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## The Editor's Notebook

*Reaching Out With Mercy*

By David Garick, Editor



In his 2016 Lenten message, Pope Francis called the faithful to place special emphasis on the spiritual and corporal works of mercy this Lent, taking into account the current Jubilee Year of Mercy.

"God's mercy transforms human hearts; it enables us, through the experience of a faithful love, to become merciful in turn," the pope said.

The spiritual and corporal works of mercy, the pontiff said, "remind us that faith finds expression in concrete everyday actions meant to help our neighbors in body and spirit: by feeding, visiting, comforting, and instructing them."

This past weekend, I had the opportunity to hear Father Tony Stevens of the Fathers of Mercy preach a homily on this subject. He reduced this call to mercy to its basics, the "ABCs": A – Ask for God's mercy. B – Be merciful to others. C – Completely trust in God's love.

We have some very good examples of the working of that mercy in this week's *Catholic Times*.

One of the chief aspects of mercy is to allow God to take away our sins. All the priests in the Catholic Church are ordained to do just that. But first, we have to ask.

We have to humble ourselves and admit our shortcomings and ask Jesus, through the priest, to take those sins away.

As part of the Holy Year of Mercy, Pope Francis has commissioned more than 1,000 priests worldwide to be special missionaries of mercy during this special year. Four of those missionaries are Dominican friars here in

Columbus.

We must be merciful to others. Pope Francis is in Mexico this week, and his message throughout this trip has been a show of mercy to the people of Mexico who are dealing with a crisis of drugs, crime, health issues, poverty, and corruption.

He calls on all of us to live the spiritual gifts of mercy to our brothers and sisters in Mexico and around the world.

And we must seek mercy by coming to Christ in complete confidence in God's love. One way that comes about is through evangelization and conversion.

This past weekend, we experienced the Rite of Election in the Diocese of Columbus, in which hundreds of men and women answered the call of Christ and stood before Bishop Frederick Campbell seeking baptism or full communion in the Catholic Church.

Just as Cornelius, the Roman centurion, sought our Peter 2,000 years ago because he, a Gentile, saw the mighty power of Christ and wanted to be part of the growing Christian community, these modern converts seek God's mercy and love that can only be fully realized through the Church.

When Peter baptized Cornelius, he became the first non-Jew to receive the Holy Spirit through baptism. The Holy Spirit will come to these Elect who will now receive the Holy Spirit at the Easter Vigil.

We have much to be thankful for in this special Year of Mercy.

## Pope expresses joy after meeting Russian Orthodox patriarch



By Cindy Wooden  
*Catholic News Service*

Though their differences are recognizable and real, Pope Francis and Russian Orthodox Patriarch Kirill of Moscow emphasized their obligation as Christians and as bishops to encourage collaboration among Christians and charity for all who suffer.

"I felt an interior joy that truly came from the Lord," the pope told reporters traveling with him on Friday, Feb. 12 as he flew to Mexico from Havana, where he met the patriarch. The Vatican had told reporters on the plane that the pope would not be speaking to them after the meeting, but the pope said he wanted to share what he was feeling.

"It was a conversation of brothers," Pope Francis said. The conversation was marked by freedom and "complete frankness," he said.

Cardinal Kurt Koch, president of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, and Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk,

director of foreign relations for the Moscow Patriarchate, were present for the meeting, along with two translators, the pope said.

Together, they discussed concrete proposals for working together, "because unity is made by walking," the pope said. Even if the goal of full unity is not reached in this lifetime, he said, "at least when the Lord comes, he'll find us walking."

Pope Francis said the joint statement he and Patriarch Kirill signed in the presence of Cuban President Raul Castro "is not a political statement, it's not a sociological statement; it is a pastoral declaration."

While the two leaders insisted on the need to stop the persecution of Christians in the Middle East and North Africa and condemned abortion and euthanasia, they used much more careful language to discuss two issues that made their meeting so surprising: the life of the Ukrainian Catholic Church and the war in

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*Front Page photo:* Amanda Walls, a catechumen who will join the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil, signs the Book of the Elect at the diocesan Rite of Election on Sunday, Feb. 14 at Westerville St. Paul Church.

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## Pope pushes 'door of mercy' wider, sends missionaries to local parishes

By Carol Glatz

Catholic News Service

After opening holy doors in Rome to begin the Year of Mercy, Pope Francis has pushed those passages even wider by sending forth hundreds of missionaries of mercy to every corner of the earth.

Their special mission, he has said, is to be a living witness of God's closeness and love – to knock on the doors of people's hearts and let God into their lives, especially those who have become distant from the church.

Another part of their mission is to emphasize the importance of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

"We hear hours of confession a day," said Dominican Father Michael Mary Dosch of St. Patrick Church in Columbus, Ohio. Making the Sacrament of Reconciliation visible and seeing long lines of people waiting before the confessionals at his parish actually inspire and draw people who normally wouldn't think of needing to confess, he said.

Father Dosch said offering people hope in the confessional means helping them see the ways God is already working in their lives, lifting them up in little or big ways.

Feeling that encouragement and being open to God's grace are the key to breaking the discouraging cycle of sin, he said.

But it's a two-way street, Father Dosch said. God "is working their salvation with them. It's not magic. It's God's grace working upon natural efforts. He won't do it without them."

*(Father Dosch and three other Dominicans who serve at St. Patrick Church – Fathers Thomas Blau, Boniface Endorf, and Cassian Derbes – were among more than 1,100 religious and diocesan priests who applied and received a special papal mandate to be missionaries of mercy.)*

*Many of the missionaries, including Father Dosch, traveled to Rome to be commissioned in person by the pope on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 10. Fathers Blau, Endorf, and Derbes remained in Columbus.)*

This year's Jubilee of Mercy has special significance for the Dominican order, which is celebrating its 800th anniversary throughout the year, said Dominican Father Pius Pietrzyk, who is in Rome for his doctoral studies in canon law. *(Father Pietrzyk served as parochial vicar at St. Nicholas Church in Zanesville, Ohio, from 2008 to 2011.)*

The Dominicans have a special charism of preaching "to explain what mercy truly is" and providing that teaching to the modern world, he said. Preaching God's truth is a sign of mercy, Father Pietrzyk added, because it steers people away from "dangerous ideas" and harm.

Another missionary of mercy, Jesuit Father Richard Shortall, said the jubilee's call for a church to "open wide the doors" has percolated down to local dioceses so that all people, not just Catholics and



**Left: Pope Francis blesses a clergyman during a Feb. 9 meeting with missionaries of mercy. Right: Dominican Father Michael Mary Dosch, pastor of Columbus St. Patrick Church, who is a missionary of mercy, pictured on Feb. 10 outside St. Peter's Square. CNS photos/L'Osservatore Romano (left), Carol Glatz (right)**

Christians, can feel welcome.

Father Shortall, a native New Zealander, said he will serve as "a missionary on wheels" for Australia's extensive Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle, taking God's mercy on the road to more than two dozen rural communities that lack a resident priest.

Having the camper, donated by the diocese, will allow him to pull up to a parish, plug into an outlet for electricity, and carry out his ministry.

An online calendar shows where Father Shortall will be, as well as a telephone number to contact. He said he plans on setting up a whiteboard with times throughout the day so that people can reserve a slot to sit down with him, either in the church or outside if being inside a church makes them uncomfortable.

"We have lost so many people in our congregations because of the history in Australia of the sin of the sexual abuse of children and others, and practices of bullying," he said. The Year of Mercy is another opportunity "of dealing with that" and reconnecting people to God, Father Shortall said.

His hope for the jubilee is to help people "tell their story" because so many want to be heard "and to have their hurt acknowledged." Through confession or prayerful conversations, he wants to help people leave their hurt behind and "experience the healing offered by a God of mercy."

Dominican Father John Maria Devaney works primarily as a hospital chaplain in New York City. "The

greatest thing I see," he said, is when people who have been away from the faith discover "we can always heal the soul, even if the body is falling apart."

