preschool, pre-kindergarten, and kindergarten programs, and has 49 students in kindergarten through sixth grade. The six grades share three classrooms – one each for first and second, third and fourth, and fifth and sixth grades.

“That’s a very low number for us,” said principal Andy Potter. “Because this is a small town, the numbers fluctuate greatly from year to year. It’s likely that K-through-sixth enrollment will grow considerably in the next two years because we have 27 students in either preschool or pre-kindergarten.

“Being a small school, we’re able to offer a warm, family-like environment for students and a wonderful

place to expose them to good values,” he said. “Small classes mean we’re able to give each student the attention he or she needs, while offering all the things larger schools do.”

These include the recent installation of Google’s G Suite of tools for educational productivity; touch-screen computerized Smart Boards; a modern computer lab and Google Chromebooks; a fully stocked library; music, art, and gym programs; special events, which recently included a walk in the Charles Alley Nature Park in Lancaster and the Ohio Optometric Association’s Realeyes program on vision safety;

and spiritual activities, including an all-school Mass at 10 a.m. every Wednesday and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on the first Friday of each month.

The school participates in the national Terra Nova standardized testing program each year, along with all schools in the Diocese of Columbus. Results from October 2016 Terra Nova testing showed all classes in the school from second to sixth grades performing at or above their expected levels in reading, math, science, and social studies.



From top: Schoolchildren leave Logan St. John Church after Mass; the sanctuary of the church, which was dedicated in 1898; St. John School (left) and hall. CT photos by Tim Puet

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About 15 percent of the school's students are non-Catholic, and about 40 percent receive aid from its tuition assistance fund, started many years ago by parishioners and available to students of all faiths. Donations to the fund come mainly through an annual mailing, as well as from a golf tournament in the summer and a cookie walk during the Christmas season.

Potter is in his first year as principal at St. John School. He has been an educator for 32 years, the last 26 of them in the Logan-Hocking schools. During that time, he was involved in music education, technology, and administration. He also has been a pastoral musician at the parish since 1991. His musical background is used every day at the start of school as students gather in the school hallway, pray, say the Pledge of Allegiance, and are led in song by Potter playing the guitar.

After graduating from sixth grade, some St. John students go to Catholic schools in Lancaster, while others attend the Parish School of Religion, directed by Jennifer Inboden and Brenda Messmer, which serves students in kindergarten through 10th grade.

Students in the lower grades attend PSR classes on Sunday mornings. Father Ferguson currently is teaching the high-school edition of the Theology of the Body for Teens course to ninth- and 10th-graders on Sunday evenings, and

will teach the middle-school version to students in seventh and eighth grades in the spring, also in the evening.

High-school students are involved in a youth group which meets monthly. Its recent activities have included Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, a talk by a pro-life speaker, and bowling.

Carol Shelton, who coordinates the parish's extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, said the parish's current adult faith formation program is a series titled *Who Am I to Judge?* which focuses on the issue of morality in a world which believes there is no such thing as absolute right or wrong. It is hosted by Dr. Edward Sri of the Augustine Institute in Denver. In recent months, parishioners also have viewed the *Symbolon* film series and Bishop Robert Barron's *Catholicism* DVDs.

Father Ferguson is assisted in pastoral ministry by Deacon Don Robers, who has been a deacon for 12 years and is known for his involvement in prison ministry. He is chaplain at the Pickaway Correctional Facility, visiting prisoners there every Monday, and leads the Kairos prison ministry team of laypeople which visits the Hocking Correctional Facility for weekends in March and October.

"I hadn't planned to get into prison ministry, but the Holy Spirit led me to it when I was studying for the diaconate," Deacon Robers said. "Deacon Frank (Iannarino, director of the diocesan Office of the Diaconate) wanted to know if any of us in deacon class wanted to take part in a Kairos experience the next weekend. I also heard Deacon Gregg Eiden talk about Kairos at a Catholic men's group, so I decided to see what it was like. Now it's 12 years later and I've just completed my 23rd Kairos weekend."

Because the Hocking Correctional Facility is in Hocking County, St. John Church has about 20 parishioners who bake cookies, are part of the kitchen staff, say prayers, and are otherwise involved in the Kairos program, which works with 18 of the prison's inmates at each visit. Among those assisting the program are members of the parish ladies auxiliary, which meets several times a year and also prepares funeral lunches, takes care of altar cloths and

This statue of Mary and the child Jesus was among several statues cleaned as part of Logan St. John Church's anniversary events.



Above: A parish picnic and ice cream social was part of Logan St. John Church's 175th anniversary. Below: Students pray the rosary at the church's grotto. Photos courtesy St. John Church



linens, and provides side dishes and desserts for the Lenten fish fries sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 2299.

In addition to the fish fries, the Knights offer a pancakes-and-sausage breakfast to parishioners on the first Sunday of each month; recently served an appreciation lunch to first responders; conduct an annual free-throw contest for grade-school students; assist the developmentally disabled through the Knights' annual statewide Measure Up campaign; have started a monthly parish movie night featuring faith-centered films; and fulfill various requests from the school and church through the year.

There has been a chapter of the Knights' youth organization for boys age 11 to 17, the Columbian Squires, in the parish for the past six years. The Squires assist the Knights in their programs. Earlier this month, they spon-

sored a family softball game for all interested parishioners.

The parish also operates an evangelization booth at the Hocking County Fair every year, has a Franciscan Associates group which gathers monthly, and conducts a Vacation Bible School, which attracts 40 to 50 participants on weekday evenings during the last week of July.

St. John Church will remember its deceased members on Thursday, Nov. 2, at a special All Souls Day evening Mass. Eucharistic Adoration takes place from 8:30 a.m. Friday to 9 a.m. Saturday on the first Friday of each month. Weekend Masses are at 5 p.m. Saturday and 8 and 10 a.m. Sunday, with weekday Masses Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday mornings.

