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Ss. Simon and Jude to celebrate 150th anniversary

West Jefferson Ss. Simon and Jude Church, 9350 High Free Pike, will celebrate its 150th anniversary at a Mass at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 28, with Bishop Robert Brennan as celebrant.

The Mass will be followed by a groundbreaking ceremony for the parish's new addition, which will include religious education classrooms, extension of the social hall, and a pavilion. A

reception will follow in the social hall.

The parish was founded in 1866 as a mission of London St. Patrick Church. Its original brick church in downtown West Jefferson on U.S. 40 was dedicated in 1869 and served the parish until the current church, just off the Interstate 70 exit for State Route 142, was dedicated in 2006.

Although it is a 20-minute drive from

downtown Columbus, the parish, with the rest of Madison County, was part of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati until a realignment of Ohio dioceses occurred in 1944. Priests from the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate served the parish from 1948 to 2005.

"As Ss. Simon and Jude celebrates the 150th anniversary, the parish is excited to move forward with new

expansions to the facilities," the parish said in an announcement. "Our dreams are realized when we build not just buildings but we build community around the body of Christ. We are excited with our new pastor. Fr. Dwayne McNew, who came in July of this year with great ideas and enthusiasm as we build for the future."

Bishop praises Ohio's strong pro-life culture at conference

Columbus Bishop Robert Brennan says one reason he is grateful to be in Ohio is the state's continuing respect for life, especially when compared with recent developments in his home state.

"There is a strong respect life foundation and culture here, but there will always be attacks, and the stronger the culture of life, the stronger the attacks, because you have to come to a place like this (Ohio) to beat it down," the bishop said at the diocesan Building a Culture of Life conference this past weekend.

"So while we have much to be grateful for, we need always to be vigilant. This gets to our mission. ... The Christian vision of life is not optimism, but hope. There is a huge difference. ... Respect for life is ultimately respect for God."

Bishop Brennan came to Columbus earlier this year from the Diocese of Rockville Centre, New York. When that state's legislature approved one of the nation's most liberal abortion laws this past January, New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo ordered One World Trade Center and other state landmarks to be lit in pink to celebrate the occasion.

Bishop Brennan said this was a remarkable shift from the attitude of Cuomo's father, the late Mario Cuomo, who was the state's governor from 1983 to 1994. He said the first Gov. Cuomo spoke about abortion in

terms of a tragedy which he personally opposed but had to endure as an elected representative of the people

"It was really, really, shocking. So I'm glad that I'm in Ohio," the bishop said. "Here is the thing about Ohio. We have good things going and strong foundations. A lot of that is due to your hard work and your consistent work, but we also have some challenges and realities that we need to face."

The conference, sponsored by the diocesan offices of Social Concerns and Marriage and Family Life and Greater Columbus Right to Life (GCRTL), took place on Saturday, Oct. 19 at

Sunbury St. John Neumann Church. Participants also heard from Catherine Glenn Foster, president and chief executive officer of Americans United for Life, which has been involved in every pro-life case before the U.S. Supreme Court, monitors abortion laws in each state and provides model legislation to assist lawmakers.

"Of course we care about unborn children, but we also care about their mothers," she said. "So while we are seeing progress in D.C. and in the courts, it is slow. In the states, however, things are moving much more quickly."

She said one-third of the state pro-

life laws passed since the Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade decision have been approved in the last few years, and that while a few states have expanded abortion access, the majority are passing pro-life bills, with Ohio among the leaders in that regard.

She described the push for assisted suicide as a well-funded political effort rather than a grassroots issue supported by the people, noting that although Washington, D.C. has approved an assisted suicide law, only two of the city's 11,000 physicians have registered to provide access to assisted-suicide drugs, and no one in the city has requested to die by assisted suicide.

Jerry Freewalt, diocesan social concerns director, provided an overview on current pro-life legislation in Ohio and shared information on legislative action alerts issued by his office and the Catholic Conference of Ohio. Pamela Harris, director of ethnic ministries for the Diocese of Columbus, spoke on racism, saying, "It hurts the family and diminishes the dignity of the human person. ... It is an affront to the idea that we are all made in the image and likeness of God."

Beth Vanderkooi of GCRTL and attorney Peggy Wolock, offered details of a new program titled "Faithful at the End of Life: Pro-Life Advance Medi-



Pamela Harris, director of the diocesan Ethnic Ministries Office, shares perspectives on the sin of racism as a pro-life issue. Photo courtesy Office of Social Concerns

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FAVORITE SAINTS

Sts. Joseph, Peter and Paul are depicted in a stained glass window at Danville St. Luke Church. The Catholic Church celebrates All Saints Day, a holy day of obligation, on Friday, Nov. 1. (Photo courtesy St. Luke Church)

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Creating a culture of safety in diocesan schools, churches

By Tim Puet
Catholic Times Reporter

With shooting incidents occurring all too often in recent years at schools and churches, the safety of students and parishioners has become a greater concern for diocesan educators, pastors and parish staff members.

More than 200 school and parish representatives gathered last week for programs at Danville St. Luke and Chillicothe St. Peter churches and the Church of the Resurrection in New Albany on the topic of “creating a culture of safety.”

Besides discussing what to do in the unlikely case of a shooting incident, speakers also talked about how best to respond when schools or parishes face the more common situations of threatening weather, a natural disaster, a fire or the injury or sudden illness of a parishioner or student.

“We think a lot about safety in schools, both because the state requires us to have a number of safety precautions in place and because, sadly, schools often have become targets for shooters,” said Adam Dufault, diocesan school superintendent, in opening remarks.

“The goal in all diocesan schools is that we’re ready if something happens. We have provided detailed maps and diagrams to first responders and have regular drills covering what to do in case of a fire, tornado or other emergency situation. A few months ago, we began thinking about whether parishes were ready in the same way. In some cases, the answer is ‘Yes’; in others, ‘Not so much.’ That’s why we decided to put together this safety summit, to share ideas and best practices on safety.

“It’s tempting to approach this subject out of fear, but we wanted the approach to be one of love for our churches, parishes and communities, with the goal of creating a safe, wonderful place so we can love and serve God.”

Speakers for the day were former Columbus police chief Walter Distelzweig, who now is safety director for Columbus Bishop Hartley High School; security consultant Fred Bowditch; and parish representatives Bruce McKenna of Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare Church and Steve Jewell of the Church of the Resurrection.

“We have a good handle on the

schools when it comes to security, but churches are different,” Distelzweig said. “You can’t really lock them down in the way you can with schools, and there are so many things to consider with church buildings themselves and with parish offices.

“For instance, at Mass, you’re not just dealing with the safety of the congregation, but the sacred vessels used in Communion and the offertory collection all could be targets for thieves. And parish facilities have so many other functions going on all day long.



Conference participants were urged to carry a “ready kit” in case of emergency.

How do you make sure all of them take place in a safe manner?”

Parish staff members and volunteers always need to maintain “a sense of situational awareness. Ask yourselves ‘What doesn’t look right?’ about a situation,” said Distelzweig, who was a Columbus police officer for 39 years and chief for the last three and has been at Bishop Harley since 2012. “If you see something, say something,” he said, using a phrase repeated by each speaker.

Distelzweig also urged parishes to ask local law enforcement officials to conduct a site assessment of their buildings and grounds, saying police always are willing to do this at no charge because it will benefit both the parish and the police in emergency situations. The other speakers made the same recommendation.

The speakers also placed strong emphasis on the “Run. Hide. Fight” re-

sponse in the event of an active shooter, saying that in comparison with other methods, it’s the simplest way of dealing with such a situation.

“If you’re able to run away from a shooting, you have a 95 percent chance of being OK,” said Bowditch, who was a Columbus police officer for 36 years. “Run as far and as fast as you can. If you’re able to, keep going until you’re out of sight of the school. We’ll find you.” He and the other speakers emphasized that most school shooting incidents last for three to

“Running and hiding should be enough in most situations, but what if you have to fight?” Bowditch asked. “If a guy comes in – and there’s a 99 percent chance it is a guy – don’t fight clean; fight dirty. Scratch, yell, claw, throw things, scream, knee him in the groin if you have to. It’s a last resort, so do enough so you can get out.”

Bowditch also showed a video from the Houston police that depicted the “Run. Hide. Fight” response to a simulated active shooter.

At the Danville presentation, after the video was shown, a pastor asked Bowditch about the proper response when dealing with a suspicious-looking person. “You want to be welcoming, but you can prohibit people from coming in,” Bowditch said. “If you feel someone is suspicious, trust your instincts, and don’t let them in.”

He also noted that as school shootings have increased, expectations of the community concerning law enforcement response to such situations have changed, to the point that whoever is first on a scene is trained to immediately respond to it and that firefighters, who in the past waited for police to secure the scene, now are going in with police to evacuate the most seriously wounded.

He also noted that no one has died in a school fire in the United States since fire drills became mandatory throughout the nation after a 1958 tragedy in which 92 children and three nuns were killed when a Chicago Catholic school burned down. He said this proof of the effectiveness of fire safety drills provides a good reason for students to learn how to respond to other dangerous situations, including an active shooter.

Saying he doesn’t know of any church with a security budget, Bowditch said the Ohio legislature recently authorized the state Public Safety Department to provide grants to churches, private schools and non-profit organizations for certain security improvements. Details are on the Ohio Emergency Management Agency’s website. He said that when applying for the grants, parishes need to pay close attention to requirements for obtaining the money to determine whether it’s practical to apply.

He also said foundations such as those connected to Walmart and Tar-

five minutes, so it’s most important to quickly find a way of protecting yourself for that period.

“Know where the exits are and be aware of all the ways you can get out,” he said. “At somewhere like a mall, 90 percent of the people go out the way they came in. That’s a mistake. Remember, every store has a rear exit. It’s the same in theaters.

“But if you can’t get out, where would you hide? Maybe in a storage room, or in a classroom if you’re in a school. Lock the door. Push a table or whatever barrier you can find against it. Turn off lights. Turn off your phone after calling 911. Be quiet. Think of a second plan in case the intruder does get in,” Bowditch said. Later in the program, McKenna talked about a “barricade cheat sheet,” which listed a variety of ways for people to safely hide or to defend themselves if attacked.

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get are potential sources for grant money and recommended that parishes contact store managers about the possibility of obtaining grants for security improvements.

McKenna's discussion about safety at St. Brigid was highlighted by a hidden-camera video from Dublin police showing students and staff members at the city's three high schools allowing a plainclothes officer to enter the buildings through unlocked doors. The officer then roamed the school halls unchallenged for five minutes in one instance and 10 minutes in another. At the third school, the officer, saying he became bored, ultimately turned himself in to the school resource officer, who was aware of the deception.

