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Schedule announced for Bishop Brennan's installation



Bishop-designate Robert J. Brennan.

The installation of Bishop Robert J. Brennan, auxiliary bishop of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, New York, as the 12th bishop of Columbus will take place at 2 p.m. Friday, March 29 at St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St.

It will be followed by a public reception in the Walter Commons at Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School, 2010 E. Broad St.

Bishop Brennan also will take part in a Solemn Evening Vespers service at the cathedral at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 28, to be followed by a reception in the cathedral undercroft.

Because of limited space in the cathedral, seating for the installation and the Vespers service will be by ticket only. Each parish in the diocese has been asked to send two representatives for each event.

Lenten Series: The Presentation in the Temple

By Sister Constance Veit, LSP

I would like to invite you to join us this Lent in making a spiritual journey with Mary, and in praying for young people. You might wonder "Why focus on Mary and young people?" I'll try to explain the reasons for both.

First, why pray for young people?

Last fall, the Church conducted a synod of bishops which focused on young people, and in January, the Church's World Youth Day celebration took place in Panama. There has been a lot of attention paid to young people, a lot of discussion about their needs and concerns, and a lot of hope placed in them. Let's offer our Lenten prayers and sacrifices that the graces of these events will take root in the hearts of young people so that they will become faithful disciples of Christ.

Second, Our Lady: The bishops at the synod encouraged young people to draw near to Mary as the first and best disciple of Jesus. "Mary followed her Son to the foot of the cross, and after the Resurrection, she accompanied the nascent Church to Pentecost," they wrote. "As mother and merciful teacher, she continues to accompany the Church and to implore the Spirit who gives life to every vocation."

Catholics of all ages have great devotion to the rosary. Pope St. John Paul II taught us that in the rosary, Mary sets before us the mysteries of her Son, "with the desire that the contemplation of those mysteries will release all their saving power." Meditating on the mysteries of the rosary draws the Holy Spirit into our souls and helps to conform us to Christ and his virtues. But when we contemplate the mysteries of Christ's life through the Rosary, our prayer is also apostolic, because in

meditating on them, we help release their saving power into the world!

The sorrowful mysteries of the rosary help us "to stand at the foot of the Cross beside Mary, to enter with her into the depths of God's love for (us) and to experience all its life-giving power," the bishops wrote. During our Lenten series, we are going to take up a special form of the rosary known as the Seven Sorrows Rosary. This devotion dates to the Middle Ages and has made a comeback in recent years through a series of apparitions of Our Lady in the African nation of Rwanda, where she asked young people to spread devotion to this form of the rosary.

Each week during Lent, we will focus on one of the seven sorrows of Mary, from the presentation in the Temple to the flight into Egypt and the losing and finding of Jesus in the Temple when he was 12 years old, to the events surrounding Jesus' Way of the Cross and his crucifixion, death and burial.

Today, we'll begin our meditations with the presentation in the Temple. In St. Luke's Gospel (2: 27-35), we read, "Simeon came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, he took him into his arms and blessed God, saying: 'Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.' The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted (and you yourself a

sword will pierce) so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.'"

Mary's experience in the Temple began joyfully enough, with Simeon welcoming the child Jesus and proclaiming him as the long-awaited Messiah. But then there was a sudden change of mood when Simeon prophesied that Jesus would be a source of controversy and that a sword would pierce Mary's heart. A sword thrust in one's heart wouldn't cause just a superficial wound, but a fatal one. Mary now realized that her Son would be a suffering servant and that she would suffer along with him. After the *fiat* of the Annunciation, God asked her for a new *fiat*. He asked her to accept a crucifying motherhood so that she could be intimately united to her Son's saving mission.

How could she have felt at this jarring news? Was she tempted to run away from her vocation? We would have been! But we know she didn't run away!

During the Saturday night prayer vigil at World Youth Day, Pope Francis spoke of Mary's extraordinary "Yes" to God's call. It was not a tentative "Yes." She didn't say, "Well, let's give it a try and see what happens." Mary was determined, "she knew what was at stake and said 'Yes,' getting straight to the point," the pope said. "It was something more, something different. It was the 'Yes' of someone prepared to be committed, someone willing to take a risk, ready to stake everything she had, with no more security than the certainty of knowing that she was the bearer of a promise. ... Mary did not take out an insurance policy! ... The 'Yes' and the desire to serve were stronger than any doubts and difficulties. ... Mary's

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In addition to fasting and abstinence, Catholics around the diocese will have a variety of opportunities to enhance their spiritual life during the 40 days of Lent. Photo/Shutterstock

Bishop provides list of clergy credibly accused of abusing minors

Bishop Frederick F. Campbell released on Friday, March 1, the names of clergy who have served in the Diocese of Columbus and have been credibly accused of sexual abuse of a minor.

"I share with the faithful of our diocese sorrow, sadness, and anger over such behavior," Bishop Campbell said in a letter to the faithful. "I apologize to all victims for the abuse suffered, and hope that these disclosures will help bring healing to all victims and their families. The Diocese of Columbus is committed to maintaining a safe environment for all children and youth, and I am hopeful that the release of this information will help restore the confidence of all faithful in the Church and in its clergy. I urge anyone with claims of abuse by clergy or Church personnel to contact law enforcement immediately and also our victims assistance coordinator at (614) 224-2251, (866) 448-0217 or helpisavailable@columbuscatholic.org.

"In compiling this list, diocesan staff reviewed the files of nearly 2,000 clergy who served in the Diocese of Columbus since its beginning in 1868. The list is organized into five sections:

"The first section contains the names of clergy incardinated in the Diocese of Columbus (officially a member of the Diocese's clergy) against whom a credible allegation of sexual abuse of a minor was made and investigated while the cleric was living.

"The second section contains the names of clergy incardinated in the Diocese of Columbus against whom a credible allegation of sexual abuse of a minor was made after the cleric's death. This distinction recognizes that an allegation received after a cleric is deceased does not provide the opportunity for the accused cleric to be questioned.

"The third section contains the name of one priest incardinated in the Diocese of Columbus who was credibly accused of sexual abuse of a minor while on assignment outside the Diocese.

"The fourth and fifth sections contain the names of extern (incardinated outside the Diocese of Columbus) or religious (members of different religious orders) clergy who served in the Diocese of Columbus and who were credibly accused of sexual abuse of minors, separated based upon where the alleged abuse occurred.

"The most recent credible allegation of sexual abuse of a minor by a clergy member incardinated in the Diocese of Columbus involved alleged conduct that occurred in 1992.

"The Diocese of Columbus is committed to full compliance with civil law and the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People and the Essential Norms for Diocesan/Eparchial Policies Dealing with Allegations of Sexual Abuse of Minors by Priests, Deacons, or Other Church Personnel*, as established by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in 2002. The *Charter and Essential Norms* contain a comprehensive set of policies and procedures for addressing allegations of sexual abuse of minors by Catholic clergy, ensuring the safety of our children and youth, and creating an environment of transparency, accountability, reconciliation and healing. Furthermore, the Diocese of Columbus is committed to providing law enforcement officials its full cooperation with all matters of criminal behavior by anyone acting on behalf of the Church. The Diocese continues the practice of reporting information, credible or otherwise, about abuse of minors it receives to legal authorities, a practice adopted in 2002 prior to the creation of the *Charter and Norms*. Also, since the initiation of the *Charter and Norms*, as called for by those documents, the diocese has trained more than 62,000 through the Protecting God's Children program, and more than 93,000 criminal background checks have been done on people working with minors.

"I want to thank everyone at all levels who dedicate themselves to assuring the safety of our children and young people. As we move forward together into the future, let us all be strengthened by our loving Lord in the continuing work of assuring safe environments for all children and young people."

CLERGY CREDIBLY ACCUSED OF SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR

For purposes of this list, a credible allegation is one which, based upon a review of the available facts and circumstances, is more likely than not to be true. Factors considered in making this determination included the details provided by the accuser; corroborating evidence; sincerity, circumstances, and reputation of the accuser and the accused; the accused clergy's history (including any previous difficulties, suspicions or, in the case of previously accused clergy, allegations); and, if applicable, the accused's admission of wrongdoing. No one factor was determinative; but rather a totality of the circumstances was considered. Since the establishment of the review board in 2003, the determination of credibility is made in consultation with the review board in all cases of incardinated clergy accused of sexual abuse of a minor while the clergy is still living and not yet laicized (removed from the clergy state).

I. Clergy incardinated in the Diocese of Columbus against whom a credible allegation of sexual abuse of a minor within the Diocese was made and investigated while the clergy was living.

Name	Ordained	Status
Fr. Ronald Atwood	1969	Deceased
Fr. Thomas Brosmer	1969	Removed from ministry
Fr. R. Michael Ellifritz	1967	Laicized
Fr. Roger Emmert	1962	Deceased
Msgr. Joseph Fete	1974	Laicized
Fr. Michael Hanrahan	1971	Laicized, deceased
Dcn. James Hutson	1982	Deceased
Fr. Philip Jacobs	1974	Laicized
Fr. Raymond Lavelle	1957	Deceased
Fr. Frederick Loyd	1970	Laicized
Fr. Robert Luchi	1957	Left ministry
Fr. Bernard McClory	1953	Deceased
Fr. Thomas McLaughlin	1956	Laicized, deceased
Fr. Samuel Ritchey	1973	Laicized, deceased
Fr. Francis Schaefer	1955	Deceased
Fr. George Tumeo	1965	Laicized
Fr. Martin Weithman	1980	Laicized

II. Clergy incardinated in the Diocese of Columbus against whom a credible allegation of sexual abuse of a minor within the Diocese was made after the clergy's death.

Name	Ordained	Status
Msgr. Harry Estadt	1932	Deceased
Fr. John Geiger	1957	Deceased
Fr. Louis Hoffman	1943	Deceased
Fr. Robert Schmidt	1943	Deceased
Fr. Ted Spire	1961	Laicized, deceased
Fr. Alan Sprenger	1960	Deceased
Fr. John Tague	1951	Deceased

III. Clergy incardinated in the Diocese of Columbus against whom a credible allegation of sexual abuse of a minor at a location outside the Diocese was made and investigated while the cleric was living.

Name	Ordained	Status
Fr. Carl Drake	1964	Removed from ministry

IV. Extern or religious clergy (clergy from other dioceses or religious orders) who served in the Diocese of Columbus who were credibly accused of sexual abuse of minors (alleged conduct occurred in the Diocese of Columbus).

Name	Ordained	Status
Fr. Hector Bellinato, PIME	1935	No longer in Diocese
Fr. David Heimann	1958	Deceased
Dcn. Gabriel Hernandez	2008	Dismissed from the Josephinum, laicized
Fr. Robert Hunt, CPpS	1954	Deceased
Fr. Timothy Keane, SSCC	1950	No longer in ministry

V. Extern or religious clergy who served in the Diocese of Columbus that were credibly accused of sexual abuse of minors elsewhere (alleged conduct occurred outside the Diocese of Columbus).

Name	Ordained	Status
Fr. Pierre Albalaa, MSM	1995	Removed from ministry
Fr. Frank Benham	1963	Left ministry
Fr. Aaron J. Cote, OP	1986	Deceased
Fr. Kenneth France-Kelly, OP	1981	Deceased

This list will be supplemented based upon any future determinations of credible allegations.

