

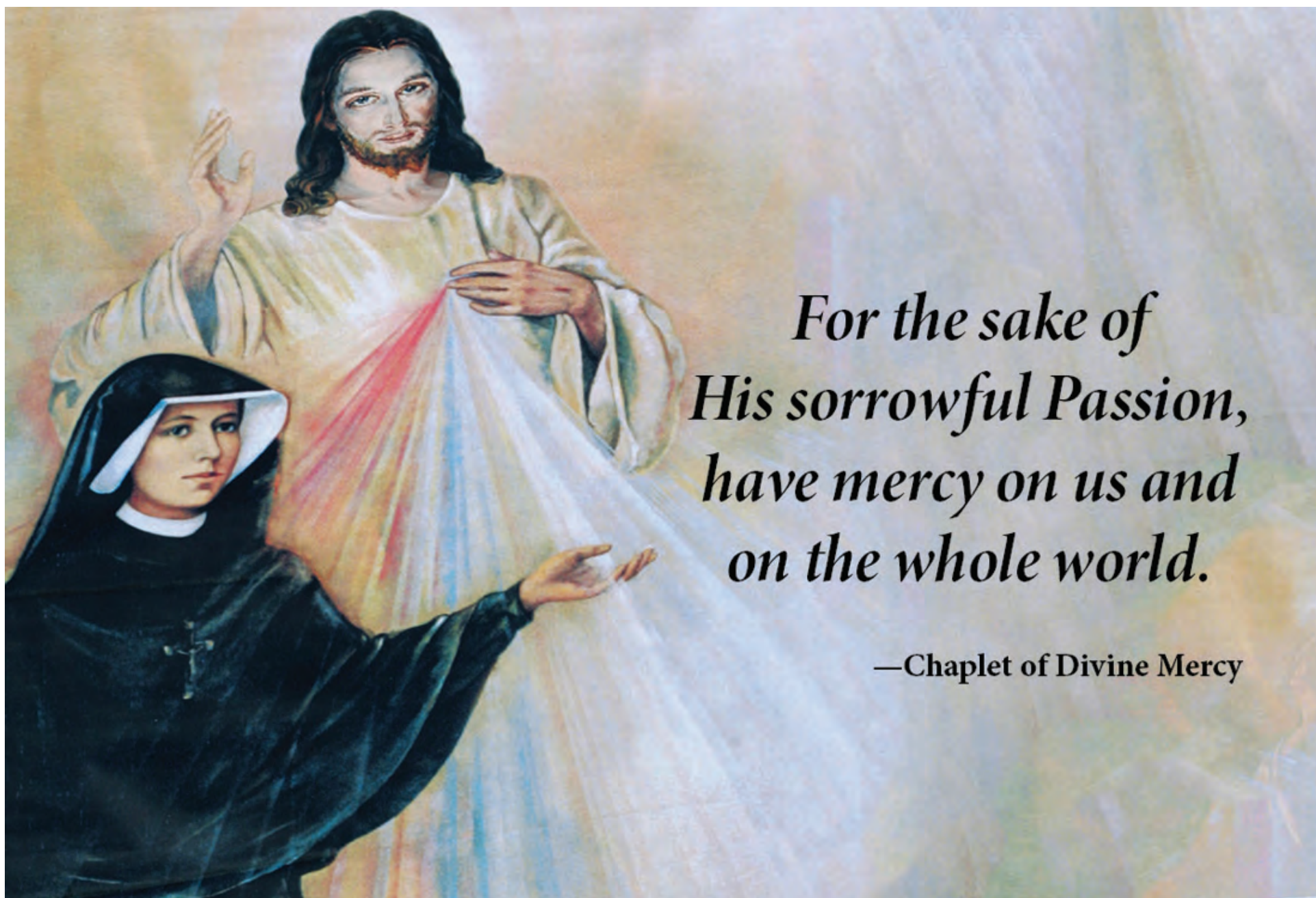


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on the whole world.*

—Chaplet of Divine Mercy

DIVINE MERCY

The Editor's Notebook*Easter Eggs*

By David Garick, Editor

I hope that everyone is still feeling the wonderful glow of Holy Week and Easter Sunday. It is a very special holiday, and certainly not one that can be confined to just that one day we call Easter. The gifts of Easter last much longer.

As a child, I certainly enjoyed getting dressed up and going to the very special celebrations at church on Easter morning. For quite a few days after that, I enjoyed my personal Easter basket with green cellophane grass and overflowing with jelly beans, marshmallow chicks, and other goodies. The colored hard-boiled eggs were the most traditional part of the basket, but I gave those to my little brother. I never liked eggs ... and I still don't. Most of all, I enjoyed that special large chocolate Easter egg that my parents always got for me. They knew my favorite and always got me one filled with coconut cream. I ate it a slice at a time to make it last for many days. Happily, I still get that little Easter present. My wife makes sure that I have my large, coconut-filled chocolate Easter egg to enjoy as the season progresses.

Easter eggs are common during Eastertide because they symbolize the empty tomb of Jesus. Though an egg appears to be like the stone of a tomb, a bird hatches from it with life; similarly, the Easter egg, for Christians, is a reminder that Jesus rose from the grave, and that those who believe will also experience eternal life. What a wonderful gift.

The gift that is hidden inside the shell of the Paschal mystery is one that we all get to share, not just on Easter, but throughout our lives. That gift is opened for us through the joy of one of the newest feasts of the Catholic calendar, Divine Mercy Sunday, which we celebrate this week.

This issue of *Catholic Times* has a wealth of information about Divine Mercy Sunday; its revelation to St. Faustina and its celebration

here in the Diocese of Columbus.

In the final years of his pontificate, St. John Paul II elevated Sister Faustina to sainthood and installed Divine Mercy Sunday as a special observance of the gift to humanity that Jesus himself explained to St. Faustina. In 2005, John Paul said, "Jesus told Sister Faustina, as recorded in her diary: 'Humanity will not find peace until it turns trustfully to divine mercy.' It is not a new message, but can be considered a gift of special enlightenment that helps us to relive the Gospel of Easter more intensely, to offer it as a ray of light to the men and women of our time. His message of mercy continues to reach us through his hands held out to suffering man."

This year we are celebrating a special Jubilee Year of Mercy, declared by Pope Francis. During the just-completed Holy Week, He said, "Mercy restores everything. It restores dignity to each person. This is why effusive gratitude is the proper response. We have to go to the party, to put on our best clothes, to cast off the rancor of the elder brother, to rejoice and give thanks," he said.

"The second area God exceeds in mercy," he continued, "is in his forgiveness, which enables Christians to move from the most shameful disgrace to the highest dignity."

The pope added that the proper response to the father's forgiveness is "a healthy tension between a dignified shame and a shamed dignity" that allows one to seek "a humble place" while allowing "the Lord to raise him up for the good of the mission, without complacency."

That is a wonderful Easter egg to enjoy slowly throughout the Easter season and for all our lives.



Mother Angelica, foundress of EWTN, dies on Easter

The Catholic Church in the United States has lost the Poor Clare nun who changed the face of Catholicism in the nation and around the world. Mother Mary Angelica of the Annunciation, foundress of the Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN), passed away on Easter Sunday, March 27, after a lengthy struggle with the aftereffects of a stroke. She was 92 years old.



"Mother has always and will always personify EWTN, the network that God asked her to found," said Michael Warsaw, EWTN chairman and chief executive officer. "Her accomplishments and legacies in evangelization throughout the world are nothing short of miraculous and can only be attributed to divine providence and her unwavering faithfulness to Our Lord."

In 1981, Mother Angelica launched EWTN, which today transmits 24-hour-a-day programming to more than 264 million homes in 144 nations. What began with approximately 20 employees has grown to nearly 400. The religious network broadcasts terrestrial and shortwave radio around the world, operates a religious goods catalog, and publishes the *National Catholic Register* and Catholic News Agency, among other ventures.

"Mother Angelica succeeded at a task the nation's bishops themselves couldn't achieve," said Archbishop Charles Chaput of Philadelphia, who has served on EWTN's board of governors since 1995. "She founded and grew a network that appealed to everyday Catholics, understood their needs, and fed their spirits. She had a lot of help, obviously, but that was part of her genius."

"In passing to eternal life, Mother Angelica leaves behind a legacy of holiness and commitment to the New Evangelization that should inspire us all," said Carl Anderson, supreme knight of the Knights of Columbus. "I was honored to know and be able to assist Mother Angelica during the early days of EWTN. Over the years, that relationship grew, and today the Knights of Columbus and EWTN

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Front Page photo:

St. Faustina Kowalska and the Divine Mercy image of Jesus as revealed to her, shown with the prayer repeated 50 times in the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

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Reconcile with God, resurrect hope in others, pope urges at Easter

By Cindy Wooden and Junno Arocho Esteves

Catholic News Service

Easter is a feast of hope, a celebration of God's mercy, and a call to pray for and assist all who suffer, Pope Francis said before giving his solemn blessing *urbi et orbi* (to the city and the world).

The risen Jesus "makes us sharers of his immortal life and enables us to see with his eyes of love and compassion those who hunger and thirst, strangers and prisoners, the marginalized and the outcast, the victims of oppression and violence," the pope said on March 27 after celebrating Easter morning Mass.

Easter in Rome dawned bright and sunny; in St. Peter's Square, the steps leading up to the basilica were turned into an abundant garden with thousands of tulips, daffodils, and flowering bushes.

On Easter morning, the pope does not give a homily. Instead, with hands clasped in prayer and head bowed, he leads the tens of thousands of people in the square in silent reflection.

After Mass, before giving his solemn blessing, Pope Francis said Easter should give people the courage to "blaze trails of reconciliation with God and with all our brothers and sisters."

Speaking about Christ's power over death and sin, the pope prayed that the Lord would touch places in the globe scarred by war, terrorism, poverty, and environmental destruction.

"The risen Christ points out paths of hope to beloved Syria, a country torn by a lengthy conflict, with its sad wake of destruction, death, contempt for humanitarian law and the breakdown of civil concord," the pope said. "To the power of the risen Lord we entrust the talks now in course."

He prayed that the power of the Resurrection would "overcome hardened hearts and promote a fruitful encounter of peoples and cultures," particularly in Iraq, Yemen, Libya, and the Holy Land.

"May the Lord of life also accompany efforts to attain a definitive solution to the war in Ukraine, inspiring and sustaining initiatives of humanitarian aid, including the liberation of those who are detained," he prayed.