For more information, call the parish at (740) 385-2549 or go to its website, www.stjohnlogan.com.



24 St. Charles students earn National Merit recognition

Four members of the Class of 2017 of Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School – Will Morrison, Matthew Frastaci, Henry Valachovic, and Devin Kellar – have earned semifinalist recognition from the National Merit Scholarship Program. They qualified for the honor based on their scores on the Pre-Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test they took last year as St. Charles juniors. Approximately 16,000 of the more than 1.6 million high school students who took the test were honored as semifinalists. They are competing with students nationwide for about 7,500 National Merit Scholarships totaling more than \$33 million that will be offered in the spring. Twenty other St. Charles seniors who were among the top five percent of students taking the PSAT/NMSQT were recognized as National Merit commended scholars. The St. Charles semifinalists and commended scholars are (from left): first row, Aaron Schossler, Nathan Kuhr, Jackson Dabek, Benjamin Mooney, Aneel Biswas; second row, William Leithauser, Matthew Turek, Will Morrison, Matthew Frastaci, Ian Noonan; third row, Mitchell Whittaker, Noah Baker, Henry Valachovic, Maxwell Elliott, Jacob Waltermeyer; fourth row, Devin Kellar, Nathaniel Thomas, Nathaniel Jaminet, Ian Smith, George Javitch; fifth row, Luke Voegelé, Anthony Ricourte, Nicholas Schuler, Jarrod Hay. (Photo courtesy St. Charles Preparatory School)

Cristo Rey to host Oct. 29 open house

Columbus Cristo Rey High School, 400 E. Town St., will have its annual open house from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 29.

Middle-school students and their families who meet the school's economic guidelines are invited to attend and learn more about Cristo Rey's professional work-study program, college-

prep curriculum, sports, and clubs.

The school entrance examination will take place Saturday, Nov. 11.

There is no fee to test, but contact the admissions office at (614) 223-9261, extension 12008, to reserve a spot.

The early admission deadline is Tuesday, Nov. 21.

St. Charles open house scheduled Nov. 5

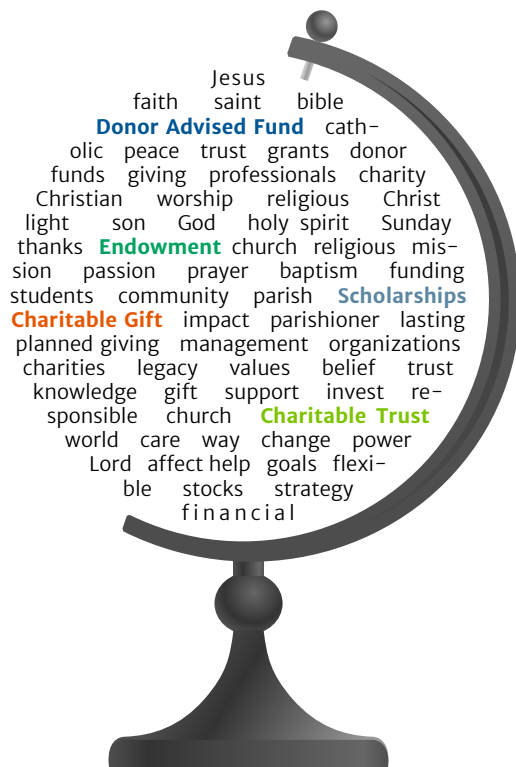
Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School, 2010 E. Broad St., will host an open house for eighth-grade boys and their parents on Sunday, Nov. 5.

The main program will begin at 1 p.m. in the Walter Student Commons. Afterward, there will be an opportu-

nity to speak with faculty members, coaches, students, alumni, and advisory board members. School and campus tours will be conducted and refreshments will be served.

For more information, call the school's main office at (614) 252-6714.

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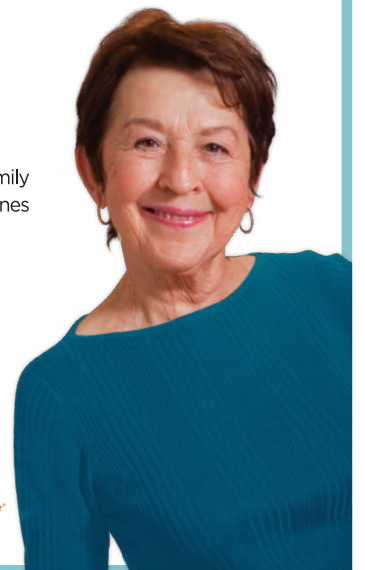
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Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle A)

'Render to Caesar': A clever way to escape a trap



Father
Lawrence L. Hummer

**Isaiah 45:1,4-6;
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b;
Matthew 22:15-21**

Sunday's reading from Isaiah is actually traceable to Cyrus, the historical person it mentions. That does not say when this part of Isaiah was written, but it does give us a date before which it could not have been written. Cyrus liberated the Jewish exiles from Babylonia after the Persian empire defeated the Babylonians in 539 BC. A year later, Cyrus issued a decree which allowed the Jewish exiles not only to return to the Holy Land, but also to restore the Temple in Jerusalem, which the Babylonians had destroyed.

Whoever wrote this portion of Isaiah clearly regarded Cyrus favorably, calling him the Lord's anointed (or Messiah), "whose right hand I grasp." While praising Cyrus, at the same time the prophet acknowledges that Cyrus "knew me not," even though the Lord, Israel's God, had used Cyrus for the benefit of "Jacob, my servant, of Israel, my chosen one." The Lord claims authority over them all: "I am the Lord, there is no other, there is no God besides me." Belief that the Messiah would come in a distant, as-yet-unknown future would continue to predominate Jewish thought up to and including the time of the historical Jesus.