The Diocese of Columbus also received an allegation of sexual abuse concerning Msgr. Thomas Bennett. The abuse allegedly occurred during the 2002-2003 school year. Msgr. Bennett served within the Diocese from 1957 until his death in 2008. The allegation was first made known to the Diocese of Columbus in May 2018 and is the subject of a lawsuit filed on July 5, 2018, in Franklin County Common Pleas Court. Because this matter is in litigation, a credibility determination has not yet been made.

Have Faith in Education By Adam Default Basketball with prayer



It is likely that there has not been a more athletic leader of the Catholic Church than Pope St. John Paul II. Famous for his love of sports, he often talked about the spirituality of sports and the preparation that athletics can give us for the spiritual life. Speaking about sports to an audience in 2004, he said, "The correct practice of sport must be accompanied by practicing the virtues of temperance and sacrifice; frequently, it also requires a good team spirit, respectful attitudes, the appreciation of the qualities of others, honesty in the game and humility to recognize one's own limitations. In short, sports ... foster festive celebration and friendly coexistence. While playing sports, Christians also find help in developing the cardinal virtues – fortitude, temperance, prudence and justice."

These virtues are fully on display in the athletics programs run by the Diocese of Columbus through the Diocesan Recreation Association (DRA). Almost 6,800 children representing 25 to 29 parishes, depending on the sport, participate in one or more of the 10 sports offered by the DRA. I had the pleasure of seeing this firsthand on a recent Sunday evening as I watched a boys basketball championship game between Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help and Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare and a girls championship between Our Lady of Perpetual Help and Hilliard St. Brendan.

What I saw in these games was the best of what St. John Paul II said. There were athletes from different parishes playing together, engaging in healthy competition and genuinely having fun, while working toward a shared goal. The games began with prayer as the spectators, coaches and athletes paused to remember how we are on different sides of the court, but united in our shared faith. The games were intense, but never focused on winning at all costs. In case you were wondering, St. Brigid edged Our Lady of Perpetual Help 34-28 and St. Brendan held off the Grove City school 28-19 in two outstanding games.

As I watched, I was happy to see this spirit of cooperation and sportsmanship in the actions of the players, the coaches and the fans. In an era when we have gotten used to grandstanding, yelling at referees, and general selfishness, it was striking to see athletes complimenting their opponent's good shots and offering a helping hand when someone fell. The coaches who serve as leaders and role models for our young athletes set a wonderful example, as I watched them shake hands with opponents and encourage their own team in accepting victory and defeat with dignity and class.

This emphasis on good sportsmanship and camaraderie is the central tenant of the Play Like A Champion program developed by the University of Notre Dame, which teaches the principles of good sportsmanship grounded in Catholic teaching. This training is required of all DRA head coaches and parents. Marty Raines, associate director of the DRA and a trainer for Play Like A Champion, said, "Coaches are asked to look at their role as a minister to the youth who are playing, combining the spirituality of their faith with the fundamentals of the sport. To date, more than 2,050 coaches have taken the Play Like A Champion Today training through the Diocesan Recreation Association."

Congratulations to all of our young men and women who compete in the DRA throughout the year. You are part of a special program that helps to bring out the best in yourselves and in each other, and helps all of us to see those lessons that strengthen our faith. In another address about the value of sports, St. John Paul II said, "Give thanks to God for the gift of sport, in which the human person exercises his body, intellect and will, recognizing these abilities as so many gifts of his Creator." It is my prayer that we continue to live these words in our diocese. Get ready – track season is just around the corner!

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Local news and events

Programs will focus on sacraments for the disabled

Two programs on consecutive days this coming week will focus on celebration of the sacraments for persons with disabilities.

An event on Wednesday, March 13 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Columbus St. Elizabeth Church, 6077 Sharon Woods Blvd., will feature a conversation with parents, catechists, teachers, parish staff and clergy about preparation and celebration of the sacraments for people dealing with a disability.

The program is free and will be offered in Spanish and English. Participants are asked to RSVP to www.columbuscatholic.org/persons-with-disabilities.

Esther Garcia of the National Catholic Partnership on Disability and Andrew Burson of the diocesan Office for Divine Worship will speak as part of a program on Thursday, March 14 from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Westerville St. Paul Church, 313 N. State St.

The event will focus on practical application of sacramental preparation and celebration, networking, and group discussion on best practices for pastors and other parish leaders.

It also will include a panel with Msgr. Joseph Hendricks, pastor of Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare Church; Mark Butler and Allison Shardell, parents of special-needs children; and Bob and Mary Ginn Ryan, founders of the SPICE (Special People in Catholic Education) program for students with special needs.

Spanish translation will be available. Registration is required by Friday, March 8 at the address listed above. A \$10 fee includes lunch.

This will be the first diocesan event to discuss the 2017 revision of the Catholic Church's guidelines for celebrating the sacraments for persons with disabilities.

The event is supported by the Diocese of Columbus, the Knights of Columbus, the diocesan Association of Faith Formation Leaders and the National Catholic Partnership on Disability.

If you have any questions, contact Marie at Lleister@columbuscatholic.org.

St. Andrew mission starts Sunday

Father Thomas Blau, OP, will lead a parish mission on "How to Get More Out of the Mass" from Sunday to Wednesday, March 10 to 13 at Columbus St. An-

drew Church, 1899 McCoy Road.

Conference preparation will begin at 6:30 p.m. Sunday with an examination of conscience and a penance service, followed by the mission at 7 p.m. Monday to Wednesday.

Father Blau's topics will include "Old Testament Imagery of the Eucharist," with a question-answer session and reception on Monday, "The Eucharistic Words of Jesus and the Apostles," with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday, and "How to Get More Out of Mass" on Wednesday.

'Dr. Ray' to be mission speaker

Catholic radio and television host Dr. Ray Guarendi will speak at a parish mission on Monday and Tuesday, March 18 and 19 at Zanesville St. Nicholas Church, 925 E. Main St.

His topics will be "Standing Strong as a Parent or Grandparent" on Monday and "The Logic of Being a Catholic" on Tuesday. Both talks will begin at 7 p.m. and will be followed by a hospitality period.

Guarendi is a clinical psychologist and the father of 10 children. His daily program *The Doctor Is In* is heard on more than 440 radio stations, including St. Gabriel Catholic Radio AM 820 in Columbus and FM 88.3 in Portsmouth. His EWTN television series *Living Right with Dr. Ray* is seen in 140 nations.

Known for mixing humor with practical advice, he is an author of books including *You're a Better Parent Than You Think You Are*; *Good Discipline, Great Teens*; *Back to the Family*; and *Discipline That Lasts a Lifetime*.

Renewal group to sponsor retreat

The Columbus Catholic Renewal organization will sponsor a retreat from Friday to Sunday, March 15 to 17 at St. Therese's Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus, with Deacon Darrell Wentworth of the Diocese of Richmond, Virginia, as the speaker. His topic will be "Moving Into the Current of Grace."

Deacon Wentworth was ordained to the diaconate in 2003. His ministry focuses on adult evangelization, spiritual maturity and Christian unity. He is

Bishop Frederick Campbell's funeral homily for Msgr. Romano Ciotola

"My brothers and sisters in the risen Lord Jesus,

"We have often heard it read, and not only at Masses for the dead, that if we die with Christ, we shall rise with Christ. Our minds most frequently then focus on the resurrection promised to the faithful, but we rarely ask what it means to die with Christ. As Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen once famously remarked, 'Easter without Good Friday is simply another form of paganism.'

"There is, as our early Christian ancestors knew, an *acerbitas mortis*, a bitterness of death, but it is not without meaning, since it is accompanied by a clear and certain hope. In the cross of Jesus Christ, we discover the complete trust in God's love, a giving over of our lives to the creator, and through weakness and suffering, we, too, like Christ, pass over from this mortal and corruptible world into the sure and merciful hands of our heavenly father. No one whom our heavenly father has given over to Jesus Christ will ever be lost.

"As he endured those final moments of weakness, Father Romano preached his last homily to the parishioners whom he so deeply loved and echoed, in a wordless manner, the last words of Christ from the cross, *consummatum est*, 'It is finished,' not simply in the sense that it is ended, but also in the sense that it is now fulfilled.

"In the view of the foolish,' the Book of Wisdom tells us, Father Romano seems merely to have died, and his passing away thought an affliction and his going forth from us, utter destruction. Yet the just are in peace. With his last breath, Father Romano has left behind a life in full. Now only the Lord Jesus will know the complete meaning of that life, and it would be foolhardy for any of us to attempt a final evaluation. We must leave that to Christ, just and merciful judge that he is, and continue to support Father Romano with our prayers as he now travels that ultimate journey to everlasting life.

"Yet it is natural for us to try to give some meaning and shape to Father's life with our memories and accounts of how he impacted our lives and brought us closer to the Lord. Remarkable to me is Father Romano's dedicated devotion to his pastoral responsibilities and his wonderful hospitality, but especially his stories about his early life in war-torn Italy during World War II. As an erstwhile historian, I had studied several accounts of these events, but what was history to me was autobiography to Father Romano.

"Shortly before he died, Father and I had a lengthy conversation about those times. Father had a large sense for people and places, both in Italy and here, especially for his family and parishioners. It was a rare month when I did not meet at least one of his cousins or someone from his village in Italy. I began to believe that half the population of the Abruzzi was now living in Columbus.

"During our conversation, Father Romano told me how his father would take in refugees from the north, fleeing the violence and disruption of the war, and would feed and shelter them. Father paused momentarily and added, 'I have come to believe that the example set by my father was the beginning of my priestly vocation.' Small wonder why Father Romano asked that the Gospel passage from Matthew be read at his funeral liturgy: 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me.' That charity and hospitality stayed with Father Romano throughout his priestly ministry.

"Father's charitable character was enlarged by an authentic humility rooted in the desire to do good for others. Rather than drawing attention to himself, he wanted to direct people toward the goodness of God and the power of Jesus Christ.

"I suspect that Father Romano had his moments. Although I never per-

sonally experienced it, I understand that when provoked or frustrated, Father Romano could become prickly and use certain American phrases which my father would call salty, but spoken with his Italian accent, they may have possessed a certain charm.

"I had only one disagreement with Msgr. Ciotola. I asked him to become more involved in a particular aspect of pastoral life in his part of the diocese. His initial response was to describe all of the impediments to such an involvement. I pressed my case further. After some time, we seemed to be at an impasse, and our discussion ended with Father Romano saying that he would give the matter further consideration.

"The matter remained inconclusive, and now that Father has other things on his mind and I shall soon be retired, I am resigned to waiting for a definitive answer until the last day, when all shall be revealed. A Scotsman can be as patient as an Italian.

"In asking for the passage from Revelation to be read at his funeral, Father Romano wanted us to look forward rather than backward, forward to that moment when every tear will be wiped away and we shall be like God, for we shall see him as he is. God shall make all things new. At that time, the just shall shine and dart about as sparks through stubble.

"In his priestly life, Father Romano understood that even now, we can be touched by that glorious moment of new life and abiding joy through the holy Eucharist, for the celebration of which Father was ordained. In the Eucharist, the dying and rising of Jesus Christ is made real and present, and the more deeply we immerse ourselves in this great mystery, the more our faith is strengthened and our hope made more certain.

"In every funeral Mass, we remember not only the one who has died from among us, but significantly, the one whose dying and rising won for us

the victory over sin and death. Therefore, we bring the body of Father Romano Ciotola to the altar on which he celebrated the Mass for the honor of God and the good of the people and enfold his soul into the life of Christ. We assert our faith in the resurrection of the body, offer our prayers for the good of the one who has died, and ask for consolation and understanding as we mourn the passing of one who was esteemed by so many. In so doing, we also consider our own death and recall the words so often spoken by our Lord: 'Do not be afraid.'