"Don't count on technology. Kids overwhelmingly are nice and want to be helpful, but in schools, that can be dangerous," said McKenna, who recently retired as a Dublin police officer after 26 years in law enforcement. He urged his listeners to "set up a culture where you are sheepdogs – not wolves, but sheepdogs protecting their flock from the wolves who would do them harm."

He talked about St. Brigid's use of a double buzz-in system for visitors, how the school tries to do most of its business with visitors through its outside speaker, and how visitors and staff members are required to wear identification at all times. He also talked about proper methods of greeting a visitor and of how to pay attention to the person's response to determine whether to let him or her in.

In addition, he mentioned a tool known as the OODA loop, which the military uses to determine how to deal with people in stressful environments. OODA stands for "Observe. Orient. Decide. Act."

"You can use OODA to explain everything in life," he said. "As soon as you disrupt someone's OODA loop, the more likely it is you can stop them if it's a risky situation," he said. "For instance, very rarely will someone punch you if you can get them to talking to you. That's one way of being a sheepdog."

Jewell said the Church of the Resurrection began an ongoing study of parish safety two years ago. A "tool-box" listing safety and security preparedness steps and a list of programs the parish has put into effect or is working on were distributed to everyone in attendance.

"We started looking at our safety plans with a group of five people in the fall of 2017 and have kept expanding since then," he said. "By their design, churches aren't safe places. They're open. Our church is one of the largest in the diocese, with seating for 1,500 people and two balconies, and we have few places to hide. If something terrible happens, we're not going to save everyone. Our goals are to minimize the opportunities for an incident to occur and to minimize the opportunities for damage and loss of life.

"We began with simple things, like having ushers always standing at the top of the aisles. We don't have stained-glass windows, so we're always able to look outside and see anyone approaching. Once Mass starts, we lock the back doors. Occasionally, we become alert when we see someone – not the same person – walking around the church for a while, but those people always have walked away."

Jewell said one result of being security-conscious has been development of a medical ministry, with doctors, nurses and first responders attending weekend Masses being asked to sign a sheet to let ushers know they are available for an emergency. The ushers use a system of colored ping-pong paddles for situations of concern – blue for medical problems, yellow for weather alerts and red for other emergencies.

"We have three phone landlines in the church, and an usher will go to one of those three to call for assistance when needed," Jewell said. "In a weather emergency, the yellow paddle means people need to get away from the windows. We realize that in an emergency situation, we're the real first responders until the police or fire or medics get here."

He said parish staff members and New Albany police have conducted a role-playing exercise involving how the "Run. Hide. Fight" response would work in the church building. "Run – we pull all the fire alarms. Hide – Get down and hide as best you can, in closets, under pews, wherever. Fight – do whatever possible to take down the intruder. Throw hymnals, throw your coat, throw fire extinguishers," Jewell said.

He also said two fire drills have taken place after Masses as a way of having the entire parish learn how to evacuate in case of an emergency. An announce-

ment of the drill is made at Masses on the weekend before it occurs.

"We did much better the second time," Jewell said. "The most important thing in those drills is to make sure people don't get in their cars and attempt to leave the property. Doing that would create a traffic jam and keep first responders from coming in."

In addition to the talks, the safety workshop included a chance for those in attendance to form small groups to talk about how they would handle various emergency situations. Activities concluded with a panel discussion with members

of the committee, representing several diocesan departments, that put the program together.

Questions or comments related to safety at diocesan properties can be emailed to the committee at safety@columbuscatholic.org.



Diocese of Columbus Child Protection Plan

It is the goal of the Diocese of Columbus to make the Church a place of safety: a place of prayer, ministry and comfort. Everyone who enters our churches, schools, or facilities must be confident in this. Not one child or young person should suffer from abuse while at Church. In order to assure the safety of our youth, the Diocese of Columbus has enacted a complete program of protection. As part of this program, the Diocese of Columbus will provide appropriate, just, and pastoral care for anyone who has suffered the crime of sexual abuse of a minor at the hands of diocesan clergy or church employees or volunteers. The Diocese of Columbus will report any and all allegations of abuse reported to it to the authorities and will cooperate fully with those authorities.

Help is available: The Diocese of Columbus wants to hear from anyone who has suffered. If you wish to report an allegation of abuse or need pastoral and/or clinical care in order to begin or continue the process of healing from sexual abuse as a child at the hands of a member of the clergy or a church employee or volunteer, simply call the diocesan Victims' Assistance Coordinator. You can find contact information at the bottom of this notice. If you wish to receive a copy of the diocesan complaint form or any of the diocesan policies and procedures, simply call the number below or visit the diocesan web site at www.colsdioc.org

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Local news and events

Newman Center's Buckeye Awakening reaches 10-year milestone

This year is the 10th anniversary of the Columbus St. Thomas More Newman Center's Buckeye Awakening student retreat program, and the occasion will be marked with a special Mass and reception at 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 27. The center, staffed by the Paulist Fathers, is at 64 W. Lane Ave., adjacent to the Ohio State University campus.

More than 1,300 students have attended the retreats, which take place twice a year. The most recent Buckeye Awakening occurred from Friday to Sunday, Oct. 18 to 20.

The program was started in fall 2009 by five Ohio State students and two Newman Center staff members who were inspired by a similar retreat known as Aggie Awakening at Texas A&M University, which they had attended that summer.

The recently concluded retreat was the 21st Buckeye Awakening. The program has become a staple of the Newman Center and serves as a gateway to involvement in its ministries, awakens the faith, and builds community relationships.

Priests, lay ministers and others who have been part of any of the past weekends are encouraged to attend, and several have responded. Retreat alumni and current students will take on special roles during the Mass and give reflections during the reception.

In a letter of congratulations to the center marking the anniversary, Bishop Robert Brennan wrote, "Students have been able to take time away from their studies and activities to be with each other and pray to the Father, fortify themselves as a true community of believers, and then take back the Good News of Jesus to their studies and campus activities.

"I know that each participant has found these retreat weekends to be a source of strength and peace in their busy college lives and has experienced a true awakening of the spirit."

St. Mary Magdalene plans parish mission

A parish mission featuring former television soap opera star Frank Runyeon will take place at 7 p.m. Tuesday to Thursday, Nov. 5 to 7 at Columbus St. Mary Magdalene

Church.

The theme of the mission will be "A Journey to Joy," with three distinct presentations. Tuesday's program on the Gospel of Luke will highlight the stories Jesus himself told as he journeyed to Jerusalem, dramatized with theatrical lighting and fun characterizations and pointing listeners to where the real joy in life is to be found.

Wednesday's presentation will be the "Sermon on the Mount," with Runyeon as Matthew the evangelist, proclaiming the joy of the Beatitudes

Piave Club honors Christopher Columbus



The Columbus Piave Club honored Christopher Columbus on Columbus Day in front of the explorer's statue at City Hall, in a ceremony that marks the culmination of the annual Italian Festival sponsored by Columbus St. John the Baptist Church. The statue was given to the people of Columbus by the citizens of Columbus' hometown, Genoa, Italy, in 1955. Pictured are (from left): Deacon Frank Iannarino, St. John the Baptist church administrator; George Musing, Piave Club president and his wife, Rosalie; Dave Ross, club chairman; club members Bob Contino, Joe Contino, Marge Contino, Melanie Azzola and John Contino; and Deacon Felix Azzola, the club's 2019 Columbus Day service honoree. Photo courtesy St. John the Baptist Church

to his house church in Antioch, a community filled with characters whose stories echo our own.

Thursday's topic will be "Hollywood vs. Faith" as Runyeon concludes with a look at "the three other Beatitudes" of the media, encouraging listeners to see the bends in the funhouse mirror, laugh good-naturedly and journey onward to a life of true joy.

Runyeon played Steve Andropoulos on *As the World Turns* from 1980 to 1987 and Michael Donnelly on *Santa Barbara* from 1988 to 1991. He has put his acting talents to a different use since the mid-1990s, when he began translating and adapting texts from the New Testament for stage performances.

DCCW sponsoring morning of reflection

The Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will host a pre-Advent morning of reflection from 9 a.m. to noon Monday, Nov. 11 at St. Therese's Retreat Center, 5277, E Broad St., Columbus.

The subject will be "Is Mary a Disciple Worthy of Imitation?" with Father Thomas Blau, OP, of Columbus St. Patrick Church as the presenter.

The cost is \$25, including lunch. Registration is due by Friday, Nov. 1. Mail checks made payable to the Columbus Diocesan Council of Catholic Women to the council at 197 E. Gay St., Columbus OH 43215. If you have questions, contact DCCW president Katie Boesch at kboesch@columbus-catholic.org or (614) 228-8601.

Watterson to host open house on Nov. 24

Columbus Bishop Watterson High School, 99 E. Cooke Road, will host its annual open house from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 24. Prospective students are welcome to tour the school, meet faculty, staff and coaches and learn about Watterson's academic, faith, service and co-curricular programs. Deacon Chris Campbell, the school's principal, will speak at 2 p.m.

Questions may be addressed to school admissions director Mary Kate Campbell at (614) 268-8671, extension 284 or mcampbell@cducation.org.

Serrans entertain sisters



Members of the Serra Club of North Columbus entertained and honored the religious sisters of the Diocese of Columbus on Saturday, Sept. 28, the Feast of St. Wenceslaus. The event had a Christmas theme and took place at the Martin de Porres Center, adjacent to the Dominican Sisters of Peace Motherhouse. Serra member Marilyn Dono (center) is shown visiting with Sister Mary Daniel, OP, and Sister Aimea Ryan, OP.

Photo courtesy Serra Club of North Columbus

Father Stluka to celebrate 50th anniversary as priest

Father Jerome Stluka will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood in December. He was ordained at St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican on Dec. 19, 1969 by Bishop James Hickey, rector of the Pontifical North American College.

Father Stluka will be honored at a reception on Sunday, Dec. 15 at Columbus St. Margaret of Cortona Church, 1600 N. Hague Ave., beginning with Mass at 2 p.m. and followed by a reception in Kulp Hall from 3 to 5.

He was pastor of Columbus Holy Spirit Church and Columbus Holy Cross Church, associate pastor of Columbus St. Augustine Church, Columbus St. Aloysius Church and Lancaster St. Mary Church, a weekend associate at Marysville Our Lady of Lourdes Church and in residence at Columbus St. Christopher Church.

He also served as assistant director and director of the diocesan family life office and as chaplain at Ohio State University Medical Center and Grant Hospital in Columbus, and was a member of the diocesan personnel board.

He retired in July 2014 and is a resident of the Villas of St. Therese assisted living section.

