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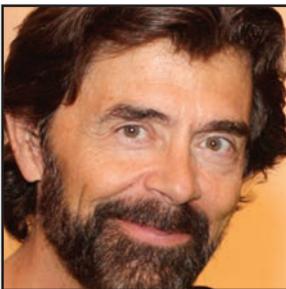
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## Ethnic Ministries director elected president of national administrators

Pamela Harris, director of the diocesan Catholic Ethnic Ministries office, was elected president of the National Association of Black Catholic Administrators (NABCA) at its annual conference in Houston. The organization consists of diocesan Black Catholic Ministries leaders, priests, religious, and representatives from the National Black Catholic Congress and the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' secretariat of cultural diversity.

James Watts of the Diocese of Birmingham, Alabama, was elected vice president; Sandra Coles-Bell of the Archdiocese of Washington is secretary; and Cary Dabney of the Diocese of Cleveland is treasurer.

Conference speakers included Auxiliary Bishop Joseph Perry of Chicago, who is NABCA's episcopal moderator, and Bishop Curtis Guillory of



**Members of the National Association of Black Catholic Administrators at their annual conference in Houston.**  
*Photo courtesy Pamela Harris*

Beaumont, Texas. A professional development program led by Dr. Ansel Augustine focused on practical ways to effectively minister to young adults.

Participants discussed the importance of collaboration with the USC-

CB and other black Catholic organizations and developed a strategic plan in response to structural changes at Black Catholic Ministries offices in several dioceses.

"We are excited to work with and

for the Church to gather and share resources to effectively address the needs, issues and concerns facing the African American communities, to develop and mentor black Catholic leadership, and to be the change agent for an inclusive church," a statement from NABCA said.

"NBCA appreciates the support of the dioceses and organizations we represent and of USCCB. We are committed to working with the faithful to reflect the rich diversity of our Church in all aspects of ministry. This commitment includes actively participating in parish and community life, advocating for those on the peripheries, and personal spiritual growth. We offer our gifts and talents with the entire Church to pass on what we have seen and heard."

## Many cultures come together for Mission Sunday at St. James the Less

Participants representing many cultures and languages gathered on Sunday, Oct. 20 at Columbus St. James the Less Church for a World Mission Sunday celebration of people, food and culture united under one faith.

Mass was concelebrated by Bishop Robert Brennan and priests from within and outside the Diocese of Columbus. The prayers of the faithful were spoken in Vietnamese, Swahili, Tagalog, Fante, Tamil and English. The Our Father was recited in multiple languages that blended in perfect harmony.

Mass was followed by a luncheon

featuring food from around the world. Columbus St. Gabriel Church and the Philippines American Society of Central Ohio presented cultural showcases highlighting Vietnam and the Philippines, respectively.

The event ended with performances featuring representatives from various Catholic ethnic communities. Nigerians

presented a musical setting of Psalm 27:4 in the Igbo language. This was followed by a butterfly dance

from the Philippines, a liturgical song from India, and Mexican folk dances

performed by *Folklore La Morenita* of St. James the Less Church.



**Participants in the World Mission Sunday program at Columbus St. James the Less Church included (from left): Josephine Grim and Lerma Lagason (the Philippines, Paru-Parong Bukid Dancers); Maria Pushparaj (India, diocesan Asian Advisory Board); Father Ramon Owera (administrator pro tem, Columbus St. Dominic and Holy Rosary-St. John churches); Maria Trinidad (Asian/Pacific island consultant, Catholic Ethnic Ministries); Clare Nduaguba (Nigeria, diocesan African Advisory Board), and Lori King and Minda Li (the Philippines, Paru-Parong Bukid Dancers).**  
*Photos courtesy Maria Trinidad*

### CORRECTION

In last week's *Catholic Times*, Piave Club president George Mussi and his wife, Rosalie, were incorrectly identified in a photo caption as Musing. In another story, the Roman emperor Constantine was incorrectly identified as the son of St. Monica. Her son, whom she converted to Christianity through her prayers, was St. Augustine.



*Front Page photo:*  
**TELEVISED MASS**  
Father Don Franks celebrates Mass on Saturday, Oct. 26 at Mattingly Settlement St. Mary Church. In the foreground is equipment that enables the Mass to be seen online at any time. (Photo courtesy St. Mary Church)

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## Bishop pays tribute to Bishop Rosecrans, founding 'missionaries' at anniversary Mass for dedication of St. Joseph Cathedral

Bishop Robert Brennan gave the following homily on Sunday, Oct. 20 at a Mass to celebrate the 141st anniversary of the dedication of Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral.

"As I mentioned at the beginning of the Mass today, here at St. Joseph's, we celebrate a different setting of the Mass, different prayers and different readings, because it is for us the solemn feast of the dedication of this beautiful cathedral. It's one of those feasts that's so important that even when it falls on a Sunday of ordinary time, at least, it takes precedence over the Sunday readings and prayers.

"And I want to say a particular word of appreciation to Father (Robert) Kitsmiller for catching that in advance, seeing the date and realizing it was today and also suggesting I might offer this Holy Mass today. It's a great thing for a new bishop to be connected so deeply with the diocesan cathedral.

"Bishop Rosecrans, the founding bishop of the Diocese of Columbus, was himself a convert to the faith. He's a local fellow. He grew up in Licking County in a particular setting that was actually strongly anti-Catholic. It was his brother, William, studying at West Point, who came to know the Catholic faith and embrace it. And, like Peter and Andrew, he wrote back to his brother and said 'Let me tell you what this is all about.'

"According to the history, when Sylvester, the future Bishop Rosecrans, went to visit his brother at West Point, he'd been thinking himself about the Catholic faith. He'd been looking into it, reading about it, kind of debating what he might do, and his brother said, 'There's a church. Let's go over and get you baptized.' So much for the RCIA.

"Skipping way ahead, he was ordained a priest of Cincinnati – auxiliary bishop of Cincinnati – and sent up to St. Patrick Church here in Columbus as pastor. And it was while he was here in Columbus that the Holy Father named Columbus to be its own diocese and Bishop Rosecrans to be its first bishop.

"Now at that point, the people at St. Patrick and the people at some of the local parishes here had started to form the foundations of this church



**Bishop Robert Brennan**  
CT file photo

here on Broad Street (for) the poor, the humble. They saw the need for another church here to serve the needs of the people – people who walked to Mass. And so they started building the church. Then with the news of the formation of the diocese, they decided, 'Well then, let's make this the cathedral' and they changed the plans a bit. They left us a beautiful legacy.

"You know, as they were building the church, some of the elite of the city looked down upon them. 'Why do they need another church, those Catholics?' Some of the citizens, I'm quoting, complained harshly of the cost of this cathedral. 'What need have the Irish or the Germans, the workmen and the manufactories, and the gas works, the sewers, the ditches and wherever else honest sweat was earning honest bread, the apprentices, the messenger boys, the patient, toiling service girls, the seamstresses, the milliners, for so great a place of worship?'

"But Bishop Rosecrans spoke for them and said, 'They build this for God.' They built this for God. God, who did not delay in forgetting himself, is certainly not forgotten by us. And so they built this church to give honor and glory to God. Not the rich and the haughty, but the poor and the humble.

"And yet God is never outdone in generosity. The beautiful prayer that we uttered at the beginning of this Mass, 'May this be a place of worship to you, O God, and may it be a place of redemption for us' because here we

come week after week to give honor and glory to God. That's the obligation of Sunday Mass. The first and primary obligation of Sunday Mass is that we owe to God our worship, our honor, our glory. We need to be giving praise and worship to God, the author of all.

"But wouldn't you know it, when we step through those doors to give something to God, God feeds us. Here we encounter the loving God. Here we are fed at the table, the altar of sacrifice, with his own body and blood. Here we encounter the mercy of God in reconciliation. Here we are washed in the waters of baptism, filled with the Spirit in holy Confirmation, (in) making the covenant of marriage, and here in this diocesan cathedral, celebrating ordination and sending forth from here care of the sick. Indeed, this is built for God's glory.

"But God turns the tables. Solomon in that first reading today was mystified. This is a beautiful reading. Solomon was mystified. You know the story of David the king, and then David wanted to build the temple and God said 'No, not you.' Solomon would actually build the temple, and now as the temple is dedicated, Solomon is saying, 'How could this possibly happen that the God who made the whole heavens and earth, the God who is greater than anything we can ever imagine, chooses to live here, to live among us?'

"And yet what mystified Solomon was only the beginning. It was just a shadow of what was to come because God would take on the temple of human flesh and live among us, walk among us. He would give his life on the cross, but he would rise again so he could be among us even today. God, Jesus Christ, emptied himself so that he could live among us, shoulder our burdens and lead us on the path to redemption.

"Indeed, whenever we walk into a church, we can be mystified. God is choosing to live among us. God chooses to live downtown in Columbus. God chooses to live in our rural communities, in our suburban communities, all over this beautiful diocese. But God is not contained by walls and windows. God sends us forth to carry his Spirit, to bring that

good news to the poor and those in need, those in need of forgiveness, meaning, purpose in life. Indeed, God dwells among us.

"Today also happens to be Mission Sunday, and we do three things on Mission Sunday. On Mission Sunday, certainly there's a second collection. We support the needs of the missionaries, the people who are out there in the field doing our work for us, proclaiming the word of God. We support them by our prayers and with material support. We become very conscious of people who are giving everything to announce the good news of the Gospel.

"Secondly, we think of the missionaries from whom we have learned the faith. We think of people like Bishop Rosecrans, who as a convert, he himself was a product of missionary proclamation. Interesting thought, by the way – now this is untested, it's one of those things (that) if it's not true, it's a good story. But he was baptized in 1845. Then he came back here and he would walk weekly to Mount Vernon for Mass, where if it was 1845, he likely encountered the famous Father (Jean-Baptiste) Lamy, one of the first missionaries here in Ohio (who later became a bishop in Santa Fe, New Mexico).

"We have inherited a missionary church. We sit in the product of missionary proclamation. On Mission Sunday, we think of the people who have built up this legacy of faith we have inherited. And think of the missionaries who have touched us personally. For me, my mother and father. For many of you, your parents and grandparents. And we give thanks for them.

"Thirdly, we recognize that call that we're all missionaries. We're all meant to be proclaimers of the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, helping, however we can, people to encounter the living Lord Jesus.

"The cathedral church was dedicated on this day in 1878. Bishop Rosecrans asked Bishop Purcell to come up from Cincinnati to dedicate the church, and then it was Bishop Purcell who recruited Father Lamy from France and sent him up to Danville and Mount Vernon and Newark. It

## On your mark. Get set. Be ready to go!

In the 31 years of have worked for the diocese, I'm not sure if I have enjoyed myself as much as I did a couple of weeks ago at the diocesan safety committee's three-day marathon of safety summits held in Danville, Chillicothe and New Albany. The summits provided valuable insight and resources to parish and school staff and volunteers on how to build a culture of safety. I hope you have read Tim Puet's article in the Oct. 27 *Catholic Times* on "Creating a culture of safety in diocesan schools, churches."