It is never too late to be reconciled to God, who is always there through the priest, who will "sit down with these people – gently, calmly – the way Christ would meet the woman at the well" and have a one-on-one encounter that offers peace, mercy, and reconciliation.

"You see the change in the people," that despite their body failing, "the soul just shines brightly again every time we encounter the mercy of Christ," he said.

Many of the missionaries of mercy belong to religious orders. Father Devaney said religious congregations have always been "kind of the special forces in the church," ready to take on special challenges "and unique and new opportunities."

Capuchin Father David Songy said he was inspired to apply as a missionary of mercy because he saw the mandate fitted neatly with his current ministry.

As president of St. Luke Institute in Maryland, he heads a facility that helps priests and religious who are struggling with addictions and psychological problems to rediscover God's mercy.

It's often difficult for pastors, who are so used to taking care of other people, to realize they are weak, too, and should ask for help. Their patients' ministry to others has suffered, he said, because "you cannot give mercy until you know how to receive it."

Father Songy said being a confessor is part of the Capuchin charism, and he urged all priests to focus on hearing confession during the Year of Mercy.

"I know many priests will say, 'Well, they don't come.' (But) if you're there, they will come. If you pray while you are waiting for them," he said, "if you give yourself to the people, this gift of mercy, they're going to be attracted to that and they will come."



## PRACTICAL STEWARDSHIP

By Rick Jeric

### Chair

How was your cardio workout last week? A practical and conscious effort to show the love of Jesus Christ to others can really get our hearts pumping. I recall the workout my heart would get on those first dates with girls, trying to figure out when or if I should hold her hand, put my arm around her, or even kiss her goodnight. I was always worried that she would hear the booming thump of my heart, as it seemed deafening to me. All that excitement, nervousness, and adrenaline let me know that this was all something special, and the initial stages of that thing called love. Attraction is a strange, but beautiful thing. As human beings, we become attracted to others for a variety of reasons. One such person may eventually become our spouse. The love of God is present in all these attractions. It is up to us to do good things with that love, raising good children and families, and furthering that love by living our faith. As Catholic Christians, we remain attracted to God, His Son Jesus Christ, and His Holy Spirit. It is up to us to do good things with that burning love and attraction, too.

This Monday is the feast of the Chair of St. Peter. It is also the recognition of George Washington's birthday. Last Monday was the annual holiday we now call Presidents Day. Can we learn anything from all three of these? Presidents Day is a holiday for many, and is a federal holiday for sure. No mail, no work for federal employees, many banks and businesses are closed, and, thankfully, no IRS and no Congress in session. We take time to recognize the honor and respect we have for the office of President of the United States. So in addition to a day off, shopping and sales on spring clothing, and a three-day weekend, we take some time to think about the fine example of our presidents, right? How far back in history did you go just now to think of someone worthy of a national holiday? George Washington's birthday used to be a holiday by itself. So was Feb. 12, Abraham Lincoln's birthday. I remember having both of those days off school when I was young. However we choose to honor great leaders such as these, there is a certain amount of authority, awe, and reverence that we have for them. Even though we never met them, we know from our education in history how much of an impact they had on our country and society. St. Peter could be the most famous of all the saints. Everyone – Catholic, Christian, or otherwise – knows who St. Peter is. He is the keeper of the “pearly gates” of Heaven. Most of all, he was the first pope, and therefore the first leader of the Church after Jesus' Ascension. There is no holiday necessary. His authority, awe, and reverence go without saying. The authority and leadership are what we celebrate with the feast of the Chair of St. Peter. Our Catholic Christian tradition teaches us that any bishop's authority is *ex cathedra*, or “from the chair.” That is why each bishop of a diocese has his own special chair, and why the “mother church” of a diocese is called a cathedral.

Our practical challenge this week is to celebrate the importance of the Chair and authority of St. Peter. It does not mean that we blindly follow whatever is said or written, without prayer and cultivation in our own hearts and souls. But it does mean that there is truth, morality, guidance, values, and simple right versus wrong that is found in the succession of leadership in our Church that started with St. Peter. Google it, study it, be open to it, and embrace it.

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## Antonin Scalia, Supreme Court justice, dies

By Catholic News Service

Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia, the longest-serving justice on the court, died of apparent natural causes at a resort in west Texas on Saturday, Feb. 13. He was 79.

Scalia, a Catholic, was appointed in 1986 by President Ronald Reagan. Five of the remaining eight justices also are Catholic.

In a statement, Texas Gov. Greg Abbott called Scalia “a man of God, a patriot, and an unwavering defender of the written Constitution and the rule of law.”

“He was the solid rock who turned away so many attempts to depart from and distort the Constitution,” he said in a statement in which he promised to keep the Scalia family in his prayers.

In 1992, Scalia told a group of high school students at Washington's Georgetown Visitation High School that as Catholics, they might feel out of step with the rest of the world, but they should learn to accept it and take pride in it.

He said he was raised a Catholic when the religion was not in the mainstream.

“When I was the age of you young



ladies, the church provided obtrusive reminders that we were different,” he said, referring to meatless Fridays and Sunday-morning fasts before receiving Communion. These practices “were not just to toughen us up,” but to “require us to be out of step,” he said.

Scalia noted the sense of “differentness” should have enabled Catholics “to be strong enough on bigger issues” such as abortion, contraception, and di-

vorce.

He also spoke of what he called the necessary distinction between church and state.

“The business of the state is not God's business,” he said.

In 1994, he was honored by The Catholic University of America with the James Cardinal Gibbons Medal, given for service to the nation, the Catholic Church, or the university.

He was born in Trenton, New Jersey, on March 11, 1936. In 1953, he graduated first in his class from Jesuit-run Xavier High School in Manhattan. He then attended Georgetown University and Harvard Law School.



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Four legislators who represent portions of the Diocese of Columbus have been recognized for their steadfast support and commitment on behalf of Catholic schools, students, and their families.

able to incoming kindergarten, first-grade, and second-grade students whose family income is at or below 200 percent of federal poverty guidelines. *Scholarships for both of these programs were increased. At*

Sens. Jim Hughes of Columbus, Kevin Bacon of Minerva Park, and Chris Widener of Springfield, and Rep. Andrew Brenner of Powell were among 14 legislators who were identified by the Catholic Conference of Ohio (CCO) for supporting policy and budgetary provisions for Catholic schools and students in the state's current two-year budget bill. That legislation was signed last July by Gov. John Kasich, who also was recognized by the CCO.

*the K-8 level, these scholarships increased from \$4,250 to \$4,650. Scholarships for students in grades nine to 12 increased from \$5,000 to \$5,900 in fiscal 2016, which began last July, and to \$6,000 in fiscal 2017.*

The **Autism Scholarship Program** and the **Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarship Program** extend educational choice to families of children with disabilities. *Scholarship amounts were increased in both programs from \$20,000 to \$27,000 for students in the highest categories with the most severe disabilities.*

The CCO represents the Catholic Church's position before the Ohio Legislature in matters affecting the Church and the general welfare of the citizens of Ohio.

The **Auxiliary Services Program** provides pupil services (such as counselors, tutors, and school nurses), and educational resources (such as books and instructional technology) for students enrolled in Ohio's chartered nonpublic schools. The **Administrative Cost Reimbursement Program** reimburses nonpublic schools for some of the costs they incur in complying with federal, state, and local requirements. *Both programs received funding increases for fiscal 2016 and 2017.*

Following are some of the changes the CCO lobbied for and the Legislature approved:

The **Cleveland Scholarship and Tutoring Program** makes it possible for low-income students residing in and near the Cleveland public school district to attend a Catholic or other chartered nonpublic school. *Changes were enacted that allow more students to become eligible for this program.*

On behalf of all the Catholic dioceses in Ohio, I want to thank the CCO, the Legislature, and the senators, representatives, and governor for their support of our Catholic, other nonpublic, and public schools.