On Easter and throughout the Holy Week liturgies that preceded it, Pope Francis showed special concern for the fate of refugees and migrants fleeing violence and poverty and for Christians facing persecution in the Middle East and other parts of the world.

At Rome's Colosseum on Good Friday, after presiding over the Stations of the Cross, the pope offered a long meditation on how Christ continues to be scorned, tortured, and crucified in suffering people around the world.

"O Cross of Christ," he said March 25, "today too we see you raised up in our sisters and brothers killed, burned alive, throats slit and decapitated by barbarous blades amid cowardly silence."



"O Cross of Christ, today too we see you in the faces of children, of women and people, worn out and fearful, who flee from war and violence and who often only find death and many Pilates who wash their hands," he said.

Two days later, celebrating the Resurrection, Pope Francis said the Easter message "invites us not to forget those men and women seeking a better future, an ever more numerous throng of migrants and refugees -- including many children -- fleeing from war, hunger, poverty, and social injustice. All too often, these brothers and sisters of ours meet along the way death or, in any event, rejection by those who could offer them welcome and assistance."

Celebrating the Easter vigil on March 26, Pope Francis said Easter is a celebration of hope, one that must begin within the hearts of each Christian.

"Christ wants to come and take us by the hand to bring us out of our anguish," he said in his homily. "This is the first stone to be moved aside this night: the lack of hope which imprisons us within ourselves. May the Lord free us from this trap, from being Christians without hope, who live as if the Lord were not risen, as if our problems were the center of our lives.

"Today is the celebration of our hope, the celebration of this truth: nothing and no one will ever be able to separate us from his love," the pope said.

"The Lord is alive and wants to be sought among

the living," Pope Francis said. "After having found him, each person is sent out by him to announce the Easter message, to awaken and resurrect hope in hearts burdened by sadness, in those who struggle to find meaning in life. This is so necessary today."

During the Easter vigil, Pope Francis baptized eight women and four men, including Yong-joon Lee, the South Korean ambassador to Italy, who took the baptismal name Stephen. The ambassador's wife, taking the name Stella, also was baptized. The other catechumens came from Italy, Albania, Cameroon, India, and China.

One by one, the catechumens approached the pope, who asked them if they wished to receive baptism. After responding, "Yes, I do," they lowered their heads as the pope, using a silver shell, poured water over their foreheads.

Confirming the 12 during the vigil, the pope asked the cardinals, bishops, and priests present to join him in raising their hands and praying over the newly baptized so that God would send forth the Holy Spirit upon them.

At the beginning of the vigil, after blessing the Easter fire, Pope Francis entered a darkened basilica, gently illuminated by the light of the Easter candle.

In his homily, reflecting on the Easter account from the Gospel of St. Luke, the pope noted how the disciples doubted the testimony of the women returning from the empty tomb.

He said Peter was the first of the men to rise and run to the tomb, choosing not to "succumb to the somber atmosphere of those days, nor was he overwhelmed by his doubts.

"This marked the beginning of Peter's resurrection, the resurrection of his heart. Without giving in to sadness or darkness, he made room for hope; he allowed the light of God to enter into his heart, without smothering it," the pope said.

Like Peter and the women, he added, Christians cannot discover life by being "bereft of hope" and "imprisoned within ourselves" but, instead, must allow Christ to bring life and break open their tombs, sealed by "the stones of our rancor and the boulders of our past."

While problems will always remain, he said, Jesus' resurrection is a sure foundation of Christian hope and not "mere optimism, nor a psychological attitude or desire to be courageous."

The Holy Spirit "does not remove evil with a magic wand. But he pours into us the vitality of life, which is not the absence of problems, but the certainty of being loved and always forgiven by Christ, who for us has conquered sin, death, and fear," he said.

Christians are called to awaken the same hope in the hearts of others, Pope Francis said. Without such witness the church risks becoming "an international organization full of followers and good rules, yet incapable of offering the hope for which the world longs."

PRACTICAL STEWARDSHIP

By Rick Jeric

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Have you been rejoicing all of this past week as we begin the Easter season? Part of our “reward” for 40 days of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving is 50 days of joyful celebration. The darkness and nonsense are gone, and the great Light of Christ shines brightly on us all. We project that light as couples, as families, as friends and co-workers, as fellow parishioners, and as members of the same Body of Christ. Where would we be without the love, mercy, forgiveness, and gift of Himself from Jesus Christ? One of our great challenges for the rest of the year moving forward is to maintain the grace and joy from our Lenten journey. We cannot go back to the old ways of complacency, selfishness, and sin. Yes, we will fail again, but our prayer and effort to live as Catholic Christians helps us to be just that much better as we push ahead toward the promise of eternal life. The more we try and pray in earnest, the greater the grace and guidance we receive from the Holy Spirit. And that same Spirit is manifested and strengthened within us in another 50 days when we celebrate the Solemnity of Pentecost. Let us keep that fire burning as we show that we are indeed alive in Christ.

I want to begin this week with a bit of clarification. My column titled “Candidate” from the March 13 issue caused some reaction and mail to be received, and I believe some misunderstanding. I do appreciate any feedback I receive, and always react positively, as opposed to being defensive. I feel embarrassed if any reader takes my words for something other than how they are intended. That means I did not write clearly enough, or possibly went too far with “tongue in cheek.” I want to be very clear that this particular column was not an endorsement of Donald Trump, nor any other political candidate. The real “Candidate” to whom I was referring was Jesus Himself. Of course He is not a political candidate, but He is the only candidate in life to follow and believe and take seriously at any level. That was the one and only point of the column. But some readers interpreted it differently, and I want to be sensitive to that. I am not a professional writer, but I enjoy this very much. I suppose I was trying too hard to be clever. My intent was to get the reader to think I was talking about Trump, and then “surprise” you by the fact that I was listing things that are true about Jesus Christ, and not Trump. There was no intent to do a comparison, only to try to be clever. If anyone took it the wrong way, I hope this clarifies my intent. I would never endorse any political candidate in this column, and certainly not by comparing him or her to Our Lord. In the little space I have left, I want to focus on a very important opportunity for us this Sunday. It is Divine Mercy Sunday, and we just happen to be about one-third through this Jubilee Year of Mercy. This is a “double-down” chance to place ourselves in the frame of mind that not only grants us the mercy of God, but also reminds us that we are to be merciful to all others – to everyone.

Our practical challenge this week is to both pray for mercy and grant mercy. In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, we are challenged to experience the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ. But we also must be just as merciful and forgiving to all those who have wronged us, even to our enemies, whether we know them well or not. Pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy on this Sunday for sure, and often throughout the rest of the year. Let us love, forgive, show mercy, and be the hands and face of Jesus Christ to our brothers and sisters throughout our world, of which we are charged to be good and faithful stewards.

Jeric is director of development and planning for the Columbus Diocese.



KRIDER IS ON THE MOVE

Stephanie Ranade Krider, executive director of Ohio Right to Life, has accepted a new position as director of policy and legislative affairs for Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted.

“It’s been an honor and a privilege to lead one of the strongest pro-life organizations in the country,” she said. “I will always



be proud of the work we have accomplished here, and I know Ohio Right to Life will continue to thrive long after I’m gone. The hard work and dedication of our board, staff, chapters, and grassroots leaders across the state is a testament to that.”

Under Krider’s leadership, Ohio Right to Life successfully advocated for the defunding of Planned Parenthood, funding for life-affirming pregnancy centers, and regulation of abortion facilities. With a focus on generating youth involvement, the organization launched two Young Professionals for Life groups in Columbus and Cleveland, and conducted two pro-life student lobby days with Students for Life of America. Ohio Right to Life also

broadened its statewide network through multiple new affiliated chapters, including one being formed in southeast Ohio.

“Stephanie’s collaborative spirit has expanded Ohio Right to Life’s statewide and national presence in critical ways,” said Mike Gonidakis, president of Ohio Right to Life. “Her smart and compas-

sionate advocacy has spoken volumes for the pro-life movement here in Ohio. Its effects can surely be seen in Ohio’s increasing protections for the unborn, and in the real lives that have been saved and will continue to be saved in years to come.”

Ohio Right to Life has opened a statewide and national search for a new executive director. Those interested in interviewing for the position should contact Gonidakis at mgonidakis@ohiolife.org or (614) 547-0099.

Founded in 1967, Ohio Right to Life is Ohio’s oldest and largest grassroots pro-life organization. ORTL works through legislation and education to promote and defend innocent human life from conception to natural death.

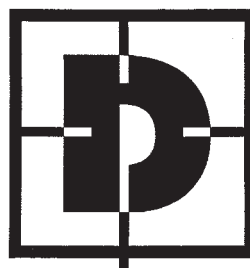
Open House planned for potential PDHC volunteers

Pregnancy Decision Health Centers (PDHC) will be hosting an open house for prospective volunteers from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, April 7 at its Franklinton caring center, 1160 W. Broad St., Columbus. The event will include a tour of the center, and light

refreshments will be served. All who are interested in learning more about PDHC, its services, and how the centers are helping rebuild a culture of life in the community and the world are invited. Contact Sara at (614) 888-8774, extension 6115 for more information.

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All roads lead to the Diocese of Columbus every summer

By **Leandro M. Tapay**

Diocesan Missions Office Director

From April through September, the Diocese of Columbus will have the privilege of hosting missionaries from around the world through the Missionary Cooperation Plan. The MCP is an important part of our mission education and awareness programming to help build a “culture of mission” in our diocese.

Representatives of 38 mission organizations will be speaking at Masses to ask for prayers and financial assistance. The diocesan Missions Office chose them from among 300 applications submitted by mission societies, religious orders, dioceses, and lay mission groups from all over the world -- as far as India, Africa, Asia, and South America.

The MCP gives parishioners a chance to experience a cross-cultural exchange and an opportunity to financially assist missionary organizations in their efforts to expand the Kingdom of God “even to the ends of the earth.” Two-thirds of humanity have yet to hear the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ and His message of love and salvation.

The MCP was inaugurated in the late 1930s by Auxiliary Bishop William A. Griffin, director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith for the Archdiocese of Newark, New Jersey. Conceived as a plan to help mission-sending societies solicit funds for their mission efforts and to give them the opportunity to appeal for vocations to

their communities, the Missionary Cooperation Plan takes the burden off pastors who previously received requests from missionary organizations from around the world. Today, the program typically is coordinated by mission offices under the auspices of the local bishop. MCP is a way of centralizing the efforts of missionary organizations from around the world who wish to appeal to Catholics in the United States.

