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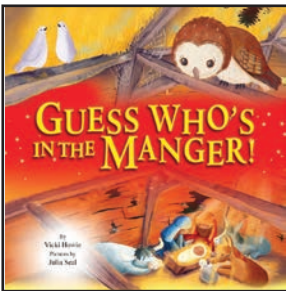
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Confraternity of Christian Mothers to offer women's day of recollection

A women's day of recollection sponsored by the parish Confraternity of Christian Mothers will take place from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7 at Columbus Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St.

The guest speaker will be Father Joseph Tuscan, OFM Cap, the confraternity's national director. Topics of discussion will be "The Scope and Future of Christian Mothers" and "Challenges Facing Marriage in Our Culture." A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. Free-will donations are accepted.

Those interested in attending are asked to RSVP by Sunday, Dec. 1 to Rita Martinez at (614) 562-6173 or ritamar202@yahoo.com.

Holy Family to host mission

Father Brian Mullady, OP, a Dominican priest from Portland, Oregon, will present a parish mission from Monday to Thursday, Dec. 9 to 12 at Columbus Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St.

The theme will be "Preparing Your Soul for the Coming of Christ: Grace and the Three Ages of the Spiritual Life." Topics for each night of the mission will be: Monday, Grace in the Soul; Tuesday, Spiritual Childhood; Wednesday, Spiritual Adolescence; and Thursday, Spiritual Maturity.

The talks will emphasize grace and growth in prayer as it is described by great spiritual authors such as St. Teresa of Avila, St. John of the Cross and St. Thomas Aquinas.

Bridgettines to offer wreath-making class

The Bridgettine Sisters, who are establishing a convent adjacent to Columbus Holy Family Church, are sponsoring a class on making Christmas wreaths. Class times will be 10 a.m. and 3 and 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14 in the convent. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed before the 3 p.m. session.

The \$20 class fee will go toward helping the sisters build a chapel in the convent. Fifteen places will be available for each class. Call (740) 248-9098 to sign up for a class. If you wish to help the sisters and cannot attend a class, donations may be sent to St. Birgitta Convent, 40 N. Grubb St., Columbus OH 43215.

Cathedral lessons and carols

The choir and brass of Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., will present their annual Advent lessons and carols program at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8.

It will include works by Mendelssohn, Britten and Howells, among others, and familiar carols sung by all, accompanied by the cathedral's renowned Fritts grand gallery organ.

Admission is a suggested \$10 donation at the door.

'Bethlehem Carol' at St. Joan of Arc

Powell St. Joan of Arc Church's annual Christmas play, *A Bethlehem Carol*, will be presented at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7 in the church, 10700

Liberty Road.

The presentation will feature about 60 children from Columbus, Dublin, Worthington, Powell and Delaware.

Choirs unite for Dover service

Members of six choirs will combine for an ecumenical service of lessons and carols at 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8 in Dover St. Joseph Church, 613 N. Tuscarawas Ave., with handbell prelude music beginning at 5:30.

Now in its ninth year, the service includes Scripture readings, choral and hymn responses and traditional Advent and Christmas music.

Participants will include the choir of Legacy Christian School and choirs from St. Joseph and New Philadelphia Sacred Heart churches and First Moravian Church, St. John's United Church of Christ and First United Methodist Church, all of Dover. The prelude music will be provided by the First Moravian Church bell choir.

Authors to speak at conversations series

Locally based Catholic authors Michele Faehnle and Emily Jaminet will speak on the topic "What Is Amazing Grace?" as part of the monthly Catholic Conversations series sponsored by Columbus St. Margaret of Cortona Church. The program will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8 at Otie's Tavern and Grill, 5344 Center St., Hilliard.

Faehnle and Jaminet are co-authors of the books *Divine Mercy for Moms*

and *The Friendship Project*, serve on the leadership team of the Columbus Catholic Women's Conference, have spoken at a number of large Catholic gatherings and have appeared on a number of Catholic radio programs.

The Catholic Conversations series takes place at a restaurant on the second Sunday of each month during the school year and has included faith-based discussion on topics ranging from Marian apparitions to immigration and good-conscience voting, with speakers whose positions are in accordance with Catholic teaching.

Those interested in participating in the Dec. 8 event are asked to register by going to www.eventbrite.com and searching for "What Is Amazing Grace?" or emailing Julie Naporano at julienaporano1@gmail.com.

Hartley presents 'Little Women'

Columbus Bishop Hartley High School's drama department will present *Little Women: The Musical* at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5 to Saturday, Dec. 7 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8 at the Columbus Performing Arts Center, 549 Franklin Ave.

Featured are Jenna Eramo as Meg, Emma Powell as Beth, Olivia Bobak as Marmee, Carly Christy as Amy and Greta Bedell as Jo.

To reserve tickets, send an email message to BishopHartleyTheatre@gmail.com. Limited tickets are avail-

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Holy Day of Obligation Monday, December 9, 2019

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OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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**ADVENT
ACTIVITIES**
Advent, which begins Sunday, Dec. 1, is a time for prayer and reflection. It's also a month filled with spiritual activities and charitable opportunities throughout the diocese. (iStock Photo)

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Bridgettine sisters plan to open hospitality house in Franklinton

By Tim Puet
Catholic Times Reporter

The Bridgettine Sisters, known worldwide for welcoming travelers, have come to Columbus in hopes of establishing the order's second American house of prayer and hospitality.

Three members of the congregation, formally known as the Order of the Most Holy Savior of St. Bridget, have established a convent at 40 N. Grubb St., near Columbus Holy Family Church in the city's Franklinton neighborhood. The convent served as a child-care center when it was built in the 1920s, later was a residence and has been transferred to the sisters.

Sisters from the order's guesthouse in Darien, Connecticut, arrived in Columbus on Oct. 24, 2018. Soon afterward, with the assistance of Columbus architect Chris Meyers, remodeling of the building housing the convent got underway.

A temporary chapel for Mass and Eucharistic Adoration has been set up, and renovation is being done on an atrium and a sun room that will be open to the public for religious and social activities when the work is completed, perhaps as soon as the end of December. Remodeling will cost about \$275,000 and the sisters have raised about \$175,000 to date.

Starting Monday, Dec. 2, the chapel will be open to the public for Adoration from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays and 9 a.m. to noon on other weekdays. A sister will always be in the chapel during those times. Local supporters of the Bridgettines have organized a Christmas wreath-making workshop with the sisters on Saturday, Dec. 14 at the convent, with ses-

sions at 10 a.m. and 3 and 6 p.m. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed at the start of the 3 p.m. workshop. A \$20 fee will go toward the renovation work. A maximum of 15 seats is available per session.

Once remodeling of the convent is complete, the sisters plan to build a permanent chapel on land between the convent and Holy Family Church which is now vacant. The cost to build the chapel is estimated at between \$750,000 and \$1 million. The chapel will be the center of the convent and the proposed house of prayer and hospitality. The fullness of the sisters' spirituality will be found in the chapel, where the Lord will be adored, reparation for sin will be offered and unity among Christians will be sought.

Construction of the house, which would cover most of the space on the vacant land, would follow completion of the chapel. Sister Floriana Villa, OSsS, said the sisters and Meyers are in the early stages of planning for the house and won't have an idea of its approximate cost until preliminary discussions with contractors take place.

Father Stash Dailey, pastor of Holy Family Church and diocesan vicar for religious, said the house would include 27 guest rooms and have space for a library, a refectory for the sisters, a kitchen and dining area for the guests, rest and prayer areas, and easy access to the chapel. The house in Darien, located on 10 acres on Long Island Sound, has similar amenities and has been open since 1957. It is one of 54 guesthouses operated by the Bridgettines in 19 nations, in locations including Rome, Bethlehem and Jerusalem.

Sister Floriana is from Mexico and served there for 10 years and at Darien for 13 years. She came to Columbus to open the convent in October, along with another sister who has returned to Rome. Sister Eunice Kulangarathottiyil, OSsS, a native of India, joined her four months ago. She has been a Bridgettine for 37 years and served in India, Rome, Sweden and Norway before coming to Darien 20 years ago. They were joined on Nov. 21 by Sister Nithya Ligori, OSsS, a Bridgettine for 21 years. She is from India and was stationed in her native country for a short time before going to Rome, where she spent 20 years. She was assigned to the order's community in Darien about eight months ago.

Father Dailey, who has helped five orders of sisters come to the diocese of Columbus in recent years, first learned of the Bridgettines 11 years ago when he was parochial vicar at Worthington St. Michael Church.

"At the time, I was doing many sick calls, especially at Riverside Methodist Hospital and the Ohio State University Medical Center," he said. "I learned that many people travel to Columbus to be with loved ones in the hospital and have no affordable place to stay if they need to be here for a long period.

"I had to go to Rome to do research on a sainthood cause, and Alice Heller, a St. Michael parishioner, suggested I stay with the Bridgettines at their Piazza Farnese guesthouse and motherhouse, where St. Bridget of Sweden, who founded the order, lived and died.

"During my stay, I learned about the foundress and about the Bridgettines' attentiveness to pilgrims and their dual charisms of hospitality and promoting unity among all Christians,"

Father Dailey said. "While praying in the Piazza Farnese chapel, I began to think about how wonderful it would be for people back home to have the sisters there to welcome them and provide them with a place to stay, so they wouldn't have to camp out in hospital waiting rooms.

"Eventually, I visited the sisters in Darien, and we began to pray and discern about having them come to Columbus. That led to (retired) Bishop (Frederick) Campbell inviting them to the diocese in 2017."

Sister Eunice described the Bridgettines as a "semi-cloistered" order. They spend most of their time in the convent, but go into the community for things such as grocery shopping and doctor visits and take part in church events such as the diocesan Catholic Women's Conference, the Marian Dinner for vocations and significant Masses celebrated by Bishop Robert Brennan at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral.

Their daily activities incorporate a simple monastic lifestyle including morning, midday, late afternoon and nighttime prayer periods; Eucharistic Adoration; Mass at 7:30 a.m. daily, celebrated on a rotating basis by various local priests; and house duties.

Bridgettines are immediately recognizable because of the "Bridgettine crown" – a circular strip of white cloth bisected by a cross, also white, worn atop their black veil. On the five joints of the cross are five red cloth spots representing the five wounds of Jesus. The gray color of their habits represents Jesus' act of reparation for the sins of mankind through His crucifixion. The crown and the gray color were part of

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Father Hahn to become diocesan vocations director in July

Father William Hahn has been appointed by Bishop Robert Brennan as vocations director for the Diocese of Columbus, succeeding Father Paul Noble, who will continue as pastor of Sunbury St. John Neumann Church. The change will take place in July after a period of transition to begin the new year. Father Hahn will live at the Pontifical College Josephinum. He has been pastor of Chillicothe St. Peter, Waverly St. Mary and Washington Court House St. Colman of Cloyn

churches.

"Father Noble will be able to focus his multiple God-given gifts and talents full time at his growing parish," Bishop Brennan said in a letter to diocesan priests. "Father Noble has served well the needs of the Diocese of Columbus and has fostered an incredible number of vocations during his 10 years as director of vocations. I am truly grateful – as all of us are, I am quite certain – for his dedicated service.

"Being a director of vocations requires a great deal of time and energy and is an incredibly rewarding position. And so I want to take this opportunity to say thank you, Father Noble, for your generosity, your charitable and giving heart, and your hard work as director of vocations over these many years, and doing so while serving as pastor of a very large and growing parish – something that very few can do, and you did it very well."

"Father Hahn I have come to know

as a man of God, a man of the Church, and one who has a heart of Christ," the bishop said. "Since its inception, Father Hahn has done very well in shepherding the people of God in a parish cluster centered at St. Peter's Parish in Chillicothe. I have great confidence in Father Hahn's abilities as he transitions into the full-time role of director of vocations, and pray for his success in working with priests,

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Thanks be to God!

FAITH IN ACTION

Mark Huddy

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by the power of the Holy Spirit through the Church and the sacraments. We can be thankful for our life, for the beauty and provision of the natural world, and for the ocean of God's mercy. There are myriad blessings that we have all received from God, not because of anything that we have done, but because of God's unsurpassed goodness. In thanking God, we can recall that we are made in God's image and that we can demonstrate that best when we pass blessings along to others, especially those who find themselves in need.

We can also be thankful to God for the people in our lives who have loved us and in so doing have helped us better understand God's love for us. They may be family members, teachers, coaches, neigh-

bors, mentors or co-workers. They have walked with us in good times and in bad so that we could reach the place where we stand today. We thank God for the people (the saints, among others) whose achievements and sacrifices have laid the foundation for the placement of our living stones in the spiritual house that God is building throughout history.

Perhaps our most difficult task is in thanking God for the trials and sufferings that fall upon us, even the ones we bring upon ourselves and for the people who are the occasions of those trials and sufferings. Even they offer us an opportunity for growth, by helping us shed the cocoon of self-protection and the illusion of control. They open us to a deeper level of compassion for others and a greater degree of closeness to God. There is a closing prayer used in the recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy that says: "Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself."

Thanks be to God!