"With the passing of Father Romano, a significant aspect of the recent history of our diocese seems to be coming to a completion. Father was one of those individuals leaving a war-torn Italy in their youth to take up priestly ministry here in Columbus. We remember Msgr. Borelli and Msgr. Serraglio, who recently preceded Father Romano in death. We give thanks for the work that they accomplished.

"We are grateful for all the blessings which God bestowed on Father Romano in this life: his family, a good friend who was with him to the last, a marvelous cook who kept us well-fed, the many parishioners who supported his work.

"In our gratitude we pray that our merciful God forgive whatever failings to which Father Romano was subject. And even in our sadness, we find that joy offered us through the promise of Christ that all the faithful will be reunited in the kingdom yet to come. I shall remember Father Romano especially through the photograph which he kept in the rectory, a picture of a 16-year-old seminarian, serious, devoted and resolute.

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

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co-founder of the Spiritual Direction Academy of Virginia and a member of the ecumenical Charismatic Leaders Fellowship and the Awakening America Alliance.

Columbus Catholic Renewal (also known as the Catholic Charismatic Renewal) is under the authority of Bishop

Frederick Campbell through his liaison, Father Dean Mathewson. For more information, visit www.cccrcolumbus.org, send an email to info@ccrcolumbus.org or call (614) 500-8178.

Derya Little to speak at Otterbein
The Otterbein Catholic Student

Ministry (OCSM) will present a talk by Catholic author Derya Little at 4 p.m. Friday, March 22 in Room 112 of Towers Hall at Otterbein University, 1 S. Grove St., Westerville.

Little, who lives in Turkey, will be speaking about her spiritual journey from Islam to atheism to Catholi-

cism. She has spoken at the Columbus Catholic Women's Conference and EWTN's *The Journey Home* program with Marcus Grodi. She is the author of the book *From Islam to Christ: One Woman's Path through the Rid-*

Protestant and holy Communion; Ukrainian, Roman Catholic worship

Q My husband of 60 years will soon celebrate his 86th birthday. He is a baptized Protestant. He attends Mass with me every Sunday, does the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, comes with me for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and attends Holy Week services. The only thing he does not do is receive Communion.

What would be required of him to be able to receive Our Lord in the host? (He would never be able to participate in the RCIA program.) In my opinion, my husband is a better Catholic than many priests I have heard of lately. It would be a sin not to accept him into the church. (Cleveland)

A I have no doubt that your husband will make a fine Catholic and is already well on his way there. The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is traditionally the path by which the Catholic Church instructs and receives new members. That process includes meetings and classes, spiritual reflection and a series of rituals; most often, it requires up to a year to complete, culminating in reception into the church during the celebration of the Easter Vigil.



QUESTION & ANSWER
Father Kenneth Doyle
Catholic News Service

However, there are conditions that can shorten this process – and your husband’s situation seems ideally suited for that. Section 331 of the RCIA’s foundational document provides that “exceptional circumstances may arise in which the local bishop, in individual cases, can allow the use of a form of Christian initiation that is simpler than the usual complete rite.” Examples listed include “sickness” and “old age” (No. 332).

Your husband should talk to your parish priest about his desire to become a Catholic and to receive the Eucharist. My confident guess is that the priest or a religious educator provided by the parish would be willing to sit down with your husband for a series of conversations to present a basic overview of the Catholic Church’s teaching and to address any questions your husband might have – leading to his not-very-distant reception of the sacraments.

Q Can a Roman Catholic worship in a Ukrainian Catholic church – such as the churches of the Archeparchy of Philadelphia, whose archeparch is appointed by the pope and is in communion with the Roman Catholic Church? (My experience is that the Roman Catholic Church is very welcoming. Do you know whether such a practice is also welcomed by the Ukrainian Catholic Church?) (Savannah, Tennessee)

A The Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church is a Byzantine-rite Catholic Church in full communion with the Holy See. As you mention, its leaders are appointed by the pope. And yes, Latin-rite Catholics are free to worship in Ukrainian Catholic churches, and they fulfill their Sunday obligation by doing so.

The reverse is true as well: Ukrainian

Catholics are invited to worship in a Latin-rite church. (St. Michael’s Ukrainian Byzantine Catholic Church in Mishawaka, Indiana – near the campus of the University of Notre Dame – says on its website, “All Catholic Christians in good standing with the Roman Catholic Church are welcome to receive the sacraments at St. Michael’s.”)

A Latin-rite Catholic choosing to attend Mass in a Ukrainian Catholic parish would notice some differences.

The liturgy might be conducted in English or in Ukrainian; a screen decorated with icons separates the congregation from a full view of the altar of worship; the liturgy is an ancient ritual, originating with St. John Chrysostom; Ukrainian Catholics bless themselves from right to left in the sign of the cross (the opposite of Latin-rite Catholics); upon entering a church, Ukrainians bow rather than genuflect; and holy Communion is distributed with a spoon, the host scooped by the priest from a cup of consecrated wine and placed directly into the mouth of the recipient.

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

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dles of God.

As a Catholic student group on a non-Catholic college campus, OCSM strives to bring together all students to grow in faith through one another, serving God and the community. It has brought Mass and reconciliation services to campus, involving students at local conferences and serving the Otterbein and Westerville communities.

Father Blau to speak at St. Pius X mission

“Why Is There Still Suffering?” is this year’s theme for the parish mission at Reynoldsburg St. Pius X Church, 1051 S. Waggoner Road. The mission is scheduled at 7 p.m. Sunday to Tuesday, March 24 to 26 at 7:00 p.m.

Father Thomas Blau, OP, will be the mission director, talking about suffering and what Jesus did to change the way we approach it. Following each night of the mission, there will be fellowship and refreshments in the parish’s new family center.

Father Blau, a Dominican friar ordained in 1999, lives at St. Patrick Pri-

ory in Columbus. His principal activity is preaching missions. Pope Francis appointed him a missionary of mercy during the 2015-16 Jubilee of Mercy.

For additional information on the mission, contact pastoral minister Leah Kelly at (614) 866-2859.

School superintendent to speak to luncheon club

Diocesan school Superintendent Adam Dufault will speak about the schools of the Diocese of Columbus at the April meeting of the Catholic Men’s Luncheon Club.

The club will meet on Friday, April 5 at Columbus St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave. Lunch will be served after the church’s 11:45 a.m. Mass, and the meeting will end by 1 p.m. No reservations are necessary. A \$10 donation is requested to cover the cost of the lunch and meeting.

The luncheon will be sponsored by Knights of Columbus Insurance - Valent Agency. If you’re interested in sponsoring an event, contact Jim Gernetzke at jimgernetzke@gmail.com.

For information on the club, visit www.catholicmensministry.com/cmlc or contact club president Craig Hepner at craigkofc@gmail.com.

Catholic Conversations series

Kayla Walton, principal of Columbus St. Mary German Village School, will be the featured speaker at the Catholic Conversations series, sponsored by Columbus St. Margaret of Cortona Church, from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday, March 10 in the upper room of Sports on Tap, 4030 Main St., Hilliard. Her topic will be “Daily Living for the Lord.”

During this presentation, Walton will share the story of the struggles and triumphs on her faith journey.

The Catholic Conversations series is free and open to all. Reservations are not required, but are preferred for seating. To register, visit Eventbrite and search for “Catholic Conversations.” For questions, contact Julie Naporano at julienaporano1@gmail.com or Nancy Whetstone at nancywhetstone@gmail.com

In the marriage case styled KENNETH DONN BORAH – ROSE MARY FREELAND BRUZZESE, 2018-0263, the Tribunal of the Diocese of Columbus, Ohio is currently unaware of the present address of ROSE MARY FREELAND BRUZZESE. The Tribunal herewith informs him of the case and invites him to contact REV ROBERT J KITSMILLER, JCL, Presiding and sole Judge, no later than 15 March 2019 – Phone 241-2500 Ext 1. Anyone who knows of the whereabouts of ROSE MARY FREELAND BRUZZESE is herewith asked to make the Citation known to her or to inform the Tribunal of her current address.

Given this 01 March 2019.

REV ROBERT J KITSMILLER, JCL
 Presiding Judge

Patricia Smith
 Notary

THE EVERYDAY CATHOLIC

By Rick Jeric

Four generations



Family is the best. There should be nothing more important than our love of family except our love of God. We know how Jesus explained the greatest commandments: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, and soul; and love your neighbor as yourself.” A bit of a condensed version, but we have heard these quotes and the stories that go with them for all of our lives. And “love your enemies.” That one is so very difficult, especially in a culture of death, divisiveness, walls, abuse, political polarization and “me first.” And who is my neighbor?

We know the parable of the Good Samaritan. This story, like so many others from the greatest teacher of all time, remains appropriate in every generation. Apply the message and the symbolism however you like. As a society, and as individuals, we still consciously choose to ignore the most vulnerable around us, while doing the same for those who have been violated and are victims. I still believe that we are good and loving people. We are created by God in His image and likeness. God does not create sin; we choose it. It is part of our journey. Each generation can learn from the past and confidently look to the future with the four generations of God.

I and many of my family attended my niece’s wedding in February near New Orleans. It was beautiful, and all of us wish them God’s blessings for many years together with children and family. Four generations of my family were there, representing five different states. My parents live in Arizona. My sister and her daughter live in Georgia. Her son and family live in Massachusetts. My niece and husband live in Louisiana. And we are in Ohio. Four generations representing so much love and family. But also so many trials, successes, failures, accomplishments, doubt, optimism, challenges, anxiety, certainty and wonder. Above all, there is love of God and faith. That love and faith is passed from generation to generation. And whenever four generations, or however many, get together, there are plenty of memories to recall and share.

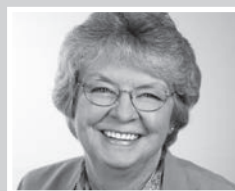
Hopefully, like the Good Samaritan, there are plenty of examples of those who live the Commandments, the Beatitudes, and the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The living of all these in love and the example of doing what is right are the greatest gift anyone could receive from preceding generations. We strive to be “doers of the Word,” as St. James puts it so well.

I mentioned the “four generations of God” earlier, which is an allegory of sorts for this column. God always has existed, and always will. No beginning and no end. Our human minds cannot comprehend that in the least. It takes faith and hope. God always has been that first generation. The Incarnation, the birth of Jesus Christ, is that second generation of God, the Word made flesh. We all belong to the third generation of God. From Mary and Joseph, the Holy Family, to each one of us, we are that next generation who have the divine redemption through the death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. This allows us to join the fourth generation of God – eternal life in heaven with Him. It takes love.

We have begun our annual Lenten journey. Through much prayer, fasting and almsgiving, we work hard to solidify our faith, purge those repetitive sins that hold us back, and help others as we prepare for Easter. You might say that we have four generations of Lent and Easter. Let us pray more this Lent. Daily Mass, the rosary, and visits to our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament are examples. Do it.

Fasting can happen beyond Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fast and abstain every Friday and choose one other day each week. We can do that. Give alms by donating to your favorite charity, especially one that serves the most vulnerable and in need directly. Our fourth generation is the Easter celebration of the Sacred Triduum and then 50 days of hope in the Resurrection and eternal life. We can do that, too.