Cyrus is named as an instrument of the Lord. Granting the exiles the right to return to the Holy Land will demonstrate that the Lord always acts for this people and thus shows for all to see that the Lord has made good on the promise to return the exiles from their captivity. The Lord had said it would be done, and, with Cyrus, it has taken place.

The Gospel speaks to some of the same points. The

Pharisees, along with some of "the Herodians," try to trap Jesus by presenting him with a question about a census tax. This grouping is strange because Pharisees hated Rome, the Roman occupation of the Holy Land, and those Jews who exercised authority on behalf of Rome. Herodians were friends and/or supporters of Herod Antipas, who enjoyed power only because it was given to him by Rome. When Matthew's Gospel is written, Herod is gone, and, with him, Herodians. Grouping them together here as conspirators against Jesus makes for strange bedfellows.

The reality of taxation is that all governments require funding. Taxes are compulsory on all to pay. The question in Sunday's Gospel is whether it is lawful to pay the "census tax" to Caesar or not. This actually transliterated from the Latin word *census*, and amounted to a head tax on anyone from puberty to age 65. It was an added pressure on Jews to remember they were living in an occupied land, and most hated the reminder. Any nation which has been occupied by another would quickly and negatively react to a tax imposed by the victorious power.

Rather than answer directly, Jesus demonstrates both wit and charm by asking them to produce a *denarius*. It was a Roman silver coin, worth about a day's wage for a common laborer. That would have been quite a sacrifice for some, especially the poor. On it was an engraving of the reigning Caesar and the inscription on the reverse side "to the divine Caesar." The irony is that the entire dialog was happening in the Temple area. It was a technical violation of the First Commandment to be carrying around a coin with an inscription and a forbidden image.

"Give to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what belongs to God" was a clever way to escape entrapment. It never explicitly answered the question, but it also never said it was illegal to pay the tax. It was a perfect escape.

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Sister Alycia Hartley, CDS, professes first vows

Alycia Hartley, a former parishioner of Worthington St. Michael Church, recently professed her first vows as a member of the Congregation of the Divine Spirit at its motherhouse, the House of Loreto in Canton. Founded in 1956, the congregation began in the Diocese of Erie, Pennsylvania, and later moved to Canton. Its motto is *Semper et Ubique Caritas* (Always and Everywhere Love), and its apostolic works include care of the aged and teaching. Sister Alycia (center) is a 2014 graduate of The Ohio State University in education and has begun teaching in schools in the Diocese of Youngstown.

Photo courtesy Congregation of the Divine Spirit



The Weekday Bible Readings

MONDAY
Romans 4:20-25
Luke 1:69-75 (Ps)
Luke 12:13-21

TUESDAY
Romans 5:12,15b,17-19,20b-21
Psalm 40:7-10,17
Luke 12:35-38

WEDNESDAY
Romans 6:12-18
Psalm 124:1-8
Luke 12:39-48

THURSDAY
Romans 6:19-23
Psalm 1:1-4,6
Luke 12:49-53

FRIDAY
Romans 7:18-25a
Psalm 119:60,68,76-77,93-94
Luke 12:54-59

SATURDAY
Ephesians 2:19-22
Psalm 19:2-5
Luke 6:12-16

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE WEEK OF OCTOBER 22, 2017

SUNDAY MASS

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

Mass with the Passionist Fathers at

7:30 a.m. on WWHO-TV (the CW), Channel 53, Columbus, and 10:30 a.m. on WHIZ-TV, Channel 18, Zanesville. Check local cable system for cable channel listing.

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

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

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

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

DAILY MASS

8 a.m., Our Lady of the Angels Monastery in Birmingham, Ala. (Encores at noon, 7 p.m. and midnight). See EWTN above; and on I-Lifetv

(Channel 113 in Ada, Logan, Millersburg, Murray City and Washington C.H.; Channel 125 in Marion, Newark, Newcomerstown and New Philadelphia; and Channel 207 in Zanesville); 8 p.m., St. Gabriel Radio (AM 820), Columbus, and at www.stgabrielradio.com.

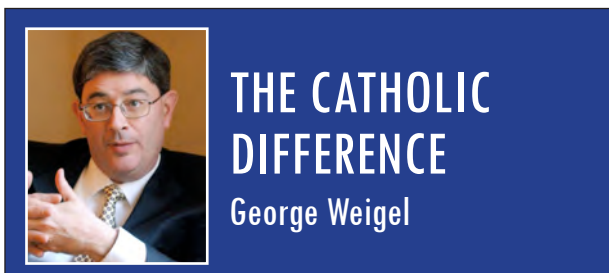
We pray Week I, Seasonal Proper of the Liturgy of the Hours

Whose bourgeois morality?

In the latest round of debate over *Amoris Laetitia*, Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation on marriage and the family, a fervent defender of the document sniffed at some of its critics that "the Magisterium doesn't bow to middle-class lobbies" and cited *Humanae Vitae* as an example of papal tough-mindedness in the face of bourgeois cultural pressures. It was a clever move, rhetorically, and we may hope that it's right about the magisterial kowtow. But I fear it also misses the point – or, better, several points.

At the Synods of 2014 and 2015, to which *Amoris Laetitia* is a response, the most intense lobbying for a change in the Church's traditional practice in the matter of holy communion for the divorced and civilly remarried – a proposal the great majority of Synod fathers thought an unwarranted break with truths taught by divine revelation – came from the German-speaking bishops: prelates who represent perhaps the most thoroughly bourgeois countries on the planet. Thus one does not strain against veracity or charity by describing the German-speaking bishops as something of a lobby for middle-class preoccupations. Passionate defenders of *Amoris Laetitia* might thus be a bit more careful when dismissing as a middle-class lobby those who raise legitimate concerns about the ambiguities in the document; what goes around, comes around.