The presenters were amazing, informative and timely. They provided practical, hands-on tools and information on a wide variety of topics, including shooting incidents, natural disasters, fires and injuries or sudden illnesses that could happen in our parishes and schools. Before the summits occurred, parishes and schools were sent an assessment tool to help identify "aces and spaces" in their current safety plans.

As coordinator of the diocesan disaster readiness and response network and a member of the diocesan safety committee, I was gratified at the number of parish and school teams who attended the summits and actively engaged in the discussions. There was some amazing sharing about things that are happening in our diocese.

As I have reported in the past (and will continue to harp about), it also is important to focus on

### FAITH IN ACTION

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preparation and awareness education in our families before an event. Three questions should be asked: How prepared do we need to be? How prepared are we? How do we prioritize efforts to close the gap between the two? If you plan and practice in advance what you will do in an emergency, you will be able to assess the situation, use common sense, and whatever you have on hand to take care of yourself and your loved ones.

I feel every member of the family, including pets, should have an emergency "go bag." The <https://www.ready.gov/kit> site provides a printable checklist to get you started. Most of the items are inexpensive and easy to find, and any one of them could save your life. Once you take a look at the basic items, consider what unique needs your family might have, such as medicines and supplies for pets or seniors. In the event of an emergency, you may need to survive on your own for several days. Being

prepared means having your own food, water and other supplies to last for at least 72 hours.

A good go bag simply is a collection of basic items your household may need in the event of an emergency. Each bag should be individualized to include clothes and items to help you pass the time until you can return home. The FEMA website, <https://www.fema.gov/media-library/resources-documents/collections/344?page=1>, provides downloadable information specific to families, pets, seniors, individuals with disabilities, and businesses.

Families also should have a family safety plan. Your family may not be together if a disaster strikes, so it is important to know how you will contact one another and reconnect if separated. Establish a family meeting place that's familiar and easy to find. Forms to help develop communication and family plans may be found at <https://www.ready.gov/plan>. There also is a fillable family communication card form that will fold and fit in a billfold at <https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/133447>.

I pray that you will be numbered with the wise bridesmaids who are ready when the bridegroom arrives, so that you will not be shut out of the safety of the banquet hall.

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## Slowing down with Our Lady of Ransom

There's nothing quite like being in a hurry and seeing the flashing red lights that mean that a train is coming and I have to stop. This happened to me recently at a train track that's on a busy highway, in a place notorious for slow-moving trains.

I wasn't in any kind of hurry, and I was feeling a little like sitting and reflecting in the rare silence of my car. Since my kids were with my mother-in-law, being stopped at the train tracks like that was almost a retreat.

Of course, I had a meeting to get to and it was possible I would be late.

But somehow, I was able to let go of my desire to turn around, and just sat and watched. Most of the people around me were turning around after barely stopping their cars; after the five or six minutes, I observed that I was the only original car left. I had started out five back and was now first in line as the last train car finally plodded past and the gates lifted.

It's frustrating to sit and wait with no control over a situation. Maybe that's why so many of the cars around me chose to turn around within 30 seconds of stopping. It feels better to drive miles out of my way to the next crossing, betting on beating the train, than to bide my time in front of the monotony of clicking and rumbling.

It was only five minutes. I know, because I watched my clock. I gave the train 10 minutes to get past my crossing before I would turn around. Why use the gas? Why not just sit and enjoy the relative silence? Why not watch the cars around me to see if anyone else would do the same?

Though no one did, I'll admit that I'm not the one who thought of this little exercise. I credit my husband with teaching me this lesson in learning patience. Once we were stopped at the same crossing,

### FINDING FAITH IN EVERYDAY LIFE

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and I asked him, annoyed, why we weren't turning around and heading to another road.

"Why?" he replied. "It won't be any faster, even if we wait here for 10 minutes."

He was right. (He usually is.) Because of the distance and the best way home, it was faster to sit and wait.

Since I struggle so mightily with this sort of lesson, it boggles my mind to think about the 13th-century Christians and their resilience in the face of persecution. Here I am, using every bit of my inner strength to stay still at a train track, and they were being tormented in African prisons until they denied their faith. Many – most? – of them did not.

How did they do that? What gave them the fortitude and wherewithal to put up with the abuse and agony that must have been the delight of their captors? Do I have any chance at following their example?

As Our Lady of Mercy, also called Our Lady of Ransom, Mary gives me hope. She gave courage to those prisoners in the 13th century, too, appearing to St. Peter Nolasco on Aug. 1 in the white habit of the order he was to found, the Mercedarians. They were to be a symbol of her mercy, and their mission

would be working to free the Christian captives and offer themselves as a ransom if it was needed.

Can you imagine what kind of bravery it took to become a Mercedarian in the 13th century, to know that you would be offering yourself to free others? It seems unlikely that an order with such a crazy-sounding mission would flourish, but it did, spreading rapidly and growing quickly.

The image of Our Lady of Mercy often shows her holding out a bag of coins as a symbol of the ransom she's both asking and offering. How can giving up yourself be anything other than painful? It seems to defy modern reason.

Then again, if impatience is the sin of our generation, and my priest assures me it is, what can I offer as a ransom for my brothers and sisters? How can I give a part of myself to free them from their bondage to impatience? What would such a ransom look like; what does it involve; how does it change *me*?

It seems a stretch to compare my rest during a slow train and the Mercedarians' offering of their lives to save others, but is it, really? Though I don't have the same suffering or mandate the Mercedarians did, that doesn't make my mission in life any less important, does it? Maybe in my car at the railroad tracks, I look over my strength and capability; maybe I can't appreciate what I'm really capable of doing for another person or the importance of what I am doing for others in my life.

What about when I'm offering my time to children who need my help? What about when I forgo the conversation I want to have with a friend and pursue, instead, an innocent request of a forgo the conversation I want to have with a friend and pur-

## Local news and events

## Butler, Freewalt receive 2019 Champion of Children Award

The Ohio Family and Children First Coordinators Association awarded the 2019 Champion of Children Award to Catholic parent advocate Mark Butler and Jerry Freewalt, director of the diocesan Office for Social Concerns, for their advocacy efforts to end forced custody relinquishment of children with multiple needs for care.



**Mark Butler (left) of Columbus Holy Spirit Church and Jerry Freewalt, director of the diocesan Office for Social Concerns, accept awards for their work to help children served by multiple systems.** Photo courtesy Office for Social Concerns

During the biennial state budget process in the Ohio General Assembly, Butler and Freewalt testified before the state House and Senate finance committees and joined other parents, child advocates and youth representing the Ohio Multi-System Youth Coalition in urging legislators to include flexible funding to aid families of multi-system young people. The Catholic Conference of Ohio also provided support.

The budget included \$68 million in new funding to support multi-system youth and their families and a commitment from the state to develop a plan to end the practice of custody relinquishment.

The term “multi-system youth” refers to children and teenagers with complex behavioral, physical and developmental needs who require the assistance of many state and local departments and agencies.

Sometimes the needs of these young people are so profound they require services, such as out-of-home residential treatment, that private insur-

ance or Medicaid do not cover. As a result, parents are forced to make the difficult decision to relinquish custody of their children to a child services agency so they can get help they need.

Butler and Freewalt were appointed to the state’s Multi-System Youth Action Plan Committee under the leadership of Gov. Mike DeWine’s Ohio Family and Children First Council.

The Butler family was featured in a *Catholic Times* story about the heart-wrenching ordeal of relinquishing custody of their son, Andrew, so they could access needed out-of-home residential treatment for behavioral issues related to severe autism, mental illness and an intellectual disability.

“I am grateful that beginning today, parents facing the horrendous prospect of forced custody relinquishment will not have to endure what my family endured,” said Butler, a member of Columbus Holy Spirit Church. “I appreciate what Gov. DeWine is doing to support our families and for the leadership of the House and Senate finance committees to secure funding for our kids.”

### Our Lady of Peace open house scheduled for Nov. 10

Columbus Our Lady of Peace School, 40 E. Dominion Blvd., will have its annual open house for prospective students from 12:30 to 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 10.

Participants will be able to tour the school and talk with staff, students and parents about how the school offers quality Catholic education in a small school environment. New registration for students also will begin that day.

For more information, call (614) 267-4535 or go to [olp@cdeducation.org](mailto:olp@cdeducation.org).

### Newark Catholic invites students, parents to school

Eighth-grade students who are residents of the Knox-Licking Vicariate and are interested in attending Newark Catholic High School in the 2020-21 academic year are invited to spend a day at the school, located at 1 Green Wave Drive, from 9:15 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 6.

An information session for parents will take place on the same evening from 6 to 7:30 p.m. For reservations

and information, call the school at (740) 344-3594.

### Delaware St. Mary to host Chris Catalano concert

Catholic recording artist and sacred music composer Chris Catalano will present a benefit concert at Delaware St. Mary Church, 82 E. William St., after the 4:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday, Nov. 9. Joining him on guitar will be his son, Peter.

Catalano has written more than 150 pieces of sacred music and continues to use his gifts and talents each day on Long Island, where he has been a music teacher for more than 20 years and has served as music director for several parishes in the Diocese of Rockville Centre. He has assisted the diocese’s music program in many ways, particularly in bereavement ministry.

Donations at the concert will benefit the parish’s youth ministry, youth choir and organ repair fund.

### Pasta dinner to benefit deacon

A pasta dinner to assist with the medical expenses of Deacon Greg Waybright will take place from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 9 in the activity center of Pickerington St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, 600 Hill Road North. The dinner is being sponsored by parishioners of Seton and Reynoldsburg St. Pius X parishes.

Deacon Waybright has been dealing with medical problems for several years. He had a leg amputated earlier this year and before that suffered a stroke, had a hip replacement and dealt with diabetes, sepsis and other infections. Because of mobility issues, he is living in an apartment in Pataskala with his wife, Theresa; his daughter Jessica, and her husband. He hopes to be able to move back to his home in Reynoldsburg once his movement improves.

There is no set charge for the dinner. Donations will be accepted at the door and carryouts will be available. If you are unable to attend but wish to make a donation, write a check to either parish and put “Deacon Waybright” in the memo line. For more information, contact Mike Paszkiewicz at (614) 593-5182 or Dick Petersen at (614) 981-2761.