Canonical marriage but not civil?; Poverty and priests

QWI am a widow going out now with a widower. We love each other and he wants me to marry him. Can we get married in the church, keep our own names and not be married by the law of the state?

The reason is this: If we get married under state law, I would lose my deceased husband's social security and pension, and that would put a financial burden on me. Please advise. (southeastern Indiana)

A Unfortunately, I don't see a way for you to do this. In the United States, marriage by a member of the clergy is recognized by the state as a valid civil marriage.

Prior to the marriage, a civil marriage license must be presented to the officiant, who then signs it following the ceremony and returns it to the municipal jurisdiction where the couple obtained it.

If a priest in the United States were to marry a couple in a church ceremony without reporting it as a civil marriage, that would be considered fraudulent.

(I could see in a nation, for example, where interracial marriages were prohibited that a priest could on principle marry a couple religiously without reporting it civilly -- but in America, I don't think it's possible.)

QUESTION & ANSWER

Father Kenneth Doyle
Catholic News Service

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



QWe had a discussion the other day about some of the difficulties facing priests, and this question came up: Do all priests take a vow of poverty? (Suffolk, Virginia)

A Priests who are members of religious orders -- Franciscans, Dominicans, Jesuits, etc. -- take a vow of poverty and own nothing; the houses they live in, the cars they drive, even the clothing they wear belong not to themselves but to the religious order.

Diocesan (sometimes called "secular") priests do not take this vow. Diocesan priests are ordained for a specific geographic region and usually work in parishes. Diocesan priests are given a salary (usually including room and board) and are expected to pay their own expenses -- car, clothing, charitable gifts, etc.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops notes on its website that "it is also expected that diocesan priests will lead a life of simplicity consonant with the people they serve."

Perhaps some numbers serve best to illustrate: I am a diocesan priest, now retired after 50 years of active ministry. My retirement income from the diocese is currently \$1,900 per month, and my monthly Social Security amounts to about \$1,200.

From this, I am expected to pay rental for an apartment, food expenses, taxes, automobile expenses and travel, as well as any donations to charity. (Often retired priests, if they are healthy, supplement their income by helping out with services at local parishes, for which they receive a modest stipend.)

The church's Code of Canon Law states clearly that "clerics are to foster simplicity of life and are to refrain from all things that have a semblance of vanity" (Canon 282.1).

I mentioned some years ago in this column that one of my heroes was Bishop Kenneth E. Untener of Saginaw, Michigan, who passed away in 2004. He kept all of his possessions in his small car and moved continually around his diocese, staying for a month at a time in each one of his diocese's parishes. To me, Bishop Untener was a great example of someone who modeled his life on Jesus Christ, who "had nowhere to rest his head."

Savor the 'eve' moments in our lives

All Hallows Eve is almost here. Halloween is short. A lot of great memories from childhood, dressing up in the most bizarre or scary thing we could find or create. The anticipation of the type of candy, the size, and the amount was almost too much to handle. And hopefully not too many apples or toothbrushes instead of candy. The longer we could stay out, the better. Sitting on the family room floor and dumping our piles to sort, and then trade, was a ritual. Good stuff. And then there were those UNICEF boxes full of loose change. Kind of a pain, but an early lesson in giving and charity. We would eventually learn about the "eve" of All Hallows Eve. The connection to our honored and beloved saints, celebrating All Saints Day on November 1. These were among the earliest recollections of what I call "eve moments." Those moments in time, the night before -- or eve -- of a really big and unforgettable time in our life. The anticipation is just so wonderful that it becomes a challenge to relax, sleep, or just function normally. We have all enjoyed many eve moments.

The earliest eve moment for us would not be remembered, but we certainly know the anticipation and joy from our parents on the eve of our birth.

EVERYDAY CATHOLIC

Rick Jeric



That moment when mom and dad knew we were coming into the world is filled with so much emotion and love. My mom still tells me about her emotions and apprehensions when I was born. I had an older sister who was born about two years earlier, and she only lived about four weeks due to a heart defect. My mom said she checked on me multiple times throughout each night for months to be sure I was still breathing. The eve of our First Communion is special. Having a decent idea and understanding of what it will mean to actually receive the body and blood of Jesus Christ for the first time is a holy eve moment. Christmas Eve, especially growing up and maturing, is an ongoing eve moment. The birth of our God and Savior in the Incarnation is something impossible to comprehend, but we anticipate

recalling the moment in the celebration of Christmas Eve. I do not care how often we hear about the commercialization of Christmas, or how often we need to be reminded to keep Christ in Christmas, there has always been that unique, blessed spark in our hearts as we celebrate Mass on Christmas Eve, as we celebrate our families, and as we momentarily take our gaze from gifts and glitter and focus on the nativity. Mardi Gras is another annual eve moment, as we face Ash Wednesday and the prayer, fasting, and almsgiving of Lent. This moment may not be as joyful, but it is such important preparation as we take our annual journey into the desert for 40 days. And the reward is the mercy and forgiveness of God, so we can enjoy the other eve moments in our lives. The eve of our wedding, our vows, ordination, graduation, new job, birth of a child, and so many more are the eve moments that help us get to heaven.

As we approach All Hallows Eve this year, let us anticipate the lives of the saints we will celebrate the next day. Enjoy the celebration with the kids, but remind them of why the treats are so much better than the tricks as we go through life, filled with so many eve moments.

The power of one-to-one relationships

In my group strength classes, every now and then, students are busy traveling or working and only one person shows up for class. That student doesn't usually like it at first because all of the attention is focused on her. However, it usually ends up being a great session as we talk, laugh and deepen our friendship and understanding of each other.

It got me thinking about the power of the one-to-one encounter. Having time with that one person is special and is important in building a more authentic and caring relationship.

How often did Jesus, in the midst of a crowd, have a personal and life-changing encounter one-to-one ... like the woman who came up behind Jesus to touch his cloak to be healed, and Zacchaeus the tax collector who climbed the Sycamore tree to have a better view of Jesus, and Nicodemus the Pharisee who came at night to question Jesus about his teachings.

In our daily lives, we are called to a one-to-one encounter with God in the sacraments and through personal prayer. By giving time and attention to our relationship with God, we receive his grace so we can be Jesus to others. I know that when I'm not attentive to my prayer life, it's harder to be loving and patient with people amid the challenges of everyday life.

HOLY AND HEALTHY

Lori Crock

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One of my favorite saint quotes is from St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta, "Don't wait for leaders; do it alone, person to person." Her entire ministry was working one-to-one with the dying and the sick, strengthened by her one-to-one time with God in daily Mass and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Her ministry, and that of the Sisters of Charity around the world, is about the power of being 100 percent present to that one soul in need.

I'm blessed to take communion to a hospital, and there have been times when only one person has received — for various reasons. At first, I was discouraged when people declined the Eucharist, but over time, God has shown me that I'm simply to be his hands and feet and to trust the results to him. He is

teaching me to pray more fervently for the sick, to be a joyful and authentic witness to him, and to savor each one-to-one encounter. Even if no one receives, I trust that God will bring about a greater good than I could ever imagine.

I was sharing my one-to-one thoughts with a friend recently and she said that in our world of "how many Likes on Facebook" it can be terribly easy to overlook the power of one. Never fear, there might be only one Like, but thanks to the algorithm of Facebook, thousands of people may have seen the post and who knows how it may have impacted that one person!

I remember a priest telling me that he didn't get caught up in whether people liked or disliked his homily message. He said that he wrote his homilies in prayer, and under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and that perhaps the message was meant for just one person; in writing his homilies, he simply desired to be an obedient servant.

So let us try to do what God is calling us to do, trust the results to him, and remember that touching one soul always matters. From 1 Thessalonians 5:11, "Therefore, encourage one another and build one another up, as indeed you do."

Rearranging the furniture

By Tim Welsh

Bethesda Healing Ministry

Every now and then, my senses remind me of something.

There are smells that will always bring back memories. There are sounds that will always remind me of something and there are sights that bring back a time in my past.

Whenever I hear any Creedence Clearwater Revival song, for instance, it takes me back to cruising around in my buddy's 1972 Ford Pinto, listening to eight-tracks.

"Moondance" by Van Morrison reminds me of a girl named Nancy who was a platonic friend of mine at the University of Dayton. I will forever remember my wife, Jo, when I hear "Brick House" (by the Commodores), her favorite dance tune.

There are smells that I remember and smells that I miss.

Whenever I smell French fries, I think of the Fairfield County Fair.

Talcum powder reminds me of babies and the smell of newly cut grass reminds me of first learning how to play golf, early in the morning on the course before anyone else was there except the staff mowing the fairways and the greens.

I miss the smell of burning leaves. There was a time when we raked leaves and piled them up at the curb to burn. That smell meant fall was here and winter wasn't far away.

I could always tell when my dad was home by the

sweet aroma of his pipe flirting with my nostrils.

There was something special about the scent of my mother when she hugged me.

And while these triggers invoked good memories, for those who have been traumatized in some way, triggers can remind them of that trauma, the pain and sorrow.

Several years ago, my wife had to go to her OB/GYN for a procedure in which the doctor inserted an instrument into her and snipped off a small piece of tissue to send to the lab to be biopsied. Even though we'd been married for decades, I had never been to one of her OB/GYN appointments, so I offered to go with her. (I should say, at this point, there is probably not another event in the life of a man when he feels more uncomfortable than being in the room while his wife is examined by an OB/GYN doc. Just sayin'.)

The doctor inserted the instrument, snipped the piece of tissue and, immediately, Jo looked at me with a look that I had never seen before and that I have not seen since. It was a fearful, helpless, sorrowful look and I knew something was wrong.

As we left the doctor's office, she grabbed my hand in a way that was more of a tormented plea than a loving gesture and said, "That reminded me of my abortion."

Negative triggers in our lives are connected to our thoughts and emotions and can act as a magnet, pulling us down a path that can be destructive. All triggers have false beliefs connected to them.

While these triggers are harmless by themselves, we grant them power by connecting them with the false beliefs in our minds and allow them to damage our

lives and the lives around us.

And so it is with the post-abortive woman.

All of the physical aspects of the abortion experience, all the smells, the sounds, the sights, can all come rushing back into her mind with a few chords of a song or the trace of a smell.

If she can recognize the nature and source of the triggers that affect her, she can assign their definition and corral their impact.

If she can understand that she is in control of the false beliefs that she has allowed to connect to events, she will be capable of unmasking their disguise and seeing them for what they are: just sights, sounds, smells.

This takes time.

In most cases, the post-abortive woman has absorbed her feelings and internalized her false beliefs so completely that they have become simply furniture of the mind ... objects that need no real attention. But when it's dark, she can stub her toe on them.