The MCP is a mandatory parish program required by the bishop of Columbus and is administered by the Missions Office. The office arranges visits from missionaries who have gone through the diocesan application and approval process. The office strives to do this in the fairest, most even-handed way possible for the missionaries and the parishes.

Included in the 2016 MCP lineup are:

Archdiocese of Madras-Mylapore, India;

Augustinians of the Assumption have missions in Mexico, Kenya, Tanzania, and the Philippines;

Carmelites of Mary Immaculate have missions in Madagascar, Ghana, Peru, and Argentina;

Catholic Eparchy of Keren, Eritrea

Congregation of the Holy Spirit has missions in Taiwan, Vietnam, and the Dominican Republic;

Congregation of the Sons of the Immaculate Conception has missions in Mexico, Canada, and the Philippines;

Conventual Franciscan Friars have missions in Zambia, Central America, and India;

Crosier Fathers & Brothers have missions in the Congo;

Diocese of Batticaloa, Sri Lanka;

Diocese of Eluru, India;

Diocese of Fort Portal, Uganda;

Diocese of Kitui, Kenya;

Diocese of Kumbakonam, India;

Diocese of Lexington, Kentucky (Mission land: USA);

Diocese of Moshi, Tanzania;

Divine Word Missionaries have missions in Asia, South America, India, and the Pacific Islands;

Dominican Friars have missions in Kenya and east Africa;

Dominican Sisters of Peace have missions in Honduras and South America;

Franciscan Missions have missions in the Congo, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, and South America;

Fraternidad de Maria has missions in Guatemala, Belize, Panama, and Ecuador;

Glenmary Home Missioners (Mission land: USA);

Hands Together has missions in Haiti

Heralds of Good News has missions in Australia, the Netherlands, and India;

Institute of the Incarnate Word has missions in South America and Central America;

Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers have missions in Asia, Africa, and Latin America;

Missionaries of the Sacred Heart have missions in Colombia and Afghanistan;

Moto Hope Missions, Kenya;

Oblates of St. Francis de Sales have missions in Africa and South America;

Our Blessed Mother Victory Mission has a mission in the Philippines;

Passionist Missionaries, Vietnam;

PIME Missionaries have missions in Asia, Africa, and India;

Redemptorists have missions in Russia and the Ukraine;

Salesians have missions in Asia, Africa, and South America;

Sisters of Charity of Nazareth have missions in Nepal, Botswana, and India;

Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur have missions in the Congo, Nigeria, and Zimbabwe;

Society of the Precious Blood has missions in Guatemala, Peru, and Columbia;

Tamil Nadu Bishops Council Media Evangelization has missions in India;

Vincentians have missions in Peru, India, and Africa.

A Church on the Move: How to Get Mission and Mercy in Motion

The Catholic Church has a problem. Study after study reveals that it is losing members at an astonishing rate. In recent years, several popular books

and seminars have proposed ways to “rebuild” and “renovate” the church to get it moving again and become more like the burgeoning evangelical Protestant megachurches which so many former Catholics are attending.

Unfortunately, these approaches tend to be personality-driven. The vision for how to achieve a church on the move has been laid out by Pope Francis through his actions and words, most notably, his apostolic letter *Evangelii Gaudium* —“The Joy of the Gospel.”

In his new book *A Church on the Move: 52 Ways to Get Mission and Mercy in Motion* (Loyola Press), Joe Paprocki offers a number of exciting, practical, realistic, and attainable strategies for transforming the way the average parish thinks, functions, worships,

forms people in faith, and engages the world so that we can truly become a church on the move, where people encounter the transforming grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Paprocki (pictured) will be in Columbus to speak on this important topic in a special program sponsored by the diocesan Office of Religious Education and Catechesis. His presentation will specifically focus on how a church on the move forms people in faith. The program will be from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday April 28 at Columbus St. Elizabeth Church, 6077 Sharon Woods Blvd.



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Is a funeral Mass required? Why didn't I know about fasting rules?



QUESTION & ANSWER

by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE
Catholic News Service

Q. Unless illness prevented it, I have attended daily Mass most of my life. (I love starting the day with the Lord in his house!) Now in my late 80s, I have already paid for my funeral arrangements. Because I have only a few relatives still living, I have requested that there not be a wake. For the same reason, I do not want a funeral Mass. I would like only a private committal service at the grave site. Does the Catholic Church require both services? (Upstate New York)

Q. Catholicism is a strong part of my identity, and all my friends and loved ones know that. But on the other hand, neither my wife nor my children, nor most of my siblings or cousins, nor any of my closest friends is a practicing Catholic. Since they would be unable to participate fully in the Mass, I am thinking that I would prefer a non-Mass funeral service (in my parish church if possible), followed at some point by a memorial Mass. Does this choice make sense, given my circumstances? (Red Wing, Minnesota)

A. Strictly speaking, the church's *Code of Canon Law* does not mandate a funeral Mass. Having said this, rarely should there not be a funeral Mass. The Eucharist is the central prayer of Catholics.

It is the act of worship that gives praise and thanks to God for the victory of Jesus over sin and death, and it commends the deceased to God's tender mercy. This is the most powerful prayer that can be offered on a deceased person's behalf, and why should a Catholic who has died be deprived of that benefit?

A funeral Mass also can be inspirational and educational for those in attendance, including non-Catholics, as well as Catholics who may have fallen

away from regular practice.

Each element -- the scriptural readings, the homily, the music, and the prayers -- reminds those in attendance that God conquers all things, including death. I would think long and hard before deciding not to have a funeral Mass -- especially for myself!

Q. In my diocesan newspaper, I read recently that in 1966 Pope Paul VI reduced the Lenten days of fasting and abstinence to two: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

I am a cradle Catholic, still practicing and now 75 years old. I have fasted all 40 days of Lent for years and years, as I understood was prescribed. How is it that I am just hearing now about the lifting of that rigorous rule? For many years, fasting -- with only one full meal a day -- was extremely difficult for me. Why was there no broadcast of the change? (Indianapolis)

A. I have just read online an Associated Press story from Feb. 17, 1966, which ran on front pages of newspapers across America. The article leads by saying that "Pope Paul VI decreed major changes today in the centuries-old rules of fasting and abstinence for Roman Catholics." It goes on to explain that "days of fasting during the Lenten season were reduced to two -- Ash Wednesday and Good Friday."

This does not mean, of course, that the change was explained well and thoroughly from every Catholic pulpit in America, so you may well have missed it through no fault of your own. But looking back now, what have you lost?

You made a greater sacrifice, in memory of the sufferings of Jesus, than you were required to do -- and I can only believe that you have stored up credits where they matter most. (I should add, though, that if fasting might prove harmful to someone's health, any reasonable priest would dispense that person immediately.)

Questions may be sent to Father Kenneth Doyle at askfatherdoyle@gmail.com and 40 Hopewell St., Albany NY 12208.

St. Andrew Pi Day

Students at Columbus St. Andrew School celebrated Pi Day on Monday, March 14 with a parade in the morning and some students volunteering to be "pied" in the face at lunch. Pi is the letter of the Greek alphabet that is the symbol for the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter. The number representing that ratio seemingly goes on to infinity but is approximated as 3.14159, which is why Pi Day is March 14, also known as 3/14.

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Spelling Bee Winner



Chillicothe Bishop Flaget School fifth-grade student Nilla Rajan won the regional spelling bee in Athens and is headed to the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington at the end of May. She qualified for the regional event after winning her

school's spelling bee and then spelling 49 of 50 words correctly on an online test. Photo courtesy Bishop Flaget School

Claver Knights Auxiliary



Columbus Court 298 of the Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary presented 61 layettes to the Christ Child Society of Columbus. Court 298 members donate baby clothes and care items each year to the society for use by mothers in need. Pictured are (from left) Court 298 members Margaret Bowman, Colleen Cannell, and Essie Cannon, and Lori Caldwell of the Christ Child Society. The Knights of Peter Claver, Inc. is the largest historically African American Catholic lay organization in the United States. The order is named after St. Peter Claver, a Spanish Jesuit priest and missionary who ministered to African slaves in Colombia. It has more than 700 units throughout the United States and a unit in Colombia.

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CATHOLICS AND ACCEPTABLE USES OF CONTRACEPTIVES

Contraceptives include drugs and devices including condoms, the Pill, and spermicides. It might come as a surprise to some people to learn that the Catholic Church does not always oppose the “use of contraceptives.” A couple of trivial examples can help explain this point. The Church would not oppose the use of a contraceptive spermicidal gel to lubricate the axle of a bicycle tire to improve its rotation, nor would it specifically oppose the use of inflated condoms as party balloons. The particular context is important. More serious examples of acceptable contexts and uses for contraceptives would include using the Pill medically to treat serious gynecological problems, or using the Pill to block the release of an egg from a woman’s ovary in a situation of rape to protect her from becoming pregnant from the attack. Contrary to popular confusion, as we can see, the Church does not always oppose the “use of contraceptives.”

What the Church always does oppose, however, are *acts of contraception*. An *act of contraception* is a very particular type of disordered human action that involves the decision freely to engage in marital intercourse while pursuing countermeasures in anticipation of, contemporaneously with, or after the completion of the sexual act, to try intentionally to block it from achieving its proper finality; namely, the engendering of new human life. These countermeasures can include, to borrow the words of Pope Paul VI, “any action which either before, at the moment of, or after sexual intercourse, is specifically intended to prevent procreation—whether as an end or as a means” (*Humanae Vitae*, n. 14).

Pope Francis, in a recent interview, pointed out that Pope Paul VI, in a difficult situation in Africa, “permitted nuns to use contraceptives in cases of rape.” This use of contraceptives by a group of nuns occurred during an exceptional wartime situation in the Belgian Congo. Although no document has ever been found in the Vatican indicating that permission actually was given by the pope, these women were given the Pill by their physicians because they appeared to be in imminent danger of sexual assault during the uprisings of 1960. The Pill was provided to prevent their ovaries from releasing an egg, so that if they were raped during the chaos, the attacker’s sperm would not be able to fertilize any of their eggs, and a pregnancy would not occur. This “use of contraceptives” would clearly not be an *act of contraception*, because there would be no consensual sexual act, but only an *act of violence and brutality* forc-



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Father Tad Pacholczyk

ibly directed against the women. Hence, this use of contraceptives constituted, in its essence, an act of self-defense, not an *act of contraception*. A rapist, of course, has absolutely no right to forced sexual intimacy with his victim, nor does he have any right to bring about her impregnation, and the woman has absolutely no moral duty to make her eggs available to an attacker’s sperm. Hence, the use of contraceptives in an emergency situation like this would be morally permissible, precisely because it would *not* constitute, morally speaking, an *act of contraception*, but would rather represent a defensive and self-protective maneuver in a situation of grave and imminent danger.