### Seminarian to speak on Marian apparitions

Emmanuel Ingabire, a seminarian of the Diocese of Gikongoro, Rwanda, who is studying at the Pontifical College Josephinum, will speak at Reynoldsburg St. Pius X Church, 1051 S. Waggoner Road, at 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 17 about Marian apparitions that have occurred in his home diocese.

After a brief talk, there will be a short documentary film on the apparitions, which were experienced on several occasions between 1981 and 1989 by three young girls in the village of Kibeho, Rwanda.

The Holy See acknowledged the authenticity of the apparitions in 2001. One of the girls is a cloistered nun in Italy, one still lives in Kibeho, and the third died in 1994.

### Ready open house set for Nov. 17

Columbus Bishop Ready High School, 707 Salisbury Road, will sponsor an open house for students in grades five through eight, potential transfer students, and their parents or guardians at 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 17.

Faculty, staff, administration and students will be available to answer questions about the overall Ready academic program, financial aid, campus ministry and co-curricular activities. There also will be presentations featuring each of the school’s academic departments. For more information, call (614) 276-5263.

### YCP to meet on Nov. 13

Liz Schriener, director of market engagement and special gifts for Franciscan University of Steubenville, will be the speaker for the November meeting of the diocesan Young Catholic Professionals (YCP) organization. The event will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 13 at Columbus St. Catharine Church.

YCP brings together young adults in their 20s and 30s from across central Ohio for speaker events, panel discussions and networking to foster Catholic identity, encourage community and inspire a call to action.

For more information, go to [www.ycpcolumbus.org](http://www.ycpcolumbus.org). If you are interested in donating to or volunteering with the organization, send an email to [info@ycpcolumbus.org](mailto:info@ycpcolumbus.org).

## Ten Commandments or 613?; Masses for deceased non-Catholics?

**Q** Why is it that Christians feel that the coming of Jesus freed them from the 613 precepts that Jews count in the Torah (the first five books of the Bible) and that they can adhere only to the Ten Commandments? Why those 10 and not the other 613? (Albany, New York)

**A** The Christian belief is that Jesus came to fulfill the law and that the essential moral principles of the Mosaic code are contained in the Ten Commandments as revealed in Chapter 20 of the Book of Exodus.

Paul's Letter to the Colossians (2:16-17) notes that Christians are not bound by the precepts of the Hebrew law that were merely ceremonial – about “clean” and “unclean” things, about sacrifices and others temple practices. “Let no one, then,” says Paul, “pass judgment on you in matters of food and drink or with regard to the festival or new moon or Sabbath. These are shadows of things to come; the reality belongs to Christ.”

The precepts of the Torah, as enumerated by the Torah scholar Maimonides in the 12th century, were very specific. More than a dozen of the 613 had to do with idolatry (“not to make an idol for yourself,” “not to make an idol for others,” “not to turn a city to idolatry,” “not to bow down before a smooth stone”); more than two dozen listed those you were prohibited from having sex with (your mother, your

### QUESTION & ANSWER

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sister, your father, an animal).

Such prohibitions are covered, the Christian believes, in a generic way by the Ten Commandments. Interestingly, the rabbi Hillel, the Jewish sage who lived during the first century before Christ, was once challenged to recite the entire Hebrew code of law while standing on one foot. He said this, “Do not do to anyone else what you would not want done to yourself.” With that, he put the other foot down and said, “All else is commentary.”

**Q** Is there any prohibition against having Masses said for deceased Protestants or Jews, or should they only be requested for Catholics? (Suffolk, Virginia)

**A** There is no canonical rule against having a Mass said for a deceased non-Catholic. As a matter of fact, the opposite is true; the church's

*Code of Canon Law* says, “A priest is free to apply the Mass for anyone, living or dead” (Canon 901).

This means that the Eucharist can be offered for anyone – dead or alive, Catholic or non-Catholic. And that brings up another question: If you attend the wake of a non-Catholic, is it OK to bring a Mass card? The answer is “Yes.”

One might think the opposite; most Protestants, for example, do not believe in the existence of Purgatory; they feel that their deceased loved ones, if they lived a worthy life, are already experiencing eternal beatitude.

Since the Mass is an intercessory prayer (it re-presents the salvific acts of Christ in his death and resurrection and seeks to apply those merits to the deceased), one might suspect that Protestants would see this as unnecessary and could be offended if given a Mass card.

But I have never found that to be so; instead, I have found them consistently grateful.

Which brings up still a third question: Can you have a Catholic funeral Mass for a non-Catholic? Here again, the answer is “Yes,” under certain circumstances.

Canon 1183.3 provides that a Catholic church funeral may be offered for baptized non-Catholics “unless their intention is evidently to the contrary and provided that their own minister is not available.”

## Open house planned for December at proposed retreat site

A group that wants to establish a family retreat house in the Hocking Hills area has found a site and is inviting families to an open house.

The event will take place from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7 at 22997 Goose Creek Road in South

Bloomington in Hocking County, about 18 miles southwest of Logan and a mile off State Route 56. Coffee, cookies and cocoa will be available, and a game room will be open. In addition, families will have a chance for a photo with a visitor portraying St.

Nicholas and will be able to reserve a free weekend at the site.

The facility has been named the St. Martin de Porres Place Family Retreat House by the group, which obtained its use with the help of Chase and Julie Stalford of Lancaster.

“The Stalfords own the house and felt called to allow us to use it for a year, with the understanding that we will offer it to families free of charge to use for retreats of two or three days. They are willing to sell us the house in 2021 for approximately one-third of its market value if sufficient money is raised,” said Rebecca Gjostein, who is leading the effort to raise funds for the purchase. Donations for the purchase will be collected at the open house.

Gjostein said the house has five bedrooms, one of which will be converted into a prayer room, as well as two-and-a-half bathrooms, a washer and dryer, a full kitchen, a dishwasher, a game room with an air hockey game and a pool table, a hot tub, a fire ring and a gas grill. Plans are being made to add religious-themed deco-

rations and to build a hillside Marian grotto and Stations of the Cross path on the site. Use of alcohol at the house will be prohibited.

“Our goal is to provide a private, natural, rural, comfortable and very affordable environment that is available to families of all sizes, incomes and abilities,” Gjostein said. “We believe that God's beautiful natural creation has the power to heal physically and spiritually.

“Beds or cots will be available for every child, with room for extended family members. An accessible, child-friendly and homelike environment will be the priority. With close access to the outdoor adventures of the surrounding state parks, there will be something fun for everyone.

“Optional faith formation and self-led family retreat programs will be made available to parents upon request. Catholic business owners may host business retreats for a rental fee.”

For more information, contact Gjostein at [rebeccagjostein@gmail.com](mailto:rebeccagjostein@gmail.com) or call (614) 406-3507.



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## Moral injury can be as damaging as its physical counterpart

By Cindy Oddi

In 2009, Dr. Jonathan Shay, a clinical psychiatrist known for his work with Vietnam veterans, coined the phrase “moral injury.” “Moral injury is a betrayal of what’s right in a high stakes situation by someone who holds power,” he said. Such betrayal leads to “indignant wrath,” in which “the primary trauma (is) converted ... into lifelong disability.”

A moral injury can be somewhat explained by the word “moral.” We know that human life is sacred, for we are created in the image and likeness of God. We know that murder, abortion and intentionally harming another are wrong. When we witness or are involved in such immoral acts, it can damage our moral fiber. An injury is defined as damage or harm done to or suffered by a person.

Moral injury festers in our being, sometimes for years. Moral injury can cause doubts about faith, God, a loss of self-worth, a lack of personal care, and depression. An example of moral injury could be the veteran who killed an enemy soldier or witnessed such a killing. This moral injury has caused many veterans to become dejected

loners who have little regard for anything spiritual, resulting in a lack of trust, causing marital issues and poor employment relations. Some veterans sink so low as to doubt their need to exist and commit suicide. Moral injury also may affect first responders, nurses, doctors, teachers, coaches and priests, among others.

Why has it taken so long for moral injury to be discussed? Perhaps in our society, people who would say they have a moral injury would be thought of as soft – someone who couldn’t deal with the hardships of life. But this really goes deeper than that. It is a feeling of guilt, shame, alienation and reduced trust in others.

In our “culture of death,” with the frequent occurrence of school shootings, terrorist attacks and clergy sex scandals, the opioid epidemic, the vast number of homeless and underserved veterans, and other societal malfunctions, the term “moral injury” has become a logical way to describe and discuss what many in our society are now feeling and experiencing.

“Moral injury is part of the human condition. It’s something all people experience. It is not a medical thing, it’s not a health care thing, it’s not

a religious thing, it’s not a spiritual thing, it’s not a literary thing, an artistic thing, or a poetic thing, but it’s all of those things,” said Dr. William P. Nash, a former Navy psychiatrist who is considered an expert on moral injury and loss.

We cannot look at moral injury from only one perspective. The healing of moral injury takes a holistic approach. Healing cannot be accomplished by a simple examination and prescription of a drug. Healing requires being present and listening to the person suffering. Healing will only be accomplished through relational presence and listening – really listening.

“The greatest gift that we can offer is to say ‘I hear you, I believe you, but I still love you,’” Nash said.

I really don’t believe that a health care professional would say this after a 50-minute counseling session or a physical exam. However, that is what is required for the healing to begin.

Nash also quotes Dr. Rita Nakashima Brock, senior vice president for moral injury programs for the Volunteers of America, who uses the term “rebuilding the house” as a metaphor for recovering” from moral injury. Just as simply pouring a foundation

and framing out a house is not rebuilding it, healing is not just prescribing a pill or providing a counseling session.

In rebuilding a house, there is trim work to be done, painting, hanging doors, laying new floors and much more. In healing moral injury, there is relationship building, long discussions and constant reassurance that someone is believed, heard and loved.

Rebuilding a house requires electricians, plumbers, painters, carpenters and tile installers. Healing from moral injury takes clergy, counselors, family, friends, parishioners, physicians and art therapists.

A person suffering from moral injury needs a holistic approach because, as humans, we are multifaceted and a one-dimensional approach will not work.

For more information, Google “moral injury,” Dr. Rita Nakashima Brock, Ph.D., Dr. William P. Nash, MD, or Dr. Jonathan Shay, MD, Ph.D., who are leaders in this field. A course on moral injury soon will be offered through the University of Dayton’s virtual learning community for faith formation.

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## St. Michael the Archangel: Not only a warrior, but also a healer

By Father Ed Dougherty

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Last year, Pope Francis urged the faithful to recite the prayer to St. Michael the Archangel after praying the rosary, as a way of protecting the Church from “spiritual turbulence.” At around the same time, more parishes in the United States began saying the prayer to St. Michael after Mass.

St. Joseph Church in Roseburg, Oregon, began saying the prayer in 2015 in the aftermath of a tragedy. Soon afterward, the parish’s pastor, Father Jose Manuel Campos Garcia, made it a regular part of Mass.