Now is the acceptable time



GRACE IN THE MOMENT

Mary Van Balen

While reading some reflections by Richard Rohr on the presence of Christ in creation from the beginning, I was struck by the phrase “Christ-soaked world.” It brought to mind two Scripture readings from Paul found in the lectionary for the beginning of Lent: one from Second Corinthians and the other from Romans. In both, he draws from Hebrew Scriptures, and in both, he reminds us of the immediacy of God’s presence.

“*In an acceptable time I heard you / and on the day of salvation I helped you...*” (Isaiah 49). “*Now is an acceptable time,*” Paul writes in Second Corinthians. “*Now is the day of salvation.*” Not yesterday. Not tomorrow. Now. This moment. Every moment. Because God has always “heard” and has always “helped,” from before time. That is who God is. Presence. Love. Always given. We didn’t miss it. We don’t have to wait for it. It is always poured out in and through us and creation.

In Romans, Paul reminds us: “*What does Scripture say? ‘The word is near you, / in your mouth and in your heart’*” (Deuteronomy 30). God assures those listening that what is commanded is not a mystery or far away. “*It is not up in the sky, that you should say ‘Who will go up in the sky to get it for us and tell us of it, that we may carry it out?’*” It isn’t across the sea, either. “*No, it is something very near to you already in your mouths and in your hearts. You have only to carry it out.*”

We may forget this. The Pharisees did. They didn’t recognize God in Jesus, let alone the tax collectors and “riffraff” he hung out with. They expected to find God in “holier” places. The Temple. The people who kept all the laws. People like themselves. Jesus confounded them with his insistence of spending time with the poor and marginalized, with his talk of God’s care for sparrows and stories of rejoicing over finding a lost coin or wandering sheep. Surely the Holy One was more discriminating than that!

No, not really. God is constantly giving Godself away because that’s what Love does. The incarnation in Jesus didn’t happen because people had made

such a mess of things that only the sacrifice of his life could appease an angry God. No. As the 13th century Franciscan theologian, John Duns Scotus, taught, Christ was always the plan.

Jesus showed us to what lengths Love would go, not to atone for sins or to be a scapegoat, but to be Love’s heart and human face on this planet. “See, this is how much I love you,” he said with arms outstretched on the cross.

These readings, reminders that God lives not far away but in the depths of our hearts at this very moment, set the tone for the Lenten journey. It’s not necessarily about giving up favorite foods or candy (though I wouldn’t mind losing a few pounds) or reading more Scripture, though it could be.

Lenten practice, whatever we choose, is about helping us grow in our trust that divine Love truly does live within us, not somewhere in the sky or across the sea. Lent is a time to listen, to discover what helps us deepen our relationship with God, and to do it.

The focus is not personal salvation. It never was. It’s about becoming an uncluttered conduit of love and care for others and all creation. Jesus shows us that we are part of Christ and the work of “soaking the earth” with Love and Presence. As Isaiah tells us, the fast God wants is freeing the oppressed and unjustly bound, sharing our bread with the hungry, sheltering the oppressed and homeless, taking care of the other (Isaiah 58).

This is the work Lent prepares us to do by reminding us to deepen our relationship with the Holy One who dwells within. Trusting it. Drawing our strength and hope from Love so we can be faithful to our part of Love’s transforming the earth.

This season invites us to take a breath, to nurture our spirits, mind and body for this work. Now is the acceptable time.

Jesus’ life and eventual death attest to the struggle and danger of being radical love in a world that isn’t ready for it. But even though we are not always up to the task, that is our call.

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CCL Day of Service



About 140 students from the five Columbus Catholic high schools that are members of the Central Catholic League took part in the annual CCL Day of Service at LifeCare Alliance. The event started eight years ago with students packing sack lunches in a household kitchen, and has grown to become a regular part of the President's Day holiday for schools. This year's theme was preparation for Lent. The volunteers helped with sorting and packing pet food, kitchen maintenance, meal service at the alliance's cafeteria, and Meals-on-Wheels delivery of 400 meals throughout central Ohio. Pictured are (from left): Andrew Sarff, St. Charles; Nicholas Stein, Bishop Hartley; Nicole Miller, St. Francis DeSales; Bridget Saia, Bishop Watterson; and Mercy Cala-Avila, Bishop Ready.

Photo courtesy LifeCare Alliance

Student talent on display at Holy Spirit



The 2019 diocesan student art show and young authors' exhibit will take place from 12:30 to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, March 9 and 10 at Columbus Holy Spirit School, 4383 E. Broad St. The show will include artwork and written pieces created by students attending kindergarten through eighth grade in diocesan schools. Pictured is a scene from last year's show.

Photos courtesy Holy Spirit School

DeSales players read at St. Anthony



Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School basketball players visited the kindergarten class at Columbus St. Anthony School as part of the two schools' "Read With a Stallion" program. The younger students received a book from their new high school friends. The books were donated by the 2nd-and-7 Foundation, which has partnered with the schools to tackle illiteracy in the community. Chris Fleisher of DeSales is shown reading to Florence Bundy (left) and Posey Bittner.

Photo courtesy St. Anthony School

St. Agatha double champion



Eighth-grade student Gordon Petrie had the rare honor of being the champion of both the spelling bee and the geography bee at Columbus St. Agatha School. He is pictured with Father Dan Ochs, pastor of St. Agatha Church, and school principal Luna Alsharaiha.

Photo courtesy St. Agatha School

District 47 K of C free throw champions



Winners of the free throw contest for Ohio Knights of Columbus District 47 at Reynoldsburg St. Pius X School were (from left): Gianna Coleman, girls, 9 years old; Ella Schindler, girls, 10; Emersyn Heil, girls, 11; Sarah Thompson, girls, 12; Eva Schindler, girls, 13; Sofi Payer, girls, 14; Tyler Hermen, boys, 9; Owen Gibson, boys, 10; AJ Sauer, boys, 11; AJ Glanzman, boys, 12; Aiden Mann, boys, 13; and Paul Sarko, boys, 14. They advanced to regional competition at Columbus Bishop Ready High School. The district includes Council 3727, Columbus St. Matthias Church; Council 3864, Columbus Holy Spirit and St. Philip; Council 5253, Reynoldsburg St. Pius X; Council 5801, Gahanna St. Matthew; and Council 11354, Columbus St. Catharine.

Photo courtesy Knights of Columbus Council 5253

St. Matthias students make 'blessing bags'



Columbus St. Matthias School students collected items to make more than 200 "blessing bags" to support the efforts of the Dominican Sisters of Peace to help the homeless and victims of human trafficking. Photo courtesy St. Matthias School

Wellston team tops Power of the Pen competition



A team from Wellston Sts. Peter and Paul School finished as the top eighth-grade team among 12 schools, all of them with much larger student bodies, in a district Power of the Pen competition. All 12 representatives from the school qualified for regional competition, with Allison Case, Grace Plummer and Bailey Dupree finishing seventh, eighth and 12th, respectively. Each participating school had a seventh- and an eighth-grade team consisting of six writers each. Representatives from Sts. Peter and Paul were Samantha Cottrill, Lea Willett, Michael Weber, Evan Canter, Allison Case, and Kamden Fulton, seventh grade; and Sabrina Newsome, Jenna Lewis, Addie Wechter, Bailey Dupree, Grace Plummer and Madelyn Weber, eighth grade. In addition, five students from the school — Madelyn Weber, Grace Plummer, Bailey Dupree, Addie Wechter and Ella Willett — qualified for the 2019 Ohio Music Education Association honor band.

Photo courtesy Sts. Peter and Paul School

Portsmouth celebrates Catholic Schools Week



Portsmouth Notre Dame elementary and high schools celebrated Catholic Schools Week in a variety of ways, including student-led prayer, creating a Top 10 list for loving Catholic schools, and participating in a week of giving. The week concluded with an All-School Mass celebrated by Fathers Joseph Yokum and Christopher Tuttle, with all students gathering for a group picture.

Photo courtesy Notre Dame schools

DeSales students take part in world cultures assembly



Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School's second annual world cultures assembly began with students wearing traditional dress from nations around the world, followed by dances and songs in various languages from many traditions. "The assembly was a great celebration of our school's diversity, which is a snapshot of the world we live in," said assistant principal Jim Jones. "The talents of our young people truly shine on days such as these, and the pride they exude for their unique ethnicity is beautiful to see."

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Lenten activities in the Diocese of Columbus

Churches throughout the Diocese of Columbus will be presenting a variety of Lenten programs focusing on prayer, penance and preparation for Easter from now through Easter Sunday, April 21.

Most parishes will conduct penance services, either individually or in conjunction with other parishes in their deanery. Many also will offer the traditional Lenten devotion of Stations of the Cross.

In addition to those activities, special seasonal events planned by parishes of the diocese include the following:

Buckeye Lake Our Lady of Mount Carmel – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Sundays, March 10 to April 14, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Columbus Christ the King – *The Wild Goose Is Loose* DVD series on the Holy Spirit, with Father Dave Pivonka, TOR, Sundays, March 10 to April 7, 5 to 7 p.m.

Columbus Corpus Christi – “Walk to Jerusalem” program, Ash Wednesday, March 6 to Holy Saturday, April 20. An imaginary journey in which the parish will “walk” as a group from Columbus to Jerusalem, with “steps” through walking and other physical activities and through prayer, attending Stations of the Cross, and volunteering. Soup dinners, Fridays, March 15 and 29 and April 12, 5:30 p.m. (Stations to follow.)

Columbus Holy Cross – Bishop Robert Barron’s 10-part *Catholicism* video series, two parts each Sunday from March 10 to April 7, following 11 a.m. Mass.

Columbus Holy Spirit and St. Philip – Morning of reflection presented by Father William Arnold, with theme “Our Lenten Journey,” Monday, March 25, 9 a.m., St. Therese’s Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus. Free to parishioners; others by donation. Limit of 65 people. Registration required.

Columbus Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal – *No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk through Christ’s Passion*, a video series with Dr. Edward Sri of the Augustine Institute telling the story of the Passion at the sites where it happened, Saturdays, March 9 to April 13, 5 p.m. and Mondays, March 11 to April 15, 6:30 p.m.

Columbus Our Lady of Victory – Lenten soup suppers, Wednesdays,

March 13 and 20 and April 3 to 17, 6 p.m. Parish mission led by Father Steven Bell, CSP, with theme of “Healing and Hope,” Monday to Wednesday, March 25 to 27, 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Columbus St. Andrew – Parish mission presented by Father Thomas Blau, OP, with theme of “How to Get More Out of the Mass,” Monday to Wednesday, March 11 to 13, 7 p.m., concluding with reception and question-answer session Monday, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Tuesday and Mass Wednesday.

Columbus St. Elizabeth – “Understanding Our Liturgical Year Through Song” concert with Rino Angelini and the Come Unto Me liturgical choir, Friday, March 8, 7:30 p.m. Lenten day of reflection led by Rino Angelini, with theme of “God’s Grace Knows No Season,” Saturday, March 9, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Anointing of the Sick, Saturday, March 30 after 5:30 p.m. Mass and Sunday, March 31 after 9 and 11 a.m. Masses. Easter egg hunt, Saturday, April 13, 10 a.m. Tiffin University Gospel choir concert, Sunday, April 14, 12:30 p.m.