The **Ed Choice Scholarship Program** makes educational choice possible for students attending an underperforming public school. The **Ed Choice Expansion Program** is avail-



## FUNERAL MASS FOR NON-BAPTIZED? WHEN TO CALL A PRIEST?



### QUESTION & ANSWER

by: **FATHER KENNETH DOYLE**  
*Catholic News Service*

**Q.** I am a baptized Catholic who was married in a Catholic Church with a Mass. My husband and I raised all of our children Catholic, sent them to Catholic schools, and have supported the church financially throughout our married life. My husband was never baptized in any faith. (His family considered themselves nonsectarian Christians, but never had any of their children baptized.)

Will my husband be allowed to have a Catholic funeral Mass when the time comes? He would have no objection to that, would actually support the idea, and I can honestly say that he is a better Christian than anyone I know. He invited my aging father to live with us and took care of him for four years until he passed away. He encouraged our children's faith throughout the years, and it seems logical that he should be allowed to have a Catholic funeral Mass. (I assume there would be no problem with his being buried in our family plot in a Catholic cemetery.) (City of origin withheld)

**A.** Your second question is the easy one: Your husband can certainly be buried with his loved ones in your family's Catholic burial plot, and this happens regularly.

Your first question requires a longer response. In the church's *Code of Canon Law*, No. 183 provides that "ecclesiastical funerals can be granted to baptized persons who are enrolled in a non-Catholic church or ecclesial community unless their intention is evidently to the contrary and provided that their own minister is not available."

Notice, though, that this permission applies specifically to those who have been baptized. The same canon makes only two exceptions: catechumens (i.e., those who, at the time of their death, had been under instruction preparing for Catholic baptism) and children who died before receiving the sacrament of baptism that their parents intended.

While I wish that these exceptions were broader (so that they could include your husband), the requirement of baptism has a certain logic. The ritual for a Catholic funeral Mass is called the *Order of Christian Funerals*, and some of the prescribed prayers make direct reference to the baptism of the deceased.

At the very beginning of the ceremony, for example, the priest sprinkles the casket with holy water while saying, "In the waters of baptism, (name of deceased) died with Christ and rose with him to new life. May he/she now share

with him eternal glory."

One of the first petitions recommended for the prayer of the faithful also begins, "For (name of deceased), who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, that he/she now be admitted to the company of the saints."

Here is what I would suggest with regard to your husband: When he passes, ask your parish priest to conduct a funeral service in the funeral home. The priest will use some of the prayers customary at a funeral Mass, along with passages of your choosing.

He may also make some personal remarks about your husband's goodness and his support of your family's faith. Additionally, soon after his death, you might request that one of the regularly scheduled parish Masses be offered for the repose of your husband's soul. (A priest can pray for anyone for whom a Mass may be offered. Canon No. 901 says "A priest is free to apply the Mass for anyone, living or dead.")

**Q.** My husband is very ill with cancer and it is probably terminal. He last went to confession several months ago. I would like him to go to confession once more and receive the anointing of the sick, but I am reluctant to suggest it because he is still ambulatory and is unaware of the gravity of his condition. (We decided not to tell him how sick he is, lest it cause him to despair.) What can I do? Should I just wait until the last minute? (Milwaukee)

**A.** No, you definitely should not wait until the last minute. (For one thing, how can you forecast when that minute will arrive?) The sacrament of the anointing of the sick, which some of us learned as kids to call the "last rites," is meant to be far more than that.

It asks first, if it be God's will, that healing take place -- and you surely would not want to deprive your husband of that opportunity. If, however, the disease is terminal, the sacrament prays that your husband's suffering will be eased and that he will feel the peace of God's presence throughout his days.

Why not look for a chance to say casually to your husband something like this: "I hate to see you not feeling well. How about if I ask (Father X) to stop by when he's out visiting homes? He could say a couple prayers for you and give you a blessing."

You should clue the priest in private that your husband is unaware of the seriousness of his condition, and the priest will know to offer the chance for confession and anointing.

*Questions may be sent to Father Kenneth Doyle at [askfatherdoyle@gmail.com](mailto:askfatherdoyle@gmail.com) and 40 Hopewell St. Albany NY 12208.*

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## St. Patrick Church Celebrates Candlemas

Columbus St. Patrick Church celebrated the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord with a solemn Mass on Tuesday, Feb. 2. The feast is popularly known as Candlemas because the church is lit up with newly blessed candles for the celebration of the Mass.

St. Patrick's has marked the occasion with a special Mass for several years, and it has become quite popular. Again this year, the church was filled with Catholics from around the Columbus area who came to have candles blessed and to participate in this beautiful liturgy.

The feast, which marks the last echo of the Christmas season, commemorates a story in the Gospel according to Luke. Forty days after Jesus was born, Mary and Joseph brought him to the Temple. The Mo-

saic Law said that every firstborn son had to be redeemed with a sacrifice in the Temple, and that every mother had to be purified after giving birth.

By visiting the Temple, the Holy Family fulfilled this precept of the Old Law. While they were in the Temple, they met Simeon, a man who had been waiting for his entire life to see the Messiah. As Simeon held the baby Jesus in his arms, he predicted a great fate for the child and called him "a light of revelation to the Gentiles" (Luke 2:32).

The theme of Jesus Christ as the light of the world pervades the celebration of the Mass for the feast. The liturgy begins with a solemn blessing of candles and a procession into the church. As Mass begins, the choir sets the theme: "Today, the Blessed Virgin Mary presented the infant Jesus in the Temple and Simeon, filled with the Holy Spirit, received Him into his arms and blessed God, saying, 'Now, O Lord, let your servant go in peace.' We have received your mercy, O God, in the midst of your temple; even as your name, so also does your praise extend to the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with righteousness." The choir also sang several polyphonic works during the Mass.

St. Patrick Church is staffed by the Dominican friars, and they brought their own liturgical tradi-



tions to celebration of the feast. The liturgy was celebrated with chants in Latin and English, including a special sequence, or liturgical poem, called the *Laetabundus*, written by St. Bernard of Clairvaux in the 12th century.

Perhaps the most striking feature of this liturgy was the Dominican custom of the *oblato candellarum*, the "offering of candles." At the offertory, each member of the congregation brought a lighted candle to the altar. Hundreds of candles burned around the altar during the Liturgy of the Eucharist. The gesture is meant to show what happens at every Mass: Jesus has illuminated our lives, and we offer them with him in the celebration of the Eucharist, so that together we might be what he was: the light of the world.

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## Wil Haygood to Discuss New Book "Showdown"

Ohio Dominican University will host Columbus native Wil Haygood, a best-selling author and award-winning journalist, as he discusses his new book *Showdown: Thurgood Marshall and the Supreme Court Nomination that Changed America*, at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 24 in Alumni Hall on ODU's main campus, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus.

Tickets are free, but seating is limited. To register, go to [www.ohiodominican.edu](http://www.ohiodominican.edu), then click the "News & Events" and "Current News" links.

*Showdown* documents the tumultuous real-life events surrounding the appointment of Thurgood Marshall, the first African-American U.S. Supreme Court justice, in 1967.

Haygood attended ODU as a high school student during the summers of 1970-72 through the Upward Bound program.

"We are thrilled that Wil has agreed to come back to Ohio Dominican to discuss his insightful new book," said Dr. Peter Cimboic, university president.

"It's always wonderful for me when I can return to Ohio Dominican to share

aspects of my writing life. The school has long served as a kind of spiritual home for me," Haygood said. "I didn't realize the timing of the publication of *Showdown* would be so notable. This is a book about history and politics and, yes, that quagmire – race -- that has so long haunted the American story. I'm excited to have some of these very discussions with students at ODU."

Haygood, a former journalist for *The Washington Post*, has written several books, including *The Butler: A Witness to History*, a *New York Times* best-seller. He served as an associate producer for the 2013 prizewinning and internationally acclaimed film adaptation of the book, starring Forest Whitaker, Cuba Gooding Jr., and Oprah Winfrey.