In an interview with the *Catholic Sentinel*, the newspaper of the Archdiocese of Portland, Oregon, Father Garcia said, “For us, it’s been a journey of healing relationships and healing the community.”

It’s interesting that Father Garcia associates the prayer with healing, because St. Michael was associated with healing in the early Church,

before the predominant imagery associated with him became that of a warrior. Of course, we know that it is not physical, but spiritual combat in which God’s angel leads us, and such combat is carried out through prayer, sacrifice, fasting and almsgiving. These practices help us bring about real change and guard our souls, as well as the Church, against anything that would do us harm.



In fact, both ideas of St. Michael as healer and as warrior are valid. He is a protector and, in that sense, the imagery of a warrior helps us understand his role as one who will fight with every fiber of his being to defend those who call upon him. But the image of a healer is also valid because Michael offers protection from that which would do us harm, and this protection allows us to heal from any troubles that would afflict us.

Through the centuries, many have found St. Michael the Archangel to be a powerful intercessor, and the prayer to him remains an effective way to ask for protection

in times of trouble. It’s important to remember that in calling upon St. Michael, we are asking for protection so that peace might return to our lives. Many people pray this prayer daily to bring about healing, whether they need help and protection in fighting addiction, in healing divisions within families and communities, or in dealing with the difficulties of life. St. Michael can keep the worst of our troubles at bay so that we can focus on finding the healing in life that God wants for us all.

Turn to St. Michael with confidence, and you will find healing in your soul and in your community, and you will bring healing to the Church. Pray to St. Michael for protection and the strength to stand with God in the most difficult times, and he will intercede for you in powerful ways to strengthen and protect you and your loved ones. And remember that the prayer to St. Michael is a prayer of hope in the power of God to set things right in the world. It is a prayer of hope in finding lasting peace and building a world that lives in gratitude for the love of Christ.

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## From soaps to Scripture: Actor's career takes sacred turn

By Tim Puet  
Catholic Times Reporter

Even though he was a successful actor, Frank Runyeon felt his soap opera storylines had little to do with everyday reality, so 30 years ago, he went from memorizing scripts to memorizing Scripture.

Since then, his one-man presentations telling the story of the Gospels in the everyday language of their time have been seen by hundreds of thousands of people in all of the continental United States except Montana and Utah.

He has appeared several times in the Diocese of Columbus, and will be at Columbus St. Mary Magdalene Church, 473 S. Roys Ave., from Tuesday to Thursday, Nov. 5 to 7, to present a parish mission with the theme "A Journey to Joy."

Topics of his talks will be the Gospel of Luke on Tuesday, followed by the Sermon on the Mount on Wednesday and a program titled "Hollywood vs. Faith" on Thursday. Each presentation will begin at 7 p.m.

Runyeon and Meg Ryan were one

of daytime television's most popular couples in the 1980s when they starred as Steve Andropoulos and Betsy Stewart on *As the World Turns*. When the characters were wed in 1984, 20 million people watched, making it the second-highest-rated hour in American soap opera history.

After seven years as Steve, Runyeon played Father Michael Donnelly on *Santa Barbara* for four years, Simon Romero on *General Hospital* for two years, and Ed McClain on *Another World* in the mid-1990s.

Runyeon majored in religion at Princeton University, where he had considered becoming an Episcopal priest. While portraying Father Donnelly, a Catholic priest who wasn't always successful in fending off temptations, he began thinking seriously about the messages being delivered by the programs on which he was appearing.

"The more I did stories on TV and thought about the values they were portraying to families and children, the more I realized how much those stories were leaving out, and that real life wasn't anything like the life I was

portraying," he said.

"I also was dealing with the suicide of my college roommate. In my own family, my wife, Annie, had miscarried twins, and all of our three children were born under very difficult circumstances. All those things led me to examine my life and ask some hard questions, the kind of questions that make the commercial media duck.

"I felt God wanted me to do something; I just wasn't sure what. I knew I had to learn more, and as I did so, I realized I should get to know the Scriptures better. I was a religion major at Princeton, but in my four years there, I never was asked to read Scripture. Princeton and Harvard were founded to train ministers, but today, Harvard no longer has a PhD program in Scripture."

Runyeon said he went on a retreat at Weston Priory, a Benedictine monastery in Vermont, and asked God how he should use his acting talent. "I had seen Alec McCowen's one-man performance of the Gospel of Mark on Broadway and came away from the retreat feeling I should do something similar," he said.

"I tried memorizing Scripture and telling my children the Gospel stories as they appear in the New Testament, but that didn't work. As the late mystery writer Dorothy Sayers said, part of the problem with telling the story of Christianity to a modern audience is that we don't tell it well.

"I knew I had to dig deeper to get a sense of what those who were listening to Jesus and the original evangelists were hearing, so I went to the original Greek and Latin manuscripts, which were written in the everyday language of their times and, at moments, even in the present tense," Runyeon said.

"Then I went back to my kids and began telling the kids the stories exactly as they were first written, and this time they were on the edge of their seats. Those original texts gave the sense that Jesus was speaking directly to them, and that's what I try to convey in my interpretations."

Runyeon took three to four years to complete his first presentation on the

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Gospel of Mark. He attended Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California to help him with his writing and performance of the work while continuing to play Father Donnelly. He later studied theology at Yale Divinity School in New Haven, Connecticut and the General Theological Seminary in New York City, from which he received a master's degree in 1994.

Workshops with faculty members at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Massachusetts and the University of Dayton, both Catholic institutions, helped him refine his original production. He had grown up with a Lutheran father and an Episcopal mother and, at the time of his early presentations, was still a member of the Episcopal Church, but he was becoming dissatisfied with the direction that denomination was taking.

"The church had wandered away from its traditional beliefs, and it didn't feel like the church where I grew up," he said. "Lutherans and Episcopalians both have much in common with Catholics, especially the 'high-church' tradition of the Episcopal Church, which is what I was familiar with and which believes in Jesus' Real Presence in the Eucharist. So it was natural for me to gravitate toward Catholicism, which felt

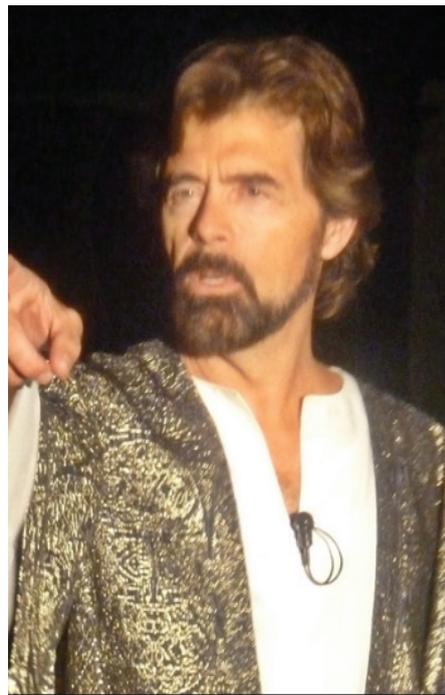
like coming home."

After the workshops, Runyeon took his interpretation of Mark's Gospel on the road to audiences in churches and small theaters, and its success led Runyeon to write a presentation on the Sermon on the Mount. This has been followed over the past 25 years by additional one-man programs on the Gospels of John and Luke and the Letter of James, a Christmas comedy, and a comedy for children.

"On the first night in Columbus, my presentation on Luke's Gospel will feature some of the most famous stories ever told," Runyeon said last week while driving from a parish in New York to a three-night mission in Concord, New Hampshire. "The next night will be the Sermon on the Mount, the most famous speech ever delivered."

He will portray a variety of characters, including the evangelists Luke on Monday and Matthew on Tuesday, as well as a livestock merchant, a trader, a deacon, a seamstress and others, and Jesus himself. In addition, he will share stories from his own life.

"All of this is designed so that people listening can see that what Jesus is saying is meant for them right where they are, and that they must decide how to respond to that message and recognize they have their own part to



**Actor Frank Runyeon in his presentation on the Gospel of Luke. He will be at Columbus St. Mary Magdalene Church from Nov. 5 to 7. Photo/Runyeon Productions**

play in the story," Runyeon said.

"On the third night, after telling the stories of Jesus, the emphasis will be on the stories we listen to all the time through television, the movies and other media," he said. "We will look at what's good about them, but I'll also talk about the danger in believing them too much. The people putting those stories together know they're not to be believed literally, but as we hear the

stories and they fill our lives night by night, it's easy to overlook that and to let them shape how we live."

After talking on the previous evening about the beatitudes proclaimed by Jesus, Runyeon said his concluding presentation will examine three false beatitudes presented by the modern media and will look at how to avoid being overly influenced by today's culture.

"If you look at what advertisements are telling you and what the press is telling you, it's not exactly what Jesus told us to do," he said. "You see this tug of war between the religious and the secular all the time. Take Christmas, for example. We're celebrating the incarnation of God, but that often seems to be lost in the emphasis on buying things. There's some good in wanting to present gifts to others, but how do we sort things out so everything's in balance?"

"We can enjoy some things, like the stories the media tell us, but we have to be careful about believing in them. Everything we do tends to be dictated by the media and how much we listen to the stories we tell, rather than the stories Jesus is telling."

Runyeon, 66, spends most of the year performing his Scriptural programs, but takes the summer off to

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# 'Special place' touches worldwide audience via video

By Tim Puet  
Catholic Times Reporter

St. Mary Church in Mattingly Settlement, near Nashport in northern Muskingum County, is one of the smallest parishes in the Diocese of Columbus, with about 75 registered families. But through internet broadcasting technology that enables events from anywhere to be seen live and be replayed everywhere, it has an unseen video congregation of thousands throughout the world, including areas where the Catholic Church is otherwise suppressed.

Stephen Smeltzer, who is in charge of the parish's video program, said that based on reports from the YouTube video streaming service, between 6,500 and 8,000 people view the parish's 4:30 p.m. Saturday Mass each week. He said about 300 to 400 people see it live, with the rest tuning in at their convenience during the week by going to Facebook or YouTube and typing "St. Mary Mattingly Settlement" in the "Search" box.

Besides streaming the Saturday Mass, Masses for holy days of obligation and Holy Week services, the parish also has produced videos of Benediction, Divine Mercy prayer services, weddings, baptisms, funerals, retreats, a Corpus Christi procession, a history of the parish and even an Easter egg hunt.

Smeltzer said the parish began its video outreach with the Christmas Eve service of 2016, using basic equipment installed in a newly completed parish center located on land where a two-door outhouse had been since the church was built 150 years earlier.