The use of contraceptives can be morally acceptable in other contexts as well; again, because such uses do not constitute *acts of contraception*. For example, when a woman has severe menstrual bleeding, or pain from ovarian cysts, the hormonal regimen contained in the Pill sometimes may provide a directly therapeutic medical treatment for the bleeding or the pain. This use of contraceptives is an *act of medical therapy* to address a pathological situation, not an *act of contraception*. The secondary effect from the treatment – namely, marital infertility – is only tolerated, and should not be willed, desired, or intended in any way by the couple. It is worth noting that it would not be acceptable to make use of contraceptives such as the Pill for these medical cases if other pharmacological agents or treatments were available which would offer the same therapeutic benefits and effects *without* impeding fertility.

In sum, while the Church has always taught that marital *acts of contraception* are morally wrong, the use of contraceptives sometimes can be acceptable within certain other contexts outside of consensual conjugal acts. Janet Smith has succinctly summarized the issue this way: “The Church teaches that acts of contraception are always against the plan of God for human sexuality, since God intended that each and every act of spousal intercourse express both the intention to make a complete, unitive gift of one’s self to one’s spouse and the willingness to be a parent with one’s spouse. These meanings of the spousal act are, as *Humanae Vitae* stated, inseparable.”

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Ohio Governor's Youth Art Competition

Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School students (from left) Thi Nguyen, Devon Yonek, Sera Kitchen, and Lauren Myers had computer art, a drawing, two pieces of jewelry, and a painting, respectively, chosen for regional competition in the 46th annual Ohio Governor's Youth Art Exhibition. Their work will be shown in May at the McConnell Arts Center in Worthington. Myers' painting was selected to be part of the statewide exhibit and will be shown in the Rhodes State Office Tower in downtown Columbus in April and May.

Photo courtesy St. Francis DeSales High School



St. Andrew Passion Play

The eighth-grade class of Columbus St. Andrew School continued the school's tradition of presenting an annual Passion play. The 30-minute play has been a part of the school's Lenten observances for about 15 years, beginning under the direction of Rita Bourland and Ann Moses, who at the time were enrichment teachers. Presentations are done for all the students in the school and for the Parish School of Religion, as well as for the parents and families of the eighth-graders. Michael Terveer played the role of Jesus, and students acting as Roman soldiers included (from left) Ben Lombardo, Liam Eldred, and Noah Harris. Chris Woodland, the school's enrichment and media teacher, said the play has helped instill in the students an understanding of and reverence for the Passion of Christ.

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The Gate of Heaven and Best Motherly Arms

I knew I was out of my league when she came barreling toward me. She weighed at least as much as I did, and she was much more passionate in her goal than I was in mine. She wanted out, and, seeing her come toward me, I wanted out, too – out of the way.

My brother-in-law or husband – I don't remember which – saved me. They hadn't been foolish enough to leave me in charge of something so important as the escape route the sheep were bound to take.

I was the observer, the chronicler, the wannabe. I held the camera, spooking the sheep with my flash; I interrupted the sheep talk with questions and observations that were inconsequential; I spoke too loudly in the calm of the barn. One of them came over and caught the ewe.

They made it look easy, but I wasn't fooled. There was no way I was going to be able to do that. If not for the gates and the men around me, my participation in the activities in our barn would have ended then.

When you live on a farm with animals, you gain an appreciation for gates as more than just ways in and out of a space. When you have other beings – in our case, a group of sheep – who think the way out is an interesting diversion, that gate becomes a critical point.

A poorly anchored gate can mean hours of angst, even if no animals actually escape. Once, we had a near-calamity after we had set up a burn pile in the back pasture for a few hours, to get rid of the piles of scrap wood and burnable junk that accumulate at the speed of light. My husband forgot to tie the gate securely.

Sheep are different than some other animals in that they don't always plot for escape; they'll follow well enough, but as long as the sheep with the initiative is in check, it's usually OK. But one of the ewes – we called her Nosy Rosy for a reason – noticed the opportunity, and there were some panicked phone calls that afternoon when someone noticed sheep near the road by our house.

Gates are as much a part of life in my farmhouse as they are in the barn. Leave the gate down at the bottom of the stairs, and the toddler's likely to test her climbing abilities.

Gates can mean the difference between walls in new parish facilities being decorated with red (non-washable!) crayon and the neutral color they're supposed to be. A gate can be the way the toddler



is kept away from others or a hurdle for those tall enough (or lazy enough?) to attempt to leap over it.

A gate can be an entrance, a welcome sight after a weary journey. When the prodigal son saw the gate of his father's property, imagine the relief he felt. A gate also can be a barrier, a protection from the danger outside. In ancient cities, the gates were closed at night and the city was safe from harm. In software parlance, a gateway enables different types of communication between computer networks.

Mary was first addressed as the Gate of Heaven centuries ago. The most obvious reason is that through her body, Jesus came to His life here on earth. Jesus was born of her, and after carrying Him for nine months – just as I carried my children – she gave birth. She held Him in her arms and introduced Him to the world. She was a critical part of the person He became, and, as such, she can be an essential part of the person I become.

Mary is the entrance for me, the prodigal daughter, to my Father's House. She stands there, arms wide open, assuring me that yes, He is running down the road to meet me. It is her, my Heavenly Mother, who I will see first when I come Home. Her love for me stretches beyond the gate's entrance and beckons me to continue on my journey, to stay on the road home.

Is Mary trying to keep me away from something

dangerous? When my toddler threw herself against the gate at the top of the stairs with a delighted scream, I saw an image of myself, throwing myself against the greatest temptation I face and resisting it, thanks to Mary's intercession. Perhaps I can imagine Mary praying for me as a protective gate between me and the dangers of Satan, keeping me from giving in when I'm not strong enough otherwise.

I have sometimes, in my experience with Mary in my everyday life, throughout the ordinary duties and obligations, felt a moment of "come and see!" out of nowhere. It might be a thought that just pops into my head, a prayer that runs through my mind, a song that starts skipping through my conscious like a scratched CD.

She's acting as my gateway, giving me a glimpse of the life outside myself, beyond my understanding. When I'm pleading for a special cause, I go to Mary, and I imagine her going directly to her Son and saying, in language far better than mine, more suited to the heavenly realm, "Listen, this is what my daughter needs. You have to help her."

When I feel the comfort of her arms, the assurance of her love, the knowledge of her mediation, it's then that the Gate of Heaven seems the most beautiful place to be.

I can look to Mary, Gate of Heaven, peer at her from my everyday struggles, and see the rays of heaven shining through. She does not block God, but leads me to Him.

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Sacred Heart High School 50th Class Reunion ~ Class of 1966

All graduates of Columbus Sacred Heart High School, regardless of their year of graduation, are invited to the 50th anniversary reunion of the school's Class of 1966, from 7 to 11 p.m. Friday, Aug. 19 in the reception house of Raymond Memorial Golf Course, 3860 Trabue Road, Columbus. There will be no ticket sales at the door on the night of the reunion.

An additional alumni gathering will take place Saturday, Aug. 20 in Ryan Hall of Sacred Heart Church, 893 Hamlet St., as well as a tour of the school, at 933 Hamlet

St., which is now St. Joseph Montessori School.

Reunion organizers are seeking contact information for members of the class.

This information and reservations may be sent through a private message on the Facebook page titled "Sacred Heart School of Business, Columbus, OH" or by email to sacredhearths66@gmail.com. You also may phone Mary Hardgrove Sutphen at (740) 928-1166, Sue Barr Beal at (614) 523-0823, or Sue Bobo Rock at (614) 443-4761.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

BY TIM PUET

Reporter, Catholic Times

This Sunday, April 3, the first Sunday after Easter, is Divine Mercy Sunday, a feast which was made an official part of the Catholic Church calendar in 2000 by Pope St. John Paul II, who was canonized on this feast day in 2014 and was strongly identified throughout his papacy with the Divine Mercy devotion.

The devotion began with St. Faustina Kowalska, a cloistered nun in Poland who lived from 1905 to 1938 and received a number of visions during the last years of her life. One of those visions was what she described as a request from Jesus Christ in 1931 for celebration of the feast on the Second Sunday of Easter each year. Jesus revealed the form of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy to her in 1935.

The chaplet has many similarities to the rosary, especially the repetition of one prayer 50 times in groupings of 10 apiece. In the rosary, that prayer is the Hail Mary; in the chaplet, it is “For the sake of his sorrowful passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.” The chaplet is meant to be prayed on rosary beads and to lead people afterward into the rosary.

Catholics in the United States have been celebrating the Feast of Divine Mercy and reciting the chaplet since 1940, when both were brought to North America by a Polish priest who escaped from that nation following the Nazi invasion of Poland in 1939, which started World War II. The first celebration of the feast in the Diocese of Columbus was on April 18, 1993, at Columbus Sacred Heart Church, where it has continued every year since then.

The Gospel reading for this feast every year is St. John the Evangelist’s description of Jesus showing his wounds to Thomas the Apostle. In his Divine Mercy Sunday homily last year, Pope Francis described those wounds as “wounds of mercy.”

“Jesus invites us to behold these wounds, to touch them as Thomas did, to heal our lack of belief,” the pope said. “Above all, he invites us to enter into the mystery of these wounds, which is the mystery of his merciful love.”

“Through these wounds, as in a light-filled opening, we can see the entire mystery of Christ and of God: his Passion, his earthly life – filled with compassion for the weak and the sick – his incarnation in the womb of Mary. And we can retrace the



whole history of salvation.”

“Keeping our gaze on the wounds of the Risen Jesus, we can sing with the Church: ‘His love endures forever’ (Psalm 117:2); eternal is his mercy,” the pope said.

