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The Editor's Notebook*Hearing the Word and acting upon it*

By David Garick, Editor



I was looking at the Gospel reading for this weekend and was very struck with its message of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus.

In this particular narrative, Jesus accepts an invitation to the home of two sisters, Mary and Martha. Mary adopts the posture of a disciple before the master by sitting at Jesus' feet, soaking up everything he has to say, while Martha dedicates herself to service, providing hospitality to their guest and preparing a meal. Martha becomes miffed that Mary is not helping her serve. But Jesus defends Mary for her dedication to being in his presence. Both sisters were devoted to Jesus and trying to do his will. What they came to understand is that it is not one way or the other, but rather two distinct things each of us must do to live in accord with the will of Christ.

First, like Mary, we must sit at the feet of Christ and hear his word. We do that through worship. No matter how busy our lives are and how much we have to accomplish, what Christ called "the better portion" is the time we spend hearing the Gospel, communing with him in the Eucharist, and opening ourselves up to him in prayer. Like Martha, we must not just hold the love of Christ inside ourselves, but act on it by sharing that love in service to those around us.

St. Luke writes of an occasion when Jesus' family came to him, but could

not reach him because of the great crowd. A disciple told him, "Your mother and brothers are outside and wish to see you." He said in reply, "My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and act on it." If we hear the word of God and live it, then we are family to Jesus, our most loving brother.

We are challenged to be doers of the Word and not hearers only. As St. James put it, "What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him? If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Depart in peace, be warmed and filled,' but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit? Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. But someone will say, 'You have faith, and I have works.' Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works."

This issue of *Catholic Times* gives you a concrete example of that kind of faith in action through the ministries at St. Peter Church in Chillicothe. You will read about how well our brothers and sisters there dedicate themselves to Christ in worship, then act on the words of Christ in their neighborhood, in their city, and in places around the world.

**OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT
Clergy Assignment**

Msgr. John K. Cody, reappointed Judicial Vicar, Diocesan Tribunal, effective July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017.

Father Robert Kitsmiller, from canonical studies, to Judge and Adjutant Judicial Vicar, Diocesan Tribunal, with residence at St. Joseph Cathedral, Columbus, effective July 8.

Father Antonio Carvalho, excardinated from the Diocese of Tivoli, Italy, incardinated into the Diocese of Columbus, effective July 8, continuing as Administrator of Holy Name, Santa Cruz, St. John the Baptist, and Sacred Heart Churches, Columbus.

Confirming the appointment of the Provincial Director of the Order of Carmelite Fathers, Province of St. Elias, **Father Raymond V. Maher, O.Carm.**, Chaplain, Mother Angeline McCrory Manor and the Villas at St. Therese, Columbus, effective Sept. 1.

Mass of Peace and Healing

Bishop Frederick Campbell will offer a Mass of peace and healing at 5:15 p.m. Wednesday, July 20 at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St. The Mass will conclude with a Holy Hour and a rosary for peace and healing.

The Mass is being celebrated in conjunction with the diocesan Office of Black Catholic Ministries.

In light of the conflict at times between the African American community and law enforcement that has led to the unnecessary loss of life in several cities, better communication and healing are necessary between the two communities. Our prayers can be a large factor in bringing

communities together. Black Catholic Ministries believes that all lives matter – Black Lives Matter, Blue Lives Matter, White Lives Matter – and that we must promote understanding and communication among the different groups of our society. This understanding begins when we open lines of communication that result in constructive dialogue.

The Church can be instrumental in promoting such dialogue through prayer and worship services.

Everyone is encouraged to pray for peace among our fellow citizens, and, through our own behavior and attitudes, to live the values Jesus taught us in the Gospel.

*Front Page photo:*

Chillicothe St. Peter Church, rededicated in 1951 after a fire four years earlier destroyed most of the original church building, which was completed in 1845.

Photo courtesy St. Peter Church

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UTICA'S CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY MERGED WITH MT. VERNON'S ST. VINCENT de PAUL PARISH

Following a process of review, the Diocese of Columbus has determined that the Church of the Nativity in Utica be permanently closed and merged into Mount Vernon St. Vincent de Paul Church, effective June 30.

This decision follows the razing of the Church of the Nativity's building in August 2015, after public officials concluded that the structure no longer was safe for continued occupancy and use. A formal Decree of Suppression of the parish was issued by Bishop Frederick Campbell. As required by canon law, this decision was reached following consultation with the diocesan Presbyteral Council. Bishop Campbell also met with parishioners directly regarding this matter.

"The decision to close the Church of the Nativity has been a very difficult one, requiring prayer, discernment, and contemplation," Bishop Campbell said. "As is the case with any decision of this magnitude and impact, many factors must be weighed, and impacted parties must be consulted and heard. The final consideration, however, must always be what is in the best long-term interest of those being served by the parish community."

The parish had funds available to consider building a new church, but it was ultimately determined that construction of a new building would require significant additional funding. Other factors contributing to the decision to close the parish were its current number of families, its growth potential, and the proximity of other parishes near Utica.

The Church of the Nativity's 88 families are being joined to St. Vincent de Paul Church, or, if they choose, may join one of the other parishes in the immediate area, which include St. Francis de Sales and Blessed Sacrament in Newark and the Church of the Ascension in Johnstown. As part of this transition, additional support is being provided to parishioners who are concerned with traveling longer distance to celebrate Mass.

All Church of the Nativity parish records and funds will be transferred to St. Vincent de Paul Church. No determination has yet been made regarding disposition of the church property in Utica.

The Church of the Nativity was part of the Knox-Licking Consortium, which was formed two years ago and also in-



cludes St. Vincent de Paul and Danville St. Luke churches. Monthly Masses in Utica began to be celebrated in private homes and rented halls in 1908. From 1912-50, Mass was celebrated in Nativity Chapel, a schoolhouse built in 1812. The church building which was razed last year had been built in 1864 and originally housed a congregation of the Reformed Presbyterian Church. The diocese purchased it in 1950.

At various times, the Church of the Nativity was a mission of the former Jersey Township St. Joseph Church and the Newark and Mount Vernon parishes. It served as a mission of the Church of the Ascension from 1948 until its first resident pastor was appointed in 1973. Father Stephen Metzger served as resident pastor from 1995 until his retirement, which coincided with formation of the consortium.

Catholic Times is on summer schedule!

Things slow down during the summer, and that includes the *Catholic Times*. During June, July and August, we will only be publishing every other week. Look for the *Catholic Times* in your mailbox just prior to:

July 31; August 14 & 28

We will return to our regular weekly publication schedule in September



Chad VanHoose ordained as transitional deacon in Minneapolis

Chad VanHoose, who grew up in Portsmouth, where he was a member of St. Mary Church, was ordained as a transitional deacon for the Archdiocese of St. Paul-Minneapolis on Saturday, May 14 at the Basilica of St. Mary in Minneapolis by Archbishop Bernard Hebda.

It is anticipated that he will be ordained a priest of the archdiocese next year on completion of his theological studies at St. Paul (Minnesota) Seminary. He is pictured with his grandparents, Ellis and Phyllis Holcomb of Portsmouth St. Mary Church, where he delivered his first homily as a deacon on Wednesday, May 25.

He is the son of Paul and Julie VanHoose and has two married sisters. He graduated from Portsmouth Notre Dame High School and was a choir member and lector at his home parish. He received a degree in nursing from Eastern Kentucky University and spent six years as a lay evangelist with the Minnesota-based National Evangelization Teams (NET) ministry of young Catholics before entering the seminary.

Photo courtesy Ellis and Phyllis Holcomb

PRACTICAL STEWARDSHIP

By Rick Jeric

Pews II

Did you enjoy reading the pastor's message from 1910 two weeks ago? I truly hope that we all maintain a serious sense of duty and responsibility when it comes to the overall support of our parish. As good and faithful stewards, it takes our time and talent, but these days especially, it takes our treasure or financial support. We should not apply an equivalent dollar value to the time and talent that we provide our parish. It is incredibly valuable and appreciated. But just as in our own households, we must give of our financial resources to be sure our parish remains strong financially, while never operating at a deficit.

Now to continue the pastor's notes from 1910: "It is very discouraging to think that there are some men belonging to the parish that are so lacking in the ordinary rudiments of simple honesty as to impose upon the good will of the same few men year after year, and make them go into their pockets the second and third and tenth time to meet the burden. I have traveled in every state in the Union except four, and I have never met as low and mean and contemptible a spirit of stinginess, selfishness, avariciousness, and greed as is exhibited by some of the Catholics here. They are the barnacles, dead weights, dead beats, spongers, drones, leeches, and contemptible hangers-on. You may notice that there is nearly six-hundred dollars due in pew rent. And that is due by the same humbugs that have been indebted to the church year after year, and will be indebted to the church till they die. This is an abomination and an outrage. Some people need only to be told to pay their debts. Others need a little coaxing or strong urging. Still others need a sharp prong to prod them, a stout whip to drive them, a powerful sledge hammer to knock it into them. With the first three classes I have been fairly successful. With the last I am a failure." The pastor goes on to show a brief summary of the parish's finances in 1910: Income was \$51 from offertory, \$1,053 in pew rent, \$120 from festivals, \$28 cemetery fees, \$6 for missions, \$7 for the pope, and \$25 from the Altar Society, for a total of \$1,290. Expenses were \$650 pastor's salary, \$12 assistant pastor's salary, \$35 diocesan tax, \$13 diocesan collections, \$20 interest, \$137 fuel and water, \$54 wine and candles, \$21 insurance, \$13 oil, \$45 furniture and hardware, \$28 labor and incidentals, \$6 telephone, \$28 postage and printing, and \$228 in back salary owed to another priest. It is amazing how things have changed in a little more than 100 years. Finally, the pastor shows pew rent liabilities as \$750 – certainly a significant number given the total income for the year. He comments on this: "The above bad accounts are not worth the paper they are printed on." I sense that Father was just a bit frustrated.

Our practical challenge for the next two weeks is the same as last time. It is worth repeating. The support of our parish is absolutely necessary and critical. Continue to discern two things in the next two weeks. First, be sure to continue your regular weekly offertory support of your parish, especially during the time you are traveling and on vacation this summer. If your parish offers an electronic funds transfer option, consider that. Second, make a commitment to increase your offertory gift. Challenge yourself to make it a significant increase. Our parishes need us and depend on us. Their financial well-being is only as good as the support we provide as good and faithful financial stewards.

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



Lancaster K of C presents annual awards

Lancaster Council 1016 of the Knights of Columbus presented five awards at its annual dinner, honoring its Knight, Lady, Family, Volunteer, and Youth of the Year. Honorees were (from left): Jerry Clum, Knight of the Year; Barbara Kilbarger, Lady of the Year; Angie, Noah, Samantha, Kent, and Ben Kerns, Family of the Year; Paul Lonergan, Volunteer of the Year; and Jacob Burley, Youth of the Year.