"The original idea for purchasing the equipment was so we could televise Mass in the center for the overflow crowd that always comes to our small church for Christmas Eve and other major feasts," he said. "Construction of the new center encouraged more people to come to Mass, to the point where it was filled every Saturday evening and we had to make the Mass telecast a regular thing to handle the overflow. For the first year after the center opened, we produced videos mainly for in-house use and for the sick and shut-ins. But I knew there was much more we could do."

Smeltzer is employed as an engineer



**From left: Deacon Bob Ghiloni, Father Dave Sizemore, Father Jeff Rimmelspach, Father Don Franks, Father Mike Nimmocks and Father Tom Gardner at the Mass at Mattingly Settlement St. Mary Church earlier this year celebrating the 40th anniversary of Father Franks' ordination to the priesthood.**  
*Photos courtesy St. Mary Church*

by a company that cleans water used in the fracking process, which extracts oil and natural gas from the ground. But he also has considerable familiarity with video technology through his eight years with the Coming Home Network, an organization for people who have joined the Catholic Church from other faith traditions or returned to practicing the faith after being inactive Catholics. Coming Home is based in Zanesville, not far from Mattingly Settlement, and produces the EWTN network's *The Journey Home* program.

"I applied for money to upgrade our video equipment and received about \$20,000 from The Catholic Foundation of the diocese and other organizations," he said. "With that, we were able to install a system with five cameras that includes a drone."

The multi-camera system allows viewers to see the Mass from many angles, rather than only from the point of view of someone sitting in a pew, as is standard with a single-camera setup. It also enables people to see the faces of the congregation at moments such as the opening procession and the exchange of greetings during the rite of peace, and it shows congregation members being greeted by the parish's pastor, Father Don Franks, at the doorway as they leave the sanctuary after Mass.

The drone provides views that go beyond anything that can be seen from the pews. For instance, it was used to circle the church and present striking nighttime images of the building and

its adjacent cemetery at last year's Christmas Eve service.

The church's weekly Mass telecast includes more than the Mass itself. For example, the first 13 minutes of the 75-minute program for Sunday, Sept. 29, the Feast of the Archangels, were devoted to an explanation of the Church's teaching on angels and a review of the roles of the archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael and their appearances in the Bible.

Similar evangelization and catechesis related to the coming week's feasts, with a pictorial background of sacred art, takes place before each Mass. This is followed by a two-minute "Welcome to St. Mary's" segment showing the church building and its rural surroundings in various seasons of the year, then by the Mass itself.

The parish began expanding its video outreach in early 2018 through Facebook and YouTube and soon began receiving reports that its weekly Mass was penetrating far beyond east-central Ohio.

"We never could have imagined the impact," Smeltzer said. "About half the responses we have received have been from overseas. Many have come from the Philippines, which is a strong Catholic nation, from Indonesia, which is mostly Muslim but has pockets of Christianity, and from India, mostly Hindu but with a tradition of Christianity dating to St. Thomas the Apostle.

"What's been really surprising has been the number of responses we've received from places such as China,

Pakistan and Sri Lanka, where anyone who says he or she is a Catholic is at great risk. Internet access is blocked or limited in many of these nations, but people see our Masses through underground methods. We had an especially large response from Sri Lanka just after three churches there were bombed on Easter Sunday.

"We're also being very well received at the Holy Family Hospital in Bethlehem, the city where Christ was born," Smeltzer said. More than 4,000 babies a year are born to mothers of all faiths at the hospital, which is operated by the Order of Malta and is the only facility in the region with a neonatal intensive care unit for ill or premature newborn infants, according to a YouTube video from the hospital.

Smeltzer said the hospital's Christian patients and staff discovered the Mass from St. Mary's when they had trouble picking up the feed of the Mass regularly televised on the EWTN network. "We could feel the love coming through the screen," said an email note from the hospital. "We now will be watching your holy Mass on Sundays for our communion service when the priest is not available. Please pray for us as we pray for and with you."

The response from Bethlehem is one of many emails the parish has received concerning the Mass. Most express gratitude from people, particularly the homebound and the hospitalized, for having the Mass available to them at any time. The most dramatic describe instances of healing and conversion.

One response came from a woman whose unborn son was diagnosed with Down syndrome and whose husband had urged that the pregnancy be terminated. One day last month, the couple began watching a live funeral Mass from St. Mary's.

"After it was over, my husband was in tears," she wrote. "We prayed together for the first time in years. He has since changed his mind and began supporting and actually looking forward to the birth of our son, expected in May. ... I have had my prayers answered. We have chosen the name Patrick to thank God for the message he brought us by chance."

Another letter was written by a woman from Atlanta who was visiting

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in-laws in central Ohio last Christmas with her husband and their 8-year-old daughter, who was to begin treatments for a cancerous brain tumor when the family returned home. The parents and child attended the St. Mary's Christmas Eve Mass at the suggestion of the woman's father-in-law, who is homebound and has been watching the Mass from Mattingly Settlement. "It's a special place," he told them.

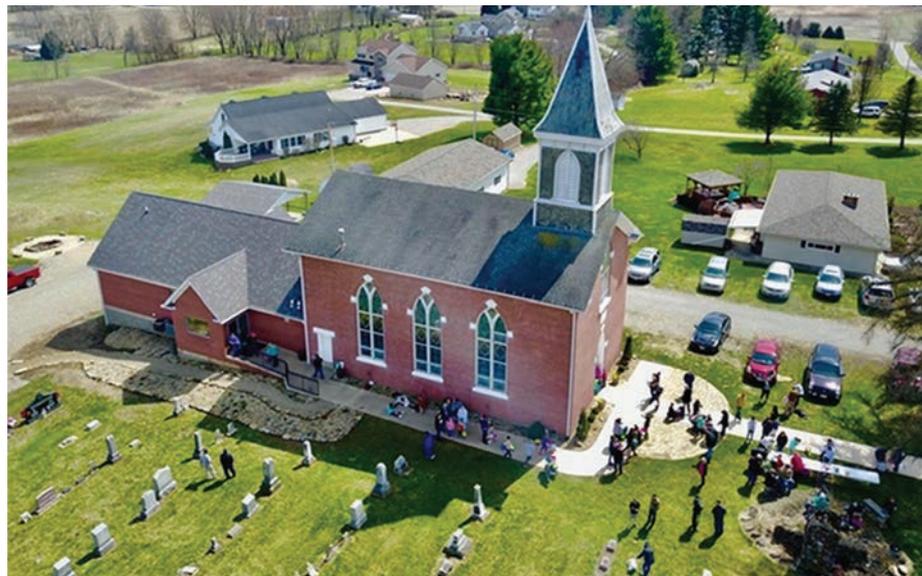
The child was able to take part in the procession at the Mass and carry flowers to the Nativity manger. She returned to the in-laws' home, slept all night and awoke at 6 a.m. Christmas Day. "She was like a different child – a child we have not seen in months," the mother wrote. "We were so happy that she could enjoy this Christmas, as there was a chance it might be her last, and we felt we had our Christmas miracle."

After the family went home, the girl had a medical evaluation. "She had been different since Christmas. They did several tests and scans and were unable to find a trace of her tumor," her mother said. "We tearfully thank God. We wanted to share our experiences with you and plan to return for visits in the future."

A former Marine dealing with PTSD and depression wrote of how he watched a Facebook video of the parish Easter egg hunt, which takes place in the parish cemetery. "The message the priest had about finding the eggs among the tombstones of ancestors deeply touched my memories of my grandfather, who told similar ideas that our Shawnee Indian tribe held," the veteran wrote.

This led to his investigating Catholic beliefs and ultimately joining the Catholic Church. "I was brought into the Catholic faith this past Easter, but my true conversion happened over a year ago while becoming a part of your community at heart," he said. "Many have thanked me for my service to the country. ... I would like to now say 'thank you' to you for your service from a grateful soul who was saved."

Mattingly Settlement takes its name from the Mattingly family, pioneer Catholics who settled the area around the church in the 1830s and donated the land for the church building in 1856. Six members of the family became priests in the 19th and 20th centuries. One of them, Father Theodore Mattingly, was a priest of the Archdi-



**An aerial view of Mattingly Settlement St. Mary Church and its cemetery from the drone used in the presentation of its televised Masses. The church was built in the late 1850s on land donated by the Mattingly family in northern Muskingum County near Nashport. The parish center at the rear of the building was dedicated in 2016.**

ocese of Indianapolis from 1895 until his death in 1953.

"Father Theodore returned to his home parish whenever he could and predicted that one day, it would be a place of miracles and pilgrimage," said Smeltzer, himself a Mattingly descendant. "Our video outreach and the parish center are enabling his prediction to come true in ways he never could have imagined."

Another family member, Msgr. Herman Mattingly, was the founding editor of two diocesan newspapers – *The Columbus Register* in 1940 and its successor, *The Catholic Times*, in 1951. He also started a weekly local radio broadcast of Catholic news in

1948 that was one of the first programs of its kind. "He wrote and spoke often about using the media of his time to bring the Church's message to the world. Our video outreach continues in that tradition," Smeltzer said.

"Our little country parish has a major impact in places like the children's hospital of Bethlehem," said Father Franks, pastor at Mattingly Settlement and nearby Dresden St. Ann Church. "Our own homebound, hospitalized and nursing home folks feel the warmth and depth of compassion embracing this wonderful opportunity to feel the presence of fellow parishioners praying with and for them. ... We are truly pioneers in spreading our



**Father Don Franks and other participants in the 2019 Ash Wednesday Mass at Mattingly Settlement St. Mary Church kneel in front of the altar. This scene was shot from a drone used in the televised internet presentation of the parish's Masses.**

faith in seven continents each week. ... We give hope around the world."

Smeltzer said the success of the parish's video venture has led to fundraising efforts for other activities related to television and radio evangelization.

Videos from St. Mary's may be accessed by going to <https://www.facebook.com/stmarymattinglysettlement>, <https://stannstmary.org>, <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC57XyR5DT0F1DPW1HzNu2bA> or <https://mattinglysettlement.org>.

Smeltzer said he knows of only about 20 churches in the United States producing video content similar to that presented by St. Mary's each week.

*The Catholic Times* asked all of the parishes in the Columbus diocese whether they streamed Masses online, and three responded.

Columbus St. Patrick Church began streaming in March 2016, when it hosted the ordination of Father Peter Totleben, OP, to the priesthood. It streams its noon Mass each Sunday, as well as feast day Masses and other special events in the church. In addition, a camera in its Aquinas Hall enabled it to stream lectures there and to record and archive RCIA lessons.

All of these appear on the parish's website, [www.stpatrickcolumbus.org](http://www.stpatrickcolumbus.org), and its Facebook page, which draws the largest viewership, and they are connected to a streaming service known as BoxCast, said parish business manager Frank Hartge.