In the social doctrine of the Catholic Church, the virtue and practice of justice has a primary role. St. Thomas Aquinas defined the cardinal virtue of justice as "a habit whereby man renders to each one his due by a constant and perpetual will." One's due is that which belongs to a person by right. Catholic social teaching, in reflecting on God's loving creation of the human person, male and female, in His image, with inherent worth and inalienable dignity, has understood the existence of fundamental human rights that flow from that dignity. They are not dependent on the fiat of any state or political power. Their source is God Himself, and the nature that He gave the human person. They are beautifully catalogued in St. Pope John XXIII's encyclical *Pacem in Terris* (Peace on Earth), 1963. In our practice of justice, we strive to give all persons their due.

At this time of year, as we celebrate the feast of Christ the King and the American holiday of Thanksgiving, it would be good for us to ponder how we are doing in giving God His due. And one of the things that belongs to God by right is our thanksgiving for all that He has done for us. He has loved us into existence. He has redeemed us by the blood of His Son, Jesus. He sanctifies us

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able at the door on a first-come, first-served basis.

St. Vincent Family Center needs board games

While young children at St. Vincent Family Center in Columbus are receiving the quality behavioral health treatment they need, they also need to be reminded that they are just that — young children. And all young children, despite their challenging circumstances, deserve to play and have fun.

The center is in need of new board games of all sorts to fill its classrooms and play areas, allowing children the opportunity to learn and play with their peers and their families. The games are used during social skill lessons, family counseling sessions and playtime to encourage relationship building, teamwork, life skills and fun.

New games can be donated to the center at 1490 E. Main St. at any time. To learn more, contact center development manager Deb Huff at (614) 252-2477 or dhuff@svfc.org.

YCP planning three events

The Young Catholic Professionals (YCP) organization is planning three events for December.

The first will be an Advent retreat from 1 to 4:45 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7 at Gahanna St. Matthew Church, 807 Havens Corners Road.

The monthly YCP executive speak-

er program will be from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11 at Columbus Immaculate Conception Church, 414 E. North Broadway, with Dr. Ashley Fernandes, associate director of the Center for Bioethics and Medical Humanities and pediatric physician at Ohio State University and Nationwide Children's Hospital.

A Christmas happy hour and trivia night will take place from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18 at Miller's Ale House, 1201 Olentangy River Road. Trivia begins at 6:45.

YCP brings together young adults in their 20s and 30s from throughout central Ohio for speaker events, panel discussions and networking to foster Catholic identity, encourage community and inspire a call to action. More about the organization is available at www.ycpcolumbus.org or on social media. If you are interested in donating to or volunteering with YCP, send an email to info@ycpcolumbus.org.

Advent events scheduled at de Porres Center

As the season of Advent begins, the Martin de Porres Center invites people to take a moment to pause and reflect on God's gifts and to become more aware of the power of his presence within all of us and of its ability to warm the lives of others.

The center, at 2330 Airport Drive in Columbus, is presenting a two-part re-

treat and a concert for Advent. The retreat, titled "Advent: Season of Hope" and led by Sister Carol Ann Spencer, OP, will take place on consecutive Wednesdays, Dec. 4 and 11, from 10 a.m. to noon. The fee is \$15 and includes the retreat and refreshments. Register online at <https://martindeporrescenter.net/programs>.

The center will offer a musical reflection of the season with an ensemble from the Urban Strings Youth Orchestra at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15. This orchestra empowers central Ohio youth through music and fellowship. The event is free, but donations will be accepted.

For more information, contact the center at (614) 416-1910 or martindeporres@opeace.org.

Serrans discuss abuse crisis

Members of the Downtown Columbus Serra Club looked at the sexual abuse crisis in the Catholic Church and were urged by Father Craig Eilerman to pray, continue faithful practices and not let their hope falter.

Father Eilerman talked about Bishop Robert Barron's book, *Letter to a Suffering Church: A Bishop Speaks on the Sexual Abuse Crisis*, at the Serrans' November meeting, which also included members of the North Columbus Serra Club.

Bishop Barron noted that the Catholic Church has endured many scan-

dals, many of them sexual in nature, during its 2,000 years of existence and that in similar situations, God has raised up new religious orders and new devotions to help the Church fight back. There are indications that this is happening again today, the bishop said. He also pointed out that an extremely small percentage of priests have abused young boys.

Some people have left or have threatened to leave the Church because of the scandals. Father Eilerman and Bishop Barron concur that there is never a good reason for leaving the Church.

"We encounter Christ in the Church," Father Eilerman said. "The second person of the Trinity enters humanity by marrying humanity as the bridegroom of the Church. By founding the Church, Christ reunited humanity with the divine after Adam and Eve divorced humanity from the divine in their original disobedience. For any of us who have been blessed by being in the Church, leaving the Church is divorcing ourselves from Christ."

Father Eilerman urged perseverance in dealing with the situation and closed by suggesting that Catholics find time for silence, "in which we allow the Holy Spirit to guide us on how we might fight back against this diabolic scheme."

Mommies Matter helps women who chose life

By MaryBeth Eberhard

Celebrating and supporting local mothers who chose life over abortion, more than 150 people gathered for the second annual Harvesting Hope benefit for Mommies Matter on Wednesday, Nov. 20 at the York Country Club.

Mommies Matter, founded by Monica Flynn, aims to remove barriers and empower single mothers in crisis. Flynn, who has spent more than 20 years in the pro-life movement, graduated from the University of Notre Dame with a degree in mechanical engineering. She served as a U.S. Air Force officer at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. Flynn now resides in Galena, and she and her family are active

parishioners at Sunbury St. John Neumann Church.

Mommies Matter functions as an extension of pregnancy care services, walking alongside single mothers through their pregnancies until their child is 18 months old. Each mother is given an advocate to offer support, guidance and encouragement. Mommies Matter also offers support through group sessions, financial assistance and counseling.

In mandatory sessions, the mothers meet twice monthly for group support and enrichment. Topics include parenting, exercise, self-care and finding a strong male role model. Spiritual guidance, centered around Jesus Christ, also is given.

Each mother is linked with an on-staff family advocate who helps her utilize community resources and assists her in obtaining employment and education. One successful story shared at the Harvesting Hope event was of a mother who found herself pregnant with her second child. Each month, after paying her monthly bills, she was left with only \$34 of spending money. With guidance from Mommies Matter, she paid off her car, obtained educational assistance and is now a nursing student working full-time at Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus.

Counseling and support are keys to sustaining the growth new moms experience while working with Mom-

mies Matter, Flynn said. Many of the women Flynn and her team help have experienced childhood trauma and/or are victims of domestic violence or sexual abuse. Through counseling, mothers learn how to form and maintain positive relationships, develop positive coping strategies, make peace with their past and acquire good decision-making skills.

Cindy Straub followed Flynn's keynote with a talk titled, "The Reason Why." Straub, a single mother, small business owner and Mommies Matter board member, addressed the difference between giving birth and giving

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a vision of Jesus seen by St. Bridget, who founded the order in 1370.

The Bridgettines flourished in Europe for about 200 years until the time of the Protestant Reformation, when most of their houses were destroyed. A revival of the order was begun in 1911 by St. Elizabeth Hesselblad, a Lutheran who had become a Catholic in 1902. She was canonized in 2016.

"Because St. Elizabeth was a convert, she had a powerful desire for unity among all Christians," Father Dailey said. "Working for that unity is one of the Bridgettines' principal fruits offered to the Lord. A house of hospitality here in Columbus can be a great symbol of unity in the way it can help people of all faiths, especially those with hospitalized loved ones,

to find true rest in the Lord.

"The sisters want the house to provide a needed place for prayer and silence and a heartbeat for the local church," he said. "To fulfill that mission, they are depending on prayer, benefactors and God's providence."

Anyone wishing to contribute to the sisters may do so through The Catholic Foundation. Contributions

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may be sent to the foundation at 257 E. Broad St., Columbus OH 43215. Make checks payable to the foundation and write "Bridgettine Sisters" in the memo line.

The sisters invite people to come to the convent for Adoration and to call them at (614) 824-5807 with prayer requests.

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Did Judas receive Communion?; refusing to baptize

At the Last Supper, Jesus told the apostles to take his body and his blood. But Christ knew that Judas was in a state of serious sin. So how could he have let him receive? (Alexandria, Louisiana)

Scripture scholars indicate that there is room for debate as to whether Judas was still present at the Last Supper after Jesus had instituted the Eucharist. Luke's account (22:17-23) would lead one to believe that Judas did share in consuming Christ's body and blood.

In Luke, after blessing the bread and wine and indicating that it was now his body and blood, Jesus says, "Behold, the hand of the one who is to betray me is with me on the table; for the Son of Man indeed goes as it has been determined; but woe to that man by whom he is betrayed" (22:21-22).

The other evangelists, though – especially John – would seem to indicate that Judas may have already exited before the Eucharist was celebrated and shared.

In John (13:21-30), the apostles are greatly troubled at Christ's announcement of his betrayal and, in response to their question as to the betrayer's identity, Jesus says, "It is the one to whom I hand the morsel after I have dipped it."

Then, after Jesus handed the morsel to Judas, Judas "took the morsel and left at once. And it was night." There is no indication that this took place after the institution of the Eucharist or that this particular mor-

QUESTION & ANSWER

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sel was different from the other food consumed at the supper.

But if Judas did in fact receive the Eucharist that night, why would Jesus have permitted it? One possibility is that Jesus left Judas free to make the choice and that the burden for the decision would have been on Judas for sharing that sacred food unworthily, since he had already been plotting Christ's betrayal.

Another explanation might be that Judas was already feeling remorse for what he had done, although he clearly chose the wrong way to demonstrate that remorse when, "flinging the money into the temple, he departed and went off and hanged himself" (Matthew 27:5).

My wife and I married 53 years ago and have nine children. Some of them served on the altar, and all of them went to Catholic schools. Our ninth child was refused for baptism because the priest insisted that

my wife had to go to classes first.

I was not a Catholic at the time (I have since converted), and it bothered me a lot. How, I thought, could anyone deny a child the love and protection of God? I felt then that it was wrong, and I still do. Can you help me to understand? (Lincolnshire, England)

As for the "love and protection of God," I wouldn't worry about that part. God would find a way to offer that, even if a child were not baptized. But as to the baptism itself, I agree with you.

The Church's *Code of Canon Law* indicates that for a baptism, "there must be a founded hope that the infant will be brought up in the Catholic religion." This same canon goes on to say that "if such a hope is altogether lacking, the baptism is to be delayed ... after the parents have been advised about the reason" (Canon 868.1.2).

My own view is that the benefit of the doubt should always go to the parents, and I feel supported by the very wording of the canon. (To warrant a delay, says the canon, the hope of a Catholic upbringing must be "altogether lacking.")

In your own situation, I don't think there was any doubt at all: You were already, in fact, sending your other kids to a Catholic school. As for the baptismal preparation classes, they are surely worthwhile, especially for first-time parents. But for the ninth child, I would guess that your wife already knew a bit about the sacrament.

The reformed liturgy, 50 years later

Fifty years ago, on Nov. 30, 1969, the Catholic Church marked the First Sunday of Advent with the universal implementation of the revised Roman Rite of the Mass, approved by Pope Paul VI in response to the Second Vatican Council's *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*.

And the liturgy wars broke out in earnest.

They have not abated since. If anything, they've intensified in recent years.

As these debates continue, it will be helpful to remember that the Liturgical Movement of the mid-20th century, which led to "the changes" approved by Pope Pius XII before it led to "the changes" approved by Pope Paul VI, believed that the renewal of the Church's worship would foster both sanctity and mission, including the Church's social witness. For leading liturgical reformers like Father Virgil Michel, OSB, of St. John's Abbey in Collegeville, Minnesota, liturgical renewal, evangelical zeal and a commitment to living Catholic social doctrine went hand-in-hand. The bishops of Vatican II (who adopted the *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy* by a vote of 2,174 to 4) agreed. If I may quote myself in a passage from my new book, *The Irony of Modern Catholic History*:

"... the Council, building on and developing the teaching of Pius XII's encyclical, *Mediator Dei*, sought to recover an understanding of the liturgy as the entire Church's participation in the mystery of God's presence through the sacraments, after a period in which 'liturgy' meant, primarily, the performance of rites at which the laity were spectators who attend because of legal obligation. That participation, both the Liturgical Movement and the Council fathers hoped, would be an energizer of

THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE

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mission, for at the center of the liturgy is Christ, and it is Christ who sends his people out as heralds of the Gospel. Or, as the Council fathers began (the *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*), 'the sacred Council has set out to impart an ever-increasing vigor to the Christian life of the faithful ... (and) to strengthen whatever can help call mankind into the Church's fold.'"

That was the intention; the results, to date, have been decidedly mixed.

It's a basic error of logic to think that everything that happened after Vatican II happened because of Vatican II. But even proponents of the reformed liturgy, among whom I count myself, must posit some sort of connection between what happened 50 years ago and two disturbing phenomena: decreasing weekly Mass attendance, and a lack of conviction that, in the Eucharist, Catholics encounter the real presence of the Lord Jesus Christ, body and blood, soul and divinity. Perhaps it was inevitable that the cultural acids of late modernity would cause too many 21st-century Catholics to think of Sunday Mass as a weekend recreational option rather than a privileged moment of encounter with the Lord,

in which worship equips us spiritually for mission. But even if that's true, proponents of the reformed liturgy must concede that "the changes" did not stem the Catholic exodus from Sunday worship. Nor did they mitigate Catholic ignorance of the reality of the Eucharist.