*Showdown* is nominated for an NAACP Image Award, and has been named one of the best books of the year by ABC News, NPR, *The Washington Post* and *The Boston Globe*.

Attendees may purchase copies of *Showdown* in the ODU bookstore before and during the event. A book signing will take place immediately following the discussion in the Bishop James A. Griffin Student Center.



## Kenton Immaculate Conception Celebrates 150 Years of Faith

Celebratory events are planned throughout the year to commemorate the 150th anniversary of Kenton Immaculate Conception Church.

Only four Catholic families lived in the Kenton area in the early 19th century, but by 1830, a steady number of settlers had arrived and led to Kenton becoming the site of a missionary church in the Diocese (later Archdiocese) of Cincinnati.

Archbishop John Purcell placed the cornerstone of what originally was known as St. Mary Immaculate Church in July 1864. The church's formal dedication followed on Dec. 9, 1866, with the archbishop officiating.

A story is told that during the ceremony of laying the cornerstone, the platform built for the clergy and assistants collapsed. Everyone on the platform fell to the ground except for Archbishop Purcell, who expertly and gingerly stepped onto the cornerstone he had just laid, and stood there, looking down on the people. He used this "teachable moment" to say that those who stood on the Church of Christ, as he was standing on the cornerstone, would never fall.

At what point the parish became known as Immaculate Conception instead of St. Mary Immaculate is not clear. The words *Maria Immaculata* that appear today on the arch over the altar were put there when the church was redecorated in 1950.

The Sisters of Charity arrived in 1874



to teach in the parish school, which was known as the St. Anthony Institute. The school remained in operation until 1968, and the sisters left Kenton in 1981. The sisters' convent was renovated in 2009. The parish offices and meeting rooms are now located there. The school building, dedicated in 1894, has undergone many improvements through the years and is a solid building still in use today. It is known as the St. Anthony Center and houses the parish hall and PSR classrooms.

A complete restoration of the church took place in 2012. The original altar of sacrifice, which in an earlier renovation had been shortened and used as the base for the tabernacle, was restored to its former appearance and again serves

as the main altar. A high altar of similar style was acquired and restored, as were the Mary and Joseph side altars.

The old flooring was replaced with hardwood, with an inlaid cross in the center aisle. The baptismal font, which was built by ancestors of a family which continues to be part of the parish, was restored and put back into use. Figurine-style Stations of the Cross were obtained and professionally painted in lifelike detail. After the restoration was completed, the organ pipes were removed, cleaned, and reassembled. Our church is a beautiful place of worship that gives glory to God.

Immaculate Conception Church has approximately 225 families and was clustered in 2013 with Hardin Coun-

ty's other Catholic church, Our Lady of Lourdes, a parish of similar size about 15 miles northwest of Kenton. Serving both parishes are Father David J. Young, pastor; Father Jeffrey Tigyer, parochial vicar; and Deacon Mike Hood.

A yearlong celebration of 150 years of parish life began with publication in January of a new parish directory, which includes a section covering parish history. Coming events include:

**Saturday, March 19** – Day of reflection. Dr. John R. Wood, author of "Ordinary Lives, Extraordinary Mission" will speak at the St. Anthony Center. Lunch (free will offering) will be at 11:30 a.m., followed by the retreat from 12:30 to 3:15 p.m., confessions at 3:30, and Mass at 4.

**Wednesday, May 11** – Rededication of the church. Mass at 7:30 p.m. with Bishop Campbell; all former pastors and associate pastors who have served the parish have been invited.

**Summer (date to be announced)** – Church open house and garden tour for the community.

**Sunday, Oct. 2** – Parish dinner. Social hour at 5 p.m., followed by dinner at 6. Extensive parish history will be on display.

**Thursday, Dec. 8** – Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception at 7:30 p.m., followed by a celebration to honor Mary Immaculate.



### Three DeSales football players sign letters of intent

Three Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School football players recently signed letters of intent and will continue their careers in college. They are (from left): Austin Andrews (Michigan State), Mason Saunders (Ashland), and Darren Hankins (Tiffin).

Photo courtesy St. Francis DeSales High School



### Jacob Burley signs football commitment to Cornell

Lancaster Fisher Catholic High School senior Jacob Burley has signed a letter of intent to play football for Cornell University. He is pictured with Fisher head football coach Mike Yonnotti (left) and assistant coach John Young.

Photo courtesy Fisher Catholic High School



# LIVING Faith

## Silence Speaks

A baby crying, the boom of a firecracker, the wildlife in the woods – all unmistakable sounds that we can remember. But it is the unseen and quiet sounds that can be the most unnerving. We humans want to fill up our day with noise and forget the impact a little solitude can bring. When you have a free moment, take the time to calm down and breathe. Try and separate yourself from where you are, right at that particular stage of the day. It is so important to listen as much as we speak, and there are fewer of us in this category every day.

When you light a candle, do you look into the flame or do you rub your hands over it? It's the small things in life we tend to ignore. We concentrate on the larger ones, possibly because they are the easiest and most convenient to handle. Small things are assumed to take care of themselves, but, in truth, require as much attention, loyalty, and care.

At a wedding or any celebration, we tend to remember the fine details, those simple moments when we are taken aback by something we feel or sense. Why is it, then, that we do not take the time to reflect in our daily lives? I think it may be that we are afraid of being alone, of really taking the time to look

inside and possibly see ourselves. Do we like what we see?

The trick, I have found, is not to try and cover every minute, but to just let the quiet flow over you. Let the silence become a healing and a time to listen to what Christ has to say to us. During prayer, I find myself walking a familiar path. I feel at home when I am with Him. No matter what troubles I have that day, He seems to calm me right down, and I find that what I thought of as important wasn't really so significant after all.

What a wonderful time of year. God gives us these 40 days of Lent to look back on our life and to walk with Him along His journey. St. Teresa once said that "we need to find God, and he cannot be found in noise and restlessness. God is the friend of silence. See how nature – trees, flowers, grass – grows in silence; see the stars, the moon and the sun, how they move in silence. ... We need silence to be able to touch souls."

It is what He is trying to reach, that little corner of our heart that is reserved just for Him. Without knowing it, we touch the face of God every day in our children and our families. If we are all made in His



**Men by Faith**  
J. P. Leo Thomas

image, how could we not feel something different?

Jesus gave His very life for this cause. He believed a simple act of love could transform a world so hungry for answers. He gave us the silence as our weapon against a crowded voice. Often, what cannot be said is usually far more potent and miraculous than what we hear. Just remember that the next time you are sitting in a room of people.

May you walk with Him through the desert and grow in wisdom. May you feel the wind at your backs and may His peace be with you always.

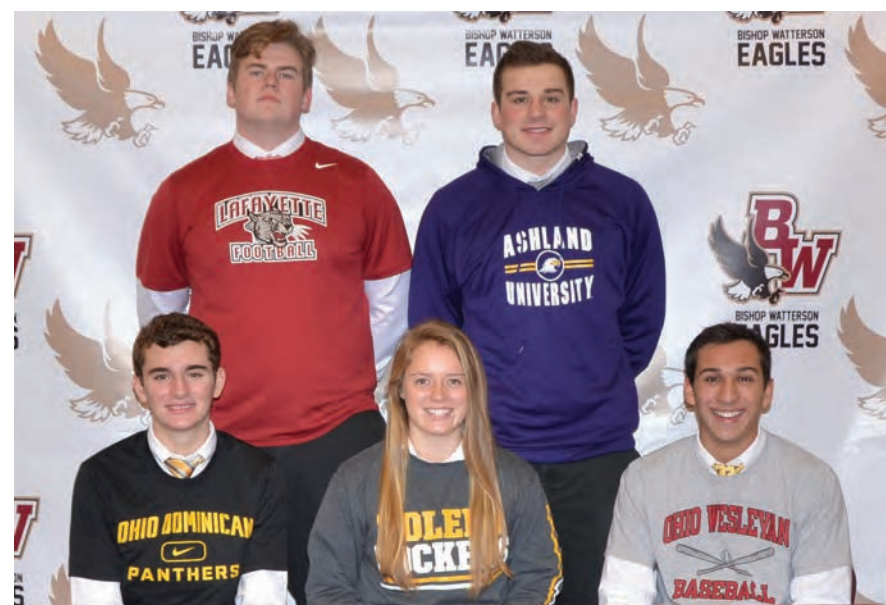
*Joseph Thomas is a writer and an active volunteer/chairperson for many diocesan and church ministries. He is also a fourth-degree member of the Knights of Columbus at Gahanna St. Matthew Church. He posts his thoughts online at <http://www.thomspirit.wordpress.com>, as well as Catholic365 (an online forum).*

## Celebrating Catholic Schools



Students at Columbus Our Lady of Bethlehem School and Childcare spent the first week of February celebrating the benefits of Catholic schools. Kindergarten students are shown with a national logo for Catholic schools, segments of which were decorated by each class at the school, which serves students from infants (six weeks and older) to kindergarten. The students also talked about the saints, what it means to attend the school, and personal vocations, and made a banner thanking everyone involved in working with the school.