There was, of course, far more going on in the 2014-2015 German campaign to permit holy communion for the divorced and civilly remarried than lobbying on behalf of the bourgeois morality of secular, middle-class societies. There was, for example, the ongoing, two-front German war against *Humanae Vitae* (Blessed Paul VI's 1968 encyclical on the morally appropriate means of family planning) and *Veri-*



tatis Splendor (St. John Paul II's 1993 encyclical on the reform of Catholic moral theology). We are told, now, that a commission is examining the full range of documentation involved in the preparation of *Humanae Vitae*. One hopes that that study will bring to the fore what Paul VI realized when he rejected the counsel of many and reaffirmed the Church's commitment to natural family planning as the humanly and morally appropriate means of regulating fertility.

For what Pope Paul realized – and what he had the courage to stand against, despite fierce pressures – was that a deeper game was going on beneath the agitations of various "middle-class lobbies" for a change in the Church's position on artificial means of contraception. What was afoot was an attempt, reflecting currents in the German-speaking world of Catholic theology, to enshrine the moral method known as "proportionalism" as Catholicism's official moral theology. And according to proportionalists, there is no such thing as an intrinsically evil act: every moral action must be judged, not only in itself, but by a person's intentions and the action's consequences.

This, Paul VI realized, would be a disastrous concession to the spirit of the age. But the proportionalists didn't quit the field after their defeat in *Humanae*

Vitae, and that brings us to *Veritatis Splendor*. John Paul II had spent the greater part of his academic and intellectual life trying to reconstitute the foundations of the moral life in a confused age dominated by (if you'll pardon the phrase) a bourgeois culture and its laissez-faire concept of morality. He knew that the triumph of proportionalism and the vindication of its denial that some things are simply wrong, period, would gut the moral life of both its tether to reality and its human drama. And that, inevitably, would lead to unhappiness, misery, and social chaos. So in *Veritatis Splendor*, the most intellectually sophisticated and pastorally experienced pope in centuries reaffirmed, as the settled and unchangeable teaching of the Church, that there are intrinsically evil acts: that some things are just wrong, without exception, no matter the calculus of intentions and consequences.

And still the proportionalists wouldn't quit; one German commentary critical of *Veritatis Splendor* went so far as to claim that the German-speaking world had a special, privileged responsibility for Catholic theology. It was a statement of breathtaking arrogance, not least because it was made by theologians whose local churches were largely empty of congregants, thanks in no small part to the bourgeois lifestyle of post-war Germany, Switzerland, and Austria.

There are, indeed, "middle-class lobbies" in the Church, but they're primarily the by-product of Catholic Lite and its destruction of Catholic life and practice. The sorry condition of German-speaking Catholicism is a case in point.

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Department of Justice announces settlement in HHS mandate suits

(CNA/EWTN) – A week after issuing new religious freedom guidelines to all administrative agencies in the federal government, the U.S. Justice Department has settled with more than 70 plaintiffs who had challenged the controversial HHS contraceptive mandate.

The Oct. 13 agreement was reached between the government and the law firm Jones Day, which represented more than 70 clients fighting the mandate. Made public on Oct. 16, the agreement states that the plaintiffs would not be forced to provide health insurance coverage for "morally unacceptable" products and procedures, including contraception, sterilization, and abortion-inducing drugs.

The mandate originated with the Obama administration. Issued through the Department of Health and Human Services, it required employers – even those with deeply-held religious objections – to provide and pay for contraceptive, abortifacient and sterilization coverage in their health insurance plans.

The Archdiocese of Washington, D.C. was one of more than 300 plaintiffs who had challenged the mandate, arguing "that the practice of our faith was

inextricably tied to the ministries that put that faith into action," and that as such, they should not be forced to violate their faith to continue their ministries, the archbishop of Washington, Cardinal Donald Wuerl, recalled.

The archdiocese and six other plaintiffs had argued their position before the Supreme Court in the case *Zubik v. Burwell*. In 2016, the high court ruled against the government's requirement that certain employers provide and pay for the morally objectionable services.

"While the Trump Administration's Executive Order on Religious Liberty and new guidelines and regulations are extremely helpful, the settlement of the *Zubik* litigation adds a leavening of certainty moving forward," the cardinal added.

The Justice Department's new settlement "removes doubt" and closes these cases challenging the mandate, the cardinal continued. "The settlement adds additional assurances that we will not be subject to enforcement or imposition of similar regulations imposing such morally unacceptable mandates moving forward," he stated.

On Oct. 6, the Justice Department revised its guidelines for all government agencies in light of existing religious freedom laws, releasing a set of principles which stated clearly that the government cannot substantially burden religious practices, unless there is a compelling state interest in doing so and those burdens use the least-restrictive means possible.

Another plaintiff against the HHS mandate, Thomas Aquinas College, a Catholic college in California, also celebrated the protection the settlement brings.

"This is an extraordinary outcome for Thomas Aquinas College and for the cause of religious freedom," said a statement from the college.

In addition to settling the case, the Departments of Health and Human Services, Labor, and the Treasury have also decided to provide partial coverage of the plaintiffs' attorney fees and costs of the lawsuits.

"This financial concession by the government only reinforces its admission of the burdensome nature of the HHS contraceptive mandate and its violation of the college's free exercise of religion," stated Thomas Aquinas College general counsel Quincy Masteller.

Pray for our dead

BARR, Thomas P., 71, formerly of Columbus, Oct. 7

St. Theresa Church, Okeechobee, Fla.