Residing deep in her psyche, the feelings begin to be taken for granted, just like that old couch or the end table she has had for years.

The healing process entails a rearranging of that furniture, and it takes time and dedication to see the change through.

It may take several attempts and lots of help to get the furniture arranged in a way that she won't stub her toe in the dark anymore.

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Healers on earth celebrated at White Mass on feast of St. Luke

By Doug Bean
Catholic Times Editor

Those who work in healing professions gathered on Friday, Oct. 18, the feast of St. Luke, for a White Mass at Columbus Our Lady of Victory Church celebrated by Bishop Robert Brennan.

Doctors, nurses, pharmacists, technicians, administrators, researchers, support personnel and students were among approximately 100 in attendance at the 6 p.m. Mass, which was followed by a reception and a presentation from Father Steven Beseau, rector of the Pontifical College Josephinum.

Father Beseau spoke about witnessing to truth in a world that doesn't believe in absolute truth, proposing that the reason for so much anxiety among young adults is the relativism in today's world.

Concelebrating the Mass with Bishop Brennan were Father Beseau; Msgrs. Anthony Missimi and William Dunn, both retired priests of the Diocese of Columbus; and Fathers Bob Penhallurick and Ed Shikina of Hilliard St. Brendan Church.

The event, sponsored by the Catholic Medical Association: John Paul II Guild of Columbus, took place on the feast day of the patron saint of physicians.

Bishop Brennan reflected in his homily during the Mass on the Lord's directive in St. Luke's Gospel to go out and cure the sick because the kingdom of God is at hand.

"He said to bring glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, recovery of sight to the blind, release to prisoners, to announce a year of favor to the Lord," Bishop Brennan said. "And rolling up the scroll, he said tonight the scripture is fulfilled. The kingdom of God is indeed at hand. God is doing amazing things in the very presence of Jesus.

"He does it by lifting burdens, healing, liberating. These first words that Jesus proclaimed in that synagogue struck Luke in such a way that they, in a sense, became defining words."

Bishop Brennan pointed out that Jesus gave very few direct orders, that his directives are usually more encompassing. But in this particular missionary exultation, he said to not only cure the sick but also say to them the reign of God is at hand.

"Jesus put these two together. Curing

the sick, caring for the sick is directly in correlation to the unfolding of the kingdom of God," the bishop said.

Christ is often called the divine physician who not only heals but also lifts burdens and cares for the poor and vulnerable.

"He's not saying someday the kingdom of God will unfold, or just you hold on and see," Bishop Brennan said in reference to the gospel. "The kingdom of God is unfolding in our midst. It is not only something that is yet to come. We look forward to the fullness of God's kingdom in heaven. We know that there's something more than the experience of this life here on earth."

That healing power, Bishop Brennan emphasized, is not restricted to the period when the Lord was present on earth.

"The fact of the matter is that Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, continues to minister right here in our midst," he said. "And so, even the ordinary care of the sick and the healing of the sick, curing of illness is itself an unfolding of God's supernatural reign.

"The research you do, the art and the science of the practice of medicine, the curing of the sick, these are ways that God is operating in the here and now."

Bishop Brennan went on to say that caring for those in need is considered a work of mercy, of doing God's work.

"Healing of the sick and curing of illness, these are signs, natural signs, you might say, that Jesus, through medicine and science, gives us a certain insight into the human person," he said, "and in that insight, setting right what went wrong. Isn't that the work of salvation in the world? Original sin upset the natural order of things."

Near the end of the homily, Bishop Brennan thanked the medical professionals for their witness to his gospel and for doing so with concern for the dignity of the human person, noting that "Jesus told us to do it."

"What a great privilege we have to be able to see human dignity, not as objects of experimentation or destruction, but we know the manufacturer made us in his own image," Bishop Brennan said. "What a great privilege to be called, to be part of that ongoing mission of setting right, of healing.

"On this feast of St. Luke, we turn to the divine physician, and we ask him to help us see the deeper meaning of that work."



A quote from Pope St. John Paul II regarding the sacredness of all human life was displayed next to the altar during the White Mass at Columbus Our Lady of Victory Church.
CT photos by Ken Snow



Bishop Robert Brennan (center) celebrated the White Mass, sponsored by the Catholic Medical Association, on Friday, Oct. 18, the feast of St. Luke, and was assisted by priests and deacons from the diocese.



Bishop Robert Brennan told the medical professionals in his homily to turn to St. Luke, the divine physician, to see the deeper meaning of their work.

'All are called to be missionaries,' speaker says at Cathedral

There might be no one more qualified to speak about the new evangelization in the Catholic Church than Ralph Martin.

Martin gave a keynote presentation, "The Universal Call to Mission," on Saturday evening, Oct. 19 at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral to launch the From the Cathedral Pulpit public speaker series.

Each of the three talks scheduled for the fall will focus on evangelization in modern times. Father Adam Streitenberger, who was named coordinator for evangelization in the Diocese of Columbus by Bishop Robert Brennan, is organizing the series.

Father Streitenberger is studying for a licentiate of sacred theology, focusing on the new evangelization, at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit, where Martin is a professor of theology and the director of graduate programs in the new evangelization.

Martin might be better known for his work outside the seminary as a frequent guest and host on Catholic radio and television and for his prolific writing on evangelization. He also is the founder and president of Renewal Ministries, a nonprofit organization actively engaged in Catholic evangelization.

His books include "The Fulfillment of All Desire: A Guidebook for the Journey to God Based on the Wisdom of the Saints." In addition, Martin was

appointed consultor to the Pontifical Council for Promoting New Evangelization in 2011 by Pope Benedict XVI and a year later was named an "expert" for the World Synod of Bishops on the New Evangelization.

And so Martin spoke with conviction and firmness of purpose to those who gathered at the cathedral to listen to his insights on evangelization in the Church at this point in its history.

Martin addressed the importance of evangelization and described the fundamental purpose of the Second Vatican Council that convened in the 1960s as a renewal of the Church for the sake of evangelization.

The waning practice of faith during the past 50 years coincides with a decline in evangelization, and Martin cited as an example a missionary order that once was engaged in evangelization but switched itsr charism to caring for the environment, voting rights of women and social justice after experiencing a lack of vocations.

"Those are all important," Martin said, "but you don't have to be a Catholic to do those things. So there's no wonder there aren't any people wanting to join this order. They can work for the United Nations and do the same thing."

Recent popes, starting with Paul VI, realized the need to clarify the mission of the Church as one of spreading

the Gospel and leading souls closer to God. Pope Paul VI, Pope St. John Paul II and the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith published documents during a 30-year period on the topic, hoping to "reinvigorate the Church's commitment to missions," Martin noted.

The directives were designed to clear up confusion that evangelization is not something that Catholics should engage in.

"Two false conceptions that people have (are) that it's an imposition on people's freedom to share the Gospel with them," Martin clarified.

Rather, talking about Jesus Christ isn't an imposition on people's freedom. It gives them an opportunity, while respecting their freedom, to learn about Christ.

The second confusion is that Christ should not be proclaimed to those who do not know him, nor should joining the Church be promoted.

John Paul II said, "Evangelization has Christian conversion as its aim." It is "complete and sincere adherence to Christ and his Gospel through faith."

Christ wants his followers, Martin said, to change their beliefs, change their behavior and change their priorities to get closer to Him.

"This isn't like an optional call," Martin said.

He described a typical scenario at



Ralph Martin was the first speaker in the "From the Cathedral Pulpit" series on Saturday, Oct. 19. His talk was titled "The Universal Call to Mission." Photo courtesy St. Joseph Cathedral

parishes, where there is concern about losing members.

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Celebrating the communion of saints in heaven and on earth

By Tim Puet
Catholic Times Reporter

All Saints' Day, celebrated every year on Nov. 1, could be described as "everyone's feast day." It honors all of God's people, known and unknown, who have gone on to eternal life and reminds those of us on earth that we, too, are part of the communion of saints.

The saints most people are familiar with are the ones who have been canonized by the church, meaning they have been officially recognized as holy people whose lives are worthy of imitation. There is no definitive number of how many recognized saints there are. U.S. Catholic magazine estimated the total in 2013 at more than 10,000, going back to the Catholic Church's earliest days when there was no formal canonization process.

Those saints represent just a handful of the millions and perhaps billions of noncanonized saints whose ranks go back to the beginning of humanity, all of whom share in the eternal glory of God and are interceding before God on our behalf.

Many Catholics have a special devotion to a particular saint because they have found that person's life especially worthy of imitation. Catholic Exchange, an online portal that includes stories about Catholicism from a variety of sources, asked its readers in 2012 to write about the saints who were most influential to them and listed the 10 saints selected most frequently. Those 10 were, in order, St. Paul, St. Teresa of Calcutta, St.



St. Robert Bellarmine [Wikipedia](#)

Augustine, St. Patrick, St. Joseph, St. Jerome, St. Peter, St. John the Baptist, St. Athanasius and, tied for 10th, St. Catherine of Siena and St. Francis of Assisi. The Virgin Mary was not included because her status in salvation history transcends that of any other human being.

At the announcement in January that he had been selected as the 12th bishop of Columbus, Bishop Robert Brennan said he always has been devoted to his namesake, St. Robert Bellarmine, a 16th-century Jesuit whom he described as "a man of great wisdom in troubled times who had the ability to make people look deeper into questions, rather than just have knee-jerk reactions."

The bishop said other favorite saints of his are St. Agnes, after whom the

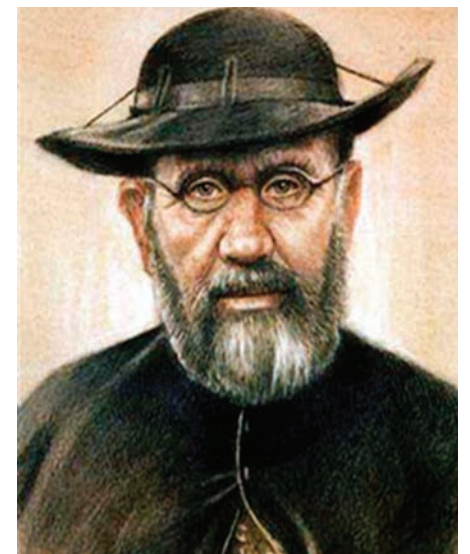


St. Agnes [YouTube screenshot](#)

cathedral of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, New York, his home diocese, was named, and St. Oscar Romero, the bishop and martyr from El Salvador who was assassinated in 1980 and canonized in October 2018.