But then there's the other side of the coin. I grew up with the pre-conciliar liturgy. It was not a Mozart *Missa Brevis* and sonorous Latin every Sunday; it was more often badly pronounced (and often mumbled) Latin and execrable, pietistic music (when there was any). Of course, there were dignified, beautiful celebrations of what we now know as the Extraordinary Form of the Mass, and living in a cathedral parish, I was privileged to participate in them as an altar boy and choirboy. But they were hardly the norm in American Catholicism. Nostalgia for an imaginary past is not a reliable guide to the future.

A few weeks ago, I was discussing the latest twists and turns in the liturgy wars with a wise observer of Christian affairs in the United States, a convert to Catholicism from confessional Lutheranism. When I asked her what she thought millennial traditionalists were seeking in the "old Mass," she immediately replied, "the awe." That's likely true. It's also true that the Ordinary Form of the Roman Rite can be celebrated so that the awe and wonder of the divine presence is palpable.

For an example, go to smcgv1.org and click on "Mass Video" to experience the beauty of the reformed liturgy at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Greenville, South Carolina – a parish that is also a thriving example of the New Evangelization, embodying the hope that the liturgical reform, reformed, can energize mission and empower missionary disciples.



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So much to be thankful for

By MaryBeth Eberhard

I have indulged myself lately in opening the memory alerts that pop up from my photo library on my laptop.

Typically, I will just smile and move on with all the tasks at hand, as life as a mom of eight keeps me pretty busy. But lately, I have been stopping to reflect on how life has changed and where the Lord is leading us now.

As I scroll through photos, I am reminded of how richly we have been blessed as a family. Each photo holds a memory for which we are grateful; the trip to the zoo, the staycation with ice cream shop visits, the day we stopped the world and read books under a tree, a son graduated, a son making his first communion, violin concerts, an old friend's visit, a date night, drama performances, and a home that welcomes in the stranger.

There are the obvious and expected reactions as one scrolls through a photo feed. I smile at how a child has grown. Laughter bubbles forth as I remember a funny moment saved for family lore. There is a touch of sadness over missing a friend, coupled with gratitude that you were able to share that time together.

My picture feed is a bit different, as it also includes trips to doctor's offices, photos of brittle bones, scars, infection, rashes, and post-op intensive care photos that put a pause in my breath and still my heart for a short moment.

Each picture tells a story. As we enter it, all our senses come alive and we can enter into again. This is a gift from God, as we can it change over time how we experience those moments. We can take away comparison and see joy. We can see the pain and recognize our growth. Each moment can be enhanced with gratitude.

It is easy to identify with the Israelites who grew disgruntled with the blessings they had been given and were seeking more. For 430 years, the Israelites were in bondage to the Egyptians and God promised them more. In Exodus 3:8, God says, "And I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey."

We have a generous and loving God who is always thinking of our good. And like our ancestors, how easy it is to grow stagnant and ambivalent, unable to recognize the simple beauty that is a gift from God, that is happening right before our eyes.

I am reminded of a simple prayer I pray every morning: "Lord, help me remember that I prayed to be where I am right now."

The recognition that God is actively with us and is actively, in this moment, providing for us in His time and in His understanding with what we need, should give us pause.

In that pause, we need to turn to praise. We need to hold each photo placed before us and see it with a lens that calls to mind where we were physically, spiritually and emotionally. By taking the time to be still and reflect on God's majesty and providence, the lens by which we view each memory, each photo, is trained and our appreciation for the blessings of the every day increases.

G.K. Chesterton reminds us that "When it comes to life, the critical thing is whether you take things for granted or take them with gratitude." May we all pray for eyes to see that we have so much for which to be thankful.

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Hartley advances in football playoffs

Bishop Hartley moved on and Newark Catholic reached the end of the road in the state football playoffs.

Hartley (12-1) advanced to the Division III state semifinals with a 27-14 win over Jonathan Alder on Nov. 22. Newark Catholic (9-4) was ousted in Division VII with a 22-15 loss on Nov. 23 to Harvest Prep.

Hartley's semifinal opponent will be Trotwood-Madison (10-3) on Friday, Nov. 29 at London High School. The winner moves on to the state final the following weekend in Canton.

The Hawks survived their regional final when Jalan January ran 5 yards for a touchdown on fourth-and-1 with

1:23 left and Miles Fleming added a two-point conversion for a 21-14 lead.

Jonathan Alder then drove to the Hartley 15-yard line with 8.3 seconds left, but the Hawks' George Dunor intercepted a pass at the goal line and ran 99 yards for a score to seal the victory.

Newark Catholic opened a 9-0 lead against Harvest Prep on a safety and a 9-yard touchdown run by Matt Carlisle in the first quarter. After falling behind 14-9, the Green Wave went back ahead 15-14 with 3:36 left in the game on a 22-yard pass from Carlisle to Slater Evans. Harvest Prep scored the winning touchdown on third-and-goal with 26.9 seconds left.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION LIST

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 Advent. Anyone with additions or corrections to this list may contact Tim Puet at *Catholic Times*.

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

Bremen St. Mary – Exposition: First Thursdays, 9 to 10 a.m.

Bridgettine Sisters (Order of the Most Holy Savior of St. Bridget of Sweden), 40 N. Grubb St., Columbus – Exposition: 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday and Friday; 9 a.m. to noon weekdays.

Buckeye Lake Our Lady of Mount Carmel – Exposition: Sundays of Advent, 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.

Canal Winchester St. John XXIII – Exposition: Wednesdays, 6 to 7 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).

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

Columbus Christ the King – Exposition: Fridays, 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, 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, 6 p.m., featuring

prayers in the Cenacle format of the Marian Movement of Priests; Fridays, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., Holy Hour and Benediction, followed by Mass. Adoration: Saturdays 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 Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

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 Wednesdays, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., ministry center.

Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral – Holy Hour with Adoration and

confession: 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.

Columbus St. Margaret of Cortona – Exposition: Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., concluding with Vespers and Benediction at 7 p.m. Dec. 6, 13 and 20.

Columbus St. Mary, Mother of God (German Village) – Adoration: First Friday, from after 8:30 a.m. Mass to 1 p.m.

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, 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.

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, 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, Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. (to 5 p.m. on Dec. 5; no Exposition on Dec. 26 or Jan. 2).

Dover St. Joseph – Exposition: Thursdays, 9 to 10 a.m.; Sunday, Dec. 16 to Tuesday, Dec. 18, immediately following parish mission (approximately 8 p.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, Friday, Saturday (except during the Sacred Triduum), 8:45 to 10 a.m. (Reconciliation available); Wednesday, 6 to 7 p.m. (Holy Hour with Reconciliation and Benediction).

Jackson Holy Trinity – Exposition: Fridays, end of noon Mass to 1 p.m.

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 2 p.m.;

Thursdays, 7 p.m. to midnight.

Lancaster St. Mark – Exposition: Mondays, 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Tuesdays, 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: Fridays, 5 to 6 p.m.; First Fridays, 4 to 7 p.m.

Marysville Our Lady of Lourdes – Exposition: Second Friday of the month, from end of 8 a.m. Mass to Benediction at midnight.

Mount Vernon St. Vincent de Paul – Exposition: 5 p.m. Thursday to 5 p.m. Friday, followed by Mass and Benediction.

New Albany Church of the Resurrection – Exposition: Thursdays, Dec. 5, 12 and 19, from end of 9 a.m. Mass to 11 p.m.; third Sunday of the month, from end of 11 a.m. Mass to 4 p.m., in chapel.

New Boston St. Monica – Adora-

tion: Fridays, 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 Thursday, 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, 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.

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.

Sugar Grove St. Joseph – Exposition: From end of noon Mass to 1:30 p.m. Thursdays; 8 p.m. Saturday to 8 p.m. Sunday.

Sunbury St. John Neumann – Exposition: 24 hours, seven days, except for weekend Mass times and the Sacred Triduum, in chapel. A Holy Hour is scheduled Friday, Dec. 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the church. 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 amydmavis@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 – Exposition: Tuesdays of Advent, with Benediction at 5 p.m. and Mass to follow at 6.

Westerville St. Paul – Exposition: Thursdays, from end of 8:30 a.m. Mass until Benediction at 6:45 p.m.

Worthington St. Michael – Exposition: Sunday: Through the night until 8:15 a.m., resuming at 2 p.m. and continuing to 6 a.m. Monday; 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday; 7 a.m. to 6:45 p.m. Tuesday; 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday; 9 a.m. Thursday to 8:15 a.m. Sunday, except during Masses at 6:30 and 8:15 a.m. Friday and 8:15 a.m. and 4 p.m. Saturday, 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 9 p.m.

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DIOCESAN ADVENT ACTIVITIES

Churches and other organizations throughout the Diocese of Columbus will conduct special holiday programs and collect gifts for the needy throughout the Advent and Christmas seasons. In addition to the events listed, a number of parishes have scheduled penance services individually or in conjunction with other parishes throughout Advent.

The following is a listing of seasonal events in the diocese, as provided by parishes to *The Catholic Times*:

BREMEN ST. MARY – Parish Giving Tree benefits parish families in need.

BUCKEYE LAKE OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL – Eucharistic Adoration, Sundays, Dec. 1, 8, 15 and 22, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Performance by parish bell chorus and joint choir of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and Heath St. Leonard churches, Friday Dec. 6, noon, Ohio Statehouse basement. Parish Giving Tree benefits needy families in Buckeye Lake, Hebron, Millersport and Thornville.

COLUMBUS CORPUS CHRISTI AND ST. LADISLAS – Lessons and carols program, Sunday, Dec. 8, 3 p.m., Corpus Christi Church.

COLUMBUS HOLY CROSS – Giving Tree benefits Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs (JOIN).

COLUMBUS HOLY FAMILY – Parish mission with Father Brian Mulady, OP, of Portland, Oregon, Monday to Thursday, Dec. 9 to 12. Theme: “Preparing Your Soul for the Coming of Christ: Grace and the Three Ages of the Spiritual Life.” Topics: Monday, Grace in the Soul; Tuesday, Spiritual Childhood; Wednesday, Spiritual Adolescence; Thursday, Spiritual Maturity. Christmas wreath-making workshop conducted by and benefiting the Bridgettine Sisters, Saturday, Dec. 14, 10 a.m., 3 p.m. (opening with Divine Mercy Chaplet), 6 p.m.. St. Birgitta Convent, 40 N. Grubb St. Cost \$20; 15 seats per class.

COLUMBUS HOLY SPIRIT – Advent morning of reflection for parishioners of Holy Spirit and Columbus St. Philip churches, led by Father Todd Lehigh, parochial vicar of Columbus St. Andrew Church, Thursday, Dec. 5, 9 a.m., St. Therese’s Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus. Giving Tree provides items for 25 children in Whitehall city schools as

part of Kids Christmas program sponsored by Whitehall Pride Foundation.

COLUMBUS OUR LADY OF PEACE – Boy Scout Troop 169 sponsors Giving Tree, in its 22nd year of benefiting the St. Francis Center in McArthur.

COLUMBUS OUR LADY OF VICTORY – Tenth annual Advent concert featuring parish choir and an orchestra, with Advent and Christmas music of several traditions and styles, Sunday, Dec. 15, 3 p.m.

COLUMBUS ST. CECILIA – Advent mission featuring videos from Bishop Robert Barron’s Pivotal Players series, Sunday to Tuesday, Dec. 1 to 3, 7 p.m. Topics: St. Francis of Assisi, Sunday; St. Augustine, Monday; Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen, Tuesday. Lessons and carols, Sunday, Dec. 15, 7 p.m. Parish St. Vincent de Paul Society is assembling food baskets for about 700 people.

COLUMBUS ST. CHRISTOPHER – Christmas Day Mass at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 25 will feature internationally known soprano Theresa Cincione, a Columbus native.

COLUMBUS ST. ELIZABETH – Novena of the Immaculate Concep-

tion continues nightly through Sunday, Dec. 8 at 7 p.m. Parish Christmas concert, with guest appearance by the Clintonville Mothersingers, Sunday, Dec. 8, 2 p.m. Renewal of vows of the congregation of the Sons of the Immaculate Conception by the parish’s priests, Monday, Dec. 9, 7 p.m. Mass. Simbang Gabi, a Filipino Christmas tradition featuring celebration of Mass for nine consecutive days, Sunday, Dec. 15 to Monday, Dec. 23, 7:30 p.m. nightly except Dec. 23, when Mass will be celebrated at 7 by Bishop Robert Brennan, followed by celebration dinner in Pastors’ Hall. Giving Tree benefits St. Vincent Family Center.

COLUMBUS ST. JAMES THE LESS – Parishioners from St. James and Columbus St. Andrew Church provide gift cards to more than 300 children from the parochial school and parish. St. Vincent de Paul Society assembles more than 400 Christmas family food boxes.