Columbus St. Francis of Assisi – Soup suppers, Mondays, March 11 to April 15, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Topics and speakers: March 11, “What Is Holy Week and What Does It Mean?”, Father Fritzner Valcin, parish pastor; March 18, “Spiritual Composting,” Jerry Freewalt, diocesan social concerns director, and Julie Laudick of shepherd’s Corner Ecology Center; March 25, “Working With the Incarcerated,” Wendy Tarr of Vincentian Ohio Action Network, with parishioners Tom Scheid and Irene Zahm; April 1, “An Introduction to Early Christian Art,” art historian Monica Fullerton; April 8, “The Formation of New Catholics in the Midst of Community – A New Perspective,” parish RCIA team; April 15, Stations, with parish members telling how each station relates to their lives.

Columbus St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church – Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, a Vespers service with holy Eucharist, Fridays, March 8 to April 12, 7 p.m. (Eastern-rite Catholic churches do not have a daily Divine Liturgy in Lent.)

Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral – Sung Vespers with the cathedral choir, Sundays, March 17 to April 14, 4:45 p.m. Bimonthly healing Mass and service, Monday, March 18, 6:30 p.m. Marcel Dupre’s *Le Chemin de la Croix (The Stations of the Cross)* with cathedral organist Nicole Simental, Friday, April 12, 7:30 p.m. Walking Stations of the Cross, stopping at 14 sites around downtown, Friday, April 19, 8 to 11 a.m., starting at cathedral. Tenebrae service, designed to recreate the sense of betrayal, abandonment and agony related to Good Friday, featuring the Cathedral Schola and including Tallis’ *Lamentations of Jeremiah*, Friday, April 19, 8 p.m.

Columbus St. Ladislav – “Live Lent” open discussion, with participants discussing how the Scriptures pertain to their lives, Thursdays, March 7 to April 11, 1 to 2:30 p.m., Shott Hall. Soup dinners, Fridays, March 8 and 22 and April 5, 5:30 p.m. (Stations to follow.) Living Stations in Spanish, Sunday, April 14, during 11 a.m. Mass. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Thursday, April 18, 7:30 p.m. to midnight.

Columbus St. Margaret of Cortona – Sung Vespers and Benediction, Thursdays, March 7 to April 11, approximately 7:30 p.m., following Stations during weekly Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Eucharistic Adoration, Thursday, April 18, end of 7 p.m. Mass to 11 p.m.

Columbus St. Matthias – Praying the Stations of Mercy with Pope Francis, Fridays, March 8 to April 12, 7 p.m. Special Lenten Masses, Wednesdays, March 13 to April 17, 7 p.m. Living Stations with middle school students, Tuesday, April 16, 7 p.m. *Little Black Books* with Lenten meditations from the Diocese of Saginaw, Michigan, will be available in the vestibule.

Columbus St. Patrick – Latin Mass in the Dominican rite, followed by reception, Thursday, March 7, 7 p.m. Talks by Dominican friars on literature related to Lent, Thursdays, March 14 to April 11, 7 p.m. Fea-

tured works on various weeks will be by J.R.R. Tolkien, Willa Cather, Evelyn Waugh, Jane Austen and Sigrid Undset. Mass celebrating Feast of St. Patrick, followed by torchlight procession with pipes and drums and Irish tea reception, Friday, March 15, 7 p.m.

Delaware St. Mary – Parish mission, with Father Sylvester Onyeachonam, pastor, speaking on Reconciliation, Saturday, March 16, after 4:30 p.m. Mass; Father David Schalk, pastor, Columbus Christ the King Church, speaking on healing and humility, Sunday, March 17, after 5:30 p.m. Mass; and Drew Snyder, Christ the King evangelization director, speaking on discipleship and evangelization, Monday, March 18, after 5:30 p.m. Mass.

Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare – “What Does It Mean to Respect Life?” with Jerry Freewalt, diocesan social concerns director, Monday, March 11, 7 p.m., Hendricks Hall. Soup suppers, followed by Stations, Tuesdays, March 12 to April 9, 6 p.m., Hendricks Hall. Taize prayer service, Thursday, April 11, 6:30 p.m. Vespers service, Sunday, April 14, 5 p.m. Easter food blessing, Saturday, April 20, 2 p.m. in chapel, followed at 2:30 by Easter egg hunt on parish green.

Granville St. Edward – Soup suppers, Tuesdays, March 12 to April 9, 6 p.m. Topics: March 12, “Gap Management – Addressing the Growing chasm Between Rich and Poor,” Erin Cordle, diocesan social concerns office; March 19, “Accompanying Returning Citizens with Hope,” Wendy Tarr, Vincentian Ohio Action Network; March 26, “Open Wide Our Hearts – A Pastoral Letter Against Racism,” Pam Harris, diocesan Catholic ethnic ministries director; April 2, “The Catholic Church – Home of Immigrants from All Over the World,” Alma Ciriello, diocesan Catholic ethnic ministries office; April 9, “Care for God’s Creation – Make the World Better Than You Found It,” Jerry Freewalt, diocesan social concerns director.

Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help – Parish mission presented by Catholic author Rose Sweet, with theme “Adventure Into the Interior Life: Uncovering the Secrets of Saints

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and Mystics,” Monday to Wednesday, March 11 to 13, 7 to 9 p.m.

Lancaster St. Mark – *Lectio Divina* Scripture study, Sundays, March 10 to 31 and April 14, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., St. Raymond Room. Soup and Psalms, Wednesdays, March 13 to April 17, after 6 p.m. Mass, St. Raymond Room. *Come Touch the Robe* Easter cantata, Sunday, April 14, 7 p.m.

Marion St. Mary – “The Seven Sorrows of Our Lady in Reparation for the Seven Deadly Sins” with the Sisters of Reparation to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Sunday, March 17, 3 p.m. “Angels 101” with Deacon Todd Tucky, Tuesday, April 9, 7 p.m., Moira Hall. “Participating in a Greater Love” with Andrea Pannell, diocesan development director, Thursday, April 11, 7 p.m., Moira Hall. Living Stations with St. Mary School and PSR students, Friday, April 12, 5:30 p.m.

New Albany Church of the Resurrection – 33 hours of Eucharistic Adoration in honor of Jesus’ 33 years on Earth, Thursday and Friday, March 7/8, 14/15, 21/22 and 28/29 and April 4/5 and 11/12, from end of Thursday 9 a.m. Mass to 6:30 p.m. Friday, res-

ervation chapel. Evening of Scripture and sacred music reflecting on the Seven Sorrows of Mary, Friday, March 15, 7 to 8 p.m. “Find Your Greatness” seminar with Dr. Allen Hunt, Saturday, March 16, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost \$25.

Pickerington St. Elizabeth Seton – Msgr. Robert Barron’s *Pivotal Players* video series, Mondays from 7 to 8:45 p.m. Subjects: March 11, St. Augustine; March 25, St. Benedict; April 1, St. Catherine of Siena; April 8, St. Francis of Assisi. Parish mission presented by Judith Dunlap, with theme “Beyond the Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity,” Sunday to Tuesday, March 17 to 19, preceded Sunday by soup supper in Herrmann Hall at 6 and followed Tuesday by a penance service. *Paul, Apostle of Christ* film starring Jim Caviezel, Saturday, April 13, 6:30 p.m.

Portsmouth area Catholic churches – Solemn Vespers and simple supper, Sundays, March 10 and April 7 at Portsmouth Holy Redeemer, March 17 at New Boston St. Monica, March 24 at Wheelersburg St. Peter in Chains and March 31 at Portsmouth St. Mary, all at 4 p.m. Year of the Family dinner, Sunday, March 31, 6:30 p.m., St. Mary. Living Stations, Sunday, April

14, 5:30 p.m., St. Monica. Walking Stations, Friday, April 19, 6 p.m., from St. Mary to Holy Redeemer.

Reynoldsburg St. Pius X – “What Are You Doing for Lent?” day of prayer and reflection, Saturday, March 9, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., parish family center. Anointing of the Sick, Saturday, March 16, 5 p.m. Mass and Sunday, March 17, 8:30 a.m. Mass. Parish mission presented by Father Thomas Blau, OP, with theme “Why Is There Still Suffering?”, Sunday to Tuesday, March 24 to 26, 7 p.m. Living Stations, Sunday, April 14, 6 p.m. Tenebrae service, Wednesday, April 17, 7:30 p.m. Blessing of Easter food baskets, Saturday, April 20, 1 p.m.

St. Therese’s Retreat Center, Columbus – Columbus Catholic Renewal retreat presented by Deacon Darrell Wentworth of the Diocese of Richmond, Virginia, with theme “Moving Into the Current of Grace,” Friday to Sunday, March 15 to 17. “Come to the Quiet” midweek retreat presented by staff member Katie Ryzenga, Tuesday and Wednesday, March 19 and 20, 10 a.m. Tuesday to 10 a.m. Wednesday. Cost \$90. Diocesan Council of Catholic Women silent retreat for men presented by Father T.J. Lehigh, parochial vicar, Columbus St. Andrew Church, with theme “Interior Peace,” Friday to Sunday, April 5 to 7. Cost \$150. Catholic Laymen’s Retreat League silent retreat for women presented by Father Peter Totleben, OP, with theme “Who Do You Think You Are? Finding Your Identity in Christ,” Friday to Sunday, April 12 to 14. Cost \$160.

Sunbury St. John Neumann – Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour, Friday, March 8, 7:30 p.m. Evening Prayer led by Deacon Carl Calcara, Mondays, March 11 to April 15, 6:30 p.m., Adoration chapel. Parish mission present-

ed by Father Thomas Blau, OP, with theme “Patterns of Spiritual Maturity,” Sunday to Tuesday, March 17 to 19, 7 to 9 p.m. Living Stations presented by high school youth, Friday, April 5, 6:45 to 7:30 p.m. Adults Seeking Knowledge question-answer session with Father Paul Noble, pastor, and parish adult faith formation director Paul Stokell, Thursday, April 11, 7 p.m. Simultaneous indoor and outdoor Stations, Friday, April 19, 3 p.m.

Washington Court House St. Colman of Cloyne – Evening Prayer and Vespers, Sunday, March 31, 3 p.m.

West Jefferson Sts. Simon & Jude – Rosary in parish Mary Garden, followed by simple supper with Deacon Joe and Amy Knapke speaking on their pilgrimage to the Holy Land, Thursday, March 14, 6 p.m. Mass for the Solemnity of St. Joseph, followed by simple supper and video on the Shroud of Turin with Dr. Wayne Phillips, Tuesday, March 19, 6 p.m.

Worthington St. Michael – Talks on *Lumen gentium*, the Second Vatican Council’s Constitution on the Church, with Deacon John Crerand, Thursdays, March 7, 14 and 21, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Parish mission presented by Father Anthony Dinovo, pastor, and staff members, with theme “Our Faith, Our Mission,” Monday to Wednesday, April 1 to 3, followed by Adoration and confessions Monday, Mass Tuesday and parish social Wednesday.

Zanesville St. Nicholas – Parish mission presented by EWTN radio and television host Dr. Ray Guarendi, Monday and Tuesday, March 18 and 19, 7 p.m. Topics: March 18, “Standing Strong As a Parent or Grandparent”; March 19, “The Logic of Being Catholic.”

Zanesville St. Thomas Aquinas – Tenebrae service, Sunday, April 14, 5 p.m.

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Eucharistic Adoration at parishes throughout the diocese

The following is an updated list of parishes in the diocese where Eucharistic adoration or exposition takes place on a regular basis. It includes seasonal information for Lent. Anyone with additions or corrections to this list may contact Tim Puet at *The Catholic Times*.

Ada Our Lady of Lourdes – Exposition: First Fridays, 10 a.m. to noon.