Delaware St. Mary Church has been streaming all of its Masses and its Tuesday communion service on its website, [www.delawarestmary.org](http://www.delawarestmary.org), for the past couple of years. "We've had an overwhelmingly positive response from our homebound parishioners that can't make it to Mass," said parish information technology specialist Amy Lenocker. "These parishioners still feel a part of the parish by watching Mass online."

Weekend Masses from Sunbury St. John Neumann Church are streamed at [www.saintjohnsunbury.org/live](http://www.saintjohnsunbury.org/live). "This is a wonderful way for us to reach the homebound, those who might be recovering from surgery and those who have been away from the Church, but are thinking about coming back and want to see what Mass is like before they actually return," said parish communications manager Jennifer Reinard.



Missionaries from the Ohio communities of the St. Paul's Outreach college ministry sing a worship song at the organization's banquet on Thursday, Oct. 24 in the Archie Griffin Ballroom of Ohio State University's Ohio Union.

## Relationships are theme at St. Paul's Outreach banquet

The importance and necessity of living lives full of deep relationships was a recurring theme of talks at the annual banquet sponsored by the Ohio communities of the St. Paul's Outreach (SPO) ministry to college campuses. More than 400 people attended the event on Thursday, Oct. 24 in the Archie Griffin Ballroom of Ohio State University's Ohio Union.

The organization's founder, Gordon DeMarais, spoke of his heartbreak over the latest Pew Research Center findings that show a continuing decline nationwide in the percentage of people who consider themselves to be practicing Catholics. He also talked of the great passion he has for young people and about their desire to be loved deeply and unconditionally.

"I saw men there who were eager to live," said Andrew Kebe, SPO regional director and national program director, in describing one SPO missionary's first encounters with the ministry. Kebe said SPO participants are given a great opportunity to help students overcome their loneliness on campus and to invite those lonely people into a community.

Students Matthew Gnatowski and Genevieve Thanh spoke of their personal journeys in coming to know Jesus through their experiences at college and in SPO. They said it's all too easy to either get wrapped up in the party culture or to pour one's self into academic matters in hopes of building



Andrew Kebe speaks at the St. Paul's Outreach Ohio banquet.

Photos courtesy St. Paul's Outreach

a solid career. Both expressed gratitude that through SPO, they are part of a community of people who are genuinely interested in their lives and who actively work together in pursuit of deeper relationships with the Lord.

Bishop Robert Brennan was in attendance, offering the opening blessing and expressing the joy he has found in SPO and in young adult communities in the Diocese of Columbus during his first 10 months as its spiritual leader.

To learn more about St. Paul's Outreach and its mission, visit [www.SPO.org](http://www.SPO.org).

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return to his home in southern California.

He was born in Cleveland, where his father was a doctor at the Cleveland Clinic, and grew up in Reading, Pennsylvania, where he met his wife. He and Annie will be celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary this year.

"She was my best friend's girlfriend," he said. "He was the cool guy – a little bit too cool – and I always thought she was too pretty for me, so we were friends for five to seven years. Then we got older and started dating, and something clicked.

"She's originally from New England, and she's been with me for the last month or so on the road, but now she's gone back home.

"It's difficult being away from her so much during the year, but we still think of each other as best friends and share each other's day in long phone conversations every night."

Returning to California in the summer allows Runyeon to continue to take occasional acting jobs. In 2016, he was nominated for a daytime Emmy for a performance on *The Young and the Restless*.

"I played the man you meet when you go to heaven," he said. "A friend said, 'We'll get Frank for that. He's someone who can balance that scene with a certain gravitas.'"

"It was great fun doing this and getting together with Eric Braeden, Melody Thomas and some of the other people I'd worked with years ago in the soaps."

"Being able to tell the story of Jesus in a way that works for today's audiences continues to renew me because it always takes me to a place where I'm listening to God, rather than trying to remember lines from a script," Runyeon said.

"It's a great satisfaction to have people tell me that they've been waiting for years to have an experience with Jesus like the one I try to provide. I want to help people encounter Christ, and knowing I've done that makes me feel close to God and provides me with the deepest joy."

### FRIDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL ON AM 820

6PM	Catholic High School PREVIEW SHOW	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

7PM	Catholic High School GAME-OF-THE-WEEK

9:30 PM	CITY-WIDE SCOREBOARD SHOW
	presented by ThisWeekSports.com

## Bishop honors longtime cafeteria worker at Tuscarawas Central Catholic



Bishop Robert Brennan visited New Philadelphia Tuscarawas Central Catholic High School to help honor 93-year-old Carmie Martinelli, who has worked in the school cafeteria for more than 45 years. Pictured with Martinelli and the bishop are Father Jimmy Hatfield (left) and Father Jeff Coning, pastors of Dover St. Joseph and New Philadelphia Sacred Heart churches respectively. A plaque with Martinelli's picture has been placed in the cafeteria, which was renamed in her honor. She continues to work there every Wednesday. It's estimated that she has seen more than 2,000 students come through the lunch line and has served them more than 365,000 meals.

*Photo courtesy Tuscarawas Central Catholic schools*

## Bishop Brennan visits Newark Catholic



Bishop Robert Brennan visited Newark Catholic High School and spoke at a prayer breakfast, attended a faculty meeting, and met with the senior class and with members of the leadership team for the school's Kairos retreat. He is pictured with team members. The four-day retreat at Sts. Peter and Paul Retreat Center in Newark is led by students and supervised by adults and is open to select juniors and all seniors. It gives participants a chance to take time out for God by leaving the world for a short time, growing in faith and friendship with the Lord and with each other.

*Photo courtesy Newark Catholic High School*

## Bishop visits John Paul II preschool on saint's feast day



On Tuesday, Oct. 22, the feast day of Pope St. John Paul II, Bishop Robert Brennan celebrated Mass and visited with children at the St. John Paul II Early Childhood Education Center, 957 E. Broad St., Columbus. The preschoolers presented the bishop with pictures they made for him. Bishop Brennan showed them a crucifix that was given in 2004 to now-retired Columbus Bishop James Griffin during a trip to the Vatican to meet Pope John Paul. The students also venerated a relic of John Paul. The center is operated by the Little Servant Sisters of the Immaculate Conception.

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## Author speaks to St. Charles students



Author and journalist Wil Haygood (second from left) recently spoke at Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School and is shown with students (from left) Sedric Granger Jr., Joe Kimeu and Cherod Bowens. Haygood grew up in Columbus and wrote a book about Columbus East High School's winning state basketball and baseball championships in 1969 at a time of great racial turmoil. He talked to the students about those teams and about his career as a *Washington Post* reporter, which included witnessing Nelson Mandela's release from a South African prison and writing a story about a White House butler that became an acclaimed book and movie. He told the students, "While we live in a very special country, it will always need new ways of thinking, young energy, fortitude and human grace."

*Photo courtesy St. Charles Preparatory School*

## 31st Sunday of Ordinary Time

## Praised be the holy name of God

Wisdom 11:22-12:2  
Ps. 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11,  
13, 14  
2 Thessalonians 1:11-  
2:2  
Luke 19:1-10

Father Timothy Hayes



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

Do we realize how small we are before God? When we become small enough, empty enough, God can begin to fill us and to reveal His plans for us.

We are not really in charge of anything, even ourselves. It is not my body. It is not my world. My plans are not God's plans. We are truly wonderful creations, but we are creations of God, who has the prior right in our lives. What God says, *is*. What He asks us to be and to do is up to Him, not us. When we think differently than that, we are destined for trouble of our own making.

Wisdom speaks to God of mercy: "You have mercy on all, because you can do all things; and you overlook people's sins that they may repent." God makes room for us even as we fall, and He invites us to change our minds and hearts to conform to His plans for us.

St. Paul speaks to the Thessalonians of faith: "We always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of His calling and powerfully bring to fulfillment every good purpose and every effort of faith, that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in Him, in accord with the grace of our God and Lord Jesus Christ."

God's plan for us is established through the grace that is offered to us in Jesus Christ. We are created for glory. In the world, our lives are intended to give glory to Jesus.

Each of us is called to sing out with

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sue, instead, an innocent request of a stranger's child to be pushed on a nearby swing? What about when I swallow my disinclination to cooking and make a meal for a new mother?

Or, closer to the heart, how about those times when I give up what I want to do and cheerfully embrace what someone else wants? Could I be showing them God's love? Might I be a pale shadow of the ransom Mary had in mind when she appeared to St. Peter Nolasco?

the psalmist: "I will praise your name forever; my king and my God." When we respond to God's intentions for us and for the world, we discover a joy that is shared by the whole of creation. Even now, in time, we taste the glory of singing God's praises, which is our eternal destiny.

The celebrations at the beginning of November remind us that we are not alone, but that we are accompanied by the whole church – the saints in glory, the holy souls awaiting entrance in the kingdom in Purgatory, and the church on the march through earthly life.

We acknowledge that we are entrusted to one another. We now hear the invitation of the church universal to live up to our name as Catholic by going out in personal and practical ways to those who are not with us – those who have walked away and those who have never heard of Jesus Christ in a way that makes sense to them. Salvation comes to this house when we allow the grace of God to transform us and to open us to the call to glory.

God looks upon us with the eyes of mercy, and He chooses us as his people. (This is the theme of Pope Francis' motto, "Miserando atque eligendo," taken from the Venerable Bede's commentary on the call of Matthew.) May we open our hearts to one another and may we sing together so that the world comes to know Jesus Christ: "I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God."

The beauty of Mary, Our Lady of Mercy, is that she doesn't care. She isn't comparing what I'm doing with what the great heroes and martyrs of earlier ages did. She isn't saying that one of us is better than the other. She doesn't roll her eyes at my small attempts, implying that I should do more, more, more. Rather, she accepts me *as I am* and helps me take the small steps to where God would have me go.

## THE WEEKDAY BIBLE READINGS

**MONDAY**  
Romans 11:29-36  
Psalm 69:30-31,33-34,36  
Luke 14:12-14

**TUESDAY**  
Romans 12:5-16b  
Psalm 131:1b-3  
Luke 14:15-24

**WEDNESDAY**  
Romans 13:8-10  
Psalm 112:1b-2,4-5,9  
Luke 14:25-33

**THURSDAY**  
Romans 14:7-12  
Psalm 27:1bcde,4,13-14  
Luke 14:25-33

**FRIDAY**  
Romans 15:14-21  
Psalm 98:1-4  
Luke 16:1-8

**SATURDAY**  
Ezekiel 47:1-2,8-9,12  
Psalm 46:2-3,5-6,8-9  
1 Corinthians 3:9c-11,16-17  
John 2:13-22

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION  
MASS SCHEDULE: WEEK OF NOV. 3, 2019

**SUNDAY MASS**  
10:30 a.m. Mass from Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral on St. Gabriel Radio (AM 820), Columbus, and at [www.stgabrielradio.com](http://www.stgabrielradio.com).