The following parishes in the Diocese of Columbus have scheduled programs for Divine Mercy Sunday:

Chillicothe St. Peter – 12:30 to 3 p.m., Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament; 3 p.m., singing of Chaplet of Divine Mercy, followed by Benediction. Sacrament of Reconciliation available from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, April 2. Chaplet is being recited every day through Sunday at 3 p.m.

Circleville St. Joseph – 2 to 3 p.m., Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Reconciliation; 3 p.m., Chaplet, followed by Mass.

Columbus Holy Family – 12:30 p.m., Exposition; 1 to 5 p.m., Reconciliation; 3 p.m., Singing of Chaplet; 3:30 p.m., veneration of Divine Mercy image; 5 p.m., Mass.

Columbus Holy Rosary-St. John – 9:30 a.m., Procession with Divine Mercy image, followed by Mass, blessing and enthronement of image, recital of Chaplet, and veneration of image.

Columbus Sacred Heart – 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., Reconciliation; 2 p.m., Exposition, Litany of the Sacred Heart, blessing

and veneration of Divine Mercy image; 2:30 p.m., Stations of the Cross, followed by Benediction; 3 p.m., Chaplet; 3:20 p.m., Mass.

Columbus St. Catharine – 2 p.m., Exposition; 2:05 to 3 p.m., Reconciliation; 2:05 p.m., Rosary; 3 p.m., Chaplet, led by soloist; 3:30 p.m., Benediction.

Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare – 2 p.m., Reconciliation; 3 to 4 p.m., Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by Chaplet (sung) and Benediction. This is a combined celebration of the Northwest Columbus Deanery, which also includes Columbus Our Lady of Victory, St. Agatha, St. Andrew, St. Christopher, St. Margaret of Cortona, St. Peter, and St. Timothy, Hilliard St. Brendan, and Powell St. Joan of Arc churches.

Lancaster St. Mark – 3 p.m., Chaplet; 3:20 p.m., Mass, followed by reception.

Logan St. John – 2 p.m., movie about history of the Divine Mercy devotion in church hall; 2:45 p.m., short discussion; 3 p.m., Exposition in church; 3:15 p.m., Reconciliation, singing of Chaplet; 3:30 p.m., Benediction and Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Mattingly Settlement St. Mary – 2 to 3 p.m., Procession, Adoration, Benediction, and Divine Mercy devotions. Divine Mercy novena will be prayed at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 31 and Friday, April 1 and after 4:30 p.m. Mass Saturday, April

2. Frequent opportunities for Reconciliation will be available during these periods.

Mount Vernon St. Vincent de Paul – 2 to 3 p.m., Holy Hour; 3 p.m., Chaplet, Benediction.

New Philadelphia Sacred Heart – 2:30 p.m., Exposition, Rosary, Reconciliation; 3 p.m., Chaplet.

Newark Blessed Sacrament – 10:30 a.m., Mass; 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Adoration; 1 to 3 p.m., Reconciliation; 3 p.m., Chaplet, followed by Benediction. Divine Mercy Novena will be prayed at 3 p.m. daily through Saturday, April 2.

Plain City St. Joseph – 2 p.m., Exposition; 2 to 2:45 p.m., Reconciliation; 3 p.m., Chaplet, followed by Benediction.

Portsmouth St. Mary – 3 to 4 p.m., Holy Hour, with Chaplet at 3:15 and Benediction at 4, and Reconciliation available throughout. For all Scioto County parishes.

Sunbury St. John Neumann – 12:30 p.m., service led by Deacon Carl Calcara, including Chaplet sung by Aaron May, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation.

West Jefferson Ss. Simon and Jude – 1 to 3 p.m., Adoration; 1:30 to 2:45 p.m., Reconciliation; 3 p.m., Chaplet, followed by Benediction.

Zanesville St. Thomas Aquinas – Noon to 3 p.m., Divine Mercy devotions.

Divine Mercy Novena at Two Churches

By Father Don Franks

This coming Sunday, April 3, is Divine Mercy Sunday and will mark the completion of the annual Divine Mercy novena at Dresden St. Ann and Mattingly Settlement St. Mary churches in northern Muskingum County, under the careful guidance of Deacon Bob Ghiloni and Dr. David Lozowski, a candidate for ordination to the diaconate.

This year, the celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday is more significant than usual because it is part of the Jubilee Year of Mercy, which concludes on Sunday, Nov. 20, the Solemnity of Christ the King. The Year of Mercy began on Dec. 8, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, when Pope Francis invited us to contemplate God’s mercy “as the wellspring of joy, serenity, and peace,” calling mercy “the ultimate and supreme act by which God comes to meet us.”

Pope Francis, in his book *The Name of God Is Mercy*, says that “Mercy is the divine attitude that embraces; it is God’s self-giving that welcomes, that leans down to forgive.”

The church at Mattingly Settlement, officially known as the Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, has been known since its founding in 1856 as a place of peace in the presence of God and His mercy.

During this Divine Mercy weekend, about 100 pilgrims from around the Diocese of Columbus, led by Father Joshua Wagner, pastor of Columbus St. Dominic and Holy Rosary-St. John churches, are visiting the Mattingly Settlement church and celebrating Holy Mass at Dresden St. Ann Church.

Mattingly Settlement is named for the Mattingly family, one of the diocese’s most well-known Catholic families. One of the family’s most prominent members was the late Msgr. Herman Mattingly, founding editor of both the *Catholic Times* and its predecessor, *The Columbus Register*.

As a junior high student at Newark St. Francis de Sales, I was a faithful altar server for Msgr. Mattingly. Vividly I remember his emphasis on the mercy of God. Msgr. Mattingly always gathered his servers to pray with parents and family on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, because it is the national patronal feast of the United States.

At the sesquicentennial celebration of the Mattingly Settlement church in 2006, James Mattingly, a relative of many of its founders, gave the church a painting of the Divine Mercy image as it is described by St. Faustina Kowalska. James was employed by the National Shrine of the Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, Massachusetts. This 60-inch image is an exact replica of the original painting by Eugeniusz Kasimirowski commissioned under St. Faustina’s request. It is displayed in a prominent place above the Muskingum County church’s gothic *rearedos* (altarpiece) and tabernacle. Since then, the church has fostered a great dedication to the Divine Mercy of Jesus through Eucharistic Adoration, Benediction, and Divine Mercy devotions.

“Jesus Christ is the face of the Father’s mercy,” Pope Francis said in the papal document *Misericordiae Vultus* (The Face of Mercy). The spiritual and corporal works of mercy are anchors of

our faith. As vicar emeritus of Catholic charities and social concerns for our diocese, I am always deeply moved by the idealism of so many people, especially the young, who embrace the poor and vulnerable.

Pope Francis wants our parishes to become “islands of mercy in a sea of indifference,” as he said in his Lenten message for 2015. On March 13, 2015, the second anniversary of his election, the pope took the world by surprise when he announced the Jubilee of Mercy to communicate this mercy to a wounded world that is in great need of healing and reconciliation.

Rembrandt, around 1668, painted the *Return of the Prodigal Son*, which inspires all of us. In reference to this parable, Pope St. John Paul II wrote in his second encyclical letter *Dives in Misericordia* (On the Mercy of God): “This love is able to reach down to every prodigal son, to every human misery, and above all to every form of moral misery, to sin. When this happens, the person who is the object of mercy does not feel humiliated, but rather found again and restored to value.”

In a world marked by conflict, violence, brutality, vendetta, poverty, and exclusion, Pope Francis is advocating the rediscovery of mercy as the path to a more humane world. He wants the church to blaze the trail. His *The Joy of the Gospel* portrays this theme for all of us to embrace. Pope Francis is a bridge-builder. One way he showed this came on Nov. 29, 2015, when, breaking centuries-old tradition, he opened the Jubilee of Mercy in the cathedral of Bangui, in the Central African Republic, rather than in Rome. He has further prioritized the peripheries by visiting Ecuador, Bolivia, Paraguay, and Sarajevo in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

In *Misericordiae Vultus*, Pope Francis recalled the words of Pope St. John XXIII at the opening of the Second Vatican Council when he said the Church preferred “the medicine of mercy” to “the arms of severity.” This is our approach here in northern Muskingum County as we embrace the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are a place of pilgrimage, retreat, evangelization, contemplation, and boldly seeking to live this challenge and invitation.

On Friday, March 4, our northern Muskingum County parishes began a nine-month First Friday Divine Mercy novena for the election of a worthy president of the United States and for the nomination and confirmation of a Supreme Court justice who will honorably fill the vacancy of the late Justice Antonin Scalia, who for 30 years ruled to uphold family and life. We invite everyone in the diocese to join us in our prayers.

Father Franks is pastor of Dresden St. Ann and Mattingly Settlement St. Mary churches.

How to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Use an ordinary rosary.

1. Make the *Sign of the Cross*
2. Pray an *Our Father*, *Hail Mary* and *The Apostles’ Creed*
3. On the *Our Father* beads say:

Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

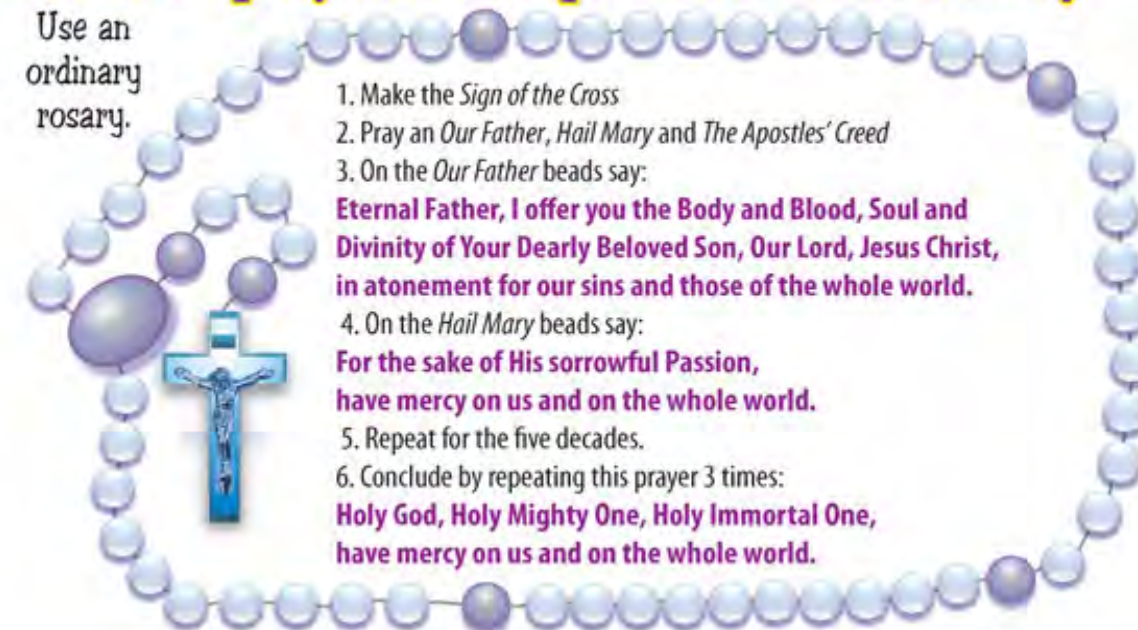
4. On the *Hail Mary* beads say:

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

5. Repeat for the five decades.

6. Conclude by repeating this prayer 3 times:

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.