Buckeye Lake Our Lady of Mount Carmel – Exposition: Sundays of Lent, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Cardington Sacred Hearts – Exposition: First Saturdays, after 8:45 a.m. Mass until Benediction at 3:15 p.m.

Chillicothe St. Peter – Adoration: Tuesdays through Thursdays, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. in Infant of Prague Adoration Chapel inside convent (Also 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. through code access, except on April 18 and 19).

Circleville St. Joseph – Adoration, First Sundays, 2 to 3 p.m.

Columbus Christ the King – Exposition: Fridays (except April 19), 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Columbus Holy Cross – Exposition: Tuesdays, 5 to 6 p.m., followed by Mass; First Fridays, from end of 7:30 p.m. Mass to 11:30 p.m. Eucharistic vigil begins with Mass, followed by communal prayers, confession, litanies, Rosaries, hymns and quiet time between prayers, concluding with Benediction at 11.

Columbus Holy Family – Exposition: Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to 9:45 p.m.; Thursdays (except April 18 and 19), 10 a.m. continuous to 11:30 a.m. Friday, ending with Benediction; first Fridays, 8 p.m. Friday to 9 a.m. Saturday. Contact church for details concerning entry.

Columbus Holy Name – Exposition: Thursdays (except April 18), 6 p.m., featuring prayers in the Cenacle format of the Marian Movement of Priests; Fridays (except April 19), 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., Holy Hour and Benediction, followed by Mass. Adoration: Saturdays (except April 20) following 8:30 a.m. Mass.

Columbus Immaculate Conception – Exposition: 24 hours, seven days a week, except during the Sacred Triduum, in the children's center (former convent). Press rear entry buzzer.

Columbus Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal – Exposition: First Friday, from end of 9 a.m. Mass through Holy Hour at 6 p.m.

Columbus Our Lady of Peace – Exposition, Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 6:45 p.m.

Columbus Our Lady of Victory – Exposition: First Monday, 7 to 8 a.m.; First Friday, from 8 p.m. Friday to start of 8 a.m. Saturday Mass.

Columbus St. Agnes – Exposition: First Sunday, 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Columbus St. Andrew – Exposition: Daily, 7 to 8:15 a.m. in chapel, except



during the Sacred Triduum; Tuesdays, 6 to 9 p.m. in church, concluding with Compline and Benediction.

Columbus St. Anthony – Exposition: First Fridays, from end of 9 a.m. Mass to noon.

Columbus St. Catharine – Exposition: 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, with confession at 6:30 p.m., closing with Benediction; First Friday, after 8 a.m. Mass to 9:30 a.m.

Columbus St. Cecilia – Exposition: First Fridays, 9 a.m. Friday to 4 p.m. Saturday.

Columbus St. Elizabeth – Adoration: Tuesdays, 5 to 6 p.m.

Columbus St. Francis of Assisi – Eucharistic Holy Hour: second Tuesday of the month, following 6 p.m. Mass.

Columbus St. James the Less – Exposition: First Mondays, 6 to 7 p.m., ministry center.

Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral – Holy Hour with Adoration and confes-

sion: Wednesdays, following 5:15 p.m. Mass; Thursdays, 10:45 to 11:45 a.m.

Columbus St. Ladislas – Adoration: First Fridays, 9 to 10 a.m. Holy Thursday adoration, April 18, 7:30 p.m. to midnight.

Columbus St. Margaret of Cortona – Exposition: Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., except during Lent, when hours will be 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., followed by Stations of the Cross, sung Vespers and Benediction. Holy Thursday adoration, from end of 7 p.m. Mass to 11 p.m.

Columbus St. Mary – Adoration: Tuesdays, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., Wednesdays, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., in St. Francis of Assisi Chapel of Burkley Building next to church. The church is closed for repairs resulting from a lightning strike in August 2016, and is expected to reopen on Palm Sunday.

Columbus St. Mary Magdalene – Exposition: Second Monday of the month, following 8:15 a.m. Mass in church; fourth Saturday of the month, 9 a.m. to noon in Bishop Campbell Hall.

Columbus St. Matthias – Exposition: First Fridays, 3 to 4:45 p.m.

Columbus St. Patrick – Adoration: Third and fourth Fridays of the month (except April 19), 8 p.m. Friday to 7 a.m. Saturday (church locked; call church office at (614) 224-9522 for access information). Exposition: 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. Fridays (except April 19).

Columbus St. Peter – Exposition: 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on the first Friday of the month and 9 to 10 a.m. all other Fridays (except April 19), in day chapel.

Columbus St. Stephen – Exposition: Wednesdays, 6 to 6:45 p.m. (Spanish), first Fridays, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. (bilingual), other Fridays (except April 19), 6 to 9 p.m. (Spanish), first Saturdays, 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. Sunday (Spanish).

Columbus St. Thomas – Adoration: Tuesdays, 9 to 10 a.m., Wednesdays, 7 to 8 p.m.

Columbus St. Timothy – Exposition: Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Coshocton Sacred Heart – Exposition: first Fridays, from end of 9 a.m. Mass to 12:15 p.m., concluding with Benediction.

Danville St. Luke – Exposition: Tuesdays, 8:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Wednesday, except when Danville schools are closed for inclement weather.

Delaware St. Mary – Exposition, Fridays (except April 19), after 8:15 a.m. Mass to 7 p.m.

Dover St. Joseph – Exposition: Thursdays, 9 to 10 a.m.

Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare – Exposition: First Fridays from end of 9 a.m. Mass to 5 p.m., in Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

Gahanna St. Matthew – Exposition: 24 hours, seven days a week, except during the Sacred Triduum, in basement adoration chapel. Open to the general public from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays and 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Holy Hour for the reparation, purification and sanctification of the Church, fourth Friday of the month, 7 to 8 p.m.

Granville St. Edward – Exposition: 9:30 a.m. Monday to 9 a.m. Tuesday.

Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help – Exposition: First Fridays, from end of 8:30 a.m. Mass to 8:30 a.m. Saturday.

Groveport St. Mary – Exposition: First Fridays, 9 a.m. to noon, ending with Benediction.

Heath St. Leonard – Adoration: First Fridays, from after 9 a.m. Mass to 2:30 p.m., concluding with Benediction.

Hilliard St. Brendan – Adoration: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday (except during the Sacred Triduum), 8:45 to 10 a.m. (Reconciliation available); Wednesday, 7:30 to 8 a.m. (no Reconciliation), 6 to 7 p.m. (Holy Hour with Reconciliation and Benediction).

Jackson Holy Trinity – Exposition: First Fridays, 11 a.m. to noon.

Kenton Immaculate Conception – Exposition: First Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., closing with Benediction.

Lancaster St. Bernadette – Exposition: Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Lancaster St. Mark – Exposition: Mondays, 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Tues-

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days, 8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Logan St. John – Exposition: First Fridays, 8:30 a.m. Friday to 9 a.m. Saturday, in adoration chapel.

London St. Patrick – Exposition: Thursdays, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.; first Fridays, 8:30 a.m. to Benediction at noon.

Marion St. Mary – Exposition: Tuesdays, 5 to 6 p.m.; First Fridays, 4 to 7 p.m.

Marysville Our Lady of Lourdes – Exposition: Second Friday of the month, from after 5:15 p.m. Mass Friday to Benediction at 10 a.m. Saturday.

Mount Vernon St. Vincent de Paul – Exposition: 5 p.m. Thursday to 5 p.m. Friday (except April 18 and 19), followed by Mass and Benediction.

New Albany Church of the Resurrection – Exposition: Each Thursday during Lent for 33 consecutive hours, from end of 9 a.m. Mass to 6:30 p.m. Thursday. Dates: March 7-8, 14-15, 21-22 and 28-29, April 4-5 and 11-12, in Reservation Chapel. Third Sunday of the month, from end of 11 a.m. Mass to 4 p.m., in chapel. Exceptions for 2019 to the third Sunday date will

be Divine Mercy Sunday, April 28 and Corpus Christi Sunday, June 23.

New Boston St. Monica – Adoration: Fridays (except April 19), 5 to 6 p.m.

New Lexington St. Rose – Exposition: 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. Wednesdays, concluding with Benediction.

New Philadelphia Sacred Heart – Exposition: 9 a.m. Tuesday to 5:15 p.m. Wednesday.

Newark Blessed Sacrament – Exposition: Noon to 8 p.m. Mondays, 5 to 6 p.m. Tuesdays, and 10 a.m. to midnight Wednesdays in church.

Newark St. Francis de Sales – Exposition: 7 to 10 p.m. Sunday, 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday to Thursday, 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and 5 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday (except during the Sacred Triduum) in day chapel behind sanctuary.

Pickerington St. Elizabeth Seton – Adoration: 24 hours, seven days a week, except when Mass is being celebrated and during the Sacred Triduum, in the church's Eucharistic Chapel.

Plain City St. Joseph – Exposition: 6 to 11 a.m. Monday through Thurs-

day, 6 to 8 a.m. Friday and 6 to 11 p.m. Monday through Friday, except during the Sacred Triduum.

Portsmouth St. Mary – Adoration: Fridays (except April 19), from end of noon Mass to Benediction at 5:30 p.m.

Powell St. Joan of Arc – Exposition: 9 a.m. Monday to 8 a.m. Friday, except during the Sacred Triduum.

Reynoldsburg St. Pius X – Adoration: 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, with Exposition, Holy Hour and Reconciliation from noon to 1 p.m.

Sunbury St. John Neumann – Exposition: 24 hours, seven days, except for weekend Mass times and the Sacred Triduum. Chapel is locked from 4 p.m. to 9 a.m. Sunday to Thursday and noon to midnight Friday. Saturday hours vary. If you wish to visit during those hours, contact Amy Davis at (614) 579-9874 or amymdavis@hotmail.com.

Washington Court House St. Colman of Cloyne – Adoration: First Tuesday, 6 to 8 p.m. from September to April and 4 to 6 p.m. from May to August.

Waverly St. Mary – Exposition: First Wednesday, from end of 5:30 p.m. Mass to Benediction at 7 p.m.

West Jefferson Sts. Simon & Jude – Adoration, Fridays of Lent, approximately 7:30 p.m., after Stations of the Cross.

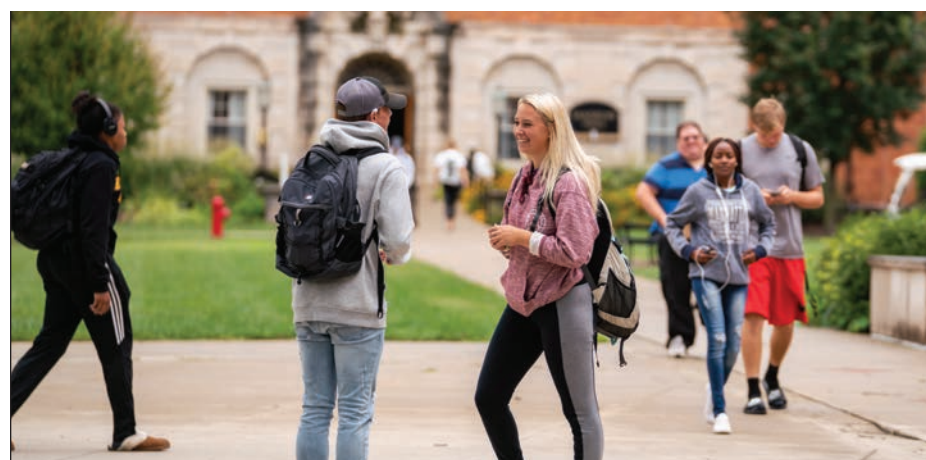
Westerville St. Paul – Exposition: Thursdays, March 7 to April 11, from after 8:30 a.m. Mass until Benediction at 6:45 p.m.; Holy Hour: Thursdays, 6 to 7 p.m. the rest of the year.