Photo courtesy Knights of Columbus Council 1016

Right to Life Director Appointed

Ohio Right to Life has announced the hiring of Devin Scribner, who has a decade of experience in Ohio politics and business, as executive director. Scribner has worked for state Rep. Ron Young (R-Leroy Township), former Ohio Secretary of State Ken Blackwell, the Ohio Chamber of Commerce, and the Ohio Casino Control Commission.

The pro-life organization also has hired Jessica Koehler as legislative affairs director, replacing Kayla Atchison, who took a position with Barberton Municipi-

pal Court. Koehler previously worked for state Sen. Frank LaRose (R-Copley) as his legislative aide and ran the campaign of state Rep. Kyle Koehler (R-Springfield), her father.

Founded in 1967, Ohio Right to Life, with more than 45 chapters and local affiliates, is Ohio's oldest and largest grassroots pro-life organization. It works through legislation and education to promote and defend innocent human life from conception to natural death.



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The Catholic Foundation's 2016 Dei Gratia Celebration

The Catholic Foundation hosted its annual Dei Gratia celebration at Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School on Tuesday, June 28. Sister Patricia Twohill, OP, prioress of the Dominican Sisters of Peace, led the attendees in saying Pope Francis' Year of Mercy prayer and dinner blessing, followed by remarks from Loren Brown, president and chief executive officer of the Foundation.

"The Holy Father has called us to this time for mercy," Brown said. "He prayed, 'May (the Mother of God) obtain for us the grace to experience this Jubilee of Mercy as faithful and fruitful witnesses of Christ.'"

Brown went on to detail how the Foundation has been an expression of the faithful and fruitful witnesses of Christ for the needs of the Diocese of Columbus. In the last year, the Foundation distributed about \$10 million in grants. Brown also said that God's real mercy is upon the souls touched by gifts to the Foundation. For example, 25 parishes will receive Foundation funding to hire youth ministers. In the next five years, more than 15,000 young people from these parishes will build a relationship with Jesus Christ and carry that relationship with them for the rest of their lives.

Brown also discussed adult faith formation, saying that in the past year, grants that help support adult faith formation programs will touch the souls of 72,000 adults in the diocese. Funding from the Foundation to help support three diocesan seminarians, the supposed average number in

an ordination class, will bring God's mercy to more than 250,000 parishioners affected by those future priests during the next 25 years. In keeping with the Year of Mercy theme, Brown also discussed support for corporal works of mercy.

Another highlight of the evening was the presentation of the 2016 Dei Gratia Award. This year, the award honored the late Msgr. Anthony Borrelli for his diligent planning for the longterm care of his brother priests and other religious, as well as for the general needs of the Diocese of Columbus.

Msgr. Borrelli's sister Philomena Mastrovincenzo and nieces Ann Gigliotti and Rita Reinoso were at the event to receive the award. Bishop Frederick Campbell and Father Dan Millisor of Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church each gave remarks about Msgr. Borrelli, both recalling fondly how he liked to "stir the pot."

For more photos and video of the Dei Gratia celebration, visit The Catholic Foundation's Facebook page, Facebook.com/TheCatholicFoundation.

The Catholic Foundation's mission is to inspire giving and assist donors to provide for the longterm needs of the 23-county Diocese of Columbus.

The Foundation fulfills its mission by seeking donors to establish funds designed to support current and future needs and by distributing earnings according to community priorities and donor intent.

It is one of the nation's oldest and



The Catholic Foundation presented its 2016 Dei Gratia Award posthumously to Msgr. Anthony Borrelli. Accepting the honor on his behalf were Borrelli family members (from left) Rita Reinoso, Philomena Mastrovincenzo, and Ann Gigliotti. They are pictured with Bishop Frederick Campbell and Loren Brown, Foundation president and CEO. Photo/Catholic Foundation

largest Catholic foundations, distributing nearly \$100 million in the diocese since 1985.

For additional information about The Catholic Foundation, please visit www.catholic-foundation.org.

"In God's Service" Program Set for Nov. 3

The annual "In God's Service" vocations program for high school students of the diocese will take place at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 3 at Columbus Christ the King Church, 2777 E. Livingston Ave.

The program, sponsored by the diocesan vocations office and Black Catholic Ministries of Columbus, will feature Bishop Frederick Campbell and Sister Teresita Weind, SNDdeN, sharing their stories of how they answered God's call

to the religious life.

Sister Teresita, a graduate of Columbus St. Joseph Academy, is congregational leader for the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur. In that role, she visits 17 nations where the sisters are stationed.

The program will continue with Mass at noon and conclude with a pizza lunch.

For more information, contact Virginia Hardy at (614) 235-2631.

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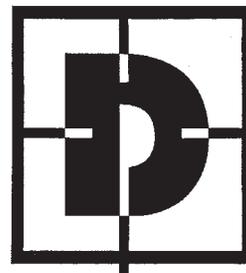
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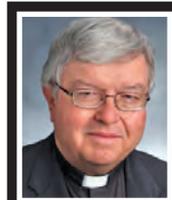
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Names at Holy Communion; Conversion of Islam



QUESTION & ANSWER

by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE
Catholic News Service

Q. How is it that some people who give out Communion say your name before they say “the body of Christ,” but not everyone gets called by name? I was an extraordinary minister of holy Communion some years back, and I stopped doing it because I couldn’t think of people’s names quickly enough.

But I also remember hearing that using the recipient’s name is improper because it takes the focus off of Jesus, whom we are receiving. What is the correct position on this? (Missouri)

A. Your question invites an interesting balance between what might seem pastoral and what is liturgically and theologically correct. The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* – the official “rule book” on the manner of celebrating the Eucharist – makes no provision for mentioning the name of the person receiving Communion.

Instead, it says in a straightforward way: “The priest raises the host slightly and shows it to each, saying, The body of Christ. The communicant replies, Amen” (No. 161).

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, in liturgical guidelines published for extraordinary ministers, is even more specific, noting that “no other words or names should be added; and the formula should not be edited in any way.”

The reasoning would seem to be, as you suggest, that the interjection of the personal element could “take the focus off of Jesus” and might distract from the proclamation of faith that is essential in the brief dialogue.

I, though, have an even more practical reason for staying with the simple formula. Many parishes have large congregations (more so now, with the ongoing merger of parishes); hence, even at daily Masses, it is unlikely that the priest will know everyone who comes to Communion.

To call some people by name and not others introduces a distinction that might cause harm and hurt. At the Eucharist, all are equal, bowing in gratitude for this wondrous gift. Hence the wisdom of the simple formula.

Q. Long ago, as a child, I remember saying prayers aloud for “the conversion of Russia” after every Mass. Why, in our troubled world, are we not doing the same thing now for Islamic extremists, who are surely in need of

our prayers? And where would such a directive come from? (Medford, New Jersey)

A. The prayers to which you refer were recited by the priest and people after every low Mass from 1884 to 1965. Called technically the “Leonine prayers” because they were introduced under Pope Leo XIII, their original purpose was to pray for the sovereignty and protection of the Holy See.

In 1930, following the Lateran Treaty that stabilized the relationship between the Vatican and the Italian state, these prayers were redirected by Pope Pius XI and directed to be offered instead for the people of Russia.

Although popularly believed to have been “for the conversion of Russia,” they were actually said, in the words of Pius XI, “to permit tranquility and freedom to profess the faith to be restored to the afflicted people of Russia.” The prayers were discontinued in 1964 through a Vatican instruction (*Inter Oecumenici*).

The church still welcomes converts from other religions and believes that the Catholic Church alone embraces fully the central truths that Christ came to proclaim. Each year, just in the United States, thousands of adults are received into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil ceremony.

However, the church promotes unity among all religions and nations. The Second Vatican Council’s declaration *Nostra Aetate* (1965) states that the church “rejects nothing that is true and holy” in other religions and “regards with sincere reverence those ways of conduct and of life, those precepts and teachings which, though differing in many aspects from the ones she holds and sets forth, nonetheless often reflect a ray of that truth which enlightens all men” (No. 2).

In the same document, the church specifically mentions its “esteem for Muslims” and notes that Muslims “value the moral life and worship God especially through prayer, almsgiving and fasting” (No. 3).

The church does pray, strongly and consistently, against violence – particularly violence done in the name of religion.

In November 2014, on a flight returning from a visit to Turkey, Pope Francis “called on political and religious leaders across the Muslim world to condemn violence done in the name of Islam,” according to a Catholic News Service report. The pope noted that this would help show the non-Muslim world that Islam is a religion of peace.

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

Corpus Christi Events

A day of contemplative prayer and silence is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10 at the Corpus Christi Center of Peace, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus.

The day will include three periods of contemplative prayer, which will consist of two 20-minute sessions and a walking meditation between them. There will be two morning sessions and one afternoon session. The remaining time will be spent in silence, giving people a chance for spiritual reading, walking meditation, art meditation, or another meditative practice.

This day of silence is not recommended for those unfamiliar with contemplative prayer practice or those who find it difficult to remain still for extended periods.

Lunch is included, and the day will end with wine and cheese and conversation. The event is limited to 20 people, at a cost of \$20 per person. Financial assistance is available for those who may need it.

The center, located in the former Columbus Corpus Christi Church rectory, also is continuing its schedule of monthly events for the time being, although it is closed for other activities. For July, these are the centering prayer group from 10:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 16, and Taize evening prayer from 4 to 5 p.m. Sunday, July 17. The centering prayer group also will meet from 10:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 6.

For more information, register online at cccenterofpeace.org/upcoming-programs.html, call (614) 512-3731 or email corpuschristicenterofpeace@gmail.com.

Healing Mass at Cathedral July 18

A Mass of healing, followed by a healing service, will be celebrated at 6:30 p.m. Monday, July 18 at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St.

The healing service will begin with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, veneration of a relic of the True Cross of Christ, and an opportunity for each person present to talk to a priest about the condition for which he or she seeks healing. The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick also will be available. The service will close with Benediction.

All persons who seek Christ’s healing are invited, especially those who suffer with cancer and other physical infirmities, or who need emotional or spiritual healing. All caregivers, family members, and members of the medical community also are invited.

Future healing Masses and services are scheduled at the cathedral on Monday, Sept. 19 and Monday, Nov. 21.

Parking is available at the rear of the cathedral off East Gay Street. A handicap-accessible elevator is located in the courtyard (west side of the cathedral) on East Broad Street.

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Answering God's Call

BECOMING A PRIEST WAS A NATURAL THING TO DO BECAUSE OF THE EXAMPLE I HAD



Fr. Richard L. Metzger

by Tim Puet

When Father Richard L. Metzger was ordained as a priest of the Diocese of Columbus 49 years ago, he didn't have to go far to find role models to emulate.

Two older brothers, Msgr. Robert Metzger and Father William A. Metzger, had been ordained ahead of him, in 1960 and 1962 respectively. A cousin, Father John Metzger, was part of his ordination class, with both Richard and John being ordained on May 27, 1967, by Bishop Edward Hettinger in Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral. The ordination of a younger brother, Father Stephen Metzger, occurred in 1970.