K of C Blue Coat Awards

Lancaster Council 1016 of the Knights of Columbus honored 18 first responders at its 47th annual Blue Coat Awards dinner, presenting each with a certificate of appreciation. The honorees included (from left): first row, Thurston-Walnut Firefighter Randy Quilliam, Fairfield County Sheriff's Deputy Gerald Seipel, Hocking Township Firefighters Will Kirby and Steve Gillespie, Pleasant Township Firefighter Clayton Hutton, Millersport Firefighter Taylor Smith, Ohio State Patrol Trooper Patrick White, and Lancaster Police Officer Rod Sandy; second row, Berne Township Firefighter Roy Adams, Bremen-Rushcreek Firefighters Tony Kalisik and Dave Kilbarger, Lancaster Firefighter Rodney Howdyshell, Bloom Township Firefighter Kyle Alexander, Millersport Firefighter Brad Lewis, Greenfield Township Firefighters Brandon Assman and Bradley Smith, Ohio Department of Rehabilitation & Correction Officer Michael McGuire, and Violet Township Firefighter William Searls.



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Celebrating Ohio's Birthday

Columbus St. Anthony School fourth-graders marked the anniversary of Ohio statehood by making homemade birthday cards for the state, which celebrated its 213th birthday on March 1.

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Mount Vernon Enthronement



Students at Mount Vernon St. Vincent de Paul School began Holy Week by participating in a school prayer service enthroning the school and their hearts to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The Enthronement of the Sacred Heart is an apostolate founded to win souls to Christ. The essence is love and is rooted in Scripture. It is the official and social recognition of the loving kingship of the Heart of Jesus in Christian hearts, homes, schools, and communities. Each classroom will participate in prayer to commit their hearts to Jesus and the Sacred Heart. St. Vincent de Paul School also participated in Living Stations of the Cross and an all-school Mass during Holy Week.

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Lenten Service Project



Fourth-grade students from Westerville St. Paul School made blankets for Birthright Columbus as part of a Lenten service project.

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CONCERT

The Gospel choir of Columbus St. Dominic Church, directed by Vernon Hairston, will present its annual concert at 5 p.m. Sunday, April 17 in the church, 453 N. 20th St. The theme will be "God Can Break Every Chain," with the youth choir being featured.

Second Sunday of Easter (Cycle C)

The Revelation has already happened in Jesus



Father
Lawrence L. Hummer

**Acts 5:12-16;
Revelation 1:9-11a,12-13,17-19;
John 20:19-31**

All the readings during Eastertime are taken from the New Testament. The Acts reading reports that many signs and wonders were done among the people by the apostles. It also suggests that by this point in Acts, the number of disciples had grown, but they were afraid to associate with the apostles, who proclaimed Jesus Christ boldly. Their preaching was said to bring in many others who believed in the Lord, both because of their preaching (inferred) and because of the signs they were performing. Even Peter's shadow was powerful enough to heal people along the road, presumably as he walked by. As their master had done, so, too, they healed the sick and cast out demons.

Revelation, attributed to John, presumably the apostle (or John's disciples), is a unique piece of literature. People often speak of the Book of Revelations in the plural, but the point of the book is that Jesus Christ is the ONE revelation of God. The book came toward the end of the First Century, when persecution against Christians had broken out. The author encourages those Christians to remain faithful to God and to Jesus, the risen Christ.

The book makes use of symbolic actions, words, colors, and numbers to convey the reason why Christians should remain faithful to the end. In Sunday's reading, we find mention of: "a trumpet, a scroll, seven gold lampstands, one like a son of man, ankle-length robe, golden sash, the first and the last."

Each of these words helps to explain that Jesus is the one who once was dead but who now lives forever. Everything is provided for the benefit of Christians to

remain faithful. Thus, they will realize their reward for faithfulness during the present trials and will live forever with the one Jesus Christ who has preceded them. The Revelation has already happened in Jesus, who remains the focus throughout this work. What John "has seen and what is happening and what will happen afterwards" is always the same Jesus Christ, seated on his throne of glory. Jesus Christ is "the Alpha and the Omega, the one who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

The Gospel is always the same on this Divine Mercy Sunday. It recounts John's version of the gift of the risen Jesus to the disciples "on the evening of that first day of the week," which means Easter night. The generic term "disciples" is used to describe those who were present, leaving us to wonder whether any of those present were women, including Mary, the Mother of Jesus and Mary Magdalene. In the previous verse, Mary Magdalene had gone to the disciples to tell them: "I have seen the Lord!" There is every reason to think she and the Blessed Mother would have been included among the disciples gathered.

Her claim ("I have seen the Lord") is the first such announcement after the resurrection. The Beloved Disciple "saw and believed" earlier in the chapter, but John never says what he believed. Of Peter's reaction, nothing is recorded. Thus, Mary Magdalene was the first to testify to having seen "the Lord," so there is every reason to think she was among the assembled disciples when Jesus came and stood in their midst.

Jesus breathed on them in a new creative act (modeled after the creation of the man in Genesis 2) and immediately commissioned them to forgive sins. This has become the foremost and guiding principle of the Church: to bring about the reconciliation of sinners. All we do and all we believe is driven by and based on this gift of the forgiveness of sins, which has been entrusted to us for wide distribution. In this Holy Year of Mercy, our awareness of this call becomes all the more urgent.

Father Lawrence Hummer, pastor at Chillicothe St. Mary Church, may be reached at hummerl@stmarchillicothe.com.

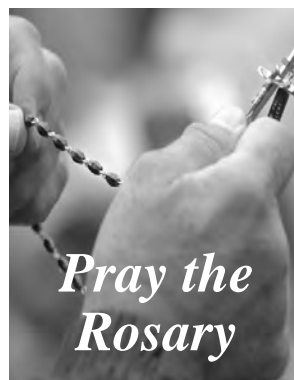
Mentors needed for ex-offenders

Alvis House, a nonprofit human services agency that provides services for individuals with criminal backgrounds, is looking for volunteers and participants for its Mentoring Matters program.

The program is offered at the Community Re-Entry Center, 1991 Bryden Road, Columbus, and is based on friendship and support for Alvis resi-

dents, who are willing to become productive citizens, yet struggle with the process of re-entering society and are in need of a friendly hand.

To find out more about becoming a mentor, contact Jacek Starownik, Mentoring Coordinator, Alvis House, 1991 Bryden Road, Columbus OH 43205. Call (614) 252-0660, extension 225, or email Jacek.Starownik@alvis180.org.



The Weekday Bible Readings

MONDAY
Isaiah 7:10-14
Psalm 40:7-11
Hebrews 10:4-10
Luke 1:26-38

TUESDAY
Acts 4:32-37
Psalm 93:1-2,5
John 3:7b-15

WEDNESDAY
Acts 5:17-26
Psalm 34:2-9
John 3:16-21

THURSDAY
Acts 5:27-33
Psalm 34:2,9,17-20
John 3:31-36

FRIDAY
Acts 5:34-42
Psalm 27:1,4,13-14
John 6:1-15

SATURDAY
Acts 6:1-7
Psalm 33:1-2,4-5,18-19
John 6:16-21

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE WEEK OF APRIL 3, 2016

SUNDAY MASS

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

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

Mass from Our Lady of the Angels Monastery, Birmingham, Ala., at 8 a.m. on EWTN (Time Warner 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).

DAILY MASS

8 a.m., Our Lady of the Angels Monastery in Birmingham, Ala. (Encores at noon, 7 p.m. and midnight). See EWTN above; and on I-Lifetv (Channel 113 in Ada, Logan, Millersburg, Murray City and Washington C.H.; Channel 125 in Marion, Newark, Newcomerstown and New Philadelphia; and Channel 207 in Zanesville); 8 p.m., St. Gabriel Radio (AM 820), Columbus, and at www.stgabrielradio.com.

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

Things that can't change

When the Second Vatican Council was putting the finishing touches on one of its key documents, the *Dogmatic Constitution on the Church (Lumen Gentium)*, Pope Paul VI proposed that it include a statement that the pope is “accountable to the Lord alone.”

The suggestion was referred to the council’s theological commission, which, perhaps to Pope Paul’s surprise, flatly rejected it: the Roman pontiff, the commission noted, “is ... bound to revelation itself, to the fundamental structure of the Church, to the sacraments, to the definitions of earlier Councils, and other obligations too numerous to mention.”

The pope cannot, in other words, change the deposit of faith, of which he is the custodian, not the master. The pope can’t decide that the church can do without bishops, or that there really are 11 sacraments, or that Arius had it right in denying the divinity of Christ.

As for those “other obligations too numerous to mention,” they include the pope’s accountability to the ways things are, which is another boundary to papal authority. Well do I remember an academic conference at which a serious philosopher (who thought himself an extremely orthodox Catholic and had, with tongue only partly in cheek, introduced himself to our

ecumenical assembly by saying, “I’m the kind of Catholic it’s still OK to hate”) announced, “If the pope said that ‘2 + 2 = 5,’ I’d believe him.” Another philosopher, even more distinguished, gave the proper, Catholic answer to this over-the-top ultramontanism: “If the pope said, ‘2 + 2 = 5,’ I would say, publicly, ‘Perhaps I have misunderstood His Holiness’s meaning.’ Privately, I would pray for his sanity.”

These two vignettes came to mind recently when various Catholic spin machines got into high gear, each trying to put pre-interpretations on the apostolic exhortation that Pope Francis will issue to complete the work of the synods of 2014 and 2015.