Worthington St. Michael – Exposition: 24 hours, seven days a week, except during daily and weekend Masses and during the Sacred Triduum, in the church's Adoration Chapel.

Zaleski St. Sylvester – Exposition: First Wednesday, from end of 5:30 p.m. Mass to Benediction at 7 p.m.

Zanesville St. Nicholas – Exposition: First Fridays, 8 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.

Zanesville St. Thomas Aquinas – Exposition: Wednesdays, after noon Mass until Benediction at 7 p.m. Benediction will be at 9 p.m. after April 26.



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Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble



Father
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Deuteronomy 26:4-10
Psalms 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15
Romans 10:8-13
Luke 4:1-13

Lent is about forming a community open to the gift of salvation. The readings of the Sundays of Lent build an understanding of how to cooperate with grace to that end. This week, we are reminded that *temptations* come our way, just as they did for Jesus as He was led by the Spirit into the desert after His baptism at the Jordan by John.

There are temptations caused by basic human needs, hunger and thirst, by the desire for power and control, and by longing for glory for the self. These temptations have been with us from the dawn of time. Each age responds to them in its own way.

- We all have needs and desires. The world today says to feed them any way we can. Jesus reminds us that we live on more than what this world provides.
- We want to have authority and self-determination regarding the world around us. Jesus reminds us that God alone has such authority; we are to serve God's will.
- We long for a fulfillment that gives us acclaim and recognition – a lasting name. Jesus reminds us that we are not to put God to the test, but to await His promises.

Temptations come and go. They are a constant factor to life's end.

Lent is a time to be formed as a community that knows how to respond to the world as it is, in hope of what it is to become in Jesus Christ.

Moses delivers his final homily in the plains of Moab and begins to teach the people how to worship: gather. Give to the priest the offerings that have been prepared. Bow down in God's presence. In the season of Lent,

the Church continues to recommend to us practices that teach us how to move beyond ourselves in an attitude of worship that flows into life itself.

Prayer – Real times of encounter with God as the living One who is ever with us. “*Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble*” is part of this. Be with me, Lord, and teach me to be with you in every part of my life.

Fasting – Emptying our persons and our hearts to receive. When we give God open hands and hearts, He fills them. Jesus came out of the desert and began His public ministry after 30 years of waiting. Within three years, He accomplished the salvation of the world. Our fasting and abstinence is more than a health practice. It is for the salvation of our world.

Almsgiving – Concrete acts of Charity are the best way to be sure we are not caught by our possessions. Can we give until it hurts and stretch a little more? Our time, our talents, our treasures are given for both time and eternity.

Who are we as a people? We are a community open to the gift of salvation. We are disciples of Jesus Christ, aware that we are together on a journey of faith, and we acknowledge our responsibility to share our resources – material and spiritual – with others along the way.

Our temptation is to listen to the counter-voices of this world, those who deny Jesus as our savior and our God as a loving father – those who would set up an earthly kingdom. Our temptation is to misread the signs of the times and to give up on the Church in reaction to the failures of her members. Instead, we must discover that we all fail to be *who we are* when we do not allow faith to shape our response to all that happens.

Jesus shows us the way:

- Renounce Satan and his ways and put God first in our lives.
- Realize that we do not live on bread alone; that we are called to adore God alone; and that we are not to put God to the test.

That's who we are and what we stand for. So – let's do it!

Father Timothy M. Hayes is pastor of Columbus St. Timothy Church.

THE WEEKDAY BIBLE READINGS

MONDAY
Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18
Psalm 19:8-10, 15
Matthew 25:31-46

TUESDAY
Isaiah 55:10-11
Psalm 34:4-7, 16-19
Matthew 6:7-15

WEDNESDAY
Jonah 3:1-10
Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19
Luke 11:29-32

THURSDAY
Esther C: 12, 14-16, 23-25
Psalm 138:1-3, 7c-8
Matthew 7:7-12

FRIDAY
Ezekiel 18:21-28
Psalm 130:1-8
Matthew 5:20-26

SATURDAY
Deuteronomy 26:16-19
Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8
Matthew 5:43-48

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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 EWTV (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 EWTV 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, Liturgy of the Hours.



Living 'I Do' – Weekly Marriage Tips

Phone time consumes more of our attention than we realize, so it is easy to spend more time with a device than with the person we vowed to love till death! If this is a struggle for you and your spouse, set a time when technology is put down for the night, or have some rooms where using the phone is off limits. This will create space for love to grow between you.

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PRAYER TO THE VIRGIN (Never known to fail)

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

Cardinal Pell's unjust conviction strikingly similar to famous French case

In December 1894, Capt. Alfred Dreyfus of the French Army was convicted of treason on the grounds that he had given military secrets to France's mortal enemy, Germany. The charge was false; Dreyfus, a Jew, was framed. His trial was surrounded by mass hysteria, and people with no grasp of the facts celebrated when Dreyfus was condemned to life imprisonment on Devil's Island in French Guiana, the horrors of which were vividly captured in the film *Papillon*.

The Dreyfus Affair roiled French politics for the better part of a generation, pitting "Dreyfusards" (mainly secularist and republican) against anti-Dreyfusards (primarily royalist and Catholic). The stench of anti-Semitism hung over it all; one Catholic who refused to succumb to that ancient psychosis was Pope Leo XIII, who told the editor of the Paris newspaper *Le Figaro* that Dreyfus' suffering reminded him of Calvary. In 1906, the Dreyfusards saw their man vindicated, but the wounds in French society caused by the Dreyfus Affair



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remained open and festering long after Dreyfus returned to the army and served honorably in World War I.

The conviction of Cardinal George Pell in December 2018 on charges of "historic sexual abuse" is this generation's Dreyfus Affair.

Ever since those charges were laid a year and a half ago, an atmosphere of public hysteria, fueled by secularist anti-Catholicism, has surrounded the case. That hysteria was intensified by the global Catholic sex abuse crisis, despite the fact that Cardinal Pell had been the leading Australian bishop fighting sex abuse. It is inconceivable that this Dreyfus-like public atmosphere did not have a distorting effect on Cardinal Pell's two trials. Though the trials were held under an Australian media blackout, irrationality and venom, stoked by media bias, had already done their work.

The cardinal's first trial last fall ended in a hung jury that voted 10-2 for acquittal (the jury foreman wept on reporting the deadlock). The second trial, amazingly, ended

with a 12-0 verdict for conviction even though the accuser's charges were never corroborated by anyone; even though police incompetence in investigating the alleged scene of the crime was fully demonstrated; and even though the cardinal's defense showed that 10 implausible things would have needed to occur simultaneously, within a carefully controlled space of Melbourne's St. Mary's Cathedral, for the charges to be true.

There are obvious dissimilarities between the Dreyfus and Pell cases: Dreyfus was defended by secular people, while the attacks on George Pell over the past quarter-century have come, in the main, from aggressive secularists. The unhinged loathing of French royalists and anti-Semites for the Jewish bogeyman Alfred Dreyfus is, however, ominously similar to the unhinged loathing of secular progressives for the bogeyman George Pell. Dreyfus embodied the fears and hatreds of royalist Frenchmen still fighting against the French Revolution; Cardinal Pell embodies what the cultural and political left in Australia fears and hates: Christian doctrinal and moral orthodoxy, including the robust defense of the right to life from conception until natural death and a commitment to marriage rightly

understood. Further, Pell compounded his offenses in the eyes of his enemies by relishing public debates in which he challenged the shibboleths of the politically correct on everything from climate change to the New Atheism.

To the anti-Dreyfusards, Capt. Alfred Dreyfus had no business in the French Army and was unfit to participate in a properly ordered French society, so he had to be destroyed. According to those who created a rancid public atmosphere in Australia, in which a 10-2 verdict for acquittal could be flipped to a unanimous verdict for conviction on uncorroborated and unproven charges, Cardinal George Pell must be destroyed so that Australia's revolution of lifestyle libertinism and political progressivism can proceed unimpeded.

Cardinal Pell is now in jail awaiting sentencing, after which he will appeal his unwarranted and unjust conviction. Anyone who cares about justice, be they religious or not, must hope that the appellate panel of judges concludes that Pell's conviction was what Australian law calls an "unsafe verdict" – one the jury could not rationally have reached on the evidence. Yet even if justice is done and Cardinal Pell is freed, Australia and the rest of the West are going to have to think long and hard about how this travesty could have happened – just as France did after the Dreyfus Affair.

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BADGELEY, Robert J., 92, March 3
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church,
Grove City

**BOYER, Air Force Master Sgt. (Ret.)
Brian L., 51, Feb. 24**
Holy Spirit Church, Columbus

BURNS, Mary C. (Ferguson), 92, March 2
Corpus Christi Church, Columbus

BUSCH, Jeanne (Slack), Feb. 25
St. Mary Church, Delaware

CALLAHAN, Fred B., 87, Feb. 14
St. Joseph Church, Somerset

DAVIDSON, Donald A., 85, Feb. 24
St. Timothy Church, Columbus

DOWNEY, Lewis F. Jr., 86, March 3
Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal
Church, Columbus

FREDERICK, Iris A. (Roca), 84, March 2
St. Anthony Church, Columbus

GARDNER, Patricia L. (Core), 90, Feb. 26
St. Philip Church, Columbus

HALLERAN, James H., 72, Feb. 18
St. Ladislav Church, Columbus

HANSEN, Ann N., 91, Feb. 28
Holy Family Church, Columbus

HILL, John E. "Ed," 94, March 3
St. Bernadette Church, Lancaster

JEANY, Patrick J., 68, Feb. 23
Our Lady of Victory Church, Columbus

**KENNEDY, Ruth M. (Mahoney), 94,
March 1**
St. Aloysius Church, Columbus

McCONNELL, Roger, 79, Feb. 27
St. Joseph Church, Circleville

**MULLEN, Geraldine "Jerry" (Kleinline),
97, Feb. 26**
St. Mary Church, Groveport

**NICOLOSI, Phyllis A. (Rakes), 76,
March 2**
St. Mary Church, Marion

SNIDER, Robert J., 77, Feb. 24
St. Colman of Cloyne Church, Washing-
ton Court House

SNYDER, Kelly C., 50, March 1
St. Patrick Church, London

**SUGDEN, Patricia A. (Kammerer), 85,
Feb. 24**
St. Michael Church, Worthington

**TIMMONS, Theresa (Nentwich), 61,
March 2**
St. Brendan Church, Hilliard

**UHL, Elizabeth "Betty" (Fisher), 93,
Feb. 25**
St. Mary Church, Lancaster

VENTRESCA, Nicolai, 91, Feb. 28
St. Paul Church, Westerville

Sister Julie O'Stroske, OSF

Funeral Mass for Sister Julie O'Stroske, OSF, 89, who died on Thursday, Feb. 28, was celebrated on Monday, March 4 in the chapel of the Sisters of St. Francis of Penance and Christian Charity at Stella Niagara, New York. Burial was in the sisters' cemetery.

She was born Virginia O'Stroske in Columbus on Oct. 1, 1929 to Martin and Mary Ann (Walsh) O'Stroske.