COLUMBUS ST. JOSEPH CATHEDRAL – Solemn Vespers, featuring the treble voices of the cathedral choir, Sundays, Dec. 1, 8, 15 and 22, 4:45 p.m. Lessons and carols with cathedral choir and brass ensemble, Sunday, Dec. 8, 3 p.m. Giving Tree benefits St. Vincent Family Center.

COLUMBUS ST. MARGARET OF CORTONA – Parish’s Thursday Eucharistic Adoration concludes with Vespers and Benediction, Dec. 5, 12 and 19, 7 p.m. Giving Tree benefits Twin Valley Health Care Center, Run the Race Club and St. Vincent Family Center.

COLUMBUS ST. MARY, MOTHER OF GOD (German Village) – Ohio Dominican University choir Christmas concert, Sunday, Dec. 1, 7 p.m. Columbus Maennerchor Christmas concert in English and German, Sunday, Dec. 8, 4 p.m., preceded by parish bell choir at 3:45. Adopt-A-Family program benefits parish families in need.

COLUMBUS ST. PATRICK – Solemn Vespers, Sundays, Dec. 1, 8 and 22, 7 p.m. Lessons and carols, Sunday, Dec. 15, 7 p.m. Giving tree benefits parish’s Little Margaret’s Charity.

COLUMBUS ST. PETER – Lessons and carols, Sunday, Dec. 22, 7 p.m.

COLUMBUS ST. PHILIP – Parish St. Vincent de Paul Society is collecting new towels for its food pantry customers, with hopes of presenting each family with a new set of towels (bath towel, hand towel, washcloth).

DELAWARE ST. MARY – Annual Advent by Candlelight program presented by parish women’s organization, with talk by parishioner Angel Fox on “Trusting God in Difficult Times,” Tuesday, Dec. 3, 6:30 to 9 p.m., Beitel Commons. “A Very Mary Advent” adult faith formation program with Deacon Todd Tucky and Julie Lutz, Wednesdays, Dec. 4, 11 and 18, 6:30 to 8 p.m., parish office building. Giving Tree benefits People in Need clearinghouse program.

DOVER ST. JOSEPH – Lessons and carols, Sunday, Dec. 8, 6 p.m. Parish mission with Father Joseph Tuscan, OFM Cap, Sunday to Tuesday, Dec. 16 to 18, 7 p.m., followed by Eucharistic Adoration. Giving Tree benefits local Share-A-Christmas program.

GROVE CITY OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP – Movie, The Nativity Story, and cookie decorating, Saturday, Dec. 7, 6 p.m. Anointing of the Sick, Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 14 and 15, after all Masses (5 p.m.



The Ohio Dominican University choir will present Christmas concerts at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 1 at St. Mary, Mother of God Church in Columbus’ German Village neighborhood and 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 2 at Christ the King Chapel of Sansbury Hall on the university campus, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Photo courtesy Ohio Dominican University



Participants in the 2018 presentation of Powell St. Joan of Arc Church's annual children's Christmas program, "A Bethlehem Carol." The 28th annual production will be presented at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7.

Photo courtesy St. Joan of Arc Church

Saturday, 8 and 9:30 a.m., noon and 5 p.m. Sunday). Lessons and carols, Monday, Dec. 16, 7:30 p.m. Parish Silver Streaks senior citizens ministry, women's association, and school students are collecting socks for the homeless.

LANCASTER ST. BERNADETTE – Giving Tree benefits parish families in need.

LANCASTER ST. MARK – Parish Epiphany party, Saturday, Jan. 4, 6:15 p.m.

LANCASTER ST. MARY – Church is final stop for Fairfield County Heritage Association's 41st annual candlelight tour of seven downtown churches, with 15-minute choral programs at each site, Sunday, Dec. 14, 6 to approximately 9:30 p.m. Tickets \$10 adults, \$12 day of tour, \$4 children. Lessons and carols, Sunday, Dec. 15, 3 p.m.

MARION ST. MARY – Giving Tree benefits nursing home and hospice residents in need and the homebound.

MARTIN DE PORRES CENTER, COLUMBUS – "Advent: Season of Hope," a two-part, four-hour retreat with Sister Carol Ann Spencer, OP. Wednesdays, Dec. 4 and 11, 10 a.m. to noon. Christmas concert with Urban Strings Youth Orchestra Ensemble, Sunday, Dec. 15, 2 to 3 p.m.

NEW ALBANY CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION – Exposi-

tion of the Blessed Sacrament, Thursdays, Dec. 5, 12 and 19, after 9 a.m. Mass to 11 p.m., reservation chapel. Christmas concert with parish's five choirs and full orchestra, Friday, Dec. 6, 7:30 p.m.

NEW PHILADELPHIA SACRED HEART – Holy Hour including Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Evening Prayer, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Mondays, Dec. 2, 9, 16 and 23, 5 to 6 p.m. Giving Tree benefits Tuscarawas County Council for Church and Community's Share-A-Christmas program.

OHIO DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY – Santa's Workshop, Monday, Dec. 2, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., St. Catherine of Siena Room, Erskine Hall. Sleigh rides, Monday, Dec. 2, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., ODU Oval. Christmas tree lighting and creche blessing, Monday, Dec. 2, 6 p.m., front of Erskine Hall. ODU chorus Christmas concert, Monday, Dec. 2, 7:30 p.m., Christ the King Chapel, Sansbury Hall. Holiday art market, Wednesday, Dec. 4, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wehrle Gallery. Advent soup and scripture, Thursday, Dec. 5, 12:30 to 1 p.m., community room, Alumni Hall. Talk on "Advent: The Hope and Promise of Christmas" by Sister Shawn Fitzpatrick, OP, Wednesday, Dec. 11, noon, St. Catherine of Siena Room, Erskine Hall.

PORTSMOUTH HOLY REDEEMER AND ST. MARY – Annual holiday tour of St. Mary and four other churches in Boneyfiddle historic district, Friday, Dec. 13, 6 to 8 p.m. Meet at Sci-

oto County Courthouse, tours every half-hour. Christmas concert, Friday, Dec. 13, 7 p.m., Holy Redeemer. Pickerington St. Elizabeth Seton Parish and Catholic Social Services distribution of holiday food baskets, Friday to Sunday, Dec. 13 to 15, Holy Redeemer activity center. The two parishes also adopt more than 200 families through the Catholic Social Services Portsmouth office's Giving Tree program.

POWELL ST. JOAN OF ARC – 27th annual performance of A Bethlehem Carol children's Christmas program, with about 60 children participating, Saturday, Dec. 7, 7:30 p.m. "Earth Shall Ring: An Advent and Christmas Music Celebration" with parish choir and chamber orchestra, Saturday, Dec. 14, 7:30 p.m.

REYNOLDSBURG ST. PIUS X – Advent evening of reflection, Wednesday, Dec. 4, 7 p.m. Communal Anointing of the Sick, Saturday Dec. 14 at 5 p.m. Mass and Sunday, Dec. 15 at 8:30 a.m. Mass. Parish's 41st annual Adopt-A-Child program collects toys and clothes for the Bish Foundation, CHOICES domestic violence shelter and Catholic Social Services Our Lady of Guadalupe Center.

SUGAR GROVE ST. JOSEPH – 28th annual "Silent Night in Sugar Grove" program, beginning at Sugar Grove United Methodist Church and continuing at St. Matthew Lutheran and St. Joseph churches, Sunday, Dec. 8, 6:30 p.m.

SUNBURY ST. JOHN NEUMANN – Evening Prayer with Deacon Carl Calcara, Sundays, Dec. 2, 16 and 23, 6:30 p.m. Adoration Holy Hour, Friday, Dec. 13, 7:30 p.m. Children's Christmas program, Saturday,

Dec. 21, 10 a.m.

WASHINGTON COURTHOUSE ST. COLMAN OF CLOYNE – Lessons and carols, Sunday, Dec. 15, 3 p.m. Parish women's group sponsors Giving Tree, providing gifts for the homebound at four assisted care facilities.

WEST JEFFERSON SS. SIMON AND JUDE – Youth group live Nativity scene, Sunday, Dec. 15, 7 p.m. Youth group sings carols at the Arbors nursing home in West Jefferson. Giving Tree benefits the Arbors, West Jefferson firefighters toy drive, Life Point of London, and Madison County Children Services.

WHEELERSBURG ST. PETER IN CHAINS – Nativity pageant with children from St. Peter in Chains and New Boston St. Monica churches, Sunday, Dec. 8, 5 p.m.

ZANESVILLE ST. NICHOLAS – Giving Tree benefits Muskingum Valley Clinic for children, Heartbeats organization for pregnant women, Transitions domestic violence shelter, and homebound parishioners.

ZANESVILLE ST. THOMAS AQUINAS – Lessons and carols, Sunday, Dec. 1, 5 p.m. Baminelli Sunday, Dec. 15, with children bringing Christ Child figures from family Nativity scenes to be blessed at 8 and 11 a.m. Masses and children's celebration in Rosary Hall from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Giving Tree benefits Catholic Social Services and Salvation Army holiday programs. Parish also takes part in Baskets of Love program for homebound senior citizens, sponsored by Catholic Social Services and Muskingum County Center for Seniors.

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GIVE TO THOSE IN NEED THIS CHRISTMAS

People need your help. They need the basics: food, clothing, and household items. Without your help, many children will go without Christmas gifts this year. Can you make room in your life for our neighbors in need? If you can help, support our diocesan-sponsored organizations or your parish and community ministries. If you need help, please give them a call.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES (CSS)

197 E. Gay St., Columbus OH 43215. Phone (614) 221-5891. Website www.colscss.org.

Catholic Social Services (CSS) is an anti-poverty agency whose goal is to empower people in need, regardless of faith or background, with the tools they need to reach their full potential. CSS helps working-poor families stabilize and become self-sufficient through case management, mental health care and emergency assistance. It helps low-income seniors age with grace and independence through supportive services and community-impact opportunities. Whether working with families or seniors, its staff members know that poverty is complicated and requires holistic solutions. CSS has 70 years of experience working with people in need in central and southern Ohio. Each year, the agency helps 34,000 people in the diocese's 23 counties.

Needed items: Christmas gift baskets for homebound seniors

Baskets are needed by Nov. 30 and may be dropped off at the CSS main office. Provide a basket of usable items for homebound senior clients. Suggested items: stationery, pens, toiletries, personal care items, blank greeting cards, stamps, cleaning supplies and blankets

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CENTER

409 Industry Drive, Columbus OH 43204. Phone (614) 340-7061

Items are needed by Dec. 15 and may be delivered directly to the center. Consider hosting a personal-care items drive at your parish, workplace or school. The center's clients need general care items that food stamps do not cover. Suggested items are feminine hygiene products, shampoo, diapers and laundry soap.

Giving Tree Christmas donation drive, Thursday, Nov. 1 to Friday, Nov. 30

CSS ST. FRANCIS CENTER
2311 Stockham Lane, Portsmouth,

OH 45662. Phone (740) 353-3185

The Portsmouth area has been hit especially hard by the economic decline and opioid epidemic. Because of the community's desperate need, the St. Francis Center fills a vital role. You can help it serve the many families it sees each Christmas by providing new sleeping bags (unwrapped) and Walmart gift cards (any amount).

Ways to give: Order online using the center's Amazon Wish List to have your unwrapped donation delivered directly to the center. To order, visit www.amazon.com/registry/search and search "St. Francis Center."

Drop off gift cards to Catholic Social Services, in care of Julie Naporano, 197 E. Gay St., second floor, Columbus OH 43215.

Mail donations to St. Francis Center, in care of Barbara McKenzie, 2311 Stockham Lane, Portsmouth OH 45662.

The center is expecting as many as 1,000 children (infants to age 17) who need your help this holiday season.

JOIN (JOINT ORGANIZATION FOR INNER-CITY NEEDS)

578 E. Main St., Columbus, OH 43215. Phone: (614) 241-2530. Website: www.columbuscatholic.org/join.

JOIN responds to people in need with emergency material assistance, serving nearly 70 families each day with almost every problem imaginable, from birth to death.

Needed items: Gas gift cards, food gift cards, gift cards for teenagers (from department stores such as Target and Meijer, bookstores, or stores selling music, games, and movies), basic hygiene items, cleaning supplies, and monetary donations.

ST. FRANCIS CENTER

108 W. Mill St., McArthur, OH 45651. Phone: (740) 596-5820. Website: www.facebook.com/StFrancisOutreachCenter.

The center serves as a Catholic presence in the southeastern part of the Diocese of Columbus, assisting impoverished families in meeting their most basic needs of food and clothing.

Needed items: Food pantry staples, new toys, clothing, gift cards for teenagers (from department stores such as Target and Meijer, bookstores, or stores selling music, games, and movies) and monetary donations. Volunteers are needed to help pack food and toys on Sunday and Monday, Dec. 10 and 11. For details,

email ariegel@columbuscatholic.org or call (740) 596-5820.

ST. STEPHEN'S COMMUNITY HOUSE

1500 E. 17th Ave., Columbus, OH 43219. Phone: (614) 294-6347. Website: www.saintstephensch.org.

Serving since 1919, St. Stephen's Community House is committed to brightening lives in the Linden neighborhood of Columbus and dedicated to strengthening families and empowering the community. Over the course of a week, St. Stephen's and the Central Ohio Labor Council, AFL-CIO, along with 1,000 volunteers, will prepare and give more than 2,000 households food baskets to feed their families during the holiday season. Their Christmas Cares/Unions Share program, which is in its 65th year and evolved from the Christmas Basket Program in 1954, serves families across central Ohio.