CHIRRICO, Frank, 77, Oct. 7

St. Mary Church, Delaware

FREGONAS, Mary (Oliver), 92, Oct. 8

St. James the Less Church, Columbus

GILLIG, George A., 101, Oct. 8

Our Lady of Victory Church, Columbus

HUSTON, Cassandra M. (Hoskins), 54, Oct. 2

St. Ladislav Church, Columbus

JACOBS, Charles H., 75, Oct. 8

St. Vincent de Paul Church, Mount Vernon

MEHRER, Stephen A., 26, Oct. 8

St. Joan of Arc Church, Powell

O'CONNOR, Thomas P. Jr., 70, Oct. 16

St. Peter Church, Columbus

O'FARRELL, Harriett A. (Fagan), 93, Oct. 14

St. James the Less Church, Columbus

ROELLE, Dale L., 52, Oct. 11

Immaculate Conception Church, Columbus

SEITZ, John, 80, Oct. 6

Resurrection Cemetery Chapel, Lewis Center

STOTTLEMYER, John A., 84, Oct. 12

Immaculate Conception Church, Columbus

STRENG, Ruth M. (Clement), 98, Oct. 9

Christ the King Church, Columbus

TANTARELLI, Marilyn D. (Dersoon), 71, Oct. 8

Holy Family Church, Columbus

TAYLOR, Frances F. (Mininni), 73, Oct. 12

St. Anthony Church, Columbus

TINNERELLO, Lena M. (Nicolosi), 94, Oct. 8

Resurrection Cemetery Chapel, Lewis Center

TRAPASSO, Albert J., 85, Oct. 9

Our Mother of Sorrows Chapel, Columbus

TWAY, Donald C., 84, Oct. 11

St. Margaret of Cortona Church, Columbus

WAY, Robert A., 63, Oct. 8

Our Mother of Sorrows Chapel, Columbus

Carolyn G. Krick

Funeral Mass for Carolyn G. Krick, 75, who died Sunday, Oct. 8 in Davenport, Florida, was held Saturday, Oct. 14 at Chillicothe St. Peter Church. Burial was at St. Margaret Cemetery, Chillicothe.

She was born on Nov. 15, 1941, to John and Gladys (Zimmerman) Hendershot.

She graduated from Chillicothe High School in 1959 and was baptized a Catholic in 1960. She was married in 1961 to Richard Krick, who was ordained as a deacon of

the Diocese of Columbus in 1985 and performed diaconal service at St. Peter Church until his retirement in 2005. She was employed as a loan officer at the Homeland Credit Union, formerly the Mead Employees Credit Union. She and her husband moved to Florida in 2007.

She was preceded in death by her parents and four brothers. Besides her husband, she is survived by sons, Todd (Kelly) and Matthew (Rochell); three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Cecilia B. Hile

Funeral Mass for Cecilia B. Hile, 74, who died Saturday, Oct. 7, was held Monday, Oct. 15 at Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church.

She was born in Parkersburg, West Virginia, to Ernest and Nelle Hile and was a graduate of Parkersburg Catholic High School.

She was a teacher, mainly of kindergarten through second grade, at Columbus St. Mary Magdalene School and in Columbus city schools. In her

parish, she was an extraordinary minister of the Eucharist, serving residents of nursing homes, and was a member of the Sainly Stitchers. She also was a member of the Evans Senior Center and the knitting group of the Grove City Church of the Nazarene.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and brothers, George, William, and James. Survivors include a brother, John, and a sister, Margaret.

James J. Buffer Jr.

Funeral Mass for James J. Buffer Jr., 80, who died Thursday, Oct. 12, will be held Friday, Oct. 20 at Columbus St. Agatha Church. Burial will be at St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus.

He was born on June 25, 1937 in Peru, Illinois, to the late James and Mary Buffer, attended Chicago public schools and the Chicago Teachers College, and received a master's degree in 1959 and a doctoral degree in 1966 from the University of Illinois.

He was a teacher, counselor, and administrator in Chicago public schools and taught at the University of Illinois and Chicago State University before moving to Columbus in 1967 to serve as professor and associate dean for re-

search in the college of education at The Ohio State University.

In 1989, he became dean of the college of education at Virginia Tech University. Two years earlier, he founded the Collegiate Management Institute, an international leadership program, serving as its executive director until 2003, when he retired and moved to Florida.

Survivors include his wife, Loretta (Lomasz); sons, Father Thomas Buffer, pastor of Marion St. Mary Church; Jeffrey (Lisa), and Jim (Heather); daughter, Karen (Scott) Rinehart; brother, John (Betty); sister, Tony (Bob) Zielinski; and 10 grandchildren.





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H A P P E N I N G S

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**St. Pius X
Christmas Craft Bazaar
November 4, 2017
9 am-3 pm
Admission \$2**

**St. Mary Magdalene
Christmas Craft Bazaar
Nov. 4th 9:00 a.m. —3:00 p.m.
Handmade crafts, gift baskets, baked goods,
great food, lots of vendors and much more...
473 S. Roys Ave., Columbus**

OCTOBER

19, THURSDAY

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

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."

An entry into the Guide will be \$18.50 for the first six lines, and \$2.65 for each additional line.

For more information, call David Garick at 614-224-5195.

'Happenings' submissions

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E-mail as text to tpuet@columbuscatholic.org

through a recovery program and wants to stay connected. 614-721-2100

Frassati Society Meeting at Columbus St. Patrick

7 p.m., Aquinas Hall, St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Meeting of parish's Frassati Society for young adults. "Mass and a Meal" monthly event. Bring side dishes, desserts, or beverages. 614-224-9522

19-21, THURSDAY

Pontifical College Josephinum 'Live-In' Weekend

Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 N. High St., Columbus. "Live-in" weekend for high school juniors and seniors, college students, and other young men discerning a vocation. 614-985-2255 or jsbaker16@pcj.edu

Three Bags Full Consignment Sale

10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday (selected items half-price Friday night and Saturday), Grove Community Christian Church, 3420 Blacklick Eastern Road N.W., Baltimore. Three Bags Full consignment sale of children's items. Unsold and unclaimed items are donated to Catholic and pro-life charities. 614-561-5300

20-22, FRIDAY-SUNDAY

Women's Retreat at St. Therese's

St. Therese's Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus. Women's retreat sponsored by Columbus Catholic Renewal, led by Caroline Gambale-Dirks of 2tim4 Ministries. Theme: "Capture My Heart Again." Cost: \$150 with lodging, meals; \$97 commuters; \$55 without meals. 614-582-1721

21, 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.