Robert is retired and living in the rectory of Junction City St. Patrick Church. Stephen, also retired, and two other brothers, Michael and Charles, live about a half-mile away on the family's farm. A sister, Mary Anne, lives in Westerville, and a foster sister, Nida Riley, is a Kentucky resident. William and John died in 2014 and 2015 respectively. Richard was the last of the five Metzger priests to serve in active ministry. He recently retired as pastor of Groveport St. Mary Church and now lives in Reynoldsburg.

"I didn't feel any sense that I absolutely had to be a priest," he said. "But it was quite a natural thing to do because of the examples I had. Bob was ordained after I was in seminary for a year, and Bill followed him two years later. I got the impression from them that the priesthood was a good way to live. It was never a question of 'Should I or shouldn't I become a priest?' I wanted to, even though I knew I knew it would take eight years after high school to get there."

Father Metzger said the attitude of their parents, Robert and Elizabeth, had much to do with the brothers becoming priests. "They never worried about what their children would become as adults," he said. "Dad prayed for God to utilize us in whatever was best. That's the kind of attitude you don't find in many parents today."

The Metzgers grew corn, wheat, and hay and took care of dairy and beef cattle on their Perry County farm. Their uncles farmed about 500 acres nearby. "Things were always busy on the farm, but church came first," Father Metzger said.

"If anything was going on there, we were the first to come and the last to leave, and Dad would patiently wait for us when we were serving Mass or doing other things. We knew what his priorities were, and that was significant.

"Father Jim Kimberly was pastor at Junction City from about 1949 to '54, and we spent a lot of time talking about the priesthood," he said. "He was probably as big an influence as my brother. He was followed as pastor by Father Bill Stecker, and I also worked closely with him. There was a night-and-day difference between the two – for instance, Father Kimberly favored long Masses that went an hour or more, while Father Stecker could be done in 20 minutes – but both were effective priests. Through them, I came to appreciate the diversity within the priesthood and learned there was more than one way to do things."

Father Metzger attended Junction City public schools and graduated from St. Aloysius Academy in New Lexington in 1959, St. Charles Seminary in Columbus in 1963, and Mount St. Mary Seminary of the West in Cincinnati in 1967 before being ordained.

"Msgr. Jack Dreese was teaching in Cincinnati when I was there, and I've always had great admiration for him," he said. "He's the one teacher who's had a lasting influence on me. Maybe part of that was because he also grew up in Perry County (where he now lives in retirement). Msgr. George Wolz was another teacher at St. Charles who had a lasting impact."

Father Metzger's first assignment as a priest was to Columbus St. Matthias Church, where he served as associate pastor from 1967-71 and taught at St. Francis DeSales High School next door. That was followed by four years as associate at Newark St. Francis de Sales Church, including a teaching assignment at Newark Catholic High School.

"The changes resulting from Vatican II were just getting started then," he said. "Some priests were challenged by what was happening; others were excited by it. I'd put Father (Ralph) Dermody, who was pastor at St. Matthias while I was there, in the first category, and Msgr. (William) Kappes, the pastor at St. Francis, in the second. Most of us who were young priests at the time were enthusiastic about the vision of Vatican II and putting it into practice, but sometimes it was a struggle."

Father Metzger was appointed to his first pastorate, at Corning St. Bernard Church and its missions, Murray City St. Philip Neri and New Straitsville St. Augustine, in 1975. The Corning church is now part of the Perry County Consortium of Parishes. The other two have been closed.

"Parish clustering is happening all over the diocese today, including at my former parish in Groveport (which is being clustered with Canal Winchester St. John XXIII), but it's nothing new," he said. "I was pastor of the equivalent of a cluster 40 years ago, so I was on the cutting edge. It was exciting serving as pastor for the first time with the inspiration of Vatican II, and to be doing it in my home county."

Father Metzger became pastor of Zanesville St. Nicholas Church in 1980. "That was quite a different situation from Corning," he said. "I came from a very small parish to one that had one of the biggest schools in the diocese, with Rosecrans High School, which then had about 300 students, across the street, next to the parish school. There were three associate pastors and 21 Manitowoc Franciscan sisters. We renovated the church to Vatican II standards while dealing with a downturn in the local economy that forced a lot of people to leave."

His 11 years in Zanesville were followed by 12 years at the Church of the Ascension in Johnstown. "That community was just starting the growth that has continued there because of its proximity to Columbus," he said. "By that time, Vatican II's impact had become part of church life, and there wasn't a feeling of starting at square one. And the people there were great, as they have been at all my pastoral stops."

Father Metzger came to Groveport in 2003, spending 13 years there before retiring at age 75 for health reasons. He had a heart attack in 2005 and a stroke last year. "That was a very enjoyable assignment, except for the health issues," he said. "The parish was sound financially and structurally and I could minister in the way I wished. The people were comfortable with me and I was comfortable with them."

"I've had a great life as a priest, thanks to supportive parishioners and especially the support of staff members," Father Metzger said. "One of the things I've come to appreciate more over the years is that I'm working for an eternal King, and that many of the things that bother us day-to-day become less significant when looked at from that perspective. When you're the celebrant of a Mass, it can be easy to focus on the little details which that involves, but those aren't what's important. You don't want to just celebrate the Mass, but to pray and live the Mass. That's what's at the heart of being a pastor."

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Pictured following the annual Mass for the Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs are (from left): Heather Swiger, recipient of the Father Thomas Cadden Award; Sister Sharen Baldy, SCN, who accepted the Mary Margaret Roach Award for Sister Christella Richey, OSF, who was on retreat; Ron Casteel, who accepted the Betty Kegelmeyer Award, presented posthumously to his wife, Rise Casteel; Bishop Frederick Campbell; JOIN director Lisa Keita; and diocesan social concerns moderator Mark Huddy.



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Summer began this year with the rare occurrence of the full moon and the summer solstice falling on the same day -- Monday, June 20. It last occurred in 1948.

After its spectacular entrance, summer stays around, offering many people the opportunity to take time off from school and work routines to refresh body and spirit. Not everyone can afford a trip out of town, but no matter where people spend vacation time, books often come along. Getting lost in a good book can be a "vacation," too.

Interested in a good summer read? I asked lots of folks what books they would recommend. Many suggested a mystery series. One by Louise Penny features sleuth Armand Gamache and is set in Quebec. A woman who had finished a two-year spiritual guidance program gave herself a bit of a vacation by reading a Maisie Dobbs mystery written by Jacqueline Winspear. Dobbs is a psychologist and investigator living in 1920's London. For those with an interest in the history of London, one person recommended the series written by Christopher Fowler featuring Bryant and May, who head the peculiar crimes unit of the London police force. One of my favorite mystery writers was also a theologian: Dorothy Sayers.

Mysteries were not the only series mentioned in my informal survey. Jan Karon's Mitford series has moved one woman to read it twice, so far! Set in a small town, it centers around Father Tim, an Episcopal rector. "I laugh and cry through every book," she said, "and when I close each one, I feel such a spiritual peace."

While a book need not be explicitly "religious" to provide spiritual insight, a number of books with the

theme of finding the sacred in everyday life were listed: *A Tree Full of Angels: Seeing the Holy in the Ordinary*, by Macrina Wiederkehr; *An Altar in the World: A Geography of Faith*, by Barbara Brown Taylor; *Seasons in My Garden: Meditations from a Hermitage* by Sister Elizabeth Wagner; and *Wearing God: Clothing, Laughter, Fire, and Other Overlooked Ways of Meeting God*, by Lauren Winner.

For those of us who love writing and receiving letters in these days of email and social media, *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society*, by May Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows, may hold special interest. It's written as a series of letters, correspondence between a woman in London and a man and his friends in Germany during the aftermath of World War II.

A delightfully different book for slightly geeky lovers of language is *Thing Explainer: Complicated Stuff in Simple Words*, by Randall Munroe, a former NASA physicist who now is a web cartoonist known as xkcd. He uses line drawings, the 1,000 most commonly used words in English, and humor to explain interesting things, like the big flat rocks we live on (tectonic plates).

Nonfiction books that were mentioned include *The Blue Sweater: Bridging the Gap Between Rich and Poor*, by Jacqueline Novogratz, who, while in Africa, discovers a blue sweater she had outgrown and given to Goodwill in Virginia being worn by a young boy in Rwanda. Novogratz left her career as an international banker to study poverty and find ways to combat it. The memoir *To Love What Is: A Marriage Transformed*, by Alix Kates Shulman, recounts the inspiring story of a woman whose husband fell from a sleeping loft in their Maine cabin and suffered a severe brain injury, radically

A Life of Sacrifice, a Life of Faith, a Life of Love

We all seem to remember a time when we were all tested both spiritually and financially. We were taught important lessons in how this humility and suffering brought us closer to God. If we had just listened to our mom and dad. They reminded us that there would be times like this. They would say that with our love for one another and by His graces, we would make it through. I miss our talks, and I dearly miss them both.

Being sacred does not have to mean that we give up all the things in life we most cherish, but it does redefine what we believe to be important. God, country, and family top this list, along with the friendships we cultivate with one another. We are bound by our shared beliefs. Many of us go through many of the same things in life. We just tend to forget that there are people we can go to for help.

There were many days, to be honest with you, when I would gladly take the words of a stranger over those of my own parents. I have learned, though, that when I

think like this, I tend to marginalize those whose benefit can help me the most. People who love us forgive our shortcomings and are less prone to telling us what we want to hear. They understand that we need to know what it takes to get through tough times. They would never abandon us for what is popular.

There are times we need to live a life of sacrifice. There are times we need to live a life of faith, and there are times we need to live a life of love. This love is a sacred love, a gift of love, through the heart of those we care so deeply about and by the heart of Christ Himself.

Father Mateo Crawley-Boevey, the great apostle of the Sacred Heart once said, "You too have crosses – happily so! Accept them with faith, yes; but also make the most of them. Suffering earns souls. Never forget it. If the sacrifice seems hard to you, say to Jesus, 'I accept it just the same, and joyously, so that You may reign.' Forget yourselves, think only of Jesus and His interests, and He



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changing both their lives.

Another non-fiction book, *The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics*, by Daniel James Brown, tells of nine working-class boys from the west who formed the University of Washington's crew team and amazed the world with their performance.

There may be a little archaeologist in most of us. One woman shared her interest in ancient Native Americans by suggesting a book that explores the lives of Ohio's prehistoric peoples, especially the moundbuilders: *Ohio Archaeology: An Illustrated Chronicle of Ohio's Ancient American Indian Cultures*, by Bradley T. Lepper.

Another woman enthusiastically recommended Jesuit Father James Martin's first novel, *The Abbey: A Story of Discovery*, which follows three people searching for spiritual direction: a divorced single mother struggling with the death of her son, a former architect who has become a handyman, and an abbot of the Abbey of Sts. Phillip and James.