Photo courtesy Our Lady of Bethlehem School and Childcare



## Bishop Watterson Signees

Five Columbus Bishop Watterson High School students recently announced their intent to play college sports. They are (from left): first row, Matt Pardi, soccer, Ohio Dominican; Abby Demboski, soccer, Toledo; and Christian Kroger, baseball, Ohio Wesleyan; second row, Dylan Murphy, football, Lafayette, and Michael Schweitzer, football, Ashland.

Photo courtesy Bishop Watterson High School





Brothers Troy (left) and Travis Seagraves plan to become Catholics and participated in the diocesan Rite of Election on Sunday, Feb. 14 at Westerville St. Paul Church. Photo courtesy Travis Seagraves



Candidates, who already are baptized Christians, offer copies of their baptismal records in preparation to receive full communion in the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. CT photos by Ken Snow



Catechumen Clark Shaffer signs the Book of the Elect with godparent Bill Kolobajlo. Shaffer will be received into the Catholic Church on March 26 at Zanesville St. Nicholas Church.

## DIOCESAN RITE OF ELECTION

BY TIM PUET

Reporter, Catholic Times

Last Sunday, Feb. 14, at Westerville St. Paul Church, 435 participants in the diocesan Rite of Election and publicly declared their intention to enter full communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil service in their respective parishes.

Each traveled a slightly different road to reach this destination in their faith lives. But none made the journey alone, as noted by four participants in the ceremony who talked to the *Catholic Times* about what led them to this point.

For Clark Shafer, the example of Adolf and Betty Genter, Catholics who were his foster parents for six years in Albion, New York, was something he never forgot.

“My father left the family when I was four and my mother had health problems, so the decision was made to place me in foster care when I was eight,” said Shafer, 40, of Adamsville, who is taking RCIA classes at Zanesville St. Nicholas Church. “Mrs. Genter was the principal at my school and knew my family, so they were happy to help my mother and take responsibility for me.

“They were very active Catholics, and I could always see how important their faith was in everything they did. One thing that always struck me about them, even before I began living with them, was what giving people they were, how they always thought about others and did things to show it. I always went to church with them, but they never forced me to become Catholic.

“As I look back on things now, I realize I should have joined the Church while I was with them, but I was young and lazy then. I had to become older and wiser to appreciate what they had. When I was 14, I had another set of foster parents who attended a Baptist church, but they never had a strong connection to their faith. I’ve stayed in touch with the Genters through the years, call them ‘Mom’ and ‘Dad,’ and told people I was Catholic because that’s how I felt, even though I never joined the Church.

“I was a pallbearer at Mrs. Genter’s funeral last April. I think that’s what finally made me decide to become a Catholic. I had long talks with Dad about it, he sent me Catholic books, and I went to church with him when visiting New York,” Shafer said. “He’s 83 and isn’t up to traveling; otherwise, he’d be my godparent. My one regret about waiting so long to become Catholic is that he can’t come to the Easter Vigil service. But I know how happy we both are about this.”

Shafer, a member of Pipeliners Union Local 798, came to Ohio seven years ago to work on the Rockies Express pipeline, which stretches from western Wyoming to eastern Ohio. He met his wife here and has become a Zanesville resident. He said she plans to join the Church next year.

For Jeffrey Daugherty, the road to Catholicism was influenced by a memorable encounter on the road with a Franciscan sister.

“I’ve been a truck driver for about 15 years and work for Silvan Trucking in Columbus,” said Daugherty, 39, who is taking RCIA classes at Circleville St. Joseph Church. “I make a regular run to Bloomington, Indiana. One day around Greenfield, Indiana, in bad weather, I had a minor accident involving a car—a rear-ender when both vehicles were going around 5 mph. The woman who got out of the car was a sister, and she seemed more concerned about me than about what happened.

“She talked to the police officer investigating and said she didn’t think it was my fault, and he didn’t write me a ticket. I told her I was concerned that being in an accident would cost me my job, so she called my boss, and I didn’t get fired. She told me she and the sisters she lived with would pray for me.

“Her name was Sister Therese (Carew), and I found out that she works in Mingo County, West Virginia, near where I grew up in Kentucky.” Sister Therese is director of Christian Help, a nondenominational charity in Kermit, West Virginia, that has helped fight poverty and provide for emergency needs in Mingo County for 22 years.

Daugherty said that before meeting Sister Therese, he had been considering becoming Catholic because of what he had learned about the Church through Catholic radio while driving. “I grew up in a religious family, with an uncle and my great-grandpa who were preachers in evangelical churches. I responded to altar calls when I was a kid and would get into going to church, then backslide and stay out. I was in and out a couple of times and wanted to get back, but wanted it to last,” he said.

“Catholic radio made me look into the Church and realize that a lot of the things people said about Catholics were mistaken. I talked with a guy who goes to St. Joseph’s and whose son plays baseball with my son, and asked him why he was Catholic. His response was a big help. That led me to learn the history and realize that although it has gone through lots of turmoil in the past and today, this is the original Christian Church that Jesus founded.

“I still felt confused because there are so many religions, and I didn’t want to make the wrong decision. So I prayed and asked for a sign,” he said. “That night, I had a dream of someone coming to me and saying ‘You can come see me any time you want.’ I couldn’t see his face, but I think that was Jesus referring to his presence all the time in the tabernacle at church and in the Eucharist. That was what I needed. In fact, if you ask why I’m joining the Church, I can answer in two words—the Eucharist. I haven’t told my family yet and I don’t know what they’ll say, but I’m confident about facing them.”

Judy Foster will officially become a member of the Church of the Ascension in Johnstown at the Easter vigil, but said she’s felt like a Catholic for years because she worked at Mount Carmel East Hospital and the Mount Carmel Health corporate offices in various finance-related positions from 1988 to 2013. “I worked with a lot of good Catholics all that time, and I know they had an influence,” she said.

“I grew up in New Carlisle, near Springfield, and lived four blocks

from a Catholic church,” said Foster, 69. “But my parents were devout Lutherans, so we went to a Lutheran church five miles away. I went to Ohio State, got married, and at various times was part of Baptist, Presbyterian, and Lutheran congregations. Then everything got kind of crazy in my life because of stresses at work and sickness in the family, and I just stopped going to church.

“Last year after Ash Wednesday, I started going to Ascension Church, partly because there’s no Lutheran church in Johnstown, but also because I know the people at Ascension and it’s a very active church. Then I discovered EWTN on television and began listening, especially to Mother Angelica and Marcus Grodi.”

Grodi, a former Protestant minister, is founder of the Zanesville-based Coming Home Network, which in the past 23 years has assisted thousands of non-Catholics, clergy members in particular, who have decided to join the Catholic Church.