Needed items: Nonperishable food items (canned, boxed, bottled or dried goods) or financial support for purchase of perishable items such as turkeys, bread, milk, fresh fruit and vegetables. For a full list of needed items, visit www.saintstephensch.org/christmas. For large bulk items pickup, contact Amy Kerns at (614) 294-6347, extension 136.

Volunteers are needed from Tuesday, Dec. 10 to Sunday, Dec. 15. Register to volunteer by Monday, Dec. 9 at www.saintstephensch.org/christmas.

ST. VINCENT FAMILY CENTER

1490 E. Main St., Columbus, OH 43205. Phone: (614) 252-0731 Website: www.svfc.org.

The St. Vincent Family Center serves thousands of children and families living in the most disadvantaged neighborhoods in central Ohio. Each Christmas season, many of these families are unable to provide their little ones with gifts and memories that make this time of year so special.

Adopt A Family: Provides holiday gifts to families served by St. Vincent's. Your presents may be the only gifts they receive.

Specify your preference of family size and you'll be appropriately matched with a family in need. You will receive a wish list of items that the child(ren) and family may need or like, then you can shop for their gifts.

Gifts will be collected at the center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday,

Dec. 12 to Saturday, Dec. 14. If you are interested in adopting a family, contact Debra Huff at (614) 252-0731, extension 1132 or dhuff@svfc.org.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Main office: 197 E. Gay St., Columbus, OH 43215. Phone: (614) 221-3554. Website: www.vincentianvoice.org.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul provides food, clothing, housing, and spiritual support to people in need. It operates in parishes across the diocese, many of them with food pantries, and sponsors a daily lunch line at St. Lawrence Haven in Columbus, a clothing center in Columbus, a shelter and transitional housing in Newark, thrift stores in Lancaster, Newark and Marion (and soon in Columbus), and other ministries.

Needed items: Food, clothing (especially men's hats, gloves, socks, underwear, and coats for adults and children) and new, unwrapped gifts, wrapping paper, bows, and volunteers for the St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Center's Christmas store at 578 E. Main St., Columbus. Volunteers are needed at St. Lawrence Haven during preparation times (10 a.m. to noon). Monetary donations are always appreciated.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

This annual collection allows the diocese to meet a variety of basic needs directly and through diocesan agencies and organizations, including those listed above. You can help share in this important work by generously supporting the Catholic Charities collection this year. Look for the envelope in your parish envelope packet for December.

DIOCESAN OFFICE FOR SOCIAL CONCERNS

197 E. Gay St., Columbus, OH 43215. Phone: (614) 241-2540. Email address: socmailbox@columbuscatholic.org. Website: www.columbuscatholic.org/social-concerns-office.

The Office for Social Concerns serves as the central diocesan resource for Catholic social teaching, reaching out through prayer, education, service and advocacy. Learn more about church teachings on social issues. Put your faith in action to make a difference in your community and around the world.

2019-20 HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL PREVIEW



Andrew Trainer



Kylan Kortokrax

BISHOP HARTLEY

Top players: Kylan Kortokrax, 6-3, sr. (3 points per game, 31 percent on 3-pointers last season); Will Miller, 6-4, jr. (2 ppg); Andrew Trainer, 5-10, sr.

Conference: Central Catholic League

2018-19 record: 15-11 overall, 3-5 CCL (Central District champion and regional semifinalist)

Coach: Randy Kortokrax (296-167 in 21 seasons overall and at Hartley)

Coach's outlook: "This team really gets along, and they play hard for each other. We do have a chance to shoot the ball well if we are patient and wait for a good look. To return to the district final game for the third straight year, we will have to overcome the loss of eight of our top nine players. We will be young and inexperienced, so patience as a staff will be critical. We don't have a true post player, so we will rely on more of a perimeter game. My take is, we will be the best team we can be by the end of the season, so how many wins that will be, I can't tell you."

Roster: Kortokrax; Miller; Trainer; Dejon Donnell, 5-10, jr.; Jack Tomlinson, 6-1, jr.; Nico Thomas, 6-2, jr.; Nate Rowling, 6-3, jr.; Amari Gaston, 6-3, soph.; Jay Henson, 6-0, jr.; Alex Blain, 6-0, soph.; Braden Blanchard, 6-0, jr.; Micah Slater, 6-0, sr.

Schedule: Nov. 30, Grandview at Pickerington North; Dec. 6, Bishop Ready; Dec. 7, Mansfield St. Peter; Dec. 10, at Granville; Dec. 13, at St. Francis DeSales; Dec. 20, at St. Charles; Dec. 28, Ottawa-Glandorf at Lima; Jan. 4, Marion-Franklin; Jan. 7, Logan; Jan. 10, Bishop Watterson; Jan. 14, Upper Arlington; Jan. 17, at Bishop Ready; Jan. 24, DeSales; Jan. 25, Wellington; Jan. 31, St. Charles; Feb. 3, Horizon Science Academy; Feb. 4, at New Hope Christian Academy; Feb. 8, Linden-McKinley; Feb. 14, at Watterson; Feb. 15, Whitehall; Feb. 18, at Johnstown.

BISHOP READY

Top players: Darius Parham, 6-3, jr. (15 points, 5.5 rebounds per game, 47 percent field goal shooting, first-team All-CCL last season); Garrison Budd, 6-1, jr. (9 ppg, 43 percent 3-point shooting); Brock Baker, 6-1, sr. (5 ppg)

Conference: Central Catholic League

2018-19 record: 11-13 overall, 1-7 CCL

Coach: Tony Bisutti (11-13 in one season at Ready, 379-227 overall)

Coach's outlook: "Solid returning group of players with still only one senior. Good chemistry, play well together. Solid incoming freshman class. Might still be one year away, but have a chance to make some noise by the end of this season."

Roster: Parham; Budd; Baker; PJ Daniels, 6-1, jr.; Cole Matthews, 6-3, jr.; Azzan Daniels, 6-1, jr.; Andy Schulze, 5-9, jr.; Luke Ruth, 5-11, fr.; Charlie Russell, 6-3, fr.; Kyle Gramlich, 6-3, jr.;

Keenan Johnston, 5-10, jr.; Troy Hixson, 5-11, soph.; Kaleb Schaffer, 6-4, fr.; Cael Dent, 6-2, jr.

Schedule: Dec. 3, at Fairfield Union; Dec. 6, at Bishop Hartley; Dec. 10, at Liberty Union; Dec. 14, at Canton Central Catholic; Dec. 20, St. Francis DeSales; Dec. 21, Proctorville Fairland; Dec. 27, Indian Valley at Tuscarawas Central Catholic Tournament; Dec. 28, Carrollton at TCC Tournament; Jan. 3, at Bishop Watterson; Jan. 4, Bexley at Capital University; Jan. 10, St. Charles; Jan. 17, Hartley; Jan. 18 Andrews Osbourne; Jan. 21, KIPP Academy; Jan. 23, at Hamilton Township; Jan. 28, Franklin Heights; Jan. 31, at DeSales; Feb. 1, Marion Pleasant; Feb. 7, Bishop Watterson; Feb. 8, at Hannibal River; Feb. 14, at St. Charles.

BISHOP ROSECRANS

Top players: Weston Nern, 5-11, sr. (13.6 points, 5.5 rebounds, 2.9 assists per game last season); Kaid Brown, 6-2, sr. (9.4 ppg, 2.8 rpg); Jack Goggin, 5-11, sr. (9.0 ppg, 2.3 rpg, 3.0 apg); Josh Merva, 5-9, jr. (7.9 ppg, 2.0 rpg); Marcus Browning, 6-0, sr. (6.0 ppg, 5.7 rpg)

Conference: Mid-State League, Cardinal Division

2018-19 record: 21-4 overall, 11-3 MSL Cardinal

Coach: Todd Rock (374-234 overall and in 26 seasons at Bishop Rosecrans)

Coach's outlook: "After having only one senior in each of the past two seasons, we have eight seniors this year. This group knows the system, what it takes to compete at a high level and what is expected of them as leaders. We have five players who will be playing their third season of varsity ball, and they know there's pressure to try to exceed last year's accomplishments. We may have some matchup problems because we will feature a five-guard lineup, but our opponents could have problems matching up with our quickness and shooting ability from behind the arc. This should be a very interesting year, and people will enjoy seeing us play hard for four quarters every game."

Roster: Nern; Brown; Goggin; Merva; Browning; Paul Nern, 5-11, sr.; Will Bernath, 5-9, sr.; Nick Losco, 6-0, sr.; Tommy Bernath, 5-7, soph.; Thomas Spohn, 5-10, jr.; Cam Hagy, 5-9, sr.; Brock Lowe, 5-8, soph.

Schedule: Nov. 29, West Muskingum; Dec. 3, Caldwell; Dec. 5, Licking Valley; Dec. 10, at TCC; Dec. 13, at Grove City Christian; Dec. 17, Fairfield Christian; Dec. 21, at Fisher Catholic; Dec. 27, at Beallsville; Jan. 3, Cristo Rey; Jan. 7, at Millersport; Jan. 9, at Liberty Christian; Jan. 11, Berne Union; Jan. 15, Northridge; Jan. 17, at Harvest Prep; Jan. 25, Grove City Christian; Jan. 29, at Lakewood; Jan. 31, at Fairfield Christian; Feb. 4, Fisher Catholic; Feb. 8, Millersport; Feb. 11, at Berne Union; Feb. 14, Harvest Prep; Feb. 15, Danville.

BISHOP WATTERSON

Top players: Chris Crane, 6-2, sr.; Mike Bruzzese, 6-2, sr.; Mason Graney, 6-4, sr.

Conference: Central Catholic League

2018-19 record: 15-10 overall, 6-2 CCL (CCL co-champion, district finalist)

Coach: Vince Lombardo (447-366 overall in 34 seasons, 371-246 in 26 years at Bishop Watterson)

Coach's outlook: "We're looking forward to a challenging and fun season. We have a lot of good athletes but are relatively inexperienced at the varsity level. The CCL should be very exciting once again with a lot of close, hard-fought games. You would be hard-pressed to find a more competitive

league, game in and game out, than the CCL."

Roster: Crane; Bruzzese; Graney; Noah Grayem, 6-2, jr.; Davis Boone, 6-2, jr.; Sam Intihar, 6-1, jr.; Gavin Green, 6-0, jr.; Noah Gruver, 6-2, jr.; Nick Malagrecia, 6-1, jr.; Jake Hoying, 6-1, jr.; Gilbert Oduro, 6-5, soph.

Schedule: Dec. 3, Worthington Kilbourne; Dec. 6, at St. Francis DeSales; Dec. 7, at Westerville North; Dec. 13, St. Charles; Dec. 20, Mansfield Madison; Dec. 21, at Hilliard Davidson; Dec. 27, at Toledo Rossford; Dec. 28, at Buckeye Valley; Dec. 30, at Whetstone; Jan. 3, Bishop Ready; Jan. 4, Mansfield St. Peter; Jan. 10, at Bishop Hartley; Jan. 11, Marysville; Jan. 17, DeSales; Jan. 18, at Olentangy Orange; Jan. 24, at St. Charles; Jan. 28, at Hilliard Darby; Feb. 1, at Springfield Shawnee; Feb. 4, Jonathan Alder; Feb. 7, at Ready; Feb. 11, at Dublin Scioto; Feb. 14, Hartley.

CRISTO REY

Top players: Joshua Parish, sr.; Jalin Ragland, sr.; Christopher Hepburn, sr.; Samuel Alexander, jr.; Nehemiah Clayton, jr.

Conference: Independent

2018-19 record: 2-18

Coach: Andre Bolliger

Coach's outlook: Not provided

Roster: Parish; Hepburn; Mattios Haftu, sr.; Justin Bowman, sr.; Reco Hancock, sr.; Ragland; Mamoudou Bah, sr.; Alexander; Clayton; Carlos Patterson, jr.; Daniel Simumba, jr.; Zion Bass, soph.; Amadou Diop, soph.; Londale Towns, soph.; Dominick Caperton Avila, soph.

Schedule: Dec. 2, at Ridgedale; Dec. 3, at Liberty Christian Academy; Dec. 4, at KIPP; Dec. 5, Horizon Science Academy; Dec. 11, Berne Union; Dec. 17, at Gilead Christian; Dec. 20, at New Hope Christian Academy; Dec. 27-28, Bobcat Holiday Classic; Jan. 3, at Bishop Rosecrans; Jan. 9 at Columbus Torah Academy; Jan. 11, Lockland; Jan. 13, at Tree of Life Christian; Jan. 15, at Columbus West; Jan. 24, at Liberty Christian Academy; Jan. 28, Genoa Christian Academy; Feb. 13, at Columbus International

LANCASTER FISHER CATHOLIC

Top players: Bryson Vogel, 6-4, sr. (9.2 points, 5.0 rebounds, 2.6 assists, 1.5 steals per game last season); Sam Maynard, 5-9, sr.; Kaden Starcher, 6-0, sr.; Joe Martin, 6-0, sr.