Just as we meet God in our ordinary lives, we can be opened to grace and Presence through the gifts of storytellers and their characters. Indulge in a few books this summer no matter where you are!

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Thomas is a member of Gahanna St. Matthew Church and active in many ministries.

CHILlicothe ST. PETER CHURCH'S IMPACT EXTENDS TO MEXICO AND UGANDA

BY TIM PUET
Reporter, Catholic Times

The missionary spirit is alive at Chillicothe St. Peter Church.

This Friday, July 16, about 20 adults and high school students from the parish, plus parochial vicar Father Michael Hartge and two of the three Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary who are stationed there, are leaving for a week in Mexico. They will visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe and the city of Puebla, where they will build a chapel at the Mater Filius Home for unwed mothers.

This will be the second straight year for a group from the parish to travel to Mexico for mission work. The trips were organized by Our Lady's Outreach Network, an organization founded by parishioners Bob and Kathy Dye to sponsor Catholic-based volunteer service programs, with specific emphasis on Latin America.

The mission to Mexico will last through Saturday, July 23. Five days later, on Thursday, July 28, Father William Hahn, pastor, along with four St. Peter parishioners and four from Powell St. Joan of Arc Church, will begin a 13-day trip to the Miryante orphanage in Uganda, which the parish "adopted" about two years ago.

The Ohioans will be bringing 80

pairs of "shoes that grow" – adjustable sandals that can expand five sizes and last five years – to the children of the orphanage. They also will be building hand-washing stations for Miryante's approximately 120 orphans, who have no latrines or running water, and will be teaching the children to make rosaries. The orphanage has chickens, cows, and goats, and grows crops. Its ultimate goal is to be self-sustaining as it teaches its children skills enabling them to become employable in farming, construction, cooking, technology, and other areas.

The parish's connection to Miryante resulted through Laura Corcoran, a parishioner's daughter, who worked with the orphanage through the Peace Corps, and Miryante's director, Father Bernard Bitekerezze, who spoke at St. Peter and spent about a month in Chillicothe in 2010.

The foreign mission work adds a global dimension to the evangelization being performed in Chillicothe and the surrounding area of Ross and Pike counties by the sisters and laypeople of the parish who are taking part in ministry to prisons, hospitals, and nursing homes.

Chillicothe has an unusually large number of such facilities for a city of about 20,000 people. It has two major hospitals – the Adena Regional

Medical Center and a Veterans Administration hospital – and two state prisons – the Chillicothe Correctional Institution and the Ross Correctional Institution.

"The presence of the sisters and their work as a missionary order has expanded the vision of the people of our parish and their sense of evangelization to the community and the world," Father Hahn said. "Pope Francis is urging all Catholics to take a closer look at people on the margins. We try to do that here through work with the sick and the imprisoned, through food pantries in Chillicothe and Waverly, and through our ongoing mission efforts."

Their evangelization work keeps Sisters Amelia Mary, Leonard Mary, and Shani Mary, FIH, on the go throughout the week. On Mondays and Tuesdays, they are at the Adena hospital. They can be found on Tuesday mornings at the food pantry sponsored by the parish St. Vincent de Paul Society. On Wednesdays, they go to Pike County to visit Waverly St. Mary Church, the Waverly community pantry, and the former Good Shepherd Manor, a facility for developmentally disabled men.

The sisters also lead Bible studies at the two prisons on Wednesdays, returning the following day for Mass celebrated by Father Joseph Klee, who is stationed at Columbus Sacred Heart Church and spends much of his time in prison ministry. Deacon Reed Hauser, who serves the parish, assists Father Lawrence Hummer, pastor of Chillicothe St. Mary Church, on Monday visits at the other prison. The sisters visit the VA hospital on Fridays, and take part in parish-based activities on Saturdays and Sundays.

During the school year, they attend meetings of the parish youth group on Thursday nights and work with the preschool program at Bishop Flaget School. They also take part in enthronement of homes to the Sacred Heart. That form of devotion has been spreading across the parish through the leadership of

Father Hahn and the Dyes, with 36 enthronements in the past two years and several more planned.

The sisters' enthusiasm and their all-white habits make them stand out in any environment, especially in the prisons. "We are particularly happy to be there because the men we minister to are so friendly," Sister Leonard Mary said. "Somehow in that harsh environment, they've found God. We bring them the Catholic-based Bible studies by Jeff Cavins. For many, it's the first time they've heard the Catholic faith being explained. There have been Bible studies in the prisons, but all from other denominations.

"When the prisoners hear Catholic teaching, they want to hear more and more. Being in prison gives them more time to read the Bible and to think about their lives. So many of them come from difficult situations. I remember one inmate telling me his father and brother were in other prisons, as though being imprisoned was an expected part of his life. Many have no father figures. They regret their past, and through the Bible studies, they learn of God and heaven and speak of something to look forward to, whether it's after they're released or when they die."

The sisters are part of a congregation which is based in India and also has convents in Indiana, New York state, Germany, Italy, and Jordan. Their arrival in Chillicothe two years ago allowed the St. Peter convent, which housed Franciscan sisters for much of the parish's 171-year history, to return to its original purpose.

An area in back of the convent is being renovated for use as a chapel which will be accessible at any time to persons who sign up for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and are given a number code to unlock the chapel door. Father Hahn hopes Adoration will begin there by the end of September. It currently take place in the church, located at 118 Church St., from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursdays.

Renovation of the convent resulted in the parish office being moved from

there to the former parish school building, where changes already were in the works when the opportunity to host the sisters came up. The remodeled school was dedicated as a parish center in April 2015 and houses a library, offices, classrooms, food pantry, kitchen, and meeting space. The last piece of the remodeling recently was completed when a former balcony was transformed into a conference room and offices for the two parochial vicars who serve the parish cluster which includes St. Peter. Cleaning, sealing, and tuckpointing of stone and brick work at the church are now under way.

The cluster of which Father Hahn is pastor and Father Hartge and Father Sean Dooley serve as parochial vicars consists of St. Peter, Washington Court House St. Colman of Cloyne, Waverly St. Mary, and Zaleski St. Sylvester churches. It was formed in the summer of 2015, just after Fathers Dooley and Hartge were ordained. Geographically, it is one of the largest parish clusters in the diocese, stretching more than 60 miles from west to east.

All three priests live in the St. Peter rectory and serve all four parishes. Father Hartge is parochial vicar administrator for St. Colman and Father Dooley holds that position for Waverly and Zaleski. They concentrate on their respective areas, with Father Hahn focusing on St. Peter and traveling among all four as needed. Father Klee visits the parish on the first Sunday of each month for a Mass in Spanish.

"When I was little, I was fascinated by the history of the Catholic Church in Ohio and by the pioneer Dominican priests who traveled from parish to parish on horseback," Father Dooley said. "We're doing the same thing with parish clustering, only with cars and satellite radio getting us through our travels."

"The change is working out well so far," Father Hahn said. "The sick are being visited, pastoral work is being done, and all three of us are familiar faces at all the parishes. I've heard



Above: A dinner in the parish library for couples taking marriage preparation classes. Below: Adults prepare to enter the Catholic Church at the 2016 Easter Vigil Mass.



many people say they enjoy the variety. Waverly and Zaleski had been served by priests from other parishes already. Washington Court House was probably the biggest concern. The people there wish they still had a resident pastor, but understand the need for clustering and have been very accepting of the change."

Chillicothe, Ohio's first capital, is served by two Catholic churches, St. Peter and St. Mary, which remains a separate parish. Children from both attend Bishop Flaget School through eighth grade and are members of a combined youth group. That group added eighth-graders this year and is using the YDisciple program of meeting in small groups with adult mentors, said St. Peter parish secretary Jenny French. The young people and Father Hahn made it to Washington in January for the March for Life before the trip was cut short because of bad weather.

French said the success of the youth group led to the start of a young adult group for people 18 to 30, which, like the youth group, meets on Thursday evenings so it can conclude with

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in the church. Unlike the youth group, it continues to meet during the summer.

Chris Hiles, who was baptized a Catholic in 2015 after 20 years as a minister with the Churches of Christ in Christian Union, an evangelical Protestant denomination, recently became the parish's full-time youth minister. His hiring was the result of a grant from The Catholic Foundation, which will pay 80 percent of the costs for his first year, 60 percent the second, and so forth, with the hope the parish will fully subsidize the position. Father Hahn said parishioners have guaranteed enough funding to make sure it receives full funding for the next three years.

In June, the parish's Vacation Bible School attracted about 50 children. Its theme, "God's Family," concentrated on Baptism, Reconciliation, and the Holy Eucharist. About 50 children in grades one to eight attend the Parish School of Religion on Sunday mornings.



Pictures, from top to bottom right: First row (from left): Sisters Leonard Mary, Shani Mary, and Amelia Mary, FIH; second row, Tim Scheeler, Jenny French, Father William Hahn, Father Sean Dooley, and Chris Hiles; the Chillicothe St. Peter Church sanctuary area; the parish's St. Vincent de Paul Society food pantry; a rosary procession through streets near the parish.

CT photo by Tim Puet (top); other photos courtesy St. Peter Church



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French said that for the past few years, 10 to 15 people, including 12 this year, have joined the Catholic Church through the parish's RCIA classes. These include Hiles and his wife and son. "I had reached a point where I was dissatisfied with my former church and was looking for more," Hiles said. "I came to St. Peter's for a weekday Mass and a gentleman saw me and said 'You're not Catholic, are you?'"

"I told him I wasn't and explained my situation. He introduced me to Father Hahn, we started talking, and as we continued to have discussions, I found in the Catholic Church what I had been missing.

"At that time, I was also trying to establish a parachurch ministry for people with developmental disabilities because I have an 18-year-old son with such a diagnosis," Hiles said. "Father Hahn offered me the chance to get it started here at St. Peter's. I had been unsuccessful otherwise."

That ministry, known as Faith and Light, meets on the second Sunday of each month from October to May. Participants and their families are joined by other parishioners, and together they pray, share friendships, and celebrate life.

"We begin with a community meal, then transition into small-group discussion or watch a video and discuss it, then we might have a thematic craft or an artist workshop session," Hiles said. "We follow the church calendar and always have a theme; for instance, in June, it was the Sacred Heart.

"Faith and Light isn't just for people with intellectual disabilities, but for the whole church community. These are people who are extremely valuable to the church, with innate gifts which benefit other people.

"This program allows for a natural dialogue and connections to take place among all the participants. Everybody helps someone else, and in the end, everyone benefits, creating a greater sense of community as we all learn from each other," he said.

The parish St. Vincent de Paul Society collects funds on the four "fifth Sundays" of the year. Tim Scheeler of the society said that in the six months which ended March 31, its food pantry helped 1,634 individuals and family members. The society also spent more than \$22,000 on various items,

Three Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary from Chillicothe St. Peter Church are shown with Father William Hahn, pastor, and parishioners on a pilgrimage to Mexico last year. A similar trip begins on Friday, July 16. Photo courtesy St. Peter Church

including utility payments and food and gasoline vouchers, helping nearly 600 persons. Person-to-person outreach including home, prison, hospital, and nursing home visits benefited more than 900 people.