“I’ve learned so much about the Church in the last year through EWTN and many Catholic websites,” she said. “I receive the Office of Readings every morning now and am inspired. People I worked with at Mount Carmel have been very encouraging as they found out about what I’ve done. I know that all of us who are Christians love Jesus, but as I learned more about the Catholic Church’s 2,000 years of history and about the saints, I’ve come to feel a sense of being complete that was missing in other churches.”

Ohio State University senior Travis Seagraves said he came to a similar realization after deciding that something was lacking in the Baptist church he was attending. He and his brother, Troy, debate coach at Upper Arlington High School, will join the Catholic Church together during the Easter Vigil service at Columbus St. Andrew Church.

“I wasn’t raised religiously, but sort of stumbled into church when I began attending the church of my sister’s fiancée,” he said. “That filled up something that was missing. I got to college and joined a Christian organization called RealLife, but began feeling more and more

uncomfortable about the contemporary worship services I was attending. They were full of light and sound and emotional upheaval, but I wanted something more solid.

“I wanted to find which church had the best historical baking for its claim of authority. I figured you have to go back to the Apostles, and all the non-Catholic denominations fall short. I had heard plenty of negative stuff about things like the pope, Mary, and purgatory, but as I researched what Catholics believe, I came to realize it all makes beautiful sense and that what I heard was untrue.

“I had the most trouble with the things related to Mary, like the Immaculate Conception and the Assumption. The work of Scott Hahn was a great help in resolving my doubts on those,” Seagraves said. Hahn is a former Protestant theologian whose efforts to prove the Catholic Church wrong on matters such as these led instead to his becoming a Catholic. He now teaches at Franciscan University of Steubenville, and is one of the nation’s leading Catholic speakers.

“When I attended my first Mass, I really felt an end to my turmoil,” Seagraves said. “Every time I walk out of church now, there’s a peace I was missing, a feeling that everything has been made right.”

The Rite of Election ceremony is part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, the process by which adults who wish to become Catholics receive instruction in the Church’s teaching for several months leading to their formally joining the Church at the Easter Vigil.

Rite of Election ceremonies take place each year on the First Sunday of Lent. For the past several years in the Diocese of Columbus, there have been two identical services at the same site to allow adequate room for the number of people taking part.

This year, 224 catechumens and 211 candidates, along with their chosen godparents or sponsors participated in the rite. Catechumens are people who never have been baptized. Candidates are those who have been baptized in another



Above: Catechumen Judy Foster and godparent (hand on shoulder) Carolyn Carter. Below: Catechumen Jeffrey Daugherty (right) and godparent Doug Martin.



Christian denomination.

Catechumens indicated their desire to join the church by signing the Book of the Elect, giving them the title “members of the elect.” Candidates participated in the Call to Continuing Conversion that was part of the ceremony and signed the book.

Bishop Frederick Campbell witnessed the signatures and spoke in his homily about people’s universal longing for the truth that is found only in Jesus. “Where do we encounter Jesus Christ?” he asked the catechumens and candidates. “The answer lies in what you have seen and heard,” he said. “You have dwelt upon the Word of God that has been given to us through the Apostles—that word of power, that word of salvation, that word of hope.

“Christ is there in that Word, but he is also powerfully present in the sacraments that you catechumens will encounter in all their fullness, the sacraments by which the very

grace and life of God stretches out to you, renews you, and brings you close to the very life of God which is our eternity. You candidates will especially encounter Our Lord Jesus Christ in his Body and Blood, the food of immortality.

“I praise God that you have been brought to this moment, and I thank God as well that I can be here among you,” the bishop said. “You are an important aspect of our community of faith. By your very presence, by your prayer and work, you renew all of us as we journey together on the way to eternity.”

In addition to those taking part in the Rite of Election services, there are baptized Catholics in the diocese who are taking part in RCIA classes this year because they have not received the sacraments of Confirmation and the Holy Eucharist. They will take part in a service at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral at which they will receive those sacraments from Bishop Campbell.





## Year of Consecrated Life Mass

As the Catholic Church's Year of Consecrated Life came to an end, Columbus Christ the King Church honored consecrated Religious who are members of the parish at each Mass on the weekend of Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 30 and 31. Father David Schalk, pastor, gave a personalized gift from the parish to each person honored. A reception took place after each Mass to thank the honorees for their devotion to God and their dedication to his people. Pictured at the 4 p.m. Mass on Jan. 30 are Father Schalk and (from left) Sister Laura Mosqueda, HMSM; Sister Nereida Olmedo, HMSM; Sister Jacqueline Garcia Martinez, HMSM; Sister Louis Mary Passeri, OP; Sister Christella Ritchey, OSF; and Sister Regina Snyder, OSF. Photo courtesy Christ the King Church

## Martin de Porres Center Events

The Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus, is sponsoring a program on guided meditation practices from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25.

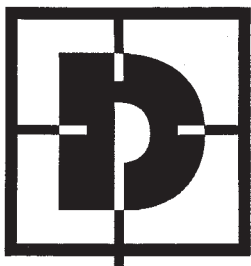
Meditation has many benefits, but it can be difficult to begin without a guide. Dr. Sonia BasSheva Manjon will guide participants through the practice of meditation to help find a calm state. A \$10 donation is suggested. Call (614) 416-1910 or email [martindeporres@oppeace.org](mailto:martindeporres@oppeace.org) to register by Tuesday, Feb. 23.

The center also will present the docu-

mentary *He Named Me Malala* from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 6. The film is an intimate portrait of Nobel Peace Prize laureate Malala Yousafzai, who was targeted by the Taliban and severely wounded by a gunshot when returning home on her school bus in Pakistan's Swat Valley. She is now a leading campaigner for girls' education globally as cofounder of the Malala Fund.

The film will be followed with a discussion and light refreshments. Call (614) 416-1910 for more information.

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## Wax Museum of Famous Ohioans



Somerset Holy Trinity School fourth-graders presented a wax museum of famous Ohioans in the school gym. The students dressed in character and gave a presentation each time someone “pressed their button.” The students also made posters that included a timeline and special events in their famous person’s life. Pictured are (from left): Mollie Moore as entertainer Dean Martin, of Steubenville; Laynie Russell as silent-screen star Lillian Gish, of Springfield; and Ryan Satterfield as Vietnam Veterans Memorial designer Maya Lin, of Athens.

Photos courtesy Holy Trinity School

## Bishop Flaget Spelling Bee



Chillicothe Bishop Flaget School fifth-grade student Nilla Rajan (pictured at right) will be attending the Region I Spelling Bee at Ohio University on Saturday, March 19 for the second year in a row. She scored 49 of a possible 50 points on the National Spelling Bee’s on-line test in January to earn her spot in the next level of competition. She had qualified for the on-line test by winning her school’s spelling bee in January. Finishing second was seventh-grade student Stephanie Hirsch (left).

Photo courtesy Bishop Flaget School

## Lancaster K of C Poster Contest Winners

Lancaster Council 1016 of the Knights of Columbus presented checks to the winners of its “Keep Christ in Christmas” poster contest. In the 11- to 14-year-old category, Victoria Johnson of Lancaster St. Mary School finished first and received a \$50 check. Emeline Neighbor of Lancaster St, Bernadette School was sec-

ond and was awarded \$25, Honorable mention and a check for \$10 went to Roma DeLeon of St. Bernadette.

Finishing first in the five- to seven-year-old category and receiving \$25 was Zoe DeLeon of St. Bernadette. The St. Bernadette kindergarten class taught by Regina Knox was second and was awarded \$25.



## Second Sunday of Lent (Cycle C)

# What happened at the Transfiguration is a mystery



Father  
Lawrence L. Hummer

**Genesis 15:5-12,17-18;  
Philippians 3:17-4:1;  
Luke 9:28b-36**

Abram first arises in Genesis 12. Chapter 15 is a renewal of the covenant with Abram which had promised him many offspring. Abram once again believes the Lord's promise, and it is credited to him as an act of righteousness. It is this abiding trust in the Lord, in spite of the evidence (Abram still has no heir), that is the basis for the covenant to continue. Abram trusts God (as we all should), and eventually his trust is rewarded.