As is his wont, Cardinal Walter Kasper was first out of the starting blocks, announcing that the apostolic exhortation (whose date of publication he got wrong) would be a first step in vindicating his proposals for a “penitential path”



THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE

George Weigel

by which the divorced and civilly remarried could be admitted to holy communion – despite the fact that his proposal had been roundly criticized and rejected at both synods and in various scholarly articles and books in between. The Kasper spin then was picked up by some of the usual media suspects, who called on the usual Catholic talking heads on the port side of the Barque of Peter, who took matters further by speculating that the apostolic exhortation would open up even more revolutionary paths, involving the church’s eventual acceptance of same-sex marriage and other matters on the LGBT agenda.

This, of course, set off a counter-reaction in the conservative and traditionalist sectors of the Catholic blogosphere, where the bait was swallowed and all manner of dark speculations about what-it-would-mean-if-Cardinal-Kasper-were-vindicated ensued.

What was striking about the spinmeisters in this instance was that both the progressives and the conservatives/traditionalists seem to have a false understanding of what popes can do.

By declining Paul VI’s suggestion about a papacy “accountable to the Lord alone,” Vatican II made clear that there are limits to what popes can do. On the bottom-line matters at issue in the two recent synods, for example, no pope can change the settled teaching of the Church on the indissolubility of marriage, or on the grave danger of receiving holy Communion unworthily, because these are matters of what the Vatican Council’s theological commission called “revelation itself”: to be specific, Matthew 19:6 and 1 Corinthians 11:27-29. Nor has Pope Francis indicated in any public statement that he intends any deviation from what is written by revelation into the constitution of the church.

It seems inevitable, alas, that the spin is going to continue, no matter how the pope phrases his call for the pastoral accompaniment of the divorced and civilly remarried. We may hope that the articulation is not so ambiguous that the battle of the spinners will continue *ad infinitum* and *ad nauseam*. But in all of that spilled ink, and amid all those flashing pixels, let’s remember that there are things in the church that don’t change, because they can’t.

That’s Vatican II.

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BARRETT, Donna L., 84, March 26
St. Mary Church, Groveport

CADMUS, Paulette S., 62, March 20
St. Thomas More Newman Center, Columbus

CANTWELL, Elizabeth A. "Betty," 91, March 21
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

CIOTTI, Velma J., 95, of Columbus, March 24
St. Joseph Church, Amsterdam, Ohio

CRAWFORD, Robert, 71, Jan. 14
Immaculate Conception Church, Dennison

DiSABATO, John J. Jr., 88, March 22
Our Lady of Victory Church, Columbus

DUNN, April, 38, March 18
St. Mary Church, Columbus

FETE, Lucille, 100, March 22
St. Joseph Church, Dover

FRERIKS, Wilma K., 86, March 11
Church of the Atonement, Crooksville

HEIL, Albert, 68, March 16
Immaculate Conception Church, Dennison

JONES, H. Jeanne, 66, March 25
Church of the Resurrection, New Albany

KATTENHORN, Mary E., 97, March 24
St. Brendan Church, Hilliard

KERSCHER, Nancy A., 77, March 22
St. Peter Church, Columbus

LANGSTON, Christina A., 87, March 23
St. Philip Church, Columbus

MacKINNON, Thomas J. "Doc," 68, March 26
St. Catharine Church, Columbus

MART, Diane, 102, March 21
St. Elizabeth Church, Columbus

McALLISTER, Eloise, 89, March 21
Our Lady of Victory Church, Columbus

NESTOR, Michael E., 55, formerly of Columbus, March 18
St. Bernadette Church, Westlake

PHELPS, George E. Jr., 80, of Dublin, March 19
St. Anne Church, Carthage, Mo.

SCHIRTZINGER, Rosemary, 81, March 22
St. Matthew Church, Columbus

SHAWLER, June M., 74, March 19
St. Christopher Church, Columbus

SNIDER, David E., 82, March 16
St. Rose Church, New Lexington

STOLL, Louise A., 68, March 24
St. Matthias Church, Columbus

STRICKLER, Robert F., 89, March 19
St. Nicholas Church, Zanesville

SUTPHEN, Charles A., 70, March 24
St. Mary Church, Columbus

VERTAL, John R., 66, March 24
St. Brendan Church, Hilliard

WHITE, Bernard E., March 20
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Grove City

WIEGAND, Eugene, 90, March 14
St. Joseph Church, Dover

WOLFINGER, Earl R., 75, March 24
St. Mary Church, Lancaster

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partner regularly on important projects."

"Mother Angelica was fearless because she had God on her side," Anderson added. "She saw what he needed her to do, and she did it! She transformed the world of Catholic broadcasting and brought the Gospel to far corners of our world.

"That witness of faith was unmistakable to anyone who met and worked with her, and generations of Catholics have and will continue to be formed by her vision and her 'Yes' to God's will."

Mother Angelica was born Rita Rizzo on April 20, 1923, in Canton, Ohio.

Few would have predicted that she would go on to found not only two thriving religious orders, but also the world's largest religious media network. Her life was one marked by many trials, but also by a profound "Yes" to whatever she felt God was asking of her.

"Walking With Purpose"

A new ministry has been impacting the lives of women at Sunbury St. John Neumann, Columbus Immaculate Conception, Hilliard St. Brendan, and Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help churches. The Walking With Purpose (WWP) ministry invites all women and parish leaders in the diocese to learn more about the program at a training day hosted by St. John Neumann, 9633 East State Route 37, from 8:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 30.

WWP is a women's discipleship ministry that meets women where they are and provides inspiration from Scripture and the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* to support them in their call to follow Christ. It offers as much as seven years of study material that is fresh and relevant and speaks to themes that are important in women's lives.

Patrick Lencioni, founder of the Amazing Parish conference, said, "Walking with Purpose meets women where they are and leads them gently to the truth of Christ and his church. It is one of those amazing apostolates that will bring more Catholics back to the church and lead them to evangelize

to their families and friends."

WWP participant Michele Niklaus of Sunbury said, "I am continually amazed at how readily the women connect with the material, and that they are so willing to put the practical applications learned from Scripture to work in their lives and the lives of their families." Renee Brehm, also of Sunbury, said, "Since studying WWP, I have added more prayer to my day and truly have a different perspective on my life and can see the many ways that God is blessing me."

Representatives from each of the four parishes in the diocese with a WWP program will be at the training day. There also will be presentations from Laura White, regional area coordinator, and Laurie Baschwitz, program support manager for WWP.

To register, contact Niklaus by Friday, April 15 at micheleniklaus712@gmail.com with the number of women who will be attending from your parish. There is no charge for the event, and a continental breakfast and catered lunch will be provided. A more detailed agenda will be sent upon confirmation of registration.



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MARCH

31, THURSDAY

Cenacle at Holy Name

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

31-APRIL 2, THURSDAY-SATURDAY

Three Bags Full Consignment Sale

10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday (selected items half-price Friday night and Saturday), HighPoint Nazarene Church, 795 Pollock Road, Delaware. Three Bags Full consignment sale of children's items. Unsold and unclaimed items are donated to Catholic and pro-life charities. 614-561-5300

APRIL

1, FRIDAY

St. Cecilia Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

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

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.

Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center Open House

10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. Center, a ministry of the Dominican Sisters of Peace, will be open, weather permitting. 614-866-4302

All fund-raising events (festivals, bazaars, spaghetti dinners, fish fries, bake sales, pizza/sub sales, candy sales, etc.) will be placed in the "Fund-Raising Guide."

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

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197 East Gay St., Columbus, OH 43215

Fax to: 614-241-2518

E-mail as text to tpuet@colsdioc.org

Catholic Men's Luncheon Club

12:15 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Catholic Men's Luncheon Club meeting. Talk by Fred Shafer of Hilliard St. Brendan Church on "Mercy: Becoming a Man Fully Alive," and his return to Catholicism from a rock music career.

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 at 11:30.

All-Night Exposition at Our Lady of Victory

Our Lady of Victory Church, 1559 Roxbury Road, Columbus. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 8 p.m. until Mass at 8 a.m. Saturday.

2, SATURDAY

Scouting International Awareness Program

8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (8:30 to 11 a.m. for grades one to five), Holy Resurrection Melkite Catholic Church, 4611 Glenmawr Ave., Columbus. Annual international awareness program sponsored by diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting for all diocesan youths and adults. 614-882-7806

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.

Lay Missionaries of Charity Day of Prayer

9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sacred Heart Church, 893 Hamlet St., Columbus. Monthly day of prayer for Columbus chapter of Lay Missionaries of Charity. 614-372-5249

Safety and Security Training Session at Mount Vernon

10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., St. Vincent de Paul Church, 303 E. high St., Mount Vernon. Diocese-sponsored safety and security training session for parish staff and volunteers, presented by OSS-International. RSVP to 614-224-2251.

Centering Prayer Group Meeting at Corpus Christi

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

'Preparing for Your Future' Seminar at Ohio Dominican 12:30 p.m., Bishop Griffin Center, Ohio Dominican University, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Seminar on "Preparing for Your Future" for high school students and their parents, sponsored by ODU and Education First Credit Union. Register at pirwitz@ohiodominican.edu.

Filipino Mass at Holy Cross

7:30 p.m., Holy Cross Church, 204 S. 5th St., Columbus. Mass in the Tagalog language for members of the Filipino Catholic community. 614-224-3416

3, SUNDAY

Divine Mercy Sunday events at parishes throughout the diocese are listed on Page 10.

St. Christopher Adult Religious Education

10 to 11:20 a.m., Library, Trinity Catholic School, 1440 Grandview Ave., Columbus. Ohio Dominican University history professor Kathleen Riley speaks about Dorothy Day, Catholic Worker movement co-founder and candidate for sainthood.

Exposition at Church of the Resurrection

Our Lady of the Resurrection Chapel, Church of the Resurrection, 6300 E. Dublin-Granville Road, New Albany. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, beginning with procession following 11 a.m. Mass and continuing to 5 p.m.