Besides the spiritual activities already mentioned, the parish also has a Flame of Hope Prayer Group which meets on the second and third Mondays of the month and visits a free clinic to pray with its patients on the fourth Monday.

A secular Franciscan group which started last October has about 15 members, meets on the last Thursday of the month, and is being assisted by the St. Padre Pio Secular Franciscans of Columbus as it establishes itself. Parish family life coordinator Judy Harness has formed a Divine Mercy cenacle in this Year of Mercy, and it meets on the second and fourth Fridays of the month. The parish also has two Bible study groups, which are on a summer break. One meets on Thursdays and works with the Jeff Cavins Scripture study series, and the other uses the EPIC series on Sundays.

Parish men's groups include Father Charles Griffin Council 15793 of the Knights of Columbus, founded in 2013 and named for the parish's priest in residence for 25 years, who died in March 2012, and the That Man Is You! Men's ministry, which will resume in the fall.

A knitting and crocheting group with the memorable name of the Sisterhood of the Frogged Stitches meets Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to noon and 7 to 9 p.m. and provides baby blankets for the newly baptized, prayer shawls for shut-ins, afghans for Habitat for Humanity homes, and hats for chemotherapy patients.

The parish military ministry mails "we care" packages to family members of military personnel and hosts an annual veterans appreciation dinner for parishioners who have served in the armed forces. It also takes part in the Wreaths Across America campaign, which provides Memorial Day decorations for cemeteries throughout the nation.



Weekend Masses at the parish are at 5 p.m. Saturday and 8 and 11:30 p.m. Sunday. The parish choir sings at the 11:30 a.m. Mass and on special occasions, and includes a smaller *schola* group which provides a *cappella*

chants for the responsorial portions of the Mass which come between the first and second readings and at the offertory and Communion. A separate group is available on request to lead the singing at funerals.



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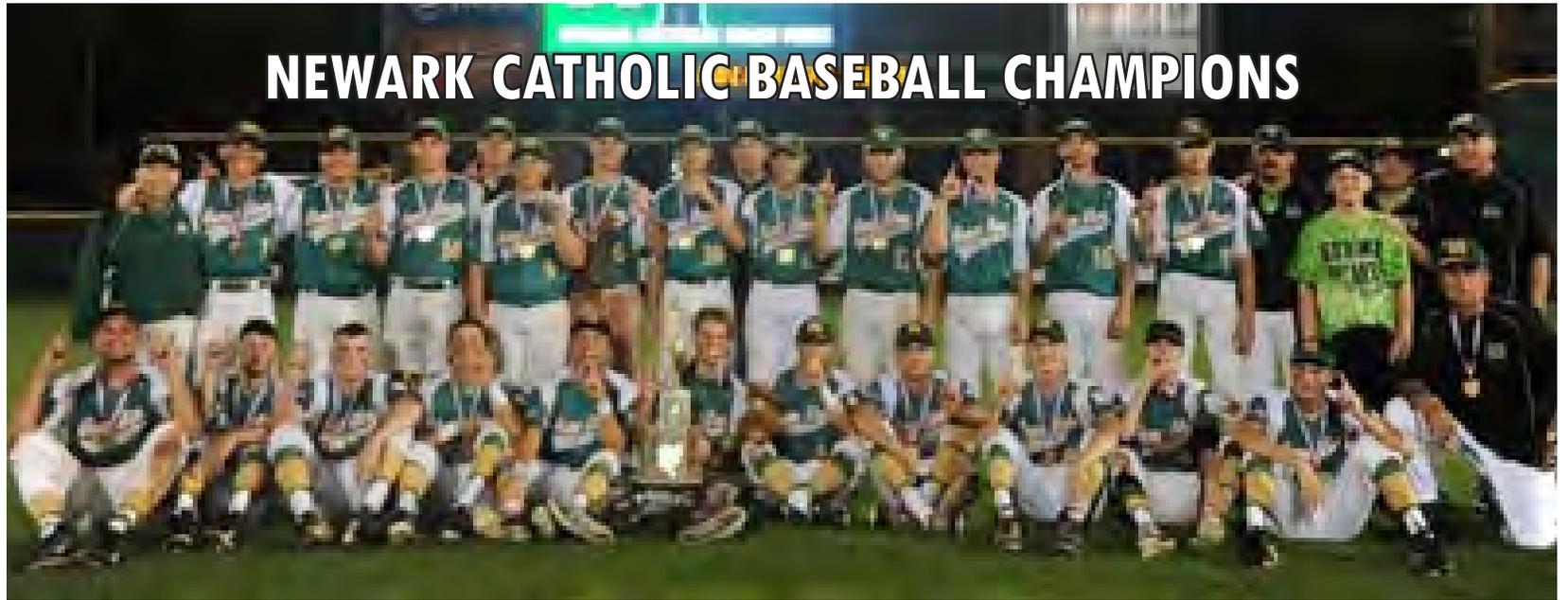
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Lohr, Jud Lewis, Jack Wollenburg, Tanner Marmie, Jon Erhard, Billy Wollenburg, and coach John Cannizzaro; second row, nurse Marie O'Neal, Jody Mummey, Noah Fodor, Drake Nance, assistant coach Doug Marmie, Drew Young, Tanner Lake, Hunter Passwaters, assistant coach Rick Cannizzaro, Ben Bemis, Caleb Claggett, Cam Lewis, Zac Walker, Tyler York, assistant coach Jake Nelson, batboy Shea Mummey, and assistant coaches Danny Mummey and Ed Clark.

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ST. FRANCIS DE SALES LACROSSE CHAMPIONS



Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School won its first girls state Division II lacrosse championship, defeating Chagrin Falls 10-7 at Worthington Kilbourne. Jennie Finotti scored three goals and Abbey Dop and Sophia Finotti each scored two, and Emily Kraker made 10 saves in the title game for the Stallions, who finished with a 19-2 record. Team members are (from left): first row, Ema Pusecker, Adelaide Penzone, Natalie Zolnier, Genevieve Penzone, Jennie Finotti, Sophia Finotti, and assistant coach Lauren Rogers; second row, Hailey Martin, Abbey Dop, Payton Nebraska, Jaelyn Gilmore, Sydney DeCamp, Anneliese Goetz, Grace Lensmire, and Leah Richards; third row, assistant coach Jeff Lensmire, head coach Joe Finotti, Emily Kraker, Grace Kanoski, Hannah Magold, Annie Hazelton, Sara Deakin, Bella Imlay, Annie King, Greta Cargin, Maddie Giersz, and assistant coach Don Bennett.

Photo courtesy St. Francis DeSales High School

AARON WOOD, CHAMPION



Aaron Wood of Lancaster Fisher Catholic High School won his second state championship of the 2015-16 school year last month, finishing first in the Division III 3,200-meter race with a time of 9 minutes 18.61 seconds. In the fall, he was a member of the school's state championship golf team. He is pictured with Fisher track coach Gary Moore and cross country coach Mary Smith in front of the Jesse Owens statue at The Ohio State University just after receiving his gold medal. He also was a member of the All-Diocesan academic honor team and valedictorian of his class, and was selected as the Columbus Dispatch central Ohio male scholar-athlete of the year. He will attend Ohio State in the fall.

Photo courtesy Fisher Catholic High School

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle B)

Martha and Mary are both disciples in different ways



Father
Lawrence L. Hummer

July 17 -- Genesis 18:1-10a;
Colossians 1:24-28;
Luke 10:38-42

The story in Genesis declares at the beginning that “the Lord appeared to Abraham by the terebinth of Mamre.” The Hebrew text for “terebinth” is plural, suggesting a copse of trees (probably oaks) at Mamre, a village south of Hebron. The “three men” represent the divinity in the story in which Abraham offers hospitality to the Lord. It was the dream of every resident of the ancient world to be able to offer hospitality to the gods. Abraham was no different in his desire to serve the Lord.

Note how Abraham goes to the men and begs them to allow him to have water brought to wash their feet, to provide them with rest, and to let him offer them “a little” food. The understatement is typical in such scenes where the chance for offering hospitality is given. The Talmud says, “The pious promise little but perform much.” Abraham then orders Sarah to make rolls for the men, using about 28 cups of flour, which is a huge amount for only three guests. Then he picks a young calf (“tender and choice”) from his flock and orders it prepared. On top of it all, he waits on his guests himself.

The announcement to Abraham that his wife Sarah will have a son in a year is the climax of the scene. It is also an act of generosity on the part of his visitors (the Lord or the Lord’s messengers) after Abraham had offered them (or the Lord) gracious hospitality.

CHANGE IN TV MASS BROADCAST TIMES ON WHIZ-TV DUE TO OLYMPIC COVERAGE

The Diocese of Columbus’ Sunday TV Mass, airing on NBC affiliate WHIZ-TV in Zanesville, will be shown from 7-7:30 a.m. on Sunday, Aug. 7; Sunday, Aug. 14; and Sunday, Aug. 21. The Mass will revert to its regular 10:30-11 a.m. time slot on Sunday, Aug. 28.

This temporary change was necessitated by the NBC network’s pre-emption of local programming because of coverage of the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro on those dates.

The communications office of the Diocese of Columbus has sponsored weekly broadcasts of the Sunday Mass throughout the diocese since the 1950s, providing Mass to those who may be unable to participate with their local parish communities.

Area cable viewers should check their local systems for WHIZ-TV’s cable channel listing.

It was part of the plan of the Lord all along to grant offspring to Abraham and his wife, so it’s not simply a thank offering to Abraham.

The Gospel continues the theme of hospitality in an episode unique to Luke. However, this involves much more than offering hospitality. This story follows the parable of the Good Samaritan (last Sunday’s Gospel), in which hospitality was offered to a half-dead traveler by a Samaritan who cared for and comforted him. The story of Martha and Mary offering hospitality to Jesus is a more traditional type. Luke presents the women as though this is the first time Jesus has met them. Father Joseph Fitzmyer wrote in his two-volume work on Luke in the *Anchor Bible Commentary* series that “its most memorable part is precisely the pronouncement (by Jesus) about Mary’s portion” (page 892).

The contrast here between Martha as the perfect hostess and Mary as the perfect disciple is noteworthy, according to Father Fitzmyer. “Sitting at the feet of one’s master” was the proper position of a disciple to a teacher in the biblical world. Jesus says not only that Mary “has chosen the better part,” but that “it will not be taken from her.” Listening to the word is “the better part,” and Luke is clear in placing Mary in a position as a disciple of Jesus (at his feet).

That leaves Martha, whose concern is the social responsibility of offering hospitality to her guests, which is also the work of a disciple. Her concern about “many things” cannot be outweighed by Mary’s choice to “listen to Jesus,” and Jesus refuses to take it away from her. Martha’s work of “serving” (in Greek, *diakonein*) is important, but hearing the word of Jesus is more important.