Regina Hrytzik, business administrator of Canal Winchester St. John XXIII Church, said she has two favorite saints – St. Joseph and St. Anthony of Padua. "I have been raised to pray to St. Joseph and ask for a peaceful death for anyone who is dying," she said. "I have always admired him for his grace in caring for Mary and Jesus and really never asking for anything in return."

"St. Anthony is a favorite because each year, the parish in Pittsburgh where I grew up would have a parade honoring him on June 13, his feast



St. Damien of Molokai [CNA](#)

day," Hrytzik said. "He has always helped me find what I have lost. They do not do the parade in Pittsburgh (now) like yesteryear, but I feel St. Anthony, my brother, has been with me all these years."

"My favorite saint is St. Benedict, the father of Western monasticism and one of the patrons of Europe," said Father Craig Eilerman, pastor of Lancaster St. Mary Church. "I was educated at two Benedictine monasteries. I have a deep appreciation of Benedictine spirituality, especially the praying of the Psalms in the Divine Office and the reading of Scripture in the practice of Lectio Divina. The attributes of hospitality, community and quiet, which are hallmarks of Benedictine monasteries, I also find attractive."

Staff members at Delaware St. Mary Church had a variety of responses when asked to list their favorite saints.

Lisa Piper, administrative assistant, spoke of her son's choice of St. Genesius for a confirmation name. "St. Genesius appealed to him because it showed that God has an awesome sense of humor and will use whatever means necessary to reach his chosen people," she said. "St. Genesius was a Roman comedian who mocked Christianity in plays in the late third and early fourth centuries, yet had an experience on stage which converted him. He ended up being beheaded by the Emperor Diocletian."

"His story seems to encourage those who feel unworthy by telling them that God is not put off or offended



St. Ann



St. Teresa of Avila [Wikipedia](#)



St. Monica [Wikipedia](#)

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by our current attitude,” which often makes light of religion, Piper said. “God will pursue us. Once converted, the most unlikely of characters can be the most powerful witnesses of faith.”

Parish music director John Blasko said he has great admiration for St. Damien of Molokai and his work among the lepers of Hawaii in the 19th century. “He worked both physically and spiritually to convert desperate souls to Christ,” Blasko said. “He was honored by the queen of Hawaii, commended by Robert Louis Stevenson and despised by others who saw him

as someone grabbing attention and financial support. Ultimately, it cost him his physical life but guaranteed him a spot on the ship to heaven.”

“My favorite saint is St. Joan of Arc,” said parish finance manager Cathy Brackenridge. “She showed an amazing faithfulness and obedience to God’s will in her young life and relied on God for strength and courage in the face of life-threatening danger. Her will was iron-strong because her will was to do God’s will.”

St. Mary School principal Gina Stull said she often prays to St. Monica, whose prayers are credited with converting her son, the Roman Emperor Constantine, to Christianity. “As a mother, I have called on her frequently to help me stay focused with my own children. As a principal, I often give a prayer card to worried mothers looking for help,” she said.

“My favorite saint is St. Ann, grandmother of Jesus and mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary,” said Julie Lutz, adult faith formation director of the parish. “She drew my heart to herself and her grandson since I was about 7 years old.”

Jamie Reinoehl of Zoar Holy Trinity Church said the favorite saint of her 12-year-old son, Alex, is St. Bonaventure, the patron of those with bowel disorders. The saint, who lived in the 13th century, suffered from such a disorder as a young man and credited a prayer to St. Francis of Assisi with

saving his life.

Reinoehl said that for a “trunk or treat” last year, Alex’s costume was a bright-red representation of the intestinal system. “I believe he chose St. Bonaventure because ‘it’s gross’ and ‘everybody has intestines.’ I have to admit, it was pretty creative,” she said. Her own choice was a more conventional one – St. Francis of Assisi, for his well-known prayer beginning “Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.”

In most cases, the process of canonization involves four steps toward sainthood, during which Church authorities investigate whether a candidate has lived an exemplary and holy life in all respects. As it is determined that these criteria have been satisfied, the candidate is given the titles of, first, “Servant of God,” and then “Venerable.”

The third step is beatification, which occurs if it is confirmed that a miracle has been granted by God through prayer asking for a candidate’s intercession. At that point, the candidate is declared “Blessed.” Confirmation of another miracle after beatification enables the candidate to be declared a saint.

Adam Nestor, youth faith formation director of Powell St. Joan of Arc Church, said Blessed Chiara Badano, whose beatification occurred in 2010, provides an outstanding example of a contemporary person who has been recently beatified and whose life can serve as a model to everyone, particularly young people.

“She passed away on Oct. 7, 1990 at the age of 18 from osteogenic sarcoma, a painful bone cancer,” he said. “What I love about her was, she was

a normal teenager who loved Jesus. Before getting sick, she played tennis, went to coffee shops and attended her youth group. She had a profound sense of redemptive suffering. During her time in the hospital, she said, ‘I have nothing left, but I still have my heart, and with that I can always love.’”

Deborah Driscoll, parish manager of Ada Our Lady of Lourdes Church, said she has been praying for years asking Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos to serve as an advocate and intercessor to God, first on her mother’s behalf and now on her own, in helping them deal with illness.

Blessed Francis was a Bavarian Redemptorist priest who came to the United States and worked for nine years at a parish in Pittsburgh, first as associate pastor with St. John Neumann and later as pastor. He then was a missionary who preached in many states before going to New Orleans to minister to yellow fever patients. He died there of the disease in 1867 at age 48.

Driscoll said her former pastor, Father David J. Young, introduced her to Blessed Francis as an advocate 10 years ago. At that time, she began asking for him to intercede with God on behalf of her mother, who was preparing for a stem cell transplant to deal with blood cancer. The transplant was successful. After a decade, she remains cancer-free, and Driscoll believes Blessed Francis’ intercession is responsible.

Driscoll’s mother passed along an icon of Blessed Francis to her, and

now Driscoll herself is requesting his assistance as she deals with the possibility of kidney failure, dialysis and a transplant. “I am hoping to get to know him as well as I know and love my other favorite saints, Thomas Aquinas and Teresa of Avila,” she said.

Driscoll said those saints helped her through the grief resulting from the death of her 16-year-old daughter in an auto accident in 1996 and assisted her in returning to the Catholic Church after 20 years away. She said other “saints” who helped bring her back to Catholicism were her mother and her grandmother; Father Dan Millisor, a former pastor; and the people of her parish, through their constant witness.

The Catholic Church from its earliest days has honored those whose faith has provided models for other believers. During its first 300 years, Christians were severely persecuted, tortured and often made to suffer agonizing deaths because of their beliefs. These martyrs were the first to be given special honors by their fellow Christians. As the number of martyrs grew into the thousands, it became impractical to celebrate the death of each one. A Feast of All Martyrs was first celebrated sometime in the fourth century, usually on the first Sunday after Pentecost. That Sunday continues to be All Saints’ Day for Eastern Catholic churches.

Pope Boniface IV changed the date for the feast to May 13 in the year 610. On that day, he dedicated a church at the site of the ancient Roman Pantheon, which had been built as a temple to all gods. The church was dedicated to all martyrs, and many martyrs’ bones are buried there.

About 125 years later, Pope Gregory III dedicated a new chapel in the former basilica of St. Peter to all saints, not just to the martyrs, on Nov. 1, and fixed the anniversary of the dedication as the date of the feast.

All Saints’ Day is usually a holy day of obligation in the United States, as it is this year. An exception is made when the day falls on a Monday or a



St. Joan of Arc

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St. Bonaventure

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Blessed Chiara Badano

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St. John Henry Newman, a Anglican who converted to the Catholic faith and became a cardinal in England during the 1800s, was among five saints canonized on Sunday, Oct. 13 at the Vatican.
CNS photo

'A teen of our times' on the path to possible sainthood

Though he was just 15 years old when he died, Carlo Acutis had become known throughout Italy as what popularly would be described as a "computer nerd." Because of the way he combined exceptional technical skill with an exceptional faith, he someday might become better known as a saint.

Before his death from leukemia in 2006, Acutis researched more than 130 Eucharistic miracles that have occurred over the centuries throughout the world and have been verified by the Catholic Church. To spread knowledge of those miracles, he created a website that houses a virtual museum describing the events. In addition, his panel presentations about the miracles have been seen worldwide, including at several parishes in the Diocese of Columbus.

The panels were first displayed in 2005 and immediately drew wide acclaim in Italy, so Acutis knew while he was alive that his work was impactful. In the years since his death, his legacy has grown as people have reported that because they viewed the exhibit, their faith had been deepened or restored or that they had been brought to the Catholic Church.

The process that could lead to Acutis' canonization began in 2013 when he was declared a "Servant of God." He was given the title "Venerable" by Pope Francis on July 5, 2018, meaning he is two steps away from becoming a saint. The next step is beatification, which would occur if it is confirmed that God has granted a miracle through prayer asking for Acutis' intercession. Confirmation of another miracle occurring after beatification would enable him to be declared a saint.

"Carlo was a teen of our times, like many others," said his mother, Antonia Acutis. "He tried hard in school, with his friends, and he loved computers. At the same time, he was a great friend of Jesus Christ. He was a daily communicant, and he trusted in the Virgin Mary.

"As a little boy, especially after his first Communion, he never missed his daily appointment with the holy Mass and the rosary, followed by a moment of Eucharistic adoration. Carlo's generosity made him interested in everyone: the foreigners, the handicapped, children, beggars. To be close to Carlo was to be close to a fountain of fresh water. Everyone was amazed by his ability to

Saturday.

As the Catholic Church became more structured, the canonization process became more formalized, with the pope taking exclusive control of it in the middle of the 12th century. Pope Benedict XIV made major changes to the process from 1734 to 1738, and the substance of those changes was incorporated into the codes of canon law adopted by the Church in 1917 and 1983.

Today, canonizations of new saints occur once or twice a year at the Vatican and draw large crowds, especially in the cases of well-known saints such as St. Pope John XXIII and St. Pope John Paul II in 2014 and St. Teresa of Calcutta in 2016.

The most recent canonizations took place on Sunday, Oct. 13, when five new saints were honored.

The best-known of the five in the United States is St. John Henry Newman of England, an Anglican priest who converted to Catholicism and became a cardinal. He lived from 1801 to 1890.

Others canonized on that date were:

- St. Maria Rita Lopes Pontes, popularly known as "the mother of the poor" in Brazil, where she founded a Catholic workers organization, a health clinic for the poor, a school for working families, a hospital, an orphanage and care centers for the elderly and disabled. She died in 1992 at age 77.

- St. Marguerite Bays, a Swiss laywoman known for her service to the poor, her simplicity of life and her faith in the face of great physical suffering. She died in 1879 at age 63.