Mass with the Passionist Fathers at 7:30 a.m. on WWHO-TV (the CW), Channel 53, Columbus and 10:30 a.m. on WHIZ-TV, Channel 18, Zanesville. 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](http://www.stgabrielradio.com).

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

## PRAYER TO THE VIRGIN

Oh, most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh, Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein, you are my Mother. Oh, Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in my necessity. (Make request.)

There are none who can withstand your power. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us, who have recourse to thee (repeat three times). Holy Mary, I place this prayer in your hands (repeat three times). Say this prayer three consecutive days and then you must publish. **Thank you.**

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# Pope's embrace of a new cardinal honors an entire nation

ROME – Even the greatest enthusiasts of the present pontificate might not assert that Pope Francis has an inspiring liturgical style. Like the old-school Jesuit he resembles in many ways, the Holy Father is rather flat liturgically: typically expressionless, sometimes downright dour, he gets through the business at hand in a workmanlike way. Yet at the consistory for the creation of new cardinals on Oct. 5, Francis showed real emotion when, after bestowing the red biretta and cardinalatial ring on the emeritus archbishop of Kaunas, Lithuania, Sigitas Tamkevicius, SJ, the pope seemed to shed a tear or two as he drew the new prince of the Church into a prolonged embrace and shared a few words with him.

I, too, was also deeply moved. And in my mind's eye, I was taken back to 1985, to a different kind of Washington and a different kind of Congress, where men and women of good will, committed to the defense of the powerless, could work together on great causes.

In November 1984, my friend John Miller was elected to the House of Representatives from Washington state's first congressional district. John was a Republican and the House was controlled by Democrats, so as a freshman member from the minority party, his committee assignments were not scintillating. But he had come to Congress with the firm conviction that a robust defense of human rights behind the iron curtain would hasten the nonviolent collapse of communism, so he asked me what he might do to advance that cause while laboring away on the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee (known on the Hill as "Fish").

I suggested that this Jewish congressman take up a cause in which no one else was involved: the cause of persecuted Catholics in what was then the Lithuanian Soviet Socialist Republic. John immediately agreed and started looking for a Democratic co-sponsor for the work. A brief study of electoral demographics disclosed a significant Lithuanian-American population on the shores of Lake Erie. So Congressman Miller rang up Congressman Edward Feighan of Cleveland, proposing that Mr.

## THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE

George Weigel

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Feighan co-chair the Lithuanian Catholic Religious Freedom Caucus. Feighan agreed and asked that Miller have me talk to one of his staffers – a then-obscure Democratic operative named George Stephanopoulos. Thus was born a bipartisan effort to promote the cause of religious freedom in Soviet-occupied Lithuania: an effort that meant, among other things, trying to spring three leaders of the Lithuanian Catholic Committee for the Defense of Believers' Rights from the gulag prison camps – Father Alfonsas Svarinskas, Sister Nijole Sadunaite, and Father Sigitas Tamkevicius, SJ.

Our efforts in pressuring Congress and the Reagan administration to demand the release of these prisoners of conscience bore fruit, and amidst the Gorbachev thaw in the Soviet Union, all three contemporary Catholic martyr-confessors were sprung. After his release, Father Tamkevicius was brought to Washington for medical and dental treatment, after which a lunch was arranged for him at the U.S. bishops' conference. I was invited, and the man whom I had played a modest role in helping regain his freedom gave me a long and firm embrace before turning to several brother Jesuits who were present (all of whom, unlike their Lithuanian colleague, were dressed as laymen). "You are Jesuits," he said, with a twinkle in his eye. "Are you also Catholics?"

Sigitas Tamkevicius' enrollment in the College of Cardinals was a papal tribute to a brave man who exemplifies the best the Society of Jesus offers

the Church and the world. It was also a de facto tribute to the fidelity and courage of hundreds of thousands of Lithuanian Catholics during the Soviet occupation of their country. Their bravery produced, among a great host of martyr-confessors, the *Chronicle of the Catholic Church in Lithuania* – the longest-running, uninterrupted resistance journal in the history of the Soviet Union. Month after month, the *Chronicle* – a precise record of the communist repression of religious belief and practice – was manually typed, copied by carbon paper, distributed throughout Lithuania, and smuggled out to the West. In 2013, while visiting one of the (literally) underground bunkers near Vilnius where the Lithuanian Catholic human rights resistance printed its materials (on a printing press that was "liberated," one piece at a time, from a communist publishing house,) I had the sense of being in the 20th-century equivalent of a Roman catacomb.

From such experiences, hope is sustained in a wintry ecclesiastical season.

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was Bishop Purcell who ordained Bishop Rosecrans and then came here to dedicate this beautiful cathedral. The day after the dedication, Bishop Rosecrans completed his journey here on earth and went home to God. So when you go down to the undercroft later, say a prayer for him, a prayer of thanksgiving.

"I just wanted to close with some of the words he said when he was criticized for the building of this church. He said, 'This here (St. Joseph's Cathedral) is a house for God, not for men. And its proportions are for the owner and not for the visitors. To its thresholds, crowds will come, some in carriages, some on foot, some worldly, some richly clad. At the door, all distinctions vanish and the Master greets all alike. It is God's house, and with him there is no distinction of persons.'

"So congratulations on this, your feast day in God's house, who invites us all in and makes no distinction of persons."

### ADJUNCT TEACHING POSITION AVAILABLE

The Pontifical College Josephinum is seeking applicants for an adjunct position to teach a course in astronomy or physics starting in the spring of 2020. This course is a required course for all undergraduate students. The Josephinum is a Roman Catholic Seminary located in Columbus, Ohio.

The position requires a person who is supportive of the Josephinum's mission, to prepare men to serve as Roman Catholic priests, and has earned at least a master's degree in astronomy, physics or a comparable field. College-level teaching experience is preferred, but not required.

Applicants for this position should submit a CV and letter of interest to [ddeleonardis@pcj.edu](mailto:ddeleonardis@pcj.edu). The deadline for submissions is November 15. The Pontifical College Josephinum is an EEO employer.

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# PRAY FOR OUR DEAD

**AGRIESTI, Todd J., 57, Oct. 17**  
St. Rose Church, New Lexington

**ALTIER, Joseph N., 70, Oct. 18**  
St. Rose Church, New Lexington

**CROWL, Barbara J. (Adametz), 64, Oct. 25**  
St. Pius X Church, Reynoldsburg

**Di CESARE, Frank, 80, Oct. 20**  
St. John the Baptist Church, Columbus

**GIBBONEY, Navy Lt. Cmdr. (Ret.) James J., 95, Oct. 17**  
St. Catharine Church, Columbus

**HAWXHURST, Joseph W., 94, Oct. 26**  
St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Zanesville

**JOSEPH, Robert J., 73, Oct. 25**  
St. Catharine Church, Columbus

**PENNYBAKER, Alice (Crawmer), 79, Oct. 20**  
St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Zanesville

**POEPELMAN, Craig M., 32, Oct. 23**  
St. Brigid of Kildare Church, Dublin

**RYAN, Stacey A., 53, Oct. 7**  
Our Mother of Sorrows Chapel, Columbus

**SUEVER, Joanne M. (Moore), 80, Oct. 22**  
St. Brigid of Kildare Church, Dublin

**SULLIVAN, Helen L. (Gilligan), 85, Oct. 14**  
St. Patrick Church, Junction City

**VANDAGRIFF, Patricia L., 77, Oct. 22**  
Our Lady of Victory Church, Columbus

**WIEST, Richard A., 81, Oct. 23**  
St. Pius X Church, Reynoldsburg

## Father Ronnie Boccali, PIME, 89, passed away on Oct. 28

Funeral Mass for Father Reinhold "Ronnie" Boccali, PIME, 89, who died Monday, Oct. 28 at Mother Angeline McCrory Manor in Columbus, will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 7 at Heath St. Leonard Church, 57 Dorsley Mill Road. Calling hours will be from 2 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 6 at the church. Burial will take place Friday, Nov. 8 at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield, Michigan.

He was born in the canton of Zurich, Switzerland on Dec. 29, 1929. During World War II, he went to Milan, Italy, where he got to know more about the Catholic faith and was baptized. His father also was Catholic.

He entered the PIME (Pontifical Institute for Foreign Missions) order's seminary in 1951 and made his final promises to become a member of the order on May 22, 1959. He was ordained a priest on June 11, 1960.

While in the seminary, he studied at the University of Milan's school of missionary medicine and surgery and did an internship there.

After his ordination, he was assigned to the United States, where he worked for most of the rest of his life. From 1961 to 1988, he was a teacher, vice rector and spiritual director at the former Sts. Peter and Paul PIME Seminary in Newark. He was sent to England for a few years as rector of PIME's house in Watford, then returned to the United States in 1991, becoming rector for PIME's college seminary program in the Detroit area before moving back to Newark to help with the running of the seminary there.



After that property was sold to the Diocese of Columbus in 2003, he moved to Heath St. Leonard Church. He assisted there and at Buckeye Lake Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church and other area parishes, where he was able to enjoy his love for gardening and for plants and animals.

Because of health issues, he moved to The Inn at Chapel Grove in Heath in 2015 and later transferred to McCrory Manor.

He is survived by a sister and nephews in Switzerland.

## Sandra Louise Litzinger

Funeral Mass for Sandra Louise Litzinger, 80, who died Thursday, Oct. 17, was celebrated Tuesday, Oct. 22 at Somerset Holy Trinity Church. Burial was in the parish cemetery.

She was born on May 28, 1939 in Somerset to the late Louis and Eloise (Saunders) Litzinger. She was a 1957 graduate of Somerset Holy Trinity High School and received a bachelor of arts degree in English and education in 1966 from Ohio Dominican College (now Ohio Dominican University), a master of arts degree in liberal studies in 1973 from Valparaiso (Indiana) University, a master of arts degree in religious studies in 1982 from the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, and a doctorate in ministry from the Graduate Theological Foundation in South Bend, Indiana.

She was a former member of the Dominican Sisters of St. Mary of the Springs (now the Dominican Sisters of Peace). Parishes and schools she served in the Diocese of Columbus include Columbus St. Thomas (1962-

63), Columbus St. Philip (1963-65), Columbus St. Gabriel (1965-67 and 1968-69), Columbus Our Lady of Peace (1969-71) and Newark Blessed Sacrament (1972-77).

She also was pastoral minister at Reynoldsburg St. Pius X Church (1977-80), was involved in the diocesan religious education program in Perry County (1982-85), and was an educator and pastoral minister in the Diocese of Steubenville.