The danger of misinterpretation is to read into or fail to read the text as it stands. It is not a question of either/or, but of both/and. Clearly, Jesus welcomed women into his company as disciples. By doing so, he broke with Judaism, which expected the woman’s service, but not her discipleship. Martha and Mary were both disciples “and it will not be taken from” them.

Contact Father Hummer, pastor of Chillicothe St. Mary, at hummerl@stmarychillicothe.com.

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The Weekday Bible Readings

7/18-7/23

7/25-7/30

MONDAY

Micah 6:1-4,6-8
Psalm 50:5-6,8-9,
16b-17,21,23
Matthew 12:38-42

TUESDAY

Micah 7:14-15,18-20
Psalm 85:2-8
Matthew 12:46-50

WEDNESDAY

Jeremiah 1:1,4-10
Psalm 71:1-4a,5-6b,15,17
Matthew 13:1-9

THURSDAY

Jeremiah 2:1-3,7-8,12-13
Psalm 36:6-7b,8-11
Matthew 13:10-17

FRIDAY

Jeremiah 3:14-17
Jeremiah 31:10-12d,13 (Ps)
John 20:1-2,11-18

SATURDAY

Jeremiah 7:1-11
Psalm 84:3-6a,8a,11
Matthew 13:24-30

MONDAY

2 Corinthians 4:7-15
Psalm 126:1b-6
Matthew 20:20-28

TUESDAY

Jeremiah 14:17-22
Psalm 79:8-9,11,13
Matthew 13:36-43

WEDNESDAY

Jeremiah 15:10,16-21
Jeremiah 59:2-4,10-11,17-18
Matthew 13:44-46

THURSDAY

Jeremiah 18:1-6
Psalm 146:1b-6b
Matthew 13:47-53

FRIDAY

Jeremiah 26:1-9
Psalm 69:5,8-10,14
John 11:19-27 or Luke 10:38-42

SATURDAY

Jeremiah 26:11-16,24
Psalm 69:15-16,30-31,33-34
Matthew 14:1-12

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE WEEKS OF JULY 17 AND 24, 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 Weeks IV and I, Seasonal Proper of the Liturgy of the Hours

The Two Most Important Times in Our Lives

This summer hopefully finds most of us with a little down time, thanking God for family and friends, and reflecting on what has just happened in our busy lives and what lies ahead.

Perhaps we even have been able to reflect on the two most important times in our lives – now, and at the hour of our death. This phrase probably is instantly recognizable to many of us because it comes straight out of the Hail Mary, which we have recited numerous times.

We all have a tendency to put off what we should, whether it is going to the doctor, becoming more involved in our faith, or helping those whom we know need our help. However, tomorrow is not promised to us, and we never know what today will bring.

Therefore, while summer is upon us, our lives probably are a little more relaxed, and we are more able to take some time off and see family and friends, we also need to take stock of our lives.

This was brought home to me a few years ago while I was interviewing former Notre Dame football coach Lou Holtz for my first book.

Coach Holtz shared with me some of the thoughts that went through his mind after a big game or a perplexing loss, then concluded the interview by saying,



THE TIDE IS TURNING TOWARD CATHOLICISM

David Hartline

“Dave, there are only two moments that matter in anyone’s life – now, and at the hour of our death.” He joked that it took him only about 70 years to figure this out, but better late than never.

This caused me to think about all of the times I had stewed about things beyond my control. It prompted me to try harder to stop frittering away my time and to get down to business.

I also began to more greatly appreciate the moments when we should relax and enjoy the company of family and friends and the natural beauty God has created.

Even though Ohio doesn’t have the type of natural beauty that one might find in Colorado, California, or Maine, we have our fair share of places where we can travel in a short period of time for relaxation and enjoyment.

We all know family and friends who are at polar op-

posites; workaholics who don’t enjoy life, and lazy people who complain about the things they want to do, but never do them. There has to be a middle ground where we use our God-given talents to better our family and the world and use our time to enjoy what God has created for us.

Priests often tell of visiting people on their deathbeds and hearing tales of what could have been. Too many people lament spending too much time on frivolous activities and carrying grudges against family members and old friends.

Staring death in the face often brings clarity. However, far too many people don’t get that deathbed experience, in which they can make a final confession and prepare themselves for the account all of us must give for the life we lived. For some people, death can come instantly.

Let this summer be the time we realize that the two most important times in our lives are now and the hour of our death, which, of course, is not known to us. Taking stock of our lives this summer might give us some peace of mind, which is a rare gift, perhaps the best gift we ever will give ourselves.

Hartline is the author of “The Tide is Turning Toward Catholicism” and a former teacher and administrator for the diocese.

Employment Opportunity

MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE OFFICE

The Marriage & Family Life Office of the Diocese of Columbus is searching for a qualified individual to serve as Director. This exempt, full-time position is responsible to lead staff and manage programs and resources of the Office in accordance with official Church teaching and Diocesan priorities and concerns with dedication to the promotion of the ideals of Catholic family life and sacramental marriage and ongoing development and maintenance of family ministry on the parish, diocesan, and regional/national levels. This includes but is not limited to: marriage preparation, remarriage preparation, marriage enrichment, natural family planning, parenting, family enrichment, and ministry with the divorced, separated, and bereaved.

Education, Experience, and Qualifications: The applicant must possess a Master’s Degree in family studies or related studies, and a minimum of five years of prior experience in Catholic marriage and family ministry is required. The ability to communicate effectively both in written format and oral presentation; ability to maintain organization, multi-task and establish priorities; ability to work with others in a diverse and collaborative team environment; exhibits initiative, responsibility and flexibility; knowledge of Microsoft software applications (Microsoft Word, Microsoft Outlook, Excel, and PowerPoint) and use of audio visual equipment is required.

Job offer is contingent on the successful passing of the mandatory background screening and completion of the VIRTUS “Protecting God’s Children” course. Salary is commensurate with education and experience. Benefits are according to Diocesan policy.

Send cover letter, resume, and references by July 29, 2016 to:

Dominic Prunte, Director of Human Resources
at dprunte@columbuscatholic.org

Diocese of Columbus Office of Catholic Schools

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND ASSESSMENT FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

The Office of Catholic Schools is seeking a dynamic individual to fill a key position leading the curriculum, instruction, and assessment for elementary schools and other related functions of the Catholic Schools. In addition, the candidate will provide consultative services.

The candidate must be a practicing Catholic and support the mission of the Church. Requires ability to communicate effectively both in written format and orally; excellent strategic planning skills; ability to maintain organization, multi-task and establish priorities; initiative, responsibility and flexibility; creativity for developing and implementing new initiatives; high level of integrity and professionalism; excellent interpersonal skills, including listening and the ability to remember information and history; willingness to provide “hands on” work; ability to research issues using expert materials available on the internet; requires excellent analytical skills and concern for detail. Bachelor’s degree is required; Master’s degree is preferred. Additionally, professional development is mandatory to remain current in best educational practices; Educator’s License from the State of Ohio is required.

Job offer is contingent on the successful passing of background screening and completion of the VIRTUS “Protecting God’s Children” course.

Compensation is commensurate with candidate’s education and experience; benefits are according to Diocesan policy. Qualified candidates should send cover letter, resume, three references and salary requirements to:

Dr. Joe Brettbacher, Episcopal Moderator & Superintendent of Catholic Schools
at jbrettbacher@columbuscatholic.org

Pray for our dead

BREHM, Richard E., 88, June 28
Immaculate Conception Church, Columbus

CARLISLE, Mary J., 88, July 2
St. Mary Church, Groveport

CICALA, Yvette, 81, June 25
St. Leonard Church, Heath

CORIELL, Roger C., 82, June 22
St. Peter in Chains Church, Wheelersburg

CRIST, Thomas P., 58, July 6
Immaculate Conception Church, Columbus

DAY, Richard T., 79, July 8
Christ the King Church, Columbus

DOUD, James V., 86, June 30
St. Mark Church, Lancaster

DUFFY, Daniel J., 56, June 25
St. Matthew Church, Gahanna

FABIANO, Nancy, 75, June 23
St. Joseph Church, Dover

FOLIAN, Ronald H., 68, June 27
St. Paul Church, Westerville

FOWLES, Mary L., 67, June 24
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

FUERSTENBERG, Robert, 73, June 11
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

HAUGHN, Dr. Christopher T., 46, formerly of Columbus, July 5
St. John the Baptist Church, Newburgh, Ind.

HODGSON, Donald P., 78, June 27
St. Brigid of Kildare Church, Dublin

JONES, Robert, 75, June 22
St. Joseph Church, Dover

KHOURY, Helen L., 91, June 28
St. Aloysius Church, Columbus

KULP, Margaret, 94, June 29
St. Margaret of Cortona Church, Columbus

LAMB, Dianne M., 41, July 9
St. Mary Church, Lancaster

LANZA, Joseph, 90, June 29
St. Joseph Church, Dover

LEDDY, Daniel A., 51, July 3
St. Patrick Church, Columbus

LIPARI, Dominic T., 92, June 29
St. Pius X Church, Reynoldsburg

LYNCH, Marlene M., 74, June 30
St. Peter Church, Columbus

MILLAR, Jerome, 76, July 8
St. James the Less Church, Columbus

NIGRO, Joan, 76, July 4
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

PACZULA, Waldemar, 72, June 25
Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, Columbus

PANEK, Rosemarie, 88, of Orient, July 2
St. Bede Church, Ingleside, Ill.

PHILLIPS, John D., 87, July 10
St. Leo Church, Columbus

RENKER, Marie R., 98, of Columbus, July 4
St. Jude Church, Elyria

SCHUBERT, William J., 89, July 4
Christ the King Church, Columbus

SEHRING, Dorothy M., 85, June 26
Church of the Resurrection, New Albany

SENS, Patrick C., 56, July 5
St. Mary Church, Marion

SERRA, Serena, 60, June 9
Our Lady of Peace Church, Columbus

SMULLEN, Cynthia M., 46, June 24
St. Peter Church, Columbus

SNIDER, Margaret A., 91, July 8
St. Anthony Church, Columbus

STEWART, Patricia A., 70, July 1
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Grove City

WURTZ, Ronald J., 73, July 9
St. Matthew Church, Gahanna

Thomas E. Fry

Funeral Mass for Thomas E. Fry, 99, who died Thursday, June 16, was held Monday, June 20, at Columbus Sacred Heart Church. Burial was at Resurrection Cemetery, Lewis Center.

He was employed as a custodian at Columbus St. Matthias School for about 15 years and as a watchman at

the St. Raphael Home for the Aged in Columbus for more than 30 years until it closed in the late 1990s.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Madeleine. Survivors include his daughter, Marie (Julius) Manshum; two grandsons; one granddaughter; and seven great-grandchildren.

Sister Ann Bailie, OP

Funeral Mass for Sister Ann Bailie, OP, 87, who died Monday, July 4 at the Mohun Health Care Center, was held Thursday, July 7 at the Motherhouse of the Dominican Sisters of Peace. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus.