Natural Family Planning Class in Spanish

9 to 11 a.m., Latino Center, Santa Cruz/Holy Name Parish, 143 E. Patterson Ave., Columbus. Second of two classes in Spanish on Natural Family Planning. 614-372-5249

Centering Prayer Group Meeting at Corpus Christi

10:30 a.m. to noon, Corpus Christi Center of Peace, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus. Centering prayer group meeting, beginning with silent prayer, followed by Contemplative Outreach DVD and discussion. 614-512-3731

St. Joseph Montessori School Open House and Festival

3 to 7 p.m., St. Joseph Montessori School, 933 Hamlet St., Columbus. Open house and fall family festival celebrating school's 50th anniversary. Catered dinner, cash bar, live music, games, petting zoo, pony rides, cake walk, pumpkin drop, raffle. Tickets \$20 adults, \$7 children. 614-291-8601

Joseph's Coat 'Stepping Stones' Dinner

7 to 9 p.m., Marriott Columbus Airport, 1375 N. Cassady Ave., Columbus. Joseph's Coat "Stepping Stones" fund-raising dinner. No charge; free-will offering will be taken. 614-863-1371

21-22, SATURDAY-SUNDAY

Santa Maria Scouting Program at Jubilee Museum

Jubilee Museum and Catholic Cultural Center, 40 S. Grubb St., Columbus. Santa Maria Award program for all diocesan youth and adults, sponsored by diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting, using Columbus' voyages as an example of a life of faith. 1 p.m. Saturday to 9:30 a.m. Sunday

for youths in grades 6-12 and parents, ending with Mass. 3 to 6 p.m. Saturday for youths in grades 1-5 and parents. Cost \$45 for overnight program, \$15 for Saturday program. 614-882-7806

22, SUNDAY

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. Christopher Adult Religious Education

4 p.m. (note time change), Library, Trinity Catholic School, 1440 Grandview Ave., Columbus. "Equal in Dignity and Dearly Loved: The Church and Persons with Disabilities," with Mark Butler, education resource coordinator, Dominican Sisters of Peace.

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

23, 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.

24, TUESDAY

Rosary for Life at St. Joan of Arc

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

'A Life and Career in Sports' at Ohio Dominican

6:30 p.m., Colonial Room, Sansbury Hall, Ohio Dominican University, 1215 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Panel discussion on "A Life and Career in Sports" with Eric Archibald, events director, Columbus Sports Commission; Ben Keller, group sales director, Columbus Clippers; and Chad Schroeder, associate general manager. IMG College Marketing. 614-251-4453

25, WEDNESDAY

Pontifical College Josephinum Lecture Series

7 p.m., Jessing Center, Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 N. High St., Columbus. Dr. Denis McNamara of the liturgical institute of the University of St. Mary of the Lake, Mundelein, Illinois, speaks on "Signs and Symbols of Heavenly Realities: The Liturgical Movement, Vatican II, and Sacred Images" as part of college's "Building Spiritual Bridges to the Community" lecture series. 614-885-5585

26, THURSDAY

'Theology of the Common Good' Talk at ODU

3:30 p.m., Colonial Room, Sansbury Hall, Ohio Dominican

University, 1215 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Talk on "An Educator's Perspective on the Complexities of Servicing the Common Good Through Education" with Leo Madden, associate professor of education. Part of series based on ODU's theme for the academic year, "The Common Good." 614-251-4453

Cenacle at Holy Name

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

Frassati Society Meeting at Columbus St. Patrick

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

26-29, THURSDAY-SUNDAY

Bishop Hartley Presents 'The Addams Family'

7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Columbus Performing Arts Center, 549 Franklin Ave., Columbus. "The Addams Family," a comedy featuring Charles Addams' spooky cartoon characters, presented by the Columbus Bishop Hartley High School drama department. Tickets \$10. 614-237-5421

27-29, FRIDAY-SUNDAY

Retrouvaille Weekend for Hurting Couples

St. Therese's Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus. Retrouvaille weekend for couples who are facing difficulties in their marriage or already may be separated or divorced and wish to try again. All inquiries confidential. Details at HelpOurMarriage.com or call. 800-470-2230

28, SATURDAY

Diocesan Encuentro at St. Paul

8 a.m., St. Paul Church, 313 N. State St., Westerville. Diocesan Encuentro, a gathering of representatives from parishes with significant Latino populations to discuss their parish Encuentros, which are part of a program of reflection and action leading to the national Encuentro from Sept. 20-23, 2018 in Grapevine, Texas. Includes 1 p.m. Mass celebrated by Bishop Frederick Campbell. 614-262-7992

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.