Abram's question about how he's to know that he shall possess the land leads the Lord to instruct him to cut the animals in two. This is the key to concluding the covenant. The technical expression in Hebrew is to "cut a covenant." The act of cutting the animals binds both parties to the covenant, meaning that the parties agree to the terms of the covenant. Failing that, they both are saying "May this happen to me and worse, if I do not keep my side of the covenant." It is a graphic reminder to both parties that they must keep the covenant terms, lest what happened to the animals happen to them. (One note on the translation of the "birds of prey swooping down and Abram **stayed** with them." This makes no sense in the context, but, with the *Revised New American Bible* and many other recent translations, it should read "but Abram scared them away.")

The Gospel reading on the Second Sunday of Lent is always the account of the Transfiguration. Luke's account is unique in saying this happened "eight days"

## St. Mary Magdalene Year of Mercy Series

Columbus St. Mary Magdalene Church, 473 S. Roys Ave., has announced the rest of the schedule for its Year of Mercy speaker series.

Remaining dates, times, and topics are: Saturday, March 12 at 5 p.m., "Sheltering" with Monica Siemer of The Lamb Catholic Worker group (soup supper); Saturday, April 9 at 9:45 a.m. "Fiber Ministry" with Erin Cordle of the diocesan Office for Social Concerns (simple breakfast); Wednesday, May 18 at noon, "Care for Creation" with Jerry Freewalt of the Office for Social Concerns (brown bag lunch); Tuesday, June 21 at 7 p.m., "Welcome the Stranger" with Angela Johnston of the diocesan Catholic Latino Ministry (desserts); Thursday, July 21 at noon, "Care of the Homebound" (brown bag lunch and learn).

after Peter's confession of Jesus as Messiah. Mark and Matthew say it was "six days" later. There is no way to explain why Luke says eight, which is not simple speculation. Luke also reverses the order of James and John by saying Jesus took along "Peter, John and James," in contrast with both Mark and Matthew. Luke uniquely adds that the reason he went up the mountain was "to pray," and that while he was praying, "his face changed in appearance and his clothes became dazzling white."

Only Luke has Moses and Elijah speaking with Jesus about his coming "exodus" in Jerusalem. Luke alone mentions the disciples falling asleep, but then awakening to see his glory and that of the two men with him. Only Luke knows for sure whether he introduced that detail to better explain what was going on. Luke alone writes that they *entered* the cloud, though all accounts suggest the cloud came upon all those present. The voice identifies Jesus as God's chosen son. That means he enjoys authority from heaven and deserves their obedience. Once again, in Mark and Matthew, Jesus *orders* their silence about this event. In Luke, they simply "fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone what they had seen."

It is very difficult to say what really happened on the mountain. The differences between the evangelists prevent saying what exactly happened. That the three disciples closest to Jesus saw or experienced more than the others is likely. In the end, we are left with Jesus alone, whom the voice from the cloud (that is, the Father's voice) identifies as "my chosen Son" to whom we are to listen. Jesus alone remains – not Moses and not Elijah.

The season of Lent is about listening to Jesus, especially as he reveals the mercy of God. If it is good that we are here, like those closest to Jesus, then we need to discover why we are here. If it is not to do as he has done, by showing to all the mercy of God, by being merciful ourselves, then we need to ask "Why are we here?"

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

Tuesday, Aug. 16 at 7 p.m., "Re-Entry for Prisoners" with Chris Money, former prison warden and Ohio Department of Youth Services interim director (pretzels and beer); Sunday, Sept. 11 at noon, "Forgiveness" with Rachel Muha of the Run the Race Club (coffee and doughnuts); Saturday, Sept. 24 at 10 a.m., Reconciliation day with Father Joshua Wagner, pastor, Columbus St. Dominic and Holy Rosary-St. John churches; Monday, Oct. 31 at 10 a.m., "Feeding and Clothing the Poor" with Lisa Keita of the Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs (tea and cookies); Saturday, Dec. 3 at 10 a.m., "Burying the Dead" (cocoa and cookies).

To help planners prepare, if interested in attending, call (614) 274-1121, extension 13, before any event.

## The Weekday Bible Readings

### MONDAY

1 Peter 5:1-4  
Psalm 23:1-3a,4-6  
Matthew 16:13-19

### TUESDAY

Isaiah 1:10,16-20  
Psalm 50:8-9,16b-17,21,23  
Matthew 23:1-12

### WEDNESDAY

Jeremiah 18:18-20  
Psalm 31:5-6,14-16  
Matthew 20:17-28

### THURSDAY

Jeremiah 17:5-10  
Psalm 1:1-4,6  
Luke 16:19-31

### FRIDAY

Genesis 37:3-4,12-13a,17b-28a  
Psalm 105:16-21  
Matthew 21:33-43,45-46

### SATURDAY

Micah 7:14-15,18-20  
Psalm 103:1-4,9-12  
Luke 15:1-3,11-32

## DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 21, 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](http://www.stgabrielradio.com).

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

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



# ISIS, genocide, and us

*The Monuments Men* was a disappointing movie, but one of its most chilling scenes sticks in my mind as an analogue to the appalling wickedness underway in the Middle East.

In the film, SS Colonel Wegner supervises the destruction of art works plundered by the Nazis: treasures intended for Hitler's fantasized Fuehrer Museum in Linz, Austria. But as the Allies close in on Germany in 1945, Hitler decides that, if he and his goons can't have these masterpieces, their rightful owners – and the future – won't have them, either. So Wegner and an SS squad armed with flamethrowers incinerate painting after painting, including Raphael's *Portrait of a Young Man*. Col. Wegner, we learn later, was an extermination camp superintendent before he got busy destroying paintings.

The Nazi destruction of stolen was an act of gratuitous violence against Europe's cultural heritage, undertaken in service to a demented ideology – the corollary, in the field of culture, of the far more wicked Nazi slaughter of Jews, Slavs, Gypsies, the mentally ill, and all those who fell under the category of *Lebensunwertes Leben*: “life unworthy of life.” Similarly gratuitous destruction of ancient cultural centers and artifacts is now underway wherever the black flag of the Islamic State, ISIS, is raised in Iraq and Syria. And so is another genocide, this time of Christians.

The jihadists of ISIS routinely tear the crosses and bells from Christian churches in areas under their control, even as they hammer Christian images and statues into dust, desecrate Christian tombs, and do everything possible to destroy the artifacts of a Christian civilization that dates back to the days of the Apostles.



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DIFFERENCE  
George Weigel

But, as with the Nazis, even greater evils are visited upon people. In ISIS-controlled areas, Christians are murdered by beheading or crucifixion for refusing to convert to Islam. Rape, regarded as a religious benefice by maniacal barbarians who “pray” before and after violating their Christian victims, is a routine occurrence in these ISIS enclaves, from which Christians are also sold into slavery, including sex slavery.

The most recent cultural outrage to come to light was Islamic State's demolition of the vast stone monastery of St. Elijah in Mosul. As the indefatigable human rights campaigner Nina Shea wrote, the monastery, a house of Christian worship for a millennium and a half, was “reduced to rubble” by the “determined application of sledgehammers, bulldozers, and explosives.” But as Ms. Shea went on to note, the wanton destruction of a sacred place is also a metaphor for “the genocide of Iraq's Christian people and their civilization.”

Martyrdom is a daily fact of life wherever the black flag of ISIS stains the Mesopotamian sky. Those Christians who can flee have done so. Yet they cannot take shelter in U.N.-run camps, where they are often targets of Muslim violence. And the U.S. State

Department treats Iraqi Christians fleeing ISIS to autonomous Kurdistan as “internally displaced persons” who have no claim to resettlement. So the Iraqi Christians are stuck in ramshackle camps, stateless in fact if not in law, and increasingly desperate: for in Kurdistan they cannot legally work, drive, or open bank accounts. Which means they have, literally, no future.