She was born on March 28, 1929, in New York City to Alexander and Agnes (Darragh) Bailie. She graduated from Dominican Academy in New York and earned a bachelor of arts degree in French from Manhattan College in 1954, a master of arts degree in French from Laval University in Quebec City, Canada, in 1961, and an additional degree in French literature from New York University in 1971.

She entered the former Dominican Sisters of St. Mary of the Springs in

1948, made her profession of vows on July 9, 1950, and was given the name Sister Alexandrine.

In the Diocese of Columbus, she taught at Somerset Holy Trinity School in 1955-56 and was principal of St. Mary of the Springs Academy in Columbus from 1961-65. She also taught in New York, Pennsylvania, and Connecticut, serving from 1970-92 and 1994-2010 as associate professor of French at Albertus Magnus College in New Haven, Connecticut. She served as a congregational volunteer in the Motherhouse from 2010 until her death.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Father Robert Bailie, OP, and Alexander; and sister, Sister Ellen Bailie, OP,

Jon J. Altman

Funeral Mass for Jon J. Altman, 85, who died Saturday, June 25, was held Friday, July 8 at Columbus Christ the King Church. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus.

He was born Feb. 20, 1931, in Columbus to Norman and Nettie Mae Altman, was a 1953 graduate of John Carroll University, and for many years was president of The Altman Co., a construction firm which has built or remodeled many churches, schools, hospitals, and commercial buildings in the Diocese of Columbus.

He received the Catholic Man of the Year award from the Catholic Men's Luncheon Club in 1996, principally for his work with the Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs, which he served as a founding member and as

advisory committee chairman for 40 years. He also was the longtime chairman of festival committees for his parish and Columbus Bishop Hartley High School, was a lector and an extraordinary minister of the Eucharist, and was a member of the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre, the Knights of Columbus, and the Serra Club.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Mildred (Wellnitz); brother, Norman; and sisters, Dorothy Gordon and Janice Briley. Survivors include sons, Joseph (Melissa) and Norman (Robin); daughters, Catherine (Robert) Jones, Teresa (Thomas) Ozarzak, Christina Kaiser, and Angela (David) Parker; brother, James (Joellen); 19 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Luciano G. Serraglio

Funeral Mass for Luciano G. Serraglio, 87, who died Wednesday, July 6, was held Saturday, July 9, at Reynoldsburg St. Pius X Church. Burial was at Holy Cross Cemetery, Pataskala.

He was born Dec. 4, 1928 in Italy to the late Alfonso Serraglio and Maria Crespi.

He came to the United States in 1972 with his wife and children and owned and operated his own construction

business for more than 30 years. After retirement, he painted and created stained-glass artwork, for which he won several awards.

Survivors include his wife, Maria; son, Mario; daughters, Gabriella (Eric) Rupert and Luciana Pierson; brothers, Msgr. Mario Serraglio, a retired priest of the Diocese of Columbus, Giovanni (Caterina), and Vincenzo; sister, Anna; and six grandchildren.

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JULY

14, 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.

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."

An entry into the Guide will be \$18.50 for the first six lines, and \$2.65 for each additional line.

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

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 197 E. Gay St., Columbus OH 43215
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15, 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

16, SATURDAY

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Mass at Holy Family

9 a.m., Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St., Columbus. Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. 614-221-4323

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.

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

17, SUNDAY

Blessing of St. Gerard Majella at Holy Family

After 11 a.m. Mass, Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St., Columbus. Blessing of St. Gerard Majella, patron of expectant mothers, for all women who are pregnant or wish to become pregnant. 614-221-1890

Angelic Warfare Confraternity at Columbus St. Patrick

Following noon Mass, St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Monthly meeting of Angelic Warfare Confraternity, with talk on chastity-related issues followed by Holy Hour. 614-224-9522

St. Padre Pio Secular Franciscans

1:30 to 5 p.m., St. John the Baptist Church, 720 Hamlet St., Columbus. Fellowship and ongoing formation followed by adoration and prayer, Liturgy of the Hours, and initial formation with visitors. 614-282-4676

Taize Evening Prayer at Corpus Christi

4 to 5 p.m., Corpus Christi Center of Peace, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus. Evening Prayer in the style and spirit of the Taize monastic community, with song, silence, and reflection. 614-512-3731

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

'Romans' Concert at London St. Patrick

6 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 61 S. Union St., London. Concert by Catholic musical group "Romans" as part of parish's 150th anniversary. 740-852-0942

Spanish Mass at Columbus St. Peter

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

18, MONDAY

Mass of Healing and Healing Service at Cathedral

6:30 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Mass of Healing, followed by healing service including Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and veneration of relic of the True Cross. Priests will be on hand for discussion and prayer and the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be available. 614-224-1295

19, TUESDAY

Rosary for Life at St. Joan of Arc

Following 6:15 p.m. Mass, St. Joan of Arc Church, 10700

Liberty Road, Powell. Recital of Rosary for Life, sponsored by church's respect life committee.

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

20, WEDNESDAY

Abortion Recovery Network Group

9:30 to 10:30 a.m., Westerville Area Resource Ministry, 150 Heatherdown Drive, Westerville. Abortion recovery network group meeting for anyone recovering from abortion or who has been through a recovery program and wants to stay connected. 614-721-2100

Mass of Peace and Healing at Cathedral

5:15 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Bishop Frederick Campbell celebrates Mass of peace and healing, followed by holy hour and rosary, in conjunction with diocesan Black Catholic Ministries. 614-228-2453

21, THURSDAY

St. Mary Magdalene Speaker Series

Noon, St. Mary Magdalene Church, 473 S. Roys Ave., Columbus. Parish Year of Mercy series continues with brown-bag lunch program, with Rachel Muha, founder of the Run the Race Club, speaking on "Forgiveness." RSVP to 614-274-1121, extension 13.

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.

Cookout for Young Adults at Newman Center

6 p.m., St. Thomas More Newman Center, 64 W. Lane Ave., Columbus. Summer cookout for Catholic young adults, sponsored by diocesan Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, with representatives from parish young adult groups, young professional groups, and Theology on Tap. Hamburgers, hot dogs, beer, pop provided; bring a side dish and a \$5 donation. 614-241-2565

Abortion Recovery Network Group

7 to 8 p.m., Gateway Center, 2670 N. Columbus St., Lancaster. Abortion recovery network group meeting for anyone recovering from abortion or who has been through a recovery program and wants to stay connected. 614-721-2100

Holy Hour of Reparation at Columbus Sacred Heart

7 to 8 p.m., Sacred Heart Church, 893 Hamlet St., Columbus. Eucharistic Holy Hour following Holy Hour of Reparation prayer format, concluding with Benediction and social period. 614-372-5249

'Superheroes and Social Justice' at de Porres Center

7 to 9 p.m., Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus. "Superheroes and Social Justice" program on using comic-book heroes to help explore the seven themes of Catholic social teaching. 614-416-1910

22, 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

23, 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.

Shepherd's Corner Fall Gardening Program

1 to 3 p.m., Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. Program for gardeners on how to extend their harvest into the fall and winter, led by staff member Leslie Markworth. Suggested donation \$7. Registration deadline July 20. 614-866-4302

Shepherd's Corner Labyrinth Walk

7 to 8:30 p.m., Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. Labyrinth walk led by Joy Lawrence. Suggested donation \$5. Registration deadline July 21. 614-866-4302

24, SUNDAY

St. Catherine of Bologna Secular Franciscans

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

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

25, MONDAY

Bethesda Post-Abortion Healing Ministry

6:30 p.m., support group meeting, 2744 Dover Road, Columbus (Christ the King convent, first building west of the church). 614-718-0277, 614-309-2651, 614-309-0157

Our Lady of Peace Men's Bible Study

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

26, TUESDAY

Padre Pio Prayer Group at St. John the Baptist

12:30 p.m., St. John the Baptist Church, 168 E. Lincoln Ave., Columbus. Padre Pio Prayer Group meeting, including rosary, devotions, and 1 p.m. Mass. 614-294-5319

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

28, 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.

29, 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

30, SATURDAY

Life and Mercy Mass in Plain City

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

DeSales Class of 1981 Reunion

4 p.m., 1238 S. Watkins Road, Alexandria. Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School Class of 1981 35th-anniversary reunion. \$20 per person cost includes steak or salmon, plus sides. BYOB, Registration deadline July 22. Go to Class of 1981 Facebook page for more information.



BOOK REVIEW

TRUTH TAKES US TO WHERE WE YEARN

“How God Hauled Me Kicking and Screaming Into the Catholic Church”
by Kevin Lowry.

Reviewed by Theresa Thomas

Sometimes a parent just has to drag a kid where he doesn't want to go: the grocery store, swimming lessons, the doctor's office, even church. The parent does this because he or she is not shortsighted, as a child might be. The parent knows what the child needs for the long term: food, life skills, a checkup, and, in the case of church, spiritual direction and faith.

Like the good Father He is, God also leads His children where they need to go, even if they fight Him the whole way. He is a relentless pursuer, bent on giving the best. Local author Kevin Lowry knows this first-hand.

How God Hauled Me Kicking and Screaming Into the Catholic Church is the story of how a troublemaker, smart-aleck kid, and unlikely candidate for any religion was pursued quite sneakily by God, became a devout Catholic,

and developed gratitude for the push of a loving Parent. The book is thoughtful, funny, informative, and inspiring.

You'll love it.

“To put it mildly, I was as cocky as they come. Since the time I'd been a small child, I'd been considered gifted; by the time I was sixteen, I thought that meant I was extraordinary. Not only that, I was running amok in the manner of many teenaged boys: having a good time, not caring about ... the future, driving everyone crazy with my world class self-centeredness and devil-may-care approach to life,” Lowry writes.

Lowry ran with the wrong crowd, drank too much, and swore like a sailor. He describes events in his young life that may be all too common to the modern secular American guy (although he's Canadian). And he absolutely had no interest in Catholicism.