St. Mark Emerald 5K Fun Run and Walk

9 a.m. to noon, Forest Rose Bike Path, 1570 Granville Pike, Lancaster. Emerald 5K fun run and walk benefiting the Foundation Dinners of Fairfield County, the Lancaster St. Mark Church Emerald Food Pantry, and the Bridges of St. Mark ministry helping the Rach Suc Mission Church in Can Tho, Vietnam. 614-506-0044

Diocesan Fiber Fair at Church of the Resurrection

11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Church of the Resurrection, 6300 E. Dublin-Granville Road, Columbus. Annual diocesan fiber fair for all knitters, crocheters, quilters, seamstresses, and others who work with fibers. Shawls will be collected for the St. Peregrine Cancer Ministry. Lunch will be provided. 614-342-6003

28-29, SATURDAY-SUNDAY

DeSales Presents 'Little Women'

7 p.m. Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday, St. Francis DeSales High School, 4212 Karl Road, Columbus. School's drama department presents Louisa May Alcott's "Little Women." Tickets \$8. 614-267-7808



THEATER PRODUCTIONS

The Crucible

Columbus Bishop Ready High School's theater department is staging Arthur Miller's Tony Award-winning play *The Crucible* on the first weekend in November. The play explores the hysteria behind the Salem witch trials and is a commentary on emotions overcoming reason. Greed, pride, and fear of the unknown lead a town to question what is real, with devastating results.

The Ready production includes a cast of more than 30 students, under the direction of faculty member Jill Larger. Cast in lead roles are Daniel Hamilton, Marie

Pece, Julianne Pece, Dominic Tokar, Olivia French, Richard Pittman, and Michaela Mayo.

Performances are at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3 and 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 4 and 5 at the school, 707 Salisbury Road. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$9 for those 65 and older, and \$8 for students. For more information, contact the school at (614) 276-5263.

Pictured: The cast of Arthur Miller's "The Crucible" at Columbus Bishop Ready High School includes (front) Daniel Hamilton, and (from left) Marie Pece, Olivia French, and Abigail Wuichner.

Photo courtesy Bishop Ready High School



The Addams Family

In the kooky, upside-down world of the Addams family, to be sad is to be happy and to feel pain is to feel joy. Nonetheless, this quirky family still has to deal with many of the same challenges faced by any other family, and the spookiest nightmare faced by every family: the Addams kids are growing up.



The Columbus Bishop Hartley High School drama department will present *The Addams Family* at 7:30 p.m. Thursday to Saturday, Oct. 26 to 28 and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 29 at the Columbus Performing Arts Center, 549 Franklin Ave. Tickets are \$10 at the door.

Cast members include Abigail Allwein, Greta Bedell, Olivia Bobak, Lia Branch, Shannon Carmon, Braeden Craig, Christian Craig, Cassidy Davis, Nina Ekukole-Sone, Elizabeth Hudelson, Kiera Jones, Kassie Kebe, Sergio Mariscal, Alexis Martin, Caitlin McCarthy, Lily McClung, Dominic Motter, Anna Nash, Diego Pantoja, Dominic Ratliff, David Rees, Joseph Sheridan, Ben Smallwood, and Joseph Supino.

Pictured: Columbus Bishop Hartley High School students (from left) Elizabeth Hudelson, Lily McClung, Christian Craig, and Braeden Craig prepare for the school's production of "The Addams Family."

Photo courtesy Bishop Hartley High School

Little Women

Step back in time as the Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School drama department presents the classic story *Little Women*.

The play chronicles the life-changing events of the March family during a turbulent period of American history. Their joys, sorrows, loves, and losses are played against the backdrop of a divided nation mourning the loss of an assassinated president and struggling to stay united. Through it all, the sisters endure with a healthy dose of faith and the family's sense of humor. All of the most familiar episodes from the beloved novel by Louisa May Alcott are included in the play, along with some less familiar stories.

Playing the parts of the March sisters are Chloe Myers as Meg, Cella Minaddeo as Jo, Frankie Bonte and Grace Brunton splitting the role of Beth, and Mia Slonac and Mary Polemeni-McGovern sharing the role of Amy. Brianna Stokes plays Marmee, and Sydney Hord is Aunt March. Also in the cast are Isaac Steiger as Laurie, Jackson Moulder as Professor Bhaer, Natalie Allton as Hannah, and Cristofer Tapia as John Booke.

The play will be presented at 7 p.m. Satur-



day, Oct. 28 and 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 29 in the school's little theater, 4212 Karl Road. Tickets are \$8 for reserved seating and are available at the school during all lunch periods, before and after school in the performing arts room, or at the door. For more information, contact the play's director, Lori Arnett, at arnett@desales.co.

Pictured: Practicing a scene from Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School's production of "Little Women" are Brianna Stokes (left) and Chloe Myers.

Photo courtesy St. Francis DeSales High School

Hundreds at blessing of Indiana shrine in awe of church's restored beauty

By **Katie Rutter**

Catholic News Service

A steady stream of vehicles climbed the narrow, winding road that dead-ends on the hilltop named Monte Cassino Hill.

Beginning more than an hour before the appointed time, hundreds alighted from their cars on the outskirts of the town of St. Meinrad, Indiana, and headed toward a small sandstone building that crowns the landscape.

“We just wanted to peek at the shrine before everything started,” laughed St. Meinrad resident Jennifer Kunkler as she watched the bustle. “I guess that’s what everyone else thought, too.”

The pilgrims struggled to squeeze past one another in the single aisle of the 24-by-50-foot chapel. Eyes and fingers pointed upward with hushed exclamations of “wow” and “beautiful.”

“To see what they’ve done now, it is absolutely -- it brings tears to my eyes it’s so gorgeous,” Kunkler said.

The Oct. 1 gathering marked the conclusion of a more than two-year restoration project. The small sandstone building, named the Monte Cassino Shrine after the famous Italian monastery founded by St. Benedict, has a history nearly as long as the nearby Benedictine-run St. Meinrad Archabbey.

“The chapel actually started with the picture of Our Lady being tacked to a tree by one of the monks” in 1857, explained Benedictine Archabbot Kurt Stasiak.

Over the next decade, word spread about the makeshift shrine, and pil-



grims journeyed to the hilltop to pray to Our Lady of Monte Cassino. The archabbey dedicated the present structure in 1870.