She was a 1948 graduate of Columbus Sacred Heart High School and received a bachelor of science degree in education from Rosary Hill College (now Daemen College) in Amherst, New York, in 1967. She also received a certificate in nursing home administration from the Ohio Board of Examiners in 1989 and completed nurse's aide training at the Fairfield Career Center in Carroll in 1991.

She entered the Stella Niagara Franciscan order on Sept. 5, 1950 and professed her first vows on Aug. 18, 1953 and her final vows on the same

date three years later.

In the Diocese of Columbus, she served as a teacher at New Lexington St. Rose School (1953-57 and 1971-73), principal at Columbus St. Matthias School (1973-79), in parish ministry at Delaware St. Mary Church (1979-87), and as a home health care aide for the Central Ohio Nursing Service in Worthington (1990-91). She provided pastoral care at Sunbury St. John Neumann Church in 2000 and 2001, then retired and continued to volunteer at the church until moving to Stella Niagara in 2014. She became a resident of the Stella Niagara Health Center in the month before her death.

She also was a teacher at schools in New York and West Virginia and a home health care aide in Akron.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Martin and John; and sister, Rita. She is survived by a niece and a cousin.

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mission would undoubtedly be difficult, but the challenges that lay ahead were no reason to say "No."

During World Youth Day, Pope Francis asked young people if they see themselves as bearers of a promise, if they are ready to commit themselves, to stake everything they have on Christ, like Mary did. This week

as we reflect on Simeon's prophecy to Mary in the Temple, let's ask her for the grace to always say "Yes" to God, no matter what. And let's ask this grace for young people in the Church.

Sister Constance Veit, LSP, is director of communications for the Little Sisters of the Poor.

Strengthening your grandchild's faith is aim of book

By Doug Bean
Catholic Times Editor

Catholic convert, speaker and author Allen Hunt was asked the same question so often at talks throughout the country that it finally dawned on him to write a book offering answers.

The question goes something like this: "I'm concerned about my children and grandchildren because they're not living the faith or going to church any more. What can I do?"

Sound familiar?

"Without fail, in every setting, there is always at least one person that comes up and says, 'I'm a grandparent. I'm kind of worried about my grandkids, in particular about them getting the faith.' After hearing that question and hearing that concern and anxiety so often, I began to realize there's a pattern here."

Hunt, a former Protestant minister who came into the Catholic Church in 2008, wrote *Dreams for Your Grandchild: The Hidden Power of a Catholic Grandparent* to address an issue on the minds of grandmothers and grandfathers everywhere. The book, which was published in December, quickly became a top seller in several categories on Amazon and sells out at his speaking engagements.

"I was a little surprised by that," he said. "I think the need and yearning and desire is far greater than I realized, even though I heard that message so many times. It really has struck a chord greater than I expected."

Hunt, who is a senior adviser for the Cincinnati-based Dynamic Catholic institute founded by Matthew Kelly, is to speak on Saturday, March 16 at New Albany Church of the Resurrection as part of its "Find Your Greatness" program. Grandparenting isn't the focus of his presentation, but there's a good chance the topic will come up.

Hunt also speaks from experience, having become a grandparent for the first time three years ago. He and his wife have four grandsons.

"It's a transformational moment that really does change you," he said. "You begin to realize this is a different season in our lives. This is a vocation from God. God gives you this vocation as a grandparent if you're willing to embrace it, to play this unique role.

"I began to pray about and reflect over this question that people had been asking me. The combination of those, the consistency of that question and the transformational moment of becoming grandparents ourselves led to the book."

As Hunt began research for the book, he discovered the significant role that grandparents have in the lives of children and grandchildren.

"I try to make people understand that God has given you this vocation, and that angst or discomfort you're feeling is God stirring something in



Allen Hunt will speak at the Church of the Resurrection on March 16.

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you," he said. "It's an opportunity ... so that pain you're feeling is a nudging from God. That's a good thing.

Dreams for Your Grandchild provides seven practical steps with a chapter devoted to each.

"It's a very practical book" that is designed to help grandparents pass on the beauty and genius of Catholicism, Hunt said.

"Praying the rosary, adoration, first communion – those hallmark moments that will be constant across Catholics of all generations regardless of geography or time – to really build on those and make those meaningful moments."

Cultural shifts have changed the landscape and created more challenges for grandparents, who remain second only to parents in importance as

faith influencers.

Families have grown increasingly scattered, more children are growing up in homes without two parents, and religion often is seen as not cool.

"Being Catholic is probably going to mean you're swimming upstream," Hunt said. "It's not as comfortable of an environment and conducive to the faith. The kids are growing up in a culture that discourages faith. Grandparents want to be encouraging faith.

"You've got to find ways not to wash your hands of the culture, but know how to operate within the culture to

when the parents are not frequenting the sacraments – makes a powerful impression, Hunt emphasized.

Grandchildren should see that "faith is an integrated part of your life, so when they get to be 20 years old and they look back and they say, 'Every time I was around grandma or grandpa, this was really important to them,' it's really deeply embedded in your grandkid. What you did, you practiced, and they caught it.

"Faith is caught more than taught. Passing on the faith is not one or two big conversations. It's just those slow interactions over the course of the years where they just slowly but surely catch it."

Hunt also recommends highly personal religious gifts, such as passing on an item from generation to generation, or a special picture of a significant moment at a wedding or baptism that is "treasured for the rest of their lives and has long-term impact."

For anyone who is discouraged and sees no hope, Hunt offers a simple reminder: "Patience is your friend.

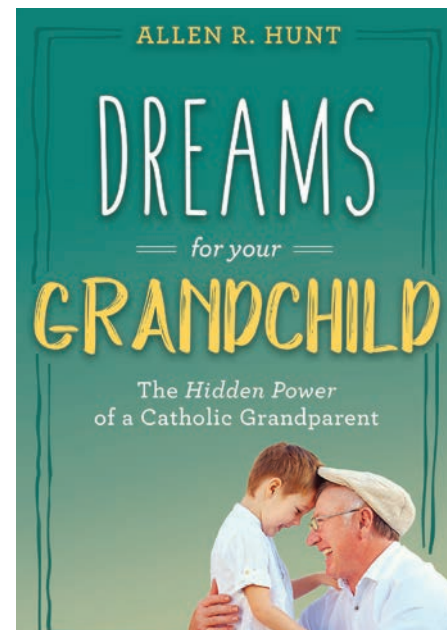
"Do not underestimate the power of prayer," he said. "Consistently, day in and day out, be praying by name for each of your grandkids, even if they've wandered so far afoot that it seems like they can never come back. Continue to saturate their lives in prayer.

"Secondly, one of the real gifts we have that has fallen out of favor is the gift of the handwritten note. A card or a letter that occasionally shows up in in their mailbox and you're expressing your love, sharing a few thoughts, saying, 'I'm praying for you,' maybe writing in a favorite scripture verse or a saint quote, those have enormous power.

"Regardless of your circumstances, whether it's geographical distance or broken or strained relationships within your family, there are still fruitful ways to communicate and pass on the faith. Don't give up hope."

Tickets for Hunt's talk are \$25 each and available through the parish website, www.cotrna.org. Doors open at 8 a.m. and the program runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Dreams for Your Grandchild can be purchased through Amazon, Dynamic Catholic's website and local Catholic gift shops.



Collection for Black and Indian evangelization

By Leandro (Lany) M. Tapay
Director, Diocesan Missions Office

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has designated one weekend each year for a second collection to be taken at all Masses to help evangelization programs in Black and Indian communities in the United States.

In the Diocese of Columbus, the collection will take place on Saturday and Sunday, March 9 and 10. Please be generous.

In 2018, the diocese received a \$25,000 grant from the USCCB for programs in Black communities.

Responding to needs in the first half of the 20th century, St. Katharine Drexel devoted her life and her inheritance to provide education for disadvantaged children in Native American and African American communities.

She took to heart what Jesus said about storing treasures that could not rot and that moths could not destroy.

St. Katharine Drexel was born in Pennsylvania in 1858. In 1891, she left behind her life as a wealthy woman to become a religious sister. She subsequently founded the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament. She died in 1955 at age 96. Pope St. John Paul II canonized her in 2000.

Her father was a business partner of financier J.P. Morgan. Her mother died a month after her birth. In 1860, her father married again.

Her parents were philanthropists. After the deaths of her stepmother in 1883 and her father in 1885, she used her inheritance to help Native Americans and African Americans across the United States.

Drexel grew up as an heiress in Philadelphia. She was home-schooled. Through her travels around the United States, she became aware of the difficult circumstances Native American and African American children faced across the nation.

The need she saw touched her heart, and she began to support several schools, including those in Indian reservation areas.

During a trip to Europe in 1887, she met Pope Leo XIII. She asked him to recommend a religious order that could send missionaries to the schools she helped to fund. The pope suggested that she undertake the missionary

work herself.

Drexel agreed to the suggestion. In 1889, she entered religious life as a novice of the Sisters of Mercy in Pittsburgh.

She took her final vows in 1891. Afterward, with the help of a few other sisters, she founded the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament.

Drexel and 15 other sisters set up a school for Native Americans in Santa Fe, New Mexico. In 1894, she established other schools throughout the Southwest, including those on the reservations.

Drexel's order also established many schools for African American children. She founded a high school for African Americans in New Orleans in 1909.

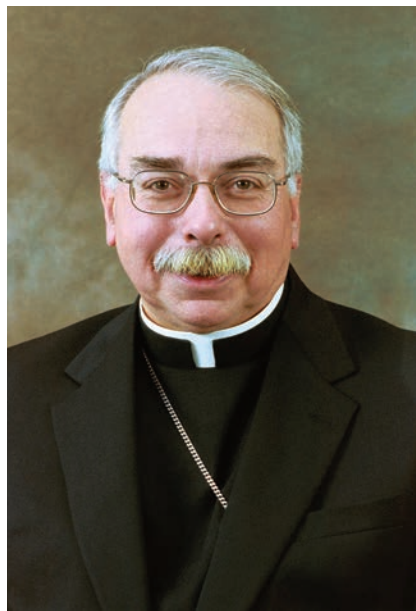
Ten years later, the school became Xavier University, with predominantly African American students.

Drexel suffered a heart attack in 1935. Two years later, she gave up leadership of the order. She died on March 3, 1955.

During her lifetime, she had given approximately \$20 million to fund her schools.

At the time of her death, the order had 500 members, 145 mission centers and 49 elementary schools. Today, her mission of providing education for Black and Indian children continues.

St. Katharine Drexel, pray for us.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I would like to thank you for your help in promoting the Black and Indian missions collection in your parish on the weekend of Saturday and Sunday, March 9 and 10.

Since 1884, proceeds from the collection have been distributed as grants to dioceses supporting and strengthening evangelization programs, which would otherwise be in danger of disappearing among the Black, American Indian, Eskimo and Aleut communities of the United States. For 2018, the Dio-

cese of Columbus received a grant for \$25,000 to support the evangelization programs of our Black ministries.

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Thank you for inviting your fellow parishioners to join me in the missionary work of the Church as the national Black and Indian collection is conducted throughout the Columbus diocese. Through our prayers and generosity, we share in spreading Christ's Gospel message in Black and Native American communities across the nation.

Together, let us truly be missionaries through our sacrifice and the love of Jesus Christ we share.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Frederick F. Campbell, DD, PhD
Apostolic Administrator
Diocese of Columbus

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The Catholic Foundation has awarded 122 responsive grants totaling more than \$1.18 million to 69 parishes, 23 schools and 30 ministries in the diocese.

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