Conference: Mid-State League, Cardinal Division

2018-19 record: 18-8 overall, 9-7 MSL Cardinal

Coach: Shawn Brown (35-17 in two years at Fisher Catholic)

Coach's outlook: "The 2019-20 season will be an exciting challenge. We graduated nine seniors last season and seven seniors the year before. We have one player, Bryson Vogel, returning with substantial varsity playing time, and the rest will be battling on the varsity hardwood for the first time night after night. We will need to work hard and implement our principles quickly, as a late start resulting from the football team's success has put us a week behind. The great thing we have at Fisher is great kids who work hard and play even harder. We will be young in experience, but I expect us to compete every night with effort and intensity."

Roster: Vogel; Maynard; Starcher; Martin; Trey

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Fabricini, 5-11, sr.; Alex Bronder, 6-0, jr.; Josh Burke, 6-4, jr.; Alex Smith, 6-0, jr.; Colton Yeager, 6-2, jr.; Ben Shaw, 6-0, jr.; Nick Krooner, 5-9, jr.

Schedule: Dec. 3, Hemlock Miller; Dec. 7, at Millersport; Dec. 9, Crooksville; Dec. 13, Berne Union; Dec. 14, at Patriot Prep; Dec. 17, at Harvest Prep; Dec. 21, Bishop Rosecrans; Dec. 27-28, at Heath holiday tournament; Jan. 2, at Morgan; Jan. 3, Meigs; Jan. 9, at New Hope Christian; Jan. 11, at Grove City Christian; Jan. 13, Newark Catholic; Jan. 17, Fairfield Christian; Jan. 21, Millersport; Jan. 25, at Berne Union; Jan. 29, at Liberty Union; Jan. 31, Harvest Prep; Feb. 4, at Bishop Rosecrans; Feb. 11, Grove City Christian; Feb. 14, Fairfield Christian.

NEWARK CATHOLIC

Top players: Slater Evans, sr.; Bryson Bell, jr.; Matthew Gialdini, jr.; Brandon Buchanan, soph.

Conference: Licking County League

2018-19 record: 8-17 overall, 3-10 LCL

Coach: Nate Adams (first year at Newark Catholic)

Coach's outlook: "We are a young team which graduated or transferred our top six scorers from last year. With football making a deep run in the playoffs and a lot of our guys being a part of that success, we did not have our team together through mid-November, and that may still be the case when this story comes out. With that being said, the guys we do have are working extremely hard, and our staff as a whole is excited about the season ahead of us. The LCL is a very tough league with lots of great basketball, and we will have to be prepared and ready for the challenge every time we step on the court."

Roster: Evans; Bell; Gialdini; Buchanan; Matthew Carlisle, sr.; Derek Hawk, sr.; Colin Crumrine, jr.; Campbell Mauter, jr.; Jhet Winston, jr.; Cole Canter, soph.

Schedule: Dec. 3, at Fredericktown; Dec. 7, Utica; Dec. 9, Grove City Christian; Dec. 11, at Northridge; Dec. 14, Lakewood; Dec. 21, at Patriot Prep; Dec. 23, at Amanda-Clearcreek; Dec. 27, Fairfield Christian; Dec. 30, Tree of Life; Jan. 4, Johnstown; Jan. 7, at Granville; Jan. 11, at Heath; Jan. 13, at Fisher Catholic; Jan. 16, Crooksville; Jan. 17, at Utica; Jan. 22, Watkins Memorial; Jan. 24, Northridge; Jan. 31, at Licking Heights; Feb. 4, at Licking Valley; Feb. 7, at Johnstown; Feb. 14, Heath; Feb. 18, at Cardington.



Portsmouth Notre Dame's boys basketball team

PORTSMOUTH NOTRE DAME

Top players: Jackson Clark, 5-10, jr. (11.4 points per game last season); Caleb Nichols, 6-2, jr. (6.8 rebounds per game); Ethan Kammer, 5-10, jr.

Conference: Southern Ohio Conference, Division 1

2018-19 record: 2-21 overall, 1-13 SOC

Coach: Matt Mader (103-80 in eight years overall and at Notre Dame)

Coach's outlook: "We have 21 players in our program this year, compared with 11 last season.

Our depth and size were huge issues last season, and we are hoping that our increased numbers will help with our practices being more competitive."

Roster: Clark; Nichols; Kammer; Jermaine Powell, 5-11, soph.; Carter Campbell, 6-0, fr.; Christian Alvarez, 5-10, sr.; Dominic Sparks, 6-5, fr.; Gary Zheng, 5-8, soph.; Tanner Richards, 5-7, sr.; Chris Schmidt, 5-11, jr.; Dylan Seison, 5-10, fr.; Xavier Shepherd, 6-2, sr.; Darren Edgington, 6-4, soph.

Schedule: Nov. 29, Portsmouth West; Dec. 6, at Latham Western; Dec. 10, Manchester; Dec. 13, Clay; Dec. 14, at Rose Hill Christian (Ky.); Dec. 17, at Symmes Valley; Dec. 20, Ironton St. Joseph; Dec. 27-28, at Ironton St. Joseph tournament; Jan. 3, at Portsmouth East; Jan. 7, New Boston; Jan. 10, at Green; Jan. 14, Latham Western; Jan. 17, at Clay; Jan. 21, Symmes Valley; Jan. 24, at Ironton St. Joseph; Jan. 31, Portsmouth East; Feb. 5, at McDermott Northwest; Feb. 7, Green; Feb. 8, at Chillicothe Huntingdon; Feb. 11, Rose Hill Christian (Ky.); Feb. 14, at New Boston.



St. Charles' returning players include (from left) Spencer Martin, Doogie James, Jared Frey and Victor Searls.

Photo courtesy St. Charles

ST. CHARLES

Top players: Spencer Martin, 5-11, sr. (9 points, 4 rebounds, 3 assists per game last season); Jared Frey, 6-3, soph. (17 ppg, 5 rpg, 3 apg); Victor Searls, 6-7, sr. (9 ppg, 6 rpg)

Conference: Central Catholic League

2018-19 record: 13-9 overall, 4-4 CCL

Coach: Jacob Daniel (142-81 in 10 seasons overall and at St. Charles)

Coach's outlook: "So far, this group has been very fun to coach. All the guys seem to truly care for each other, and their attitudes as a whole have been refreshing. We lose three very valuable contributors from last season: Alec Lohiser to graduation, and seniors Roland Rowe (two-year starter, All-CCL guard) and Cam O'Neal (also a two-year letterwinner) to football injuries. As a result, we are very young with only two seniors and one junior. It will be fun to watch to see who will mature and step into leadership roles as well as (becoming) playmakers."

Roster: Martin; Frey; Searls; Ryan Utt, 6-3, jr.; Doogie James, 5-9, soph.; Juan Reeder, 6-2, soph.; Joshua Whiteside, 6-4, soph.; Chase Walker, 6-4, fr.

Schedule: Nov. 27, Watkins Memorial; Dec. 3, at Groveport Madison; Dec. 5, at Columbus East; Dec. 10, Fairfield Union; Dec. 13, at Bishop Watterson; Dec. 20, Bishop Hartley; Dec. 23, Bexley; Dec. 27, Pickerington North; Jan. 3, St. Francis DeSales; Jan. 4, Worthington Christian at Capital University; Jan. 10, at Bishop Ready; Jan. 14, at Dublin Jerome; Jan. 17, at Logan; Jan. 20, Chillicothe; Jan. 24, Watterson; Jan. 31, at Hartley; Feb. 1, Westland; Feb. 7, at DeSales; Feb. 8, Columbus Centennial; Feb. 14, Ready.

ST. FRANCIS DESALES

Top players: Kobe Righter, 5-10, sr. (12 points per game, three-year starter, second-team All-CCL last season); Desmond Watson, 6-4, jr. (10 ppg, two-year starter, second-team All-CCL); Chris Fleisher, 6-2, sr.; Obed Achirem, jr.; Austin Mann, 5-7, jr.

Conference: Central Catholic League

2018-19 record: 17-9 overall, 6-2 CCL (Division II District runner-up, CCL co-champion)

Coach: Pat Murphy (129-140 overall, 30-21 at DeSales)

Coach's outlook: This year's team will feature five returning lettermen ready to take on the challenge of defending the CCL title and winning a district championship. The Stallions have a wealth of returning experience and many reasons to be excited about this upcoming season. The 2019-20 schedule again features non-league tests with some of Ohio's best, including Huber Heights Wayne at the All-Ohio Showcase, a tough lineup at the Newark Holiday tournament, Olentangy Liberty, Worthington Kilbourne, Beechcroft, Linden and the always-strong Central Catholic League. The CCL will feature a number of teams with key returnees at multiple positions, and every game should be a battle.

Roster: Righter, Achirem, Fleisher, Mann, Watson. Final roster pending tryouts.

Schedule: Nov. 30, All-Ohio Showcase; Dec. 3, at Westerville Central; Dec. 6, Bishop Watterson; Dec. 13, Bishop Hartley; Dec. 14, at Bloom-Carroll; Dec. 20, at Bishop Ready; Dec. 21, Tri-Valley; Dec. 27, Lake Catholic at Newark Holiday Tournament; Dec. 28, Oak Hills or Newark at Newark Holiday Tournament; Jan. 3, at St. Charles; Jan. 4, Jonathan Alder; Jan. 11, Beechcroft; Jan. 14, at Granville; Jan. 17, at Watterson; Jan. 18, at Linden; Jan. 24, at Hartley; Jan. 28, Johnstown; Jan. 31, Ready; Feb. 1, Grove City; Feb. 7, St. Charles; Feb. 11, at Olentangy Liberty; Feb. 18, at Worthington Kilbourne.

TUSCARAWAS CENTRAL CATHOLIC

Top players: Ryan Dick, 5-10, jr. (8.0 points per game last season); Jake Miller, 5-11, sr. (3.0 assists per game)

Conference: Inter-Valley Conference, North

2018-19 record: 12-12 overall, 5-11 IVC North

Coach: Tyrone Miller (108-86 overall and at TCC)

Coach's outlook: "We will have a very young group, but we expect our effort on the defensive end of the floor to allow us to compete on a nightly basis. Our coaching staff is excited to coach this group, as they are very coachable and learning quickly. Our goal is always to be playing at a high level in February and March."

Roster: Dick; Miller; Landon Potopsky, 6-2, soph.; Andrew Angelini, 6-0, jr.; Zane Douglass, 5-11, soph.; Adam Decaminada, 6-1, soph.; Jacob Renicker, 6-3, soph.; Jackson Triplett, 5-9, soph.; Toby Grossi, 6-1, jr.; Cameron Costello, 5-9, soph.; Julius Franzen, 6-1, soph.

Schedule: Nov. 30, at Steubenville Catholic Central; Dec. 6, at Garaway; Dec. 10, Bishop Rosecrans; Dec. 13, at East Canton; Dec. 17, Strasburg; Dec. 20, at Sandy Valley; Dec. 28, West Holmes; Jan. 3, at Malvern; Jan. 4, Bridgeport; Jan. 7, at Conotton Valley; Jan. 10, Claymont; Jan. 11, East Canton; Jan. 14, at Shenandoah; Jan. 18, Tuslaw; Jan. 21, Tuscarawas Valley; Jan. 25, at Caldwell; Jan. 28, at Strasburg; Jan. 31, Sandy Valley; Feb. 4, at Tuscarawas Valley; Feb. 7, Malvern; Feb. 11, Conotton Valley; Feb. 15, IVC Showcase.

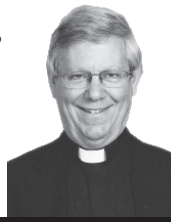
First Sunday of Advent Cycle A

Four ways at Mass to prepare for when the Lord comes

Isaiah 2:1-5
Psalms 122:1-9
Romans 13:11-14
Matthew 24:37-44

Father Timothy Hayes

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



At an hour we do not expect, the Son of Man will come. ... We all make plans for the future as if there will always be a tomorrow. Yet, none of us can know just when the Lord will arrive for us. So, we must ask ourselves, are we ready? No one is ever really ready. A soul may be disposed, prepared spiritually to say "Yes" when the moment arrives. But there is always some unfinished business.

There is only one way to prepare: to pay attention to the present moment. Worry about an hour from now cannot accomplish anything, especially if the Lord chooses this moment to return for all of us, or for you alone. Tomorrow may never come. We are creatures born into time who will live eternal life. We are called to open our hearts and our lives to the Lord.

We must give God our whole persons. Our bodies are not our own. They belong to God. Our psyches, our minds, our emotions, which occupy so much of our attention, are not in our control. Our spirits are made by God for God, and we have absolutely no capacity to do anything at all for them without grace – the grace given to us freely through the sacraments.

How do we get ready for something? We think about what is going to happen. We imagine the "flow" of things. We reflect on who will be there with us and we review in our minds what we will need to get through it.

Mass offers us four distinct ways of attending to the present moment so that we are ready when the Lord comes: Welcome, Word, Sacrament and Mission.