Grief Support Group Meeting at St. Michael

1:30 to 3 p.m., St. Michael Church, 5750 N. High St., Worthington. First meeting of six-week grief support group for anyone adjusting to the loss of a loved one. 614-888-1382 or 614-885-7814

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

7 p.m., St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road, Columbus. Mass in Spanish. 706-761-4054

Compline at Cathedral

9 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Chanting of Compline. 614-241-2526

4, MONDAY

Youth Ministry Network Meeting at de Porres Center

9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus. Quarterly diocesan meeting for all involved in youth ministry work, featuring discussion with the Dominican Sisters of Peace on teaching young people the skills of discerning major life choices. 614-241-2565

Aquinas Alumni Luncheon

11 a.m., TAT Ristorante di Famiglia, 1210 S. James Road, Columbus. Monthly Columbus Aquinas High School alumni luncheon.

5, TUESDAY

Catholic War Veterans Monthly Meeting

7 p.m., Red Room, St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road, Columbus. Catholic War Veterans Post 1936 meeting. For those who served three months, were honorably discharged, or are on active duty. 614-221-7601

Abortion Recovery Network Group

7 p.m., Pregnancy Decision Health Center, 665 E. Dublin-Granville Road, Columbus. Abortion recovery network group meeting for anyone interested in recovering from abortion or who has been through a recovery program. and wants to stay connected. 614-721-2100

Prayer Group Meeting at St. Mark

7:30 p.m., St. Raymond Room, St. Mark Center, 324 Gay St., Lancaster. Light of Life prayer group meeting. 740-654-6928

6-9, WEDNESDAY-SATURDAY

Three Bags Full Consignment Sale

7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Wednesday (ticket required), 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday (selected items half-price Friday night and Saturday), Grove Community Christian Church, 3420 Blacklick-Eastern Road N.W., Baltimore. Three Bags Full consignment sale of children's items. Unsold and unclaimed items are donated to Catholic and pro-life charities. 614-561-5300

7, THURSDAY

Pregnancy Decision Health Center Open House

11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Pregnancy Decision Health Center, 1160 W. Broad St., Columbus. Open house for prospective volunteers. with tours, light refreshments. 614-888-8774

Lecture on St. Catherine of Siena at Ohio Dominican

3:30 p.m., Colonial Room, Sansbury Hall, Ohio Dominican University, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Lecture on "Catherine of Siena and the Jubilee Year of Mercy" with Sister Mary Ann Fatula, OP. Sponsored by Center for Dominican Studies.

Cenacle at Holy Name

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

Holy Hour at Holy Family

6 to 7 p.m., Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St., Columbus. Holy Hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by meeting of parish Holy Name and Junior Holy Name societies, with refreshments. 614-221-4323

8, FRIDAY

Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center Open House

10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. Center, a ministry of the Dominican Sisters of Peace, will be open, weather permitting. 614-866-4302

Night Hike at Shepherd's Corner

7:30 to 9 p.m., Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. Hike, featuring the sounds of nocturnal and diurnal animals, led by AmeriCorps volunteer Kate Lowry. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Bring binoculars if you like. Fee \$5. Registration deadline April 5. 614-866-4302

9, SATURDAY

Life and Mercy Mass in Plain City

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

Mystagogy Program for New Catholics at St. Peter

9 to 11 a.m., St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road, Columbus. "What Is Mystagogy?" program for those who entered the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil, with Father Mark Summers. Sponsored by diocesan Office for Divine Worship. Cost \$5. 614-221-4640

St. Mary Magdalene Speaker Series

9:45 a.m., St. Mary Magdalene Church, 473 S. Roys Ave., Columbus. Parish Year of Mercy series continues with Erin Cordle of the diocesan Office for Social Concerns speaking on "Fiber Ministry." Includes simple breakfast. RSVP to 614-274-1121, extension 13.

Creighton Model NFP Introductory Session

10 a.m. to noon, St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Introductory session for Creighton Model Natural Family Planning classes. Information at www.freedomfertilitycare.com.

Open House at Ohio Dominican

10 a.m. to noon, Ohio Dominican University, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Open house for prospective students to meet professors, tour the campus, and discuss financial aid, with complimentary meal. Register at www.ohiodominican.edu/OpenHouse.

10, SUNDAY

St. Christopher Adult Religious Education

10 to 11:20 a.m., Library, Trinity Catholic School, 1440 Grandview Ave., Columbus. "Why Enthroned An Image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in My Home?" with Bill and Mary Beth Hinger.

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TALK AT OHIO DOMINICAN

Pope Francis' Impact on the Church in Our Time

More than three years ago, a conclave of cardinals in Rome elected the first pope from the Americas, Jorge Bergoglio of Argentina, now Pope Francis.

His new, open style of global church government and his engagement in world concerns have enchanted many church leaders – and infuriated others.

The Center for Dominican Studies at Ohio Dominican University is sponsoring a talk on “Francis at the Vatican: A Pope for Our Times” with David Willey (pictured), a British Broadcasting Corp. reporter assigned to the Vatican and Italy.

He also is the author of *The Promise of Francis: The Man, the Pope, and the Challenge of Change*, published in September 2013.

In his more than 40 years of reporting, Willey has accompanied three successive popes on their inter-



national trips. During the presentation, Willey will offer his informed and personal views about the very different style of leadership of this first pope from the Americas.

He also will analyze what Pope Francis may mean for the future of the Catholic Church as it exists in a constantly changing world.

The talk will take place at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 14, at Christ the King Chapel in Sansbury Hall on Ohio Dominican's main campus, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus.

A book signing is scheduled for 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Bishop James A. Griffin Student Center. Reservations for the event may be made online at [ohiodominican.edu/Dominican Studies](http://ohiodominican.edu/Dominican%20Studies). Select the link under “Related Events” or call (614) 251-4722.

“Pope Francis has changed the tone of conventional religious dialogue,” said Sister Matthias Sterner, OP,



director of the Center for Dominican Studies. “Perhaps this statement is key to the pope’s efforts to lead the church, which, with the world at large, is in a state of flux.”

“Some saw the church before Pope Francis as a fortress under siege,” Willey said. “Francis has called it a field hospital. Which view is likely to prevail?” His thoughts on those and other questions will be part of his presentation and discussion at Ohio Dominican.

CONCERT

The Story of Sister Dorothy Stang

Story of Sister Dorothy Stang to be told in opera at St. Christopher Church

Composer Evan Mack and the Ohio Province of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur are bringing a concert version of Mack’s opera *Angel of the Amazon* to Columbus at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 16, in St. Christopher Church, 1420 Grandview Ave.

Angel dramatizes the life and martyrdom of Dayton native Sister Dorothy Stang, SNDdeN (pictured), who was shot to death on Feb. 12, 2005, in Brazil. Mack worked with the Sisters of Notre Dame in Cincinnati, using archival materials to complete the libretto for the

opera. A full two-hour version was performed in New York City in 2011 and is available on CD. This program will feature the opera in its 45-minute concert version. The sisters hope to take it to other cities, including Dayton, Cleveland, and Chicago.

The program features Caitlyn Mathes as the young Sister Dorothy. Jeffery Williams and Evan Mack also will be in leading roles, supported by a chorus of Columbus singers directed by Heather Spence.

A suggested donation of \$25 will help cover production costs and benefit the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur.



2016 Easter Vigil at the Church of the Resurrection, New Albany



Father Jerome Rodenfels, pastor, lights the paschal candle during the Easter Vigil service at the Church of the Resurrection in New Albany.



The procession with the Easter fire blessed at the beginning of the service.



Father Rodenfels baptizes John ("Jack") Hartwell as his godparents, John Patrick Jung and Alishia Jung, touch his shoulder.



Father Rodenfels anoints those who were confirmed with the sacred oil of chris.



Father Rodenfels elevates the host during Mass.
CT Photos by Ken Snow

Good Friday Walking Stations of the Cross



On a chilly and overcast morning, hundreds of Catholics from across the diocese walked through downtown Columbus for the Good Friday Walking Stations of the Cross on March 25. The many facets of faith and justice were the focus of the walk, which began with an opening prayer led by Bishop Frederick Campbell. Participants stopped at 14 downtown locations to pray and reflect on Jesus Christ's suffering and crucifixion, linking those events to current areas of social concern. Stops included the Ohio Statehouse, the Ohio Supreme Court building, the Faith Mission homeless shelter, St. Lawrence Haven, and the Greyhound bus station, among others. An annual tradition since 1996, the Walking Stations of the Cross is co-sponsored by the diocesan Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry and Office for Social Concerns.

Photo: Participants pray outside the Statehouse's Veterans Plaza for the 13th station (Jesus Is Taken from the Cross), with a reflection on peace led by students from Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School. Photo by Jerry Freewalt, Office for Social Concerns



Saint Paul the Apostle Catholic Parish

Positions

Saint Paul the Apostle Parish, a 4,100 family Catholic community located in Westerville, Ohio (Columbus) is in search to fill two positions.

Director of Youth Ministry

The Director of Youth Ministry is a full-time member of the Parish Staff, reporting directly to the Pastor.

The Youth Minister provides vision and coordination for parish efforts in ministry to young people from 6th through 12th grades, and in collaboration with other staff, works with other young adults in the parish.

The Youth Minister is responsible for developing, organizing and administering the youth ministry programs and activities as based on the model outlined in the USCCB document: Renewing the Vision: A Framework for Catholic Youth Ministry.

The qualified individual will be a practicing Catholic, in good standing, hold Bachelor's degree in theology, religious education or related field (MA preferred), have youth ministry or equivalent experience in a Catholic parish, be familiar with the process of human growth and faith development, possess excellent listening, organizational, and administrative skills and be in compliance with diocesan procedures for working with young people.

Compensation is commensurate with candidate's education and experience.

Pastoral Associate

Saint Paul the Apostle Parish, a 4,100 family Catholic community located in Westerville, Ohio (Columbus) is in search of a Pastoral Associate. The Pastoral Associate is responsible for developing, organizing, and administering two or more areas of pastoral care to parishioners in the parish. This is a full time, salaried position with benefits. The role is accountable for:

Facilitation and support of our vibrant Small Church Communities

Leadership of our parish ministry to the sick and homebound

Recruitment, selection, and training of volunteers for these programs

The qualified individual will be a practicing Catholic, in good standing, able to share and develop faith with others, have a minimum of a Bachelor's degree with some graduate course work in pastoral ministry preferred, a minimum of two years' experience as a volunteer in parish ministry, and current in church theology with proven ability to develop and lead programs.

Compensation is commensurate with candidate's education and experience.

Job offers are contingent on the successful passing of the mandatory background screening and completion of the VIRTUS "Protecting God's Children" course.

For more information, please contact:

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