- St. Josephine Vannini, an Italian who began a religious order known as the Daughters of St. Camillus, whose members take a vow to serve the sick, even if it means risking death, in addition to the standard vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. She was 52 when she died in 1911.

St. Mariam Thresia Chiramel Mankidiyan, who lived from 1876 to 1926 in India. She founded the Congregation of the Holy Family, a religious order dedicated to helping couples and families and serving the poor, the sick and the dying.

understand the computer secrets that normally are accessible only to those who have completed university."

He started cataloging Eucharistic miracles when he was 11 and wrote at the time, "The more Eucharist we receive, the more we will become like Jesus, so that on this earth we will have a foretaste of heaven."

He once said his life plan was "to be close to Jesus," and he achieved that goal. He remains an inspiration, especially to teenagers who aren't sure whether they can be holy while living a young person's typically active life. "All people are born as originals, but many die as photocopies," he said. He maintained that to live as an "original" was to be guided by Christ and to look at him constantly.

Thanks to assistance from the Knights of Columbus, the Cardinal Newman Society, the Real Presence Eucharistic Education and Adoration Association' and Cardinal Raymond Burke, Acutis' Eucharistic miracles exhibit has been viewed in hundreds of parishes and educational institutions on five continents.

Tim McAndrew, who also is known in Ohio for his promotion of the Di-



Carlo Acutis, who died at age 15, was declared "Venerable" in 2018, which means he is two steps from being declared a saint by the Catholic Church.

Photo courtesy Tim McAndrew

vine Mercy devotion, has brought the panels to parishes throughout central and southern Ohio. To contact him about exhibiting the panels, contact Laity for Mercy at (614) 565-8654 or mcandrewfourlife@gmail.com, or visit the organization's website, www.Feastofmercy.net.

Young adult conference aimed to kindle flames of faith

By Catherine Suprenant
Diocesan Marriage Prep Coordinator

Two hundred young adults from throughout central Ohio gathered for the first Catholic Young Adult Conference on Oct. 12 at Sunbury St. John Neumann Church, participating in a day of prayer and friendship, with priests, nuns and volunteers contributing to the sense of community.

The idea for the youth conference originated from a prayerful moment at the 2018 Catholic Women's Conference in Columbus. During that event, Maria Tarbell, a parishioner at St. John Neumann and the adviser to the Otterbein University Catholic Student Ministry, was inspired to do something for young adults. To work on the project, she gathered a group, including parish staff member Kate Kriegel, who said that the resulting event was "50,000 times better" than the planning committee anticipated.

The planning team did a Scripture search for the theme and decided on 1 John 3:1-2, which led to the conference title, "Beloved, Bestowed, Become." Kriegel said this theme was developed throughout the conference.



National speaker and youth minister Mary Bielski was one of the featured presenters at the first Catholic Young Adult Conference in the diocese on Oct. 12 at Sunbury St. John Neumann Church. She encouraged the group to always be aware of God's love for each person. Photo courtesy Aselya Sposato

In the first keynote address, national speaker and youth minister Mary Bielski focused on receiving love from God. She reminded the group of the grand gestures of God's love in their lives through her own story. When she was struggling with shame after a shoplifting incident as a teenager, her father painted "I love you" on the wall. She said this was a powerful reminder that God does not need us to prove we are lovable to embrace us as His sons and daughters.

Father Nathan Cromly, founder of Eagle Eye Ministries, focused his talk on how God's love transforms people and sends them on a mission. "Light always scatters darkness; love is always victorious. The world is owed that proclamation by Christians: 'God loves you.' Identify what your excuse is that keeps your light from shining. When you let Jesus set you free, you free everyone around you."

Conference breakout sessions included discovering your mission,

dating, marriage, prayer and men's and women's sessions. Participant Joy Choe said she was surprised how thought provoking the sessions were, offering practical, relevant tools.

A conference highlight was the surprise appearance of Bishop Robert Brennan, who attended several talks and celebrated the closing Mass.

Father Cromly delivered the homily, closing with a story about Pope St. John Paul II and his response when asked why he initiated World Youth Day, which was attended by a crowd of young people 80 times larger than anticipated: "I wanted to welcome the martyrs of the third millennium."

Father Nathan's concluding words were those of Jesus as He left the Last Supper for His Passion: "Rise, let us be on our way."

Reflecting on the impact of the conference, Tarbell noted that most of the young adults stayed for Adoration and Mass, which is a testament to how their hearts were moved. She said it was also gratifying to see so many tables at lunch buzzing with conversation.

"We believe seeds of community have started," she said. "We will be creating the next conference off the wonderful roots of the first one."

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Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18

Ps. 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Luke 18:9-14

Father Timothy Hayes



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

If Jesus comes to seek the lost, will He be able to find you?

Jesus can only find you if you know you are lost. As long as you think you know where you are, there is no reason for Him to be looking for you. Can you admit, like Zacchaeus, that you need to get a closer look at what He is all about?

The story of Zacchaeus is a favorite of many. Children and adults who are short especially love it because it brings those who are able to approach Jesus down to their size. I tell people who are considered “short” in their own eyes or the eyes of others: “Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are short! There is no shame in that. After all, your feet still reach the ground, don’t they?! That’s all that matters.”

I often say to children who are getting taller than one or both of their parents: “No matter how tall you are, you still have to look up to your parents!”

Short or tall, or in between, we all need to look to Jesus as a Savior. We are called to acknowledge that we need Him; otherwise, He is of no use to us. God’s mercy is available to us, but only if we ask for it, and only if we are willing to allow it to flow through us to others.

There is sin in the world. We are human beings who live in a state of separation from what God intends for us. Parents often see their children make choices contrary to their hopes for them, often contrary to the persons they know them to be. God sees the same reality in us all. He loves us. He wants what is best for us. But He is patient. He is willing to wait for us to come around to the awareness that we need what He alone can give.

Zacchaeus had it all. He had a job. He could live the high life. Yet He recognized that there was something missing. Setting aside all decorum and responding to the grace of the Holy Spirit, he stretched. When he couldn’t stretch far enough, he didn’t bully his way to the front row. He climbed a tree.

How do you let the Lord know that you are available to Him? Are you willing to invite Him into

your home and into your heart? What obstacles stand in the way?

For most of us, the problem is not that we reject the Lord. Rather, it is our tendency to want to limit the ways He can approach us. He does have His own methods that are beyond our understanding. Nevertheless, He enjoys entering into dialogue with us. He makes room for us as we are. Can we not do the same for one another?

The primary difference that the Gospel makes is not so much in what we do, but rather in how we see things. The Gospel gives us insight into how God sees.

What meets our eye is not the truth – we can all be deceived by our senses. People we trust can tell us untruths and take us in with their lies. God sees the truth. This is what the Gospel offers us.

Our goal in life should be to see as God sees. St. Paul learned this. He writes to St. Timothy at the end of his life with full awareness that his journey has had a purpose. His life is being poured out. He admits that people whom he trusted failed him and yet God is opening him to a new life beyond this life. A crown of righteousness awaits him.

involve an inward look as well, a discovery of the true self.

When I am only interested in myself, I lose myself and become a slave to my appetites and sins. When I am open to God and others, I find my true self and discover a joy that is beyond my understanding that comes from the depths of my being.

In the celebration of the Solemnity of All Saints, we look to those who have walked the journey of life and attained the glory that God has planned for us.

We are all called to be saints. If we have our hearts fixed on this goal, it puts all the earthly sacrifices we must make into perspective.

How are we entrusted to one another?

First, we must accept one another as members of the same family. We belong to one another. There is

THE WEEKDAY BIBLE READINGS

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

Romans 8:18-25
Psalm 126:1b-6
Luke 13:18-21

WEDNESDAY

Romans 8:26-30
Psalm 13:4-6
Luke 13:22-30

THURSDAY

Romans 8:31b-39
Psalm 109:21-22,
26-27, 30-31
Luke 13:31-35

FRIDAY

Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14
Psalm 24:1-4ab, 5-6
1 John 3:1-3
Matthew 5:1-12a

SATURDAY

Wisdom 3:1-9
Psalm 23:1-6
Romans 5:5-11
or Romans 6:3-9
John 6:37-40

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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 in Ada, Logan, Millersburg, Murray City and Washington C.H.; Channel 125 in Marion, Newark, Newcomerstown and New Philadelphia; and Channel 207 in Zanesville);

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

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

The world sees one way. God sees into the heart. Where is your heart? Can you pray humbly, like the tax collector: “O God, be merciful to me, a sinner?”

God invites us to make a plan of life that includes Him in every moment: each day, each week, each month, each year, a lifetime. Let’s ask the Spirit to show us God’s plan for our life together so that we may finish the race and keep the faith.

All Saints Day

Holy Day offers reminder that all are called to be saints

Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14
Psalm 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6
1 John 3:1-3
Matthew 5:1-12a

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God!

As children of God, we are entrusted to one another. We are our brother’s keeper and our sister’s keeper. Just how we take care of one another depends on where we are in our journey through life. Life has only two directions – inward toward the self in the way of selfishness, or outward from the self toward God and others.

This can be a bit confusing, because the outward journey from the self (toward God and others) does

no escape. We are destined to share eternity with all who open their hearts to God’s grace.

Second, we are invited to grow in depth together, to seek God in prayer and to deepen our understanding of the faith. This gives a purpose to our life on this earth, allowing us to prepare for life with the trinity and with all the saints.

Third, we are responsible to extend the invitation by our witness of a living relationship with God that can draw others in. We are called to be good, not only good, but to be the best version of ourselves.

God shines through His saints. How is He shining through you?

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God!

Yet so we are!

The ideological hijacking of Pope St. John XXIII

ROME -- With his liturgical memorial (October 11) falling on the fourth full day of the Special Synod for Amazonia, which sometimes seems bent on recycling every tried-and-failed nostrum from the 1970s, it was inevitable that certain portside Catholic commentators would continue their effort to spin Pope St. John XXIII into a smiley-face, chubby Italian grandpa whose approach to the future of the Church was somewhat Maoist: "Let a thousand flowers bloom!"

If, however, the spinners had bothered to read the excerpt from Pope John's opening address to Vatican II in the Divine Office for October 11, they might have been given pause. For after some opening words of thanks to divine providence for having brought the Council to its solemn opening, the Pope had this to say:

"(The) critical issues, the thorny problems that wait upon man's solution, have remained the same for almost 20 centuries. Why? Because the whole of history and of life hinges on the person of Jesus Christ. ..."

He then continued: "In these days ... it is more obvious than ever before that the Lord's truth is eternal. Human ideologies change. Successive generations give rise to varying errors, and these often vanish as quickly as they came, like mist before the sun. The Church has always opposed these errors, and often condemned them with the utmost severity. Today, however, Christ's Bride prefers the balm of mercy to the arm of severity. She believes that, present needs are best served by explaining more fully the purport of her doctrines, rather than by publishing condemnations..."

THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE

George Weigel

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"The great desire, therefore, of the Catholic Church in raising aloft at this Council the torch of truth is to show herself to the world as the loving mother of all mankind; gentle, patient, and full of tenderness and sympathy for her separated children. To the human race oppressed by so many difficulties, she says what Peter once said to the poor man who begged an alms: "Silver and gold I have none; but what I have, that I give thee. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, arise and walk. (Acts 3:6)."

Insofar as it's remembered today, Pope John's epic opening address to the Council is cited for the brush-back pitch it threw at the "prophets of gloom" who see nothing but ruin in modernity. That was certainly said — and meant. But there was far, far more to *Gaudet Mater Ecclesia* (Mother Church Rejoices) than ecclesiastical smackdown. As I explain in a pivotal section of my new book, *The Irony of Modern Catholic History* (Basic Books), *Gaudet Mater Ecclesia* was actually the first trumpet call summoning the Church to what Pope St. John Paul II would call the "New Evangelization" — the recovery of the Church's core identity as a communion of disciples in mission, dedicated to

converting the world. And as those excerpts from *Gaudet Mater Ecclesia* in the Divine Office make clear, John XXIII knew that that evangelical mission would only meet the needs of the day if it were anchored in the ancient, abiding truths bequeathed to the Church by divine revelation: truths manifested in the life and teaching of the Lord Jesus himself, and developed through the Church's doctrinal reflection as guided by the Holy Spirit.

To be sure, John XXIII understood that evangelization was not an exercise in logic-chopping; most modern men and women were unlikely to be converted by the proclamation of syllogistic proofs. So the Church needed a contemporary way of expressing ancient truths. But as Pope John insisted in *Gaudet Mater Ecclesia*, those truths must be expressed "with the same meaning and the same judgment" (in some translations, "... with the same meaning and import"). That was a direct quote from St. Vincent of Lerins, a fifth-century monk who wrote an important treatise on what we know as the "development of doctrine." And it stands in sharp contrast to, and critique of, the bogus image of John XXIII as a pope unconcerned with doctrinal solidity and continuity.

It took the Church more than 20 years to grasp the full meaning of *Gaudet Mater Ecclesia*, as I also explain in *The Irony of Modern Catholic History*. Today, however, the living parts of the Catholic Church are those committed to a truth-centered evangelization that manifests itself in compassionate witness as well as compelling proposal. The dying parts of the Church are those still misreading John XXIII.

RESPECT LIFE, continued from Page 2



Catherine Glenn Foster, president and CEO of Americans United for Life, discusses the national perspective of framing pro-life public policy.

Photo courtesy diocesan Office of Social Concerns

cal Directives." The program includes educational information, resources, checklists and a model Health Care Power of Attorney that aligns with pro-life and Catholic values. This document can be signed with or without the assistance of an attorney.

Vanderkooi said the document has received the support of Father Mark Hammond and Father Bob Penhallurick, two diocesan priests who have thoroughly studied end-of-life issues, and is going through final proofreading and layout efforts before GCRTL presents it to affiliated groups and organizations for endorsements. The group plans to present the program to parishes and faith-based organizations

in the winter and spring program years.

If you would like to be connected to or start a respect life program in your church, or would like to bring a pro-life speaker to your parish, contact Vanderkooi at (614) 445-8508 or Freewalt at (614) 241- 2540.

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St. Joseph Church, Joliet, Ill.

HINKLE, Carol S. (Abram), 73, Oct. 19
St. Agnes Church, Columbus

HOLLEY, Nicholas D., 31, Oct. 18
St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, Pickerington

JOSEPH, Joseph J., 85, Oct. 15
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

KISH, Dorie (Glenn), 65, Oct. 15
St. Paul Church, Westerville

LAMBERT, Norman H., 88, Oct. 20
St. Cecilia Church, Columbus

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“A typical conversation would go something like this: ‘We’ve got to do something to stop the bleeding,’” Martin said. “‘We’ve got to get people coming back to Mass. We’ve got to get more people active in the parish.’ And that’s true. All of those things are really important things.

“But I hope it isn’t too shocking to say that it’s possible for someone to be coming to Church and not to be converted. It’s even possible to be active in the Church and not be converted, according to this definition from St. John Paul II.”

One of the challenges in bringing people to the Catholic faith involves a change in attitudes.

“It does seem like there a lot of people creating a Jesus in their own image, who are picking and choosing what Jesus said and what they agree with, what they think is in tune with the times, what they think is on the cutting edge of ministry, to use some of the horrible deceptions that are commonly spoken about today,” Martin said.

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“One of the reasons we’re seeing more focus on the personal aspect of faith is because the Catholic Church is collapsing all over the world. The way we used to pass on the faith was more like osmosis. It just was kind of transmitted by a way of life.”

Secularization has weakened Christians’ minds to the point that financial prosperity and living in a virtual reality take precedence over trying to attain heaven by leading a holy life.

“More and more people aren’t going to Church because they’ve got soccer games on Sunday, and so it’s a tough situation,” Martin said. “I think the only way Catholics are going to be able to stand strong and persevere in the midst of an increasingly hostile culture is by embracing the personal decision. Each of us really needs to answer the question for ourselves: ‘Who do you say He is?’”

Martin made a commitment to trust God when he was in college studying philosophy at the University of Notre Dame. That shaped his life and his

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work.

“All are called to be missionaries,” he said. “The mission field is all around us. What’s all this talk about a new evangelization? What’s actually new about this? The message isn’t new. Jesus is the same, I’m happy to report, yesterday, today, forever. That’s really good news. Nations and civilizations rise and fall, but Jesus is the same.

“One of the things St. Teresa of Avila says (is) if we would just keep our eyes on Jesus, we would soon find ourselves at our destination. Jesus is the way and also the destination.”

John Paul II emphasized that the new evangelization is not only direct-

ed to people in far off countries but sometimes at baptized Catholics who aren’t living as disciples of Christ.

“Lay Catholics don’t have to wait until their pastor or bishop asks them to do something because Jesus has already asked him,” Martin said. “There are so many simple, natural ways of sharing the faith.”

“Inviting people to Church and sharing spiritual books provide a means to engage individuals who have not been catechized or even know God.”

Martin encouraged everyone to be evangelizers. Think about how to tell your story and “be ready to give a reason for the hope you have.”

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26, 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.

Ohio Dominican Veterans Appreciation Day
10:30 a.m., Ohio Dominican University, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. ODU's annual Veterans Appreciation Day tailgate party, followed by football game against Walsh at noon. Free admission for all veterans and a guest. 614-253-3502

Back in His Arms Again Memorial Mass

1 p.m., Resurrection Cemetery Chapel Mausoleum, 9751 N. High St., Lewis Center. Memorial Mass sponsored by Back in His Arms Again ministry for families who are experiencing the loss of a child. 614-906-3115

26-27, SATURDAY-SUNDAY

DeSales Presents 'The Red Velvet Cake War'
7 p.m. Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday, St. Francis DeSales High School, 4212 Karl Road, Columbus. School's performing arts department presents the comedy *The Red Velvet Cake War*. Tickets \$10. 614-267-7808

27, SUNDAY

Talk on the Modern Papacy at St. Agatha
9:30 a.m., St. Agatha Church, 1860 Northam Road, Columbus. Last of four talks by Father Edmund Hussey on the modern papacy. Topic: "Vatican II and the Modern Papacy." 614-488-6149

St. Christopher Adult Religious Education
10 to 11:20 a.m., Library, Trinity Catholic School, 1440 Grandview Ave., Columbus. First of five talks on "The Biblical Prophets: Do They Have Anything to Tell Us Today?" with Scripture scholar Angela Burdge.

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11 a.m., Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal

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1 p.m., St. Thomas More Newman Center, 64 W. Lane Ave., Columbus. Mass celebrating 10th anniversary of center's Buckeye Awakening student retreat program, followed by reception. Former retreat participants are encouraged to attend. 614-291-4674

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2 to 4:30 p.m., St. Francis of Assisi Church, 386 Buttles Ave., Columbus. Prayer followed by ongoing formation, general meeting and fellowship. Visitors welcome. 614-895-7792

Maronite Liturgy and Discussion at St. Andrew

4 p.m., St. Andrew Church, 1899 McCoy Road, Columbus. Liturgy in the Maronite rite of the Catholic Church, celebrated by Father Alex Harb, who will give a short introduction before the liturgy and a longer talk afterward. 614-451-4290

St. Charles Reception for Latino Families

4 p.m., St. Charles Preparatory School, 2010 E. Broad St., Columbus. Reception for Spanish-speaking families with sons in seventh and eighth grades. 614-288-5824

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

Spanish Mass at Columbus St. Peter

5 p.m., St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road, Columbus. Mass in Spanish, with confessions in Spanish from 4 to 4:50. 614-294-7702

Catechesis at the Cathedral

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

28, MONDAY

Jason Evert Talk at Ohio State

6 to 8 p.m., Room 131 auditorium, Hitchcock Hall, Ohio State University, 2070 Neil Ave., Columbus. "College Dating 101" talk, with Catholic author and speaker Jason Evert speaking on how young adults can navigate the single life and remain strong in faith. Sponsored by St. Paul's Outreach, St. Gabriel Catholic Radio, The Catholic Foundation and the Columbus St. Thomas More Newman Center. Tickets free at go.osu.edu/JasonEvertatOSU.

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

Bethesda Post-Abortion Healing Ministry

6:30 p.m., support group meeting, 2744 Dover Road, Columbus (Christ the King convent, first building west of church). 614-718-0227, 614-309-2651, 614-309-0157

Our Lady of Peace Men's Bible Study

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

Ss. Simon and Jude 150th Anniversary Mass

7 p.m., Ss. Simon and Jude Church, 9350 High Free Pike, West Jefferson. Bishop Robert Brennan

celebrates Mass for parish's 150th anniversary, followed by groundbreaking ceremony for new parish addition and reception. 614-879-8562

29, TUESDAY

Catholic Business Leaders Group

5 to 7 p.m., Board room, The Catholic Foundation, 257 E. Broad St., Columbus. Third meeting of foundation's new Catholic business leaders group, with Robert Walter, founder of Cardinal Health, Inc., speaking on "Leading the Family Business Life Cycle." 1-866-298-8893

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.