First, as we gather, we are welcomed into God's presence. As you come in, use the holy water and make a "full body" Sign of the Cross: "Reach for the holy" as you say, "Holy Spirit." Genuflect toward the tabernacle, going all the way down on your right knee if you are physically capable of it, or making a profound bow if you are not. Be accommodating to your brothers and sisters by greeting them with a nod and by being silent for

prayer before Mass.

Next, listen and respond to God's Word, allowing its meaning to penetrate into your heart. Allow the Word to reveal you to yourself. Participate in the gestures that accompany the readings with attentiveness: sitting to hear the first and second readings, standing and making the threefold sign of the cross to give God your mind, your lips and your heart. Allow the homily to shape you and form you as a disciple.

In the parts of the Liturgy of the Eucharist, bring what you have to the Lord. Put your life and your concerns into the collection basket and onto the altar with the bread and wine. Allow your baptismal priesthood to flow as the priest exercises his ministerial priesthood to bring forth the Eucharistic presence of the Lord Jesus.

Examine your heart to see whether you are ready to receive the Lord with proper reverence. If you are aware of grave sin, make a spiritual communion.

As you return to your pew, realize that everyone who has received with you is a living tabernacle. Enter into your own soul and commune with your loved ones and the saints who have gone ahead of us into glory. Relish the moment of silence that allows us to taste heaven.

The fourth moment for attentiveness is the rite of dismissal: the announcements giving us news about the life of our parish, the final blessing and the call to mission. Wait until the priest and ministers leave, acknowledging what Christ has done in them for you. As you depart, once again dip your hand in the holy water and make the Sign of the Cross, realizing that you carry the Word and the Sacrament to a world crying out for His presence. Don't lose it in the parking lot or on the road.

This is how we prepare to meet Christ when He comes again. Will He find us ready?

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord!

THE WEEKDAY BIBLE READINGS

MONDAY
 Isaiah 4:2-6
 Psalm 122:1-9
 Matthew 8:5-11

WEDNESDAY
 Isaiah 25:6-10a
 Psalm 23:1-6
 Matthew 15:29-37

FRIDAY
 Isaiah 29:17-24
 Psalm 27:1,4,13-14
 Matthew 9:27-31

TUESDAY
 Isaiah 11:1-10
 Psalm 72:1-2,7-8,12-13,17
 Luke 10:21-24

THURSDAY
 Isaiah 26:1-6
 Psalm 118:1,8-9,
 19-21,25-27a
 Matthew 7:21,24-27

SATURDAY
 Isaiah 30:19-21,23-26
 Psalm 147:1-6
 Matthew 9:35-10:1,5a,6-8

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE: WEEK OF DEC. 1, 2019

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. Mass from St. Francis de Sales Seminary, Milwaukee, at 10 a.m. on WWHO-TV. Check local cable system for cable channel listing.

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

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

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

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

DAILY MASS

8 a.m., Our Lady of the Angels Monastery in Birmingham, Ala. (Encores at noon, 7 p.m. and midnight). See EWTN above; and on I-Lifetv (Channel 113, Ada, Logan, Millersburg, Murray City,

Washington C.H.; Channel 125, Marion, Newark, Newcomerstown and New Philadelphia; Channel 207, Zanesville).

8 p.m., St. Gabriel Radio (AM 820), Columbus, and at www.stgabrielradio.com.

Videos of Masses are available at any time on the internet at these parish websites: Mattingly Settlement St. Mary (www.stannstmary.org); Columbus St. Patrick (www.stpatrickcolumbus.org); Delaware St. Mary (www.delawarestmary.org); and Sunbury St. John Neumann (www.saintjohnsunbury.org).

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

VOCATIONS, continued from Page 3

deacons, religious and the people of God to foster vocations in our diocese.

"I have been in discussion with Father Hahn and Father Steve Beseau, rector-president of the Pontifical College Josephinum, and we all agree that it would be advantageous in a number of ways for Father Hahn to reside at the Josephinum, where the majority of our seminarians are in formation for the priesthood."

Father Noble, 64, grew up in suburban Detroit and was ordained a priest of the PIME missionary order on May 23, 1981. He was principal and spiritual director at the former PIME seminary in Newark, now Sts. Peter and Paul Retreat Center, for four years and was incardinated as a priest of

the Diocese of Columbus in 1985. He served the diocese as parochial vicar at Westerville

St. Paul and Gahanna St. Matthew churches and pastor at St. Matthew before becoming pastor of St. John Neumann in 2017. He also was principal at Lancaster Fisher Catholic High School and served for seven years as diocesan superintendent of schools.

Father Hahn, 44, a native of Logan, was ordained a priest of the diocese on June 26, 2004. He was associate pastor at Powell St. Joan of Arc Church for two years and has been pastor at Chillicothe St. Peter and Waverly St. Mary since 2006. The two parishes were joined with St. Colman of Cloyne as part of a cluster in 2015.

MOMMIES MATTER, continued from Page 5

life. She spoke of meeting the mothers where they are on their journey and offering empathy, acceptance and love, with an emphasis on making life better for the mother. Straub spoke of the focus on skill and strategy devel-

opment for new mothers. She reminded guests of the adage, "It is better to teach someone to fish rather than give them a fish."

For more information on Mommies Matter, visit www.mommiesmatter.org.

PRAY FOR OUR DEAD

AGOSTA, Bette R. (Smyth), 90, Nov. 21
St. Mary Church, Lancaster

ALTHAUSER, August T. "Tom" Jr., 83,
Nov. 19
St. Joseph Church, Somerset

ANDRACKI, Joann P., 87, Nov. 22
St. Timothy Church, Columbus

BASBAGILL, Judy (Schultz), 75, Nov. 21
St. Mary Church, Delaware

CARPENTER, Margaret M. "Margo," 64,
Nov. 18
Christ the King Church, Columbus

CARRUTHERS, Walter, 78, Nov. 14
Ss. Augustine & Gabriel Church, Columbus

CHENEVEY, Daniel J., 29, Nov. 13
St. John Neumann Church, Sunbury

FOELLER, Evelyn (Weis), 96, Nov. 22
Resurrection Cemetery Chapel, Lewis
Center

FRUGE, Vincent C., 66, Nov. 21
St. Dominic Church, Columbus

GARABIS, Clarabel, 66, Nov. 19
St. Agatha Church, Columbus

GLAZE, Lloyd Jr., 94, Nov. 18
Our Mother of Sorrows Chapel, Columbus

GRIER, Kenneth R., 89, Nov. 18
Sacred Heart Church, Coshocton

JACKSON, N. Jean (Weigand), 86, Nov. 19
St. Cecilia Church, Columbus

JULIAN, Janet S. (Shere), 87, Nov. 21
St. Paul Church, Westerville

KULAS, William T. "Tom," 68, Nov. 21
St. Philip Church, Columbus

MONFORT, Charles, 63, Nov. 19
St. Joan of Arc Church, Powell

NIEMANN, Grant L. "Louie" Jr., 55, Nov. 21
St. Bernadette Church, Lancaster

RAPOL, Daniel L., 76, Nov. 19
St. Nicholas Church, Zanesville

SKELTON, Joseph R., 69, Nov. 16
Sacred Heart Church, Coshocton

SPENCE, Marjorie A. (Hendricks), 92,
Nov. 21
St. Agatha Church, Columbus

STOEHR, Steven M., 78, Nov. 22
Church of the Resurrection, New Albany

TAVENNER, Robert, 76, Nov. 18
St. Paul Church, Westerville

VARGO, Julius J., 83, Nov. 13
St. Mary, Mother of God Church, Columbus

Marilyn A. Kelly

Funeral Mass for Marilyn A. Kelly, 89, who died Sunday, Nov. 17, was celebrated Monday, Nov. 25 at Columbus St. Anthony Church. Burial was at Resurrection Cemetery, Lewis Center.

She was born on April 6, 1930 to Arthur and Helen (Gartner) Dolder and attended St. Mary School in Columbus' German Village neighborhood. She was a charter member of St. Anthony Church, where she worked in the parish and school offices and was a member of

the St. Clare Circle and the parish women's club. She also was a member of the Heritage Club, Daughters of Erin and Cum Christo community.

She was preceded in death by her parents; stepmother, Stella (Casey) Dolder; husband, Edward; and brother, Robert. Survivors include sons, Ed (Debbie), David (Karen) and Michael; daughters, Susan (Robert) Broeg and Karen (Larry) Hittner; 10 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.



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NOVEMBER

30, SATURDAY

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

by rosary and confession.

30-DEC. 8, SATURDAY-SUNDAY

Immaculate Conception Novena at St. Elizabeth 7 p.m., St. Elizabeth Church, 6077 Sharon Woods Blvd., Columbus. Novena in preparation for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. 614-891-0150

DECEMBER

1, SUNDAY

Exposition at Our Lady of Mount Carmel 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 5133 Walnut Road S.E., Buckeye Lake.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Sunday during Advent. 740-928-3266

Prayer for the Nation at St. Matthew 3 p.m., St. Matthew Church, 807 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna. Monthly Holy Hour of prayer for the nation, including the Divine Mercy Chaplet and the rosary. 614-471-0212

Solemn Vespers at Cathedral 4:45 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Sung Advent solemn Evening Vespers before 5:15 p.m. Mass. 614-241-2526

Prayer Group Meeting at Christ the King 5 to 7 p.m., Christ the King Church, 2777 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus (enter at daily Mass entrance). Weekly parish prayer group meets. for praise, worship, ministry, and teaching. 614-886-8266

Lessons and Carols at St. Thomas Aquinas 5 p.m., St. Thomas Aquinas Church, 144 N. 5th St., Zanesville. Advent lessons and carols service. 740-453-3301

Catechesis at the Cathedral 6:45 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Thirteenth of weekly series of sessions with Father Adam Streitenberger through December on the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. 614-224-1295

Solemn Vespers at Columbus St. Patrick 7 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Sung Advent solemn Evening Vespers. 614-224-9522

ODU Choir Concert at German Village St. Mary 7 p.m., St. Mary, Mother of God Church, 672 S. 3rd St., Columbus. Ohio Dominican University choir Christmas concert. 614-445-9668

Compline at Cathedral 9 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Chanting of Compline, the Catholic Church's official night prayer. 614-241-2526

1-3, SUNDAY-TUESDAY

Parish Mission at St. Cecilia 7 p.m., St. Cecilia Church, 434 Norton Road, Columbus. Parish mission featuring videos from Bishop Robert Barron's *Pivotal Players* series. Sunday, St. Francis of Assisi; Monday, St. Augustine; Tuesday, Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen. Followed by group discussion and question-and-answer session. 614-878-5353

2, MONDAY

Eucharistic Adoration at Our Lady of Victory 7 to 8 a.m., Our Lady of Victory Church, 1559 Roxbury Road, Columbus. First Monday Eucharistic Adoration, beginning with Morning Prayer, concluding with Mass.

Holy Hour at New Philadelphia Sacred Heart 5 to 6 p.m., Sacred Heart Church, 139 3rd St. N.E., New Philadelphia. Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Evening Prayer, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. 330-343-6976
Ohio Dominican Christmas Events
Ohio Dominican University, 1216 Sunbury Road,

Columbus. Christmas events including a reception and information session for high school students, sponsored by the admissions office, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Bishop Griffin Center; Santa's Workshop, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., St. Catherine of Siena Room, Erskine Hall; sleigh rides, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., the Oval; Christmas tree lighting and creche blessing. 6 p.m., in front of Erskine Hall; and the Christmas concert of the university chorus, 7:30 p.m., Christ the King Chapel. 614-251-4453

Family Catechetical Series at St. Michael 6:15 to 7:30 p.m., St. Michael Church, 5750 N. High St., Worthington. Third program of monthly family catechetical series on "God's Plan of Loving Salvation," with four age-appropriate sessions for everyone from kindergarten students through parents. Includes family Adoration and prayer time. Child care provided. 614-885-7814

Evening Prayer at St. John Neumann 6:30 p.m., St. John Neumann Church, 9633 E. State Route 37, Sunbury. Advent Evening Prayer with Deacon Carl Calcara. 740-965-1358
Rosary at St. Pius X

6:30 p.m., St. Pius X Church, 1051 S. Waggoner Road, Reynoldsburg. Recital of Rosary for the sick of the parish and all who are ill. 614-866-2859
Marian Prayer Group at Holy Spirit 7 p.m., Day chapel, Holy Spirit Church, 4383 E. Broad St., Columbus. Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle prayer group for Catholic family life. 614-235-7435

3, TUESDAY

Serra Club of North Columbus Meeting Noon, Jessing Center, Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 N. High St., Columbus. Serra Club of North Columbus meeting, with talk by Father Adam Streitenberger, parochial vicar at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral and Bishop Brennan's liaison to lay organizations, preceded by rosary for priests at 11:30 a.m. Reservations required.