Less than two years later, the shrine gained fame for what is widely believed to be a miracle. An epidemic of smallpox broke out in St. Meinrad, taking the lives of several townspeople. As members of the monastery and seminary fell ill, the community processed to the shrine and began a novena to Our Lady of Monte Cassino.

“After that novena, the infirmary emptied out and no more people either in the seminary or the archabbey contracted the smallpox,” said Archabbot Stasiak, “and so we attribute the good recovery, the health to the intercession of Our Lady.”

Thus began regular pilgrimages up the hill to the Monte Cassino Shrine.

Every Sunday in October and May, months traditionally dedicated to Mary, hundreds flock to southern Indiana from as far as Indianapolis, Cincinnati, and Louisville, Kentucky for prayers and a rosary procession.

“We’ve brought my family here from out of state to see it,” said Lucy Himstedt, a parishioner of St. Benedict Cathedral in Evansville, Indiana. “It’s special.”

“People have come up here during times of war, during times of peace,” Archabbot Stasiak told CNS. “It’s a place that’s made holy because of the things that people have done up here: pray, expressing their dependence on God, asking God’s favor.”

Two years ago, a donor offered to help fund a full restoration of the weather-worn shrine. A year of planning led to the start of construction in the spring

of 2016. Work concluded just before this year’s first fall pilgrimage on Oct. 1, which was attended by an excited crowd of about 500 people.

“(The project) cost an excess of \$600,000. A large portion of that was the art restoration,” said Andy Hagedorn, director of physical facilities at St. Meinrad. “We were very fortunate to be able to go all out and get it done right.”

Essential repairs included the stabilization of the shrine’s foundation as well as filling and sealing the mortar joints of the sandstone walls. Workers also installed a heating and cooling system to protect the artwork from temperature changes and add to the comfort of visitors.

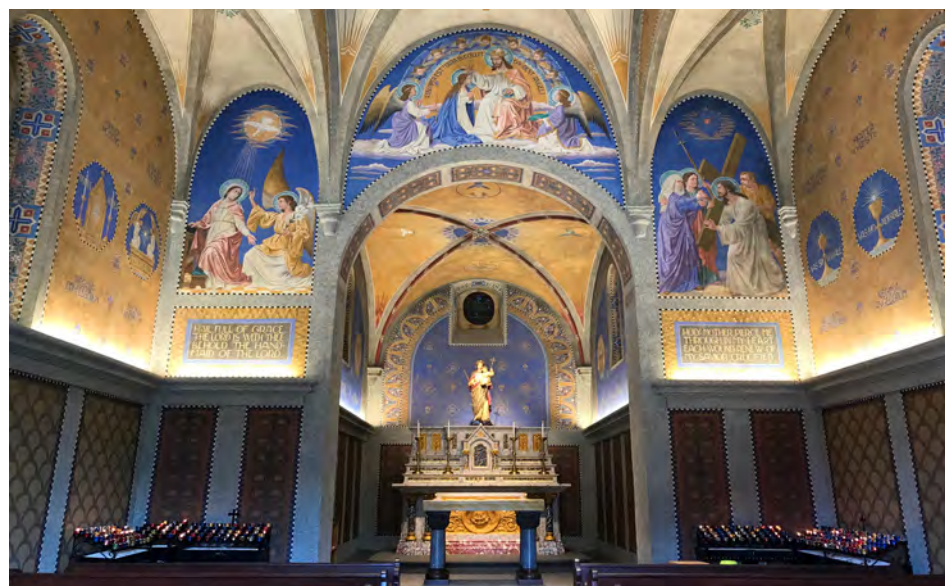
Archabbot Stasiak blessed the grounds and the chapel with holy water, the group sang several hymns and pilgrims prayed the rosary as they processed around the hilltop carrying a statue of Mary.

Attendees lingered long after the conclusion of the service. Many had personally donated to the restoration effort to preserve the beloved location for future generations.

“This will last through our grandchildren now,” said Himstedt. “So we’ll bring them here to spend time.”

“It’s important to the abbey, but I think it’s equally important to the community. Not just this community here (in St. Meinrad), but a much larger community,” explained Michael Edwards, a resident of the area.

“This is our cathedral,” he said.



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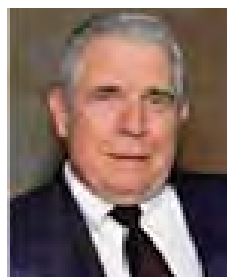
CEMETERY SUNDAY

November 5, 2017



Fr. Vince Nguyen
Administrator
St. Ladislav/Corpus Christi

ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY
2:00 p.m. Prayer Service
OUR MOTHER OF SORROWS CHAPEL
6440 S. High St./U.S. Rt. 23 S.
Lockbourne, Ohio 43137
614-491-2751



Dcn. Jerry Butts
Deacon
Corpus Christi

MT. CALVARY CEMETERY
2:00 p.m. Prayer Service
PRIEST CIRCLE
Mt. Calvary at W. Mound St.
Columbus, Ohio 43223
614-491-2751



Fr. James Klima
Pastor
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

HOLY CROSS CEMETERY
2:00 p.m. Prayer Service
CHAPEL MAUSOLEUM
11539 National Rd. S.W./U.S. 40 Rt. E.
Pataskala, Ohio 43062
740-927-4442



Dcn. Jeffrey Fortkamp
Deacon
Our Lady of Peace

RESURRECTION CEMETERY
2:00 p.m. Prayer Service
CHAPEL MAUSOLEUM
9571 N. High St./U.S. Rt. 23 N.
Lewis Center, Ohio 43035
614-888-1805



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Holy Cross Cemetery ~ Noon to 4 p.m.