'Prepared for True Love' Program

6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Bryce Eck Center, St. Andrew Church, 3880 Reed Road, Columbus. "Prepared for True Love" program sponsored by diocesan Marriage and Family Life Office, featuring a witness from a couple about their experiences in dating and marriage and a question-and-answer session with the couple, a priest and a marriage counselor. 614-241-2560

30, WEDNESDAY

Order of Malta Hospitaller Dinner

6 p.m., Jessing Center, Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 N. High St., Columbus. Second annual Hospitaller Dinner sponsored by Columbus chapter of the Order of Malta, benefiting the order's Center of Care on the city's east side. Speaker: Michele Burke Bowe, the order's ambassador to Palestine, on "Humanitarian Diplomacy and the Order of Malta." Suggested donation \$125. 614-738-2464

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

Exorcist Speaks at St. Catharine

7 p.m., St. Catharine Church, 500 S. Gould Road, Columbus. Talk on exorcism by Father Vincent Lambert of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, one of the nation's few Vatican-trained exorcists, followed by confessions and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. 614-231-4509

31, THURSDAY

Cenacle at Holy Name

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

31-NOV. 1, THURSDAY-FRIDAY

Display of Relics at Cathedral

Relics of 22 saints will be displayed on the altar of the Terce Chapel at St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus, before and after the 5:15 p.m. vigil Mass Thursday and the 7:30 a.m., 12:05 and 5:15 p.m. Masses Friday, the Feast of All Saints. 614-224-1295

NOVEMBER

1, 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.

Monthly Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refugee Road, Columbus. Begins after 9 a.m.

Mass; continues through 6 p.m. Holy Hour.

Catholic Men's Luncheon Club

12:45 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Catholic Men's Luncheon Club meeting, with Kevin Lowry, chief financial officer of RevLocal digital marketing agency, speaking on faith in the workplace.

Labyrinth Walk at Shepherd's Corner

7 to 8:30 p.m., Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. Labyrinth walk with theme "A Time for Reflection and Hope." Registration deadline Oct. 30. Suggested donation \$5. 614-866-4302

Eucharistic Vigil at Holy Cross

Holy Cross Church, 205 S. 5th St., Columbus. 7:30 p.m. Mass, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with various prayers, ending with Benediction around 11.

1-3, FRIDAY-SUNDAY

Retreat for Men at St. Therese's

St. Therese's Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus. Interactive retreat for men, sponsored by Catholic Laymen's Retreat League, with Father John Corbett, OP. Theme: "An Eagle's Flight: Following the Gospel of John." Cost \$150. 614-392-0146, 614-800-2535 or 614-425-5422

2, SATURDAY

Fatima Devotions at Columbus St. Patrick

7 a.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Mass, followed by devotions to Our Lady of Fatima, preceded by confessions at 6:30. 614-240-5910

First Saturday Devotion at St. Joan of Arc

8:30 a.m., St. Joan of Arc Church, 10700 Liberty Road, Powell. Mass, followed by rosary in reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, concluding with Fatima prayers.

Mary's Little Children Prayer Group

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refugee Road, Columbus. 8:30 a.m., confessions, 9 a.m., Mass, followed by Fatima prayers and Rosary (Shepherds of Christ format); 10 a.m., meeting. 614-861-4888

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.

First Saturday Mass at Holy Family

9 a.m., Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St., Columbus. First Saturday Mass for world peace and in reparation for blasphemies against the Virgin Mary. 614-221-4323, extension 329

Centering Prayer Group Meeting

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

Filipino Mass at St. Elizabeth

7:30 p.m., St. Elizabeth Church, 6077 Sharon Woods Blvd., Columbus. Mass in the Tagalog language for members of the Filipino Catholic community.

3, SUNDAY

St. Christopher Adult Religious Education

10 to 11:20 a.m., Library, Trinity Catholic School, 1440 Grandview Ave., Columbus. Second of five talks on "The Biblical Prophets: Do They Have Anything to Tell Us Today?" with Scripture scholar Angela Burdge.

Friends, Family Day at Ss. Augustine & Gabriel

10 a.m., Ss. Augustine & Gabriel Church, 1550 E. Hudson St., Columbus. Friends and Family Day Mass, followed by potluck lunch for parishioners, neighbors and former members of St. Augustine and St. Gabriel churches and graduates of their schools. 614-268-3123

Four Watterson players named All-CCL in soccer

Central Catholic League champion Columbus Bishop Watterson placed four players on the 2019 All-CCL first team in voting by the league's coaches.

Isabella Ginocchi, Gabriella Rotolo, Rachel Weaver and Megan Eberts landed spots on the first team from Watterson, which went undefeated in CCL play.

St. Francis DeSales, Bishop Hartley and Bishop Ready had three players each on the first team.

Watterson began the Ohio High School Athletic Association Division

I tournament as a sixth seed in the district. Ginocchi was leading the Eagles with 20 goals and 12 assists, and Rotolo had 14 goals and 10 assists.

DeSales defeated Hartley 1-0 in the first round of the Division I district last week before losing to Olentangy. First-team selection Gabby Mehaffey led the Stallions this season with three goals and four assists.

Four DeSales players made the second team. They were joined by three players each from Watterson, Hartley and Ready.

Ready won its opening game in Di-

vision III district play with a 3-0 victory over Lancaster Fisher Catholic

before suffering a season-ending loss to Grandview Heights.

FIRST-TEAM ALL-CCL

Isabella Ginocchi, Bishop Watterson; Gabriella Rotolo, Watterson; Rachel Weaver, Watterson; Megan Eberts, Watterson; Gabby Mahaffey, St. Francis DeSales; Sophia Hipolite, DeSales; Abby Phelps, DeSales; Helena Donaghy, Bishop Hartley; Caroline Leatherman, Hartley; Olivia Ralston, Hartley; Ava Hurd, Bishop Ready; Caroline Buendia, Ready; Lindsay Bair, Ready.

SECOND TEAM

Maddy Bellisari, Watterson; Brooklyn Scythes, Watterson; Annie McGraw, Watterson; Lily Jones, DeSales; Elena McSweeney, DeSales; Stephanie Karas, DeSales; Kylie Hast, DeSales; Karli Barringer, Hartley; Emily Knox, Hartley; Kaelyn Walther, Hartley; Abigail Grundeir, Ready; Alyssa Sanders, Ready; Lauren Schlosser, Ready.

DeSales lands three on All-CCL volleyball first team

Three players from Columbus St. Francis DeSales and two each from Bishop Watterson and Bishop Hartley were named to the 2019 All-Central Catholic League girls volleyball first team last week by the coaches.

DeSales' Bella D'Amico, Emma Brown and Maryanne Boyle were

joined on the first team by Hartley's Colleen Sweeney and Ella Brandewie and Watterson's Olyvia Kennedy and Sydney Taylor, who missed nine matches while playing for the gold medal-winning U.S. youth national team at the world championships.

Taylor and Kennedy lead the Ea-

gles in digs per set and kills per set, respectively, this season.

DeSales (21-2), which finished with a 5-1 record in CCL play, began Ohio High School Athletic Association postseason tournament play last week ranked sixth in the state in Division I and as a No. 2 district seed.

Watterson (19-5), a regional semifinalist in 2018, was ranked 18th and also seeded second in the district. The Eagles won two district games last

week.

Hartley, which advanced to the state championship game in Division II in 2018, finished the 2019 regular season ranked 20th in Division I and was a No. 8 seed in the same district as DeSales. The Hawks also won two district matches last week.

The All-CCL second team included three players from Watterson, two from DeSales, and one each from Hartley and Bishop Ready.

FIRST-TEAM ALL-CCL

Bella D'Amico, DeSales; Emma Brown, DeSales; Colleen Sweeney, Hartley; Ella Brandewie, Hartley; Olyvia Kennedy, Watterson; Sydney Taylor, Watterson; Maryanne Boyle, DeSales

SECOND TEAM

Bridget Javitch, DeSales; Sophia Mangold, Watterson; Abby Stratford, Watterson; Gina Grden, Watterson; Lauren Johnson, Hartley; Saje Washington, DeSales; Bella Illig, Ready

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FRIDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL ON AM 820

Date	Game of the Week Schedule
August 30	St. Charles @ Dublin Scioto
September 6	West Jefferson vs. Bishop Ready @ Obetz
September 13	Gahanna @ Bishop Hartley
September 20	Newark Catholic @ Watkins Memorial
September 27	Clinton Massie @ Bishop Hartley
October 4	Bishop Watterson @ St. Francis DeSales
October 11	Harvest Prep vs. Bishop Ready @ Obetz
October 18	Bishop Hartley @ Bishop Watterson
October 25	Stuebenville @ St. Francis DeSales
November 1	Bishop Watterson @ St. Charles

6PM	Catholic High School PREVIEW SHOW
7PM	Catholic High School GAME-OF-THE-WEEK
9:30 PM	CITY-WIDE SCOREBOARD SHOW presented by ThisWeekSports.com

King George visits Holy Spirit School



King George III of England visited Columbus Holy Spirit School, in the person of physical education teacher Tyson Williams. Fourth-graders were studying the American Revolution and got to feel how the colonists would have felt about being unfairly taxed, as “King George” took students’ M&M’s away for different reasons, leaving some students with none and others with many.

Photo courtesy Holy Spirit School

St. Cecilia science with cookies



Columbus St. Cecilia School students recently used cookies to help them learn about the phases of the moon. Pictured are (from left) Austin Vacheresse, Hailey Litterall, Aubrey Kocheran and Mike Daniels.

Photo courtesy St. Cecilia School

St. Michael students experience 40 Days for Life



A group of eighth-graders from Worthington St. Michael School had the privilege of witnessing to the dignity of human life at the Columbus 40 Days for Life midway prayer rally on Tuesday, Oct. 15 at Founder’s Clinic. The students heard from speakers Matt Britton, chairman of the board for 40 Days for Life; Catholic author Bud McFarlane, and Beth Vanderkooi, executive director of Greater Columbus Right to Life. One student reflected on the experience and said, “I was not expecting the event that happened today. I’m glad I was there so I could really see the battle that is going on in our world.”

Photo courtesy St. Michael School

Firefighter returns to St. Matthias



Columbus Fire Department Capt. Rick Biancone, a former Columbus St. Matthias School student, taught his 33rd annual fire safety class at his alma mater. Biancone has made such visits to schools throughout the city’s Northland neighborhood since 1987.

Photo courtesy St. Matthias School



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Mt. Calvary at W. Mound St.
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Fr. James Klima
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St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

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7:30AM ROSARY - SISTERS MARY
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8:00AM WELCOME - EMILY JAMINET

8:15AM - 9:20AM HOLY MASS - BISHOP
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9:30AM - 10:15AM BREAK/REFRESHMENTS
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10:15AM - 10:50AM FR. STASH DAILEY

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