Our Lady of Good Success Study Group Noon to 2 p.m., Sacred Heart Church, 893 Hamlet St., Columbus. Monthly meeting of Our Lady of Good Success study group. Social period, followed by remedial catechesis study and discussion. 614-294-7702

Exposition, Mass at Ss. Simon and Jude 5 p.m., Ss. Simon and Jude Church, 9350 High Free Pike, West Jefferson. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by Mass at 6, on the Tuesdays of Advent. 614-879-8562

Rosary for Life at St. Joan of Arc Following 6:15 p.m. Mass, St. Joan of Arc Church, 10700 Liberty Road, Powell. Recital of Rosary for Life, sponsored by church's respect life committee.
Advent by Candlelight at Delaware St. Mary 6:30 to 9 p.m., St. Mary Church, 82 E. William St., Delaware. Annual Advent by Candlelight program presented by parish women's organization, with talk by parishioner Angel Fox on "Trusting God in Difficult Times." 740-363-4641

4, WEDNESDAY

Advent Retreat at Martin de Porres Center 10 a.m. to noon, Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus. First session of two-part "Advent: Season of Hope" retreat with Sister Carol Ann Spencer, OP. \$15 fee includes retreat and refreshments. Second session is Dec. 11 at same time. 614-416-1910

Ohio Dominican Holiday Art Market 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wehrle Art Gallery, Ohio Dominican University, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Holiday art market featuring artwork by university students and faculty for sale.
Faith Formation Discussion at St. Paul Noon to 2 p.m., St. Peter Room, St. Paul Church,

313 N. State St., Westerville. Discussion with Father Paul Noble, diocesan vocations director, for anyone involved in parish faith formation programs. Sponsored by Diocese of Columbus Association of Faith Formation Leaders and diocesan offices of Youth & Young Adult Ministry and Religious Education & Catechesis. Free; lunch provided. 614-221-4633

Divine Mercy Chaplet at St. Pius X 6 p.m., St. Pius X Church, 1051 S. Waggoner Road, Reynoldsburg. Recital of Chaplet of Divine Mercy. 614-866-2859

Advent Faith Formation at Delaware St. Mary 6:30 to 8 p.m., office building, St. Mary Church, 82 E. William St., Delaware. First of three "A Very Mary Advent" adult faith formation programs with Deacon Todd Tucky and Julie Lutz. 740-363-4641
Marian Devotion at St. Elizabeth

7 p.m., St. Elizabeth Church, 6077 Sharon Woods Blvd., Columbus. Marian devotion with Scriptural rosary, followed by Mass and monthly novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, with Father Ramon Ower. 614-891-0150

Evening of Reflection at St. Pius X 7 p.m., St. Pius X Church, 1051 S. Waggoner Road, Reynoldsburg. Advent evening of reflection. 614-866-2859

5, THURSDAY

Holy Spirit, St. Philip Morning of Reflection 9 a.m., St. Therese's Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus. Advent morning of reflection for Columbus Holy Spirit and St. Philip Church parishioners, led by Father Todd Lehigh, parochial vicar of Columbus St. Andrew Church.

Exposition at Church of the Resurrection 9:30 a.m. to 11 p.m., Reservation chapel, Church of the Resurrection, 6300 E. Dublin-Granville Road, New Albany. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament each Thursday during Advent. 614-855-1400

Soup and Scripture at Ohio Dominican 12:30 to 1 p.m., Community Room, Alumni Hall, Ohio Dominican University, 1215 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Soup lunch with Advent Scripture readings. 614-251-4453

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

Night Walk at Shepherd's Corner 6:30 to 8 p.m., Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. Night walk with theme "Nearly Winter." Suggested donation \$5. Registration deadline Dec. 3. 614-866-4302

Vespers, Benediction at St. Margaret 7 p.m., St. Margaret of Cortona Church, 1600 N. Hague Ave., Columbus. Parish's regular Thursday Eucharistic Adoration concludes with sung Vespers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. 614-279-1690

6, FRIDAY

St. Cecilia Adoration of Blessed Sacrament St. Cecilia Church, 434 Norton Road, Columbus. Begins after 8:15 a.m. Mass; continues to 5 p.m. Saturday.

Eucharistic Adoration at Columbus St. Peter 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road, Columbus. First Friday Eucharistic Adoration in day chapel.

First Friday Masses at Holy Family 9 a.m., 12:15 and 7 p.m., Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St., Columbus. First Friday Masses in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. 614-221-4323

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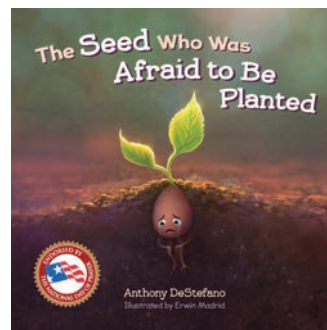
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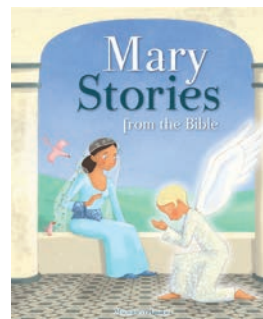
The Seed Who Was Afraid to Be Planted, Written by Anthony DeStefano, Illustrated by Erwin Madrid, Sophia Institute Press, \$16.95



Seems like a simple premise, and you've certainly seen it before: The seed in the drawer doesn't want to be planted, is planted, and experiences a change in perspective. What makes it delightful – and what makes my preschooler demand that we read it again and again and *again* – is the execution. The pictures are beautiful, and the words are, too. As you go through the story line, you can feel how tactile the planting and the growing are. The words and the pictures work together and make the story better as a sum than they are separately. We're taught about courage, about overcoming fear, about accepting who and where we are – all

without being told any of those things.

Mary Stories from the Bible, Written by Charlotte Grossetete, Illustrated by Sibylle Delaroux, Dominique Mertens and Eric Pubaret, Magnificat/Ignatius, \$15.99



Who doesn't love Mama Mary? And this collection of five stories, summarized from their biblical text, is perfect for the younger crew in my house. Included are “The Childhood of Mary,” “The Annunciation,” “The Birth of Jesus,” “The Wedding Feast at Cana” and “The Death and Resurrection of Jesus.” If it seems like a lot to be covered in one sitting, it is. And we don't usually read it all at once. The book is broken up so that you can read one section easily enough. The images are cute without being overdone, and I find myself wanting to put my name in ink in the front cover, just to make sure

this darling keepsake doesn't slip out of my house.

Mr. Mehan's Mildly Amusing Mythical Mammals, Written by Matthew Mehan, Illustrated by John Folley, TAN Books, \$24.95



The book is a compendium of mammals, and I guess they don't exist, though I remain unconvinced. We've been laughing about Angogrobugunkalungstis since we started reading, and we've had to reread some of them a couple of times. There are so many layers to this book: The letters of the alphabet are interwoven with the animals, and many have a full-page illustration. They're described in verse (no surprise that Mr. Mehan has a doctorate in Shakespeare's teachings on poetry), and the rereading reminds me of a revisit to a favorite photo. Once you've made it through the alphabet of mammals, you're not done – not even close! There are 46 pages of

glossary (and it's a glossary worth reading front-to-back, then back-to-front), a two-page description of each of the alphabetical letters (yes, there's more than meets the eye), and even an “I Spy” game you can play throughout the book.



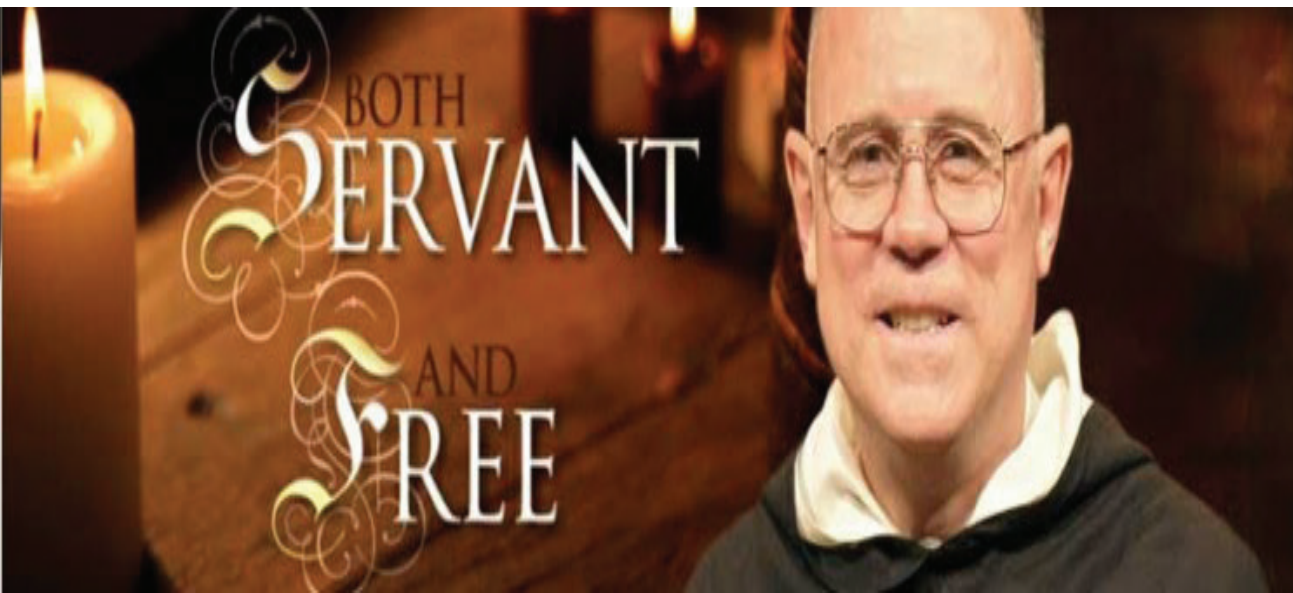
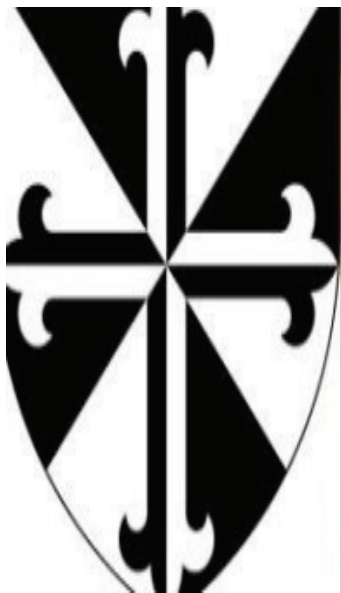
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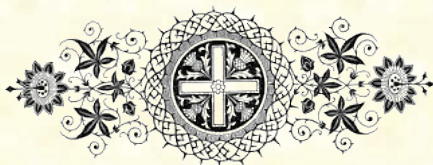
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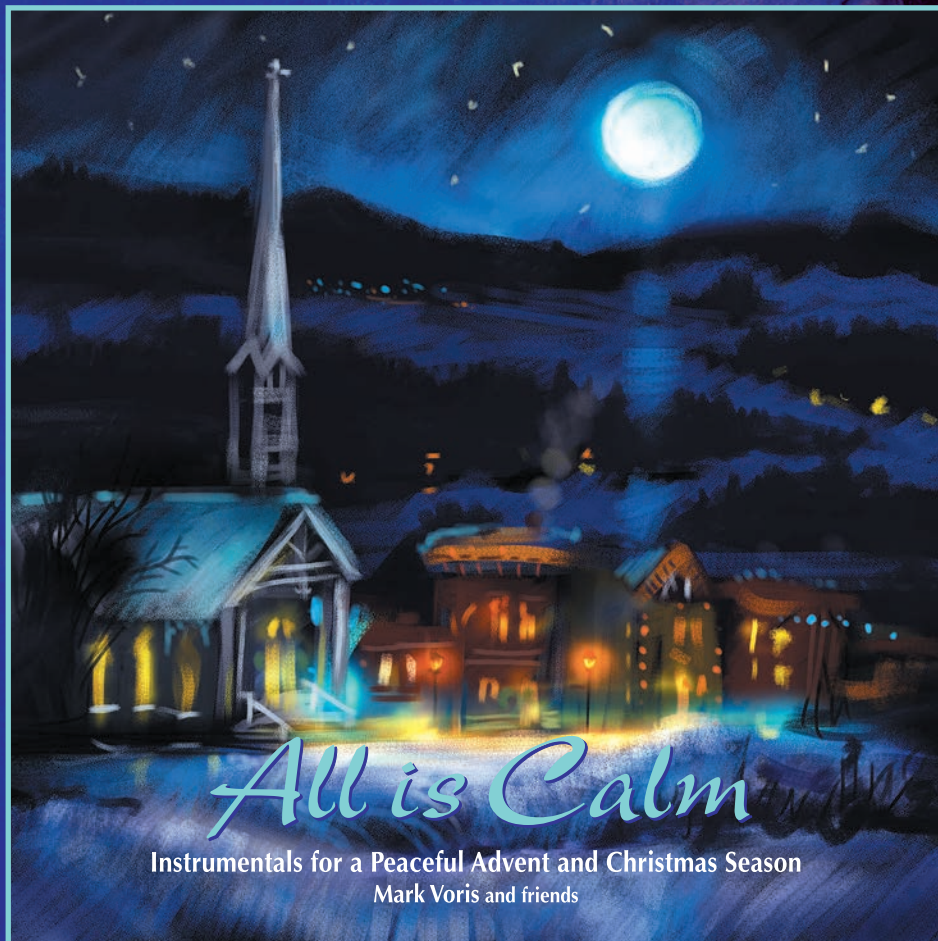
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