“What I thought I knew could probably be boiled down to this: Catholics, generally speaking, were a superstitious and backward-looking bunch

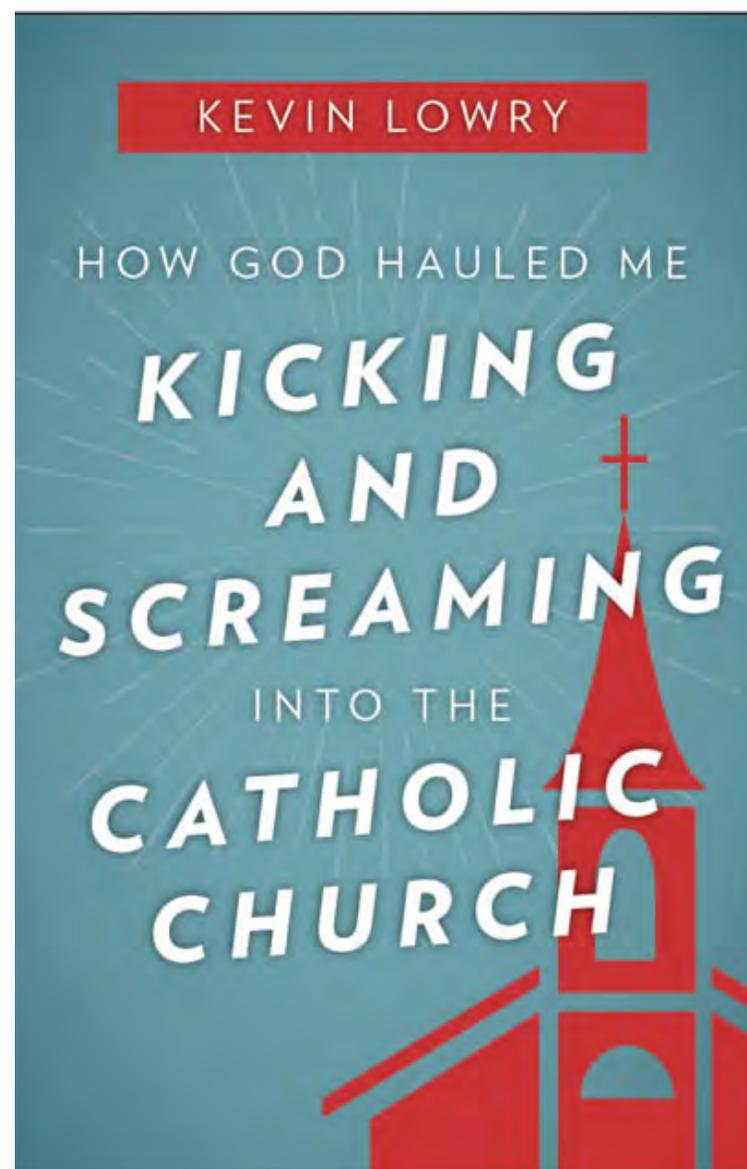
who thought they knew everything and wanted to control everyone,” he says.

When I read this passage from the book, I thought, “Uh oh. God is about to change things.”

And He did.

Lowry experienced a pivotal moment which slowly began to awaken his conscience. I won't give it all away, but it had to do with mouthing off and being on the receiving end of a ginormous, literal slap in the face. From there, God's plan continued to unfold. Part of that plan, it seems, was the presence and influence of a cute blonde college girl and her semester's choice of classes. Taking unexpected turn after unexpected turn, Lowry eventually finds himself not only smack in the middle of the Catholic faith, but on fire for the love of God and for the first Christian church.

This is Part I of the book: Lowry's personal journey. I actually found myself wishing the chapters were longer. I love that Lowry is honest about his shortcomings, at times being self-deprecating



and humorous. Yet the book contains wisdom and deep reflection that goes far beyond an entertaining narrative.

Part II addresses a non-Catholic's potential stumbling blocks to the faith, and offers perspective and answers to those topics. These potential stumbling blocks include the Eucharist, confession, the Mystical Body of Christ, Mary, faith vs. works, authority, the Church's imperfections, and what Lowry categorizes as “The Worst Stumbling Block of All: Me.”

How God Hauled Me Kicking and Screaming Into the Catholic Church would be a great gift. It's a faith booster for a faithful cradle Catholic or new convert, and a gentle read for the person struggling with religion. I could even see it being used in faith forma-

tion classes. Certainly, every parish needs a copy.

God is sneaky. He takes us where we may not want to go. He takes us where we can have Real Food, learn life's lessons, be inoculated against dangerous things, and find Truth. Sometimes, yes, as Kevin Lowry shares in his book, God even hauls us kicking and screaming, right into what we directly need and have been yearning for all along.

Five stars for this outstanding book.

Theresa Thomas is a mother of nine, a family columnist for *Today's Catholic News*, contributor to several books, and co-author of *Big Hearted: Inspiring Stories from Every Day Families* (Scepter Publishers).



FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI CELEBRATIONS IN THE DIOCESE

CHILICOTHE PROCESSION

Chillicothe St. Peter Church had its annual Eucharistic procession on Sunday, May 29, the Feast of Corpus Christi. Participants sang hymns, said prayers, and paused to receive a blessing from Jesus Himself in Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Father William Hahn and Father Sean Dooley carried the Blessed Sacrament in the monstrance. They were escorted by members of Knights of Columbus Council 15793 and 10 altar servers. The Knights provided a light lunch in the parish courtyard following the procession.

Photo courtesy St. Peter Church



LOGAN ST. JOHN CELEBRATION

The annual Fairfield-Hocking-Pickaway Deanery celebration of the Feast of Corpus Christi took place on Sunday, May 29 at Logan St. John Church. It opened with Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by an outdoor Eucharistic procession around the block surrounding the church. In attendance were the church's pastor, Father William Ferguson (holding monstrance); Father Peter Gideon, pastor of Lancaster St. Mark Church; Deacons Don Robers, Mark Scarpitti, Jeff Carpenter, and Frank Sullivan; and parishioners from Logan and Lancaster. The celebration ended with Benediction and a social.

Photo courtesy Deacon Don Robers

ZALESKI ST. SYLVESTER PROCESSION

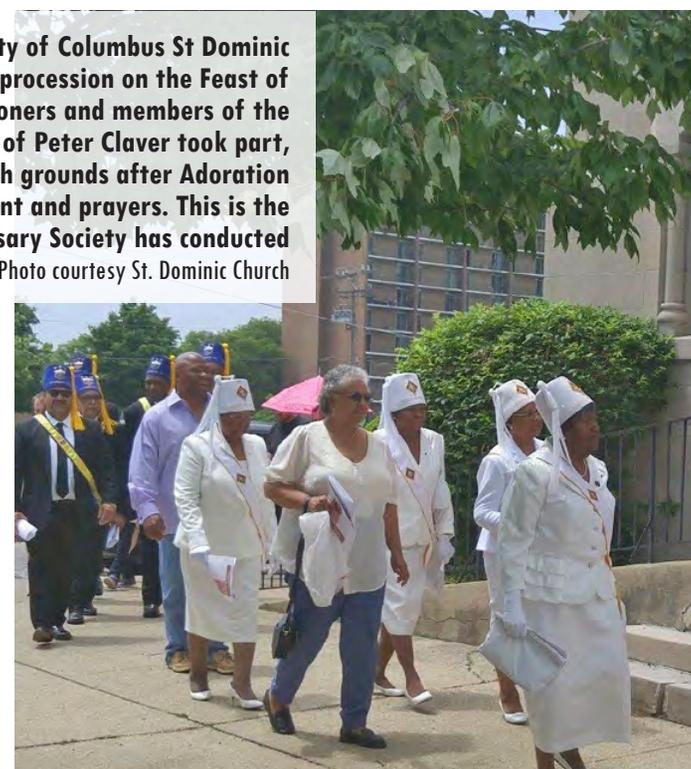


Father Michael Hartge (holding monstrance), assisted by Deacon Reed Hauser, led parishioners of Zaleski St. Sylvester Church in a Eucharistic procession in honor of the Feast of Corpus Christi. During the half-mile procession through the village of Zaleski, the faithful sang hymns and paused for silent prayer. The procession ended with Benediction and a potluck lunch. Servers pictured are (from left) Megan Cheadle, Grace Perry, Ryan Perry, and Rachel Cheadle.

Photo courtesy Frank Hartge III

ST. DOMINIC PROCESSION

The Altar-Rosary Society of Columbus St Dominic Church sponsored a procession on the Feast of Corpus Christi. Parishioners and members of the Knights and Ladies of Peter Claver took part, walking around the parish grounds after Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and prayers. This is the second year the Altar-Rosary Society has conducted the event. Photo courtesy St. Dominic Church



Pilgrims from London St. Patrick talk about their visit to Ireland

They visited ancient monasteries and cemeteries, kissed the Blarney Stone, and tipped a bit of good Irish whiskey.

It was the trip of a lifetime for 21 members of London St. Patrick Church, who returned to the “auld sod” for 10 days in April as part of the church’s 150th anniversary celebration.

A total of 36 people — mostly friends and family of parishioners — flew to Dublin, Ireland, on April 11. Guide Joe Lavery met them at the airport and proved a valuable escort and driver as their bus circled the Emerald Isle’s 26 southern counties.

“He (Lavery) was fantastic,” said Father Mark Ghiloni, pastor of the London church. “He was recently elected the top guide in Ireland.”

Lavery led the group to a crystal factory in Waterford, a tweed store in Donegal, and marble works in Connemara.

But it wasn’t all shopping.

They hiked the Cliffs of Moher in Galway and circled the Ring of Kerry near Killarney.

“The ring was a high point for me,” Father Ghiloni said.

Former Madison County Sheriff Steve Saltsman said a cool, rainy day did not dampen his enthusiasm for Moher’s spectacular scenery.

Saltsman, his wife, Donna, and sisters-in-law Linda Mark and Judy Kelly

were among the first to sign up for the trip.

“I had never been to Ireland, and my ancestors (mother’s side) came from Galway,” Saltsman said.

London businessman Mike Quilter and wife Donna joined the tour for the same reason.

“I have family in Ireland and my ancestors came from there,” Quilter said.

Like Saltsman, Quilter was impressed with the Cliffs of Moher and the green Irish countryside.

“They have some very nice whiskeys, too,” he added.

Quilter brought a few bottles home.

“I am saving them for a special occasion,” he said.

Historic sites on the group’s itinerary included the grave of poet William Butler Yeats in County Sli-

go and Blarney Castle in County Cork, where kissing the famous stone to acquire the gift of gab involved lying upside down.

Father Ghiloni skipped that physically demanding task.

St. Patrick Church secretary Julie Walker said kissing the Blarney Stone and attending Mass at the Shrine of Knock in Coun-



Above: The tour group from London St. Patrick Church which traveled to Ireland for 10 days in April.

Below: Father Mark Ghiloni, St. Patrick pastor, celebrates Mass at the Shrine of Knock. Photos courtesy St. Patrick Church



ty Mayo were her favorite tour stops.

The shrine commemorates an apparition of the Virgin Mary, St. Joseph, St. John the Evangelist, a lamb, and a cross on Aug. 21, 1879. Fifteen people reported seeing the apparition on the church wall that day.

The final two days of the tour were spent in Dublin, where the group stopped at Trinity College to view the Book of Kells. The gospel manuscript, hand-transcribed by Irish monks around 800 AD, is one of the world’s most historically significant documents.

They also visited Dublin’s St. Patrick’s Cathedral — now a Protestant institution — and Phoenix Park, which is home to both the Republic of Ireland’s president and the U.S. ambassador.

While Ireland is not famous for its cuisine, most of the food was very good, Father Ghiloni said.

Local planning for the trip began about a year ago through Connecticut-based Nawas International. The company coordinated a 2013 parish trip to Italy.

“They are very Catholic-oriented and Catholic-friendly,” Father Ghiloni said.

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