She became director of the liberal studies program at the College of Mount St. Joseph in Cincinnati in 1989 and later was employed as assistant dean of first-year studies at the University of Notre Dame.

In 1986, she received the Mary B. Lynch Award from the Commission on Justice and Peace of the Diocese of Columbus for her commitment to justice issues.

Survivors include brothers, Louis, Greg (Suze), Jim and Michael; and sisters, Jeannie, Joanie (Jim) Wilson and Jan (Craig) Baird.

## Kimberly T. Owens

Funeral Mass for Kimberly T. Owens, 63, who died Thursday, Oct. 17, was celebrated Monday, Oct. 21 at Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church. Burial will be at St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus.

She had served in the parish's finance office for many years and was a lector, an extraordinary minister of the Eucharist and one of the founders

of the Asia's Hope charity for children at risk of exploitation in Cambodia, Thailand and India.

Her husband, Bob, died in May 2016 when he was struck by a motorcycle while on a mission trip to Cambodia with her and other parishioners.

Survivors include her parents, Mike and Pearl McFarland; brother, Andre; and sister, Connie (Mark) Miller.

### DIRECTOR, DOMINICAN LEARNING CENTER (COLUMBUS, OHIO)

The Dominican Learning Center, an educational ministry established and supported by the Dominican Sisters of Peace, is seeking qualified candidates for the position of Director. Located in Columbus, Ohio, the Dominican Learning Center provides a holistic approach to literacy for underserved adult learners with a special emphasis in working with new Americans. Ideal candidates will have experience in management, volunteer recruitment, fundraising, GED/ABE, ESL, adult literacy, or other adult educational programs. A bachelor's degree in a relevant field or equivalent experience is required, master's degree preferred. A detailed job description is available upon request. Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, resume, and three professional references by November 15 to:



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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.

**Frassati Society Attends All Saints' Day Mass**  
6:30 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Parish's Frassati Society for young adults attends All Saints' Day Mass, followed by dinner at Pat and Gracie's restaurant. **614-224-9522**

**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." 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.

#### 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**

**Open House at St. Charles**  
1 p.m., St. Charles Preparatory School, 2010 E. Broad St., Columbus. Open house for all eighth-grade boys and their parents. **614-288-5824**

**Martin de Porres Center Celebration**  
2 to 4 p.m., Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus. Celebration of the Feast of St. Martin de Porres and the center's 15th anniversary, featuring the Columbus St. Anthony Church multicultural choir, Peruvian dances, reflections, crafts, art from Gracie Morbitzer and the center's "I Am a Man" exhibit, and a video of the center's history. **614-416-1910**

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

**St. Andrew Church Remembrance Service**  
3 p.m., St. Andrew Church, 1899 McCoy Road, Columbus. Parish's 11th annual remembrance service, including choral anthems, congregational hymns, Scripture readings and reflections of remembrance, hope and consolation, followed by refreshments. **614-451-1839**

**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**

**Speaker Series at Our Lady of Peace**  
6 p.m., Our Lady of Peace Church, 20 E. Dominion Blvd., Columbus. Talk by Dr. Perry Cahall, academic dean at the Pontifical College Josephinum, on the abuse scandals in the church and their impact on Catholics and society. Begins with Eucharistic Adoration, followed by talk, question-answer session and reception. First talk in series titled "The Agora: A Catholic Marketplace of Ideas." **614-263-8824**

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

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

#### 4, MONDAY

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

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

**Rosary at St. Pius X**

6:30 p.m., St. Pius X Church, 1051 S. Waggoner Road, Reynoldsburg. Recital of Rosary for the sick of the parish and all who are ill. **614-866-2859**

**Marian Prayer Group at Holy Spirit**  
7 p.m., Day chapel, Holy Spirit Church, 4383 E. Broad St., Columbus. Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle prayer group for Catholic family life. **614-235-7435**

**Frassati Society Tango Lessons**  
7 p.m., Emerald City Ballroom, 2809 Festival Lane, Dublin. Columbus St. Patrick Church Frassati Society for young adults attends tango class. Cost \$15. **614-224-9522**

#### 5, TUESDAY

**North Columbus Serra Boys Vocation Lunch**  
11:30 a.m., Jessing Center, Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 N. High St., Columbus. Annual vocation luncheon for boys in eighth to 12th grade, sponsored by the Serra Club of North Columbus, followed by tour of the seminary. Speaker: Father Ed Shikina, parochial vicar, Hilliard St. Brendan Church. **614-507-2037**

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

**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.

**Talk by Msgr. Lane at Cathedral**  
6:45 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Talk by Msgr. Frank Lane, former vice rector of the Pontifical College Josephinum and spiritual director of Mount St. Mary's Seminary of the West in Cincinnati, on "The Centrality of Christ in Evangelization." Second in a series of "From the Cathedral Pulpit" talks on discipleship. Includes music and a light reception. **614-224-1295**

**WWP Founder Speaks at St. Joan of Arc**  
7 p.m., St. Joan of Arc Church, 10700 Liberty Road, Powell. "Hallelujah Anyway: Discovering Good Despite Anxiety," a talk by Lisa Brenninkmeyer, founder of the Catholic women's ministry Walking With Purpose. Also speaking will be WWP chief executive officer Julie Ricciardi. A reception will follow. Cost \$15 per person. Register at walkingwithpurpose.com/events.

#### 5-7, TUESDAY-THURSDAY

**Parish Mission at St. Mary Magdalene**  
7 p.m., St. Mary Magdalene Church, 473 S. Roys Ave., Columbus. Parish mission with former soap opera star Frank Runyeon. Theme: "A Journey to Joy." Topics: Tuesday, "Luke"; Wednesday, "The Sermon on the Mount"; Thursday, "Hollywood Vs. Faith." **614-274-1121**

#### 6, WEDNESDAY

**Newark Catholic Information Programs**  
9:15 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Newark Catholic High School, 1 Green Wave Drive, Newark. Prospective Student Day for eighth-graders from the Knox-Licking Vicariate interested in attending the school in 2020-21, with information session for their parents from 6 to 7:30 p.m. **740-344-3594**

**WWP Founder Speaks at St. Joan of Arc**  
9:30 a.m., St. Joan of Arc Church, 10700 Liberty Road, Powell. Repeat of Tuesday evening's program with Brenninkmeyer and Ricciardi, followed by reception. Cost \$15 per person. Register at walkingwithpurpose.com/events.

**Retreat Day at Shepherd's Corner**  
10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. Retreat day with theme "An Attitude of Gratitude." Includes a simple lunch. **614-866-4302**

## NOVEMBER

#### 1, FRIDAY

**Display of Relics at Cathedral**  
Relics of 22 saints will be displayed on the altar

## Bishop Ready presents 'Cinderella'



Grace Larger and Paul Martello in Columbus Bishop Ready's production of Rodgers and Hammerstein's *Cinderella*. Photo courtesy Bishop Ready High School

The theater department of Columbus Bishop Ready High School, 707 Salisbury Road, will present Rodgers and Hammerstein's musical version of *Cinderella* at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 8 and 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 9 and 10.

The story is familiar, but the 2013 update by Douglas Carter Beane of Oscar Hammerstein II's 1957 book for the show gives it a greater sense of social consciousness.

Grace Larger will play Ella, the her-

oine, with Paul Martello portraying Topher, her prince. Also in the cast will be Hannah Dilley, Makenna Freeman, Victor Lockwood, Cassie Benkis and Dylan Murray. The production will be directed by Jill Larger, chair of the Ready theater department.

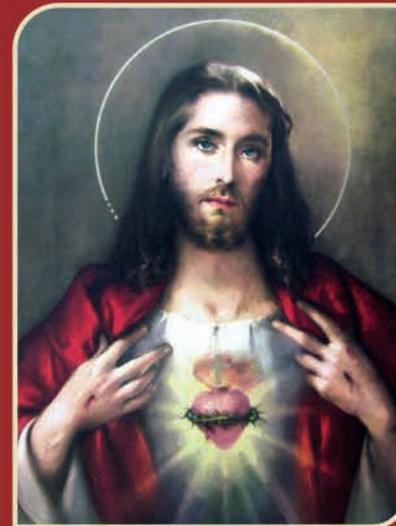
Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$9 for students. The production is appropriate for students in grades six and above. For more information, call (614) 276-5263.

## Claver auxiliary Junior Daughters



The Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary, St. Cyprian Junior Court 298, recently initiated four new Junior Daughters in a ceremony at Columbus St. Thomas Church. Pictured with Northern District mistress of arms Mauryta Butler-Gasper (third from left), they are (from left) Francine DeMedeiros, Cheyenne Hines, Iyonna Godfrey and Caitlin Hines. Conducting the ceremony was Junior Daughter counselor Ericka Butler from Chicago. Also in attendance were ladies from the Claver auxiliary's senior court and senior courts from Dayton and Cincinnati. The Junior Daughters participate in activities that promote spiritual growth, perform service projects, assist the senior court with community service, and enjoy social activities. Their counselor is Nichole Glover. Photo courtesy Gabriella Holland

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## 'Red Velvet Cake War' at DeSales



The performing arts department of Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School presented the comedy *The Red Velvet Cake War* this past weekend. Students Ben Konicki and Frankie Bonte are shown in a scene from the production. Also in feature roles were Anna Pallone, Chloe Myers, Cris Tapia and Brianna Stokes. The play tells the story of a family reunion in Texas that spins out of control with the help of everything from long-lost recipes to an unexpected tornado.

*Photo courtesy St. Francis DeSales High School*

## Watterson Merit Scholarship honorees



Four Columbus Bishop Watterson High School students have been honored by the National Merit Scholarship Program, based on their performances on the 2018 Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. Rachel Weaver (far left) is a semifinalist, who will compete for one of 7,600 scholarships to be awarded in the spring. Students honored as commended scholars are (from left) Jacques-Charles Geoffrion, Abby Bergman and Megan Eberts. Their scores were in the top 50,000 among the approximately 1.5 million students taking the test. *Photo courtesy Bishop Watterson High School*

## Read with a Stallion at St. Anthony



St. Anthony School and St. Francis DeSales High School in Columbus have begun the fifth year of their Read with a Stallion program, in which staff and students from DeSales, whose athletic teams are named the Stallions, read books to St. Anthony students. Many of the readers are St. Anthony graduates. St. Anthony librarian Claire Hoffman (third from right) hosted a gathering to prepare them and other DeSales students for this year's program. St. Anthony students Olivia Strickland and Majid Strickland (third and fifth from left) are pictured with DeSales students (from left) Adriana Moon, Zane Neuhardt, Makayla Shuey, Megan Shuey, Sophia Gersper and Casey Koller. *Photo courtesy St. Anthony School*

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