Iraqi Christian leaders are pleading with western countries to accept their people along with their priests, so that these Christians can rebuild their lives and save their culture. Thus far, the West's response has been craven and cruel: Archbishop Bashar Warda of Erbil has told concerned U.S. Catholics that many of his people who have filed for American visas have been disappointed by a system they think unjustly rewards Muslims who have been their oppressors, or who haven't condemned anti-Christian persecution.

Which takes us back to the era of *The Monuments Men*. Then, Franklin Roosevelt and Winston Churchill both declined to prioritize Jewish refugees from Nazism, for fear of offending anti-Semitic elements in the political coalitions they led. Today, western politicians seem to fear that naming the genocide of Christians for what it is, or treating Christian refugees as refugees, will be taken as a gesture of disrespect for Islam.

This is shameful. The shadow that their decisions in the 1930s and 1940s now cast over the historical reputations of Roosevelt and Churchill should stand as a warning to western political leaders today.

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eastern Ukraine.

For more than 25 years, Russian Orthodox patriarchs have refused to meet a pope because of what the Moscow Patriarchate claims is “proselytism” on the part of the Ukrainian Catholic Church, one of the Eastern churches in full union with Rome. The church was outlawed under the Soviet Union, and its rebirth with Ukrainian independence has meant a loss of buildings and faithful for the Russian Orthodox.

In their statement, Pope Francis and Patriarch Kirill said all Christians – Catholic or Orthodox – are called to preach the Gospel. “This mission entails mutual respect for members of the Christian communities and excludes any form of proselytism.”

“We are not competitors but brothers, and this concept must guide all our mutual actions as well as those directed to the outside world,” the two said.

Without providing specific examples or any clarification, the statement denounced “disloyal means” used “to entice believers to pass from one church to another.”

The pope and patriarch said they hoped their

meeting would “contribute to reconciliation” wherever there is tension between Orthodox and Eastern-rite Catholics, who share the same spiritual and liturgical heritage.

Using language similar to that found in a 1993 document of the international Roman Catholic-Orthodox theological dialogue, the two leaders said “uniatism” – incorporating one portion of a church into another – “is not the way to re-establish unity.”

However, the two leaders, echoing the 1993 document, acknowledged that “the ecclesial communities which emerged in these historical circumstances have the right to exist” and to do what is necessary to minister to their faith.

As for the Russian-supported war in Eastern Ukraine, Pope Francis and Patriarch Kirill said, “We deplore the hostility in Ukraine that has already caused many victims, inflicted innumerable wounds on peaceful inhabitants, and thrown society into a deep economic and humanitarian crisis.”

They called on their churches “to refrain from taking part in the confrontation and to not support any further development of the conflict.”

## Volunteer opportunities at PDHC

Pregnancy Decision Health Centers will be hosting an open house for prospective volunteers from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25 at its North Caring Center, 5900 Cleveland Ave., Columbus. There will be time for conversation, light refreshments, and a tour of the center.

This open house is open to all who are interested in learning more about PDHC, its services, and how you can help rebuild a culture of life in our world and community today.

For more information, contact Sara at (614) 888-8774, extension 6115, or simply stop by on Feb. 25.

## Operation Feed/Soup Supper

Newark Blessed Sacrament School sponsored a soup supper to raise money for the Licking County Food Pantry during the school's parent-teacher conferences.

Students and teachers made chili, vegetarian vegetable, potato, and chicken noodle soup, parents donated desserts, and eighth-grade students brought drinks and crackers.

This is the first of several events that will be part of the school's Operation Feed service project in coming weeks.



# Pray for our dead

**ADAMKOSKY, Walter V., 95, Feb. 11**  
St. Catharine Church, Columbus

**BATES, Phyllis M., Feb. 7**  
St. Paul Church, Westerville

**BERTON, Esther "Eileen," 97, Feb. 8**  
Sacred Heart Church, Coshocton

**BREWER, Madeline M., 91, formerly of Columbus, Feb. 7**  
Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.

**FLANNERY, Michael E., 70, Feb. 12**  
St. Peter Church, Columbus

**GARDNER, Theresa, 59, Feb. 7**  
St. Joseph Church, Dover

**GOEKE, Rita M., 87, formerly of Columbus, Feb. 3**  
St. Patrick Church, Bellefontaine

**JEQUINTO, Carlos A., 86, Feb. 8**  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Grove City

**KARL, John, 83, Feb. 7**  
St. Joseph Church, Dover

**LARGE, Clarence I. "Chip," 71, Feb. 9**  
St. Agatha Church, Columbus

**LOHRI, Albert E., 96, Feb. 13**  
St. Anthony Church, Columbus

**MATTINGLY, Mildred M., 90, Jan. 30**  
St. Joan of Arc Church, Powell

**MIRGON, Debra A., 62, Feb. 7**  
St. Nicholas Church, Zanesville

**NDUAGUBA, John C., 75, Feb. 6**  
St. Matthias Church, Columbus

**PARATORE, Helen R., 93, Feb. 5**  
St. Mary Church, Marion

**SATOLA, Air Force Master Sgt. (Ret.) Raymond J., 94, Feb. 8**  
St. John XXIII Church, Canal Winchester

**WALD, Betty J., 82, Feb. 11**  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Grove City

## Sister Marguerite McHugh, SNDdeN

Funeral Mass for Sister Marguerite McHugh, SNDdeN, 93, who died Saturday, Feb. 6, was held Thursday, Feb. 11 at the Mount Notre Dame Health Center in Cincinnati. Burial was at the cemetery of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur.

She was born Mary Catherine McHugh on Nov. 26, 1922 in Cincinnati to John and Marguerite (Schulte) McHugh.

She entered the Notre Dame de Namur congregation on Sept. 8, 1954, and made her first profession of vows on March 9, 1957 and her final profession on Aug. 13, 1962. She received a bachelor of arts degree in human services from Mount St. Joseph College in Cincinnati in 1980.

In the Diocese of Columbus, she taught and was a pastoral minister at Columbus St. Aloysius Church and School from 1974-79, where she was involved in several community orga-

nizations. Earlier, she was primarily a teacher at schools in Illinois, Arizona, and the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. After receiving her college degree, she was a social worker for Catholic Social Services and the St. Vincent de Paul Society in Cincinnati from 1980-2001. Her last active ministry was as a volunteer at Good Samaritan Hospital in Cincinnati from 1996-2014.

Before becoming a sister, she was a beautician and a telephone operator and served in the WAVES, the women's division of the Navy, in World War II as a gunnery instructor. She was commander of American Legion Post 644 for 12 years and was inducted into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame in 2012.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, John and Patrick; and sisters, Marie and Sally. She is survived by a sister, Margie Duffy; and several nieces and nephews.

## Kathleen A. Redifer

Funeral Mass for Kathleen A. Redifer, 66, who died Friday, Jan. 15, was held Thursday, Jan. 21 at Columbus Our Lady of Victory Church.

She was born in Columbus to James and Florence Lyons. She was a 1969 graduate of Columbus South High School and served as a secretary at Columbus Trinity Elementary School.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, James. Survivors include her husband, Timothy; son, Kevin; daughters, Megan (Sean) Loyd and Kelly (Ron) Hager; brothers, Patrick (Debbie), Dennis (Mari), and Tom; sisters, Teri Lyons and Beth; and seven grandchildren.

## David M. Anderson

Funeral Mass for David M. Anderson, 68, who died Saturday, Feb. 6, was held Thursday, Feb. 11 at Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church. Burial was at Concord Cemetery, Grove City.

He was born March 18, 1947, to Harold and Maxine Anderson, was a 1965 graduate of Columbus Bishop Ready High School, and attended the University of Dayton until enlisting in the Air Force. He was a licensed pilot and flew for businesses and recreationally for many years. He worked in heavy-duty truck sales for 40 years until re-

tiring in 2013.

He served as organist at Columbus St. John the Baptist Church for 16 years and played the organ at several other parishes in central Ohio. He also was a member of the Rotary Club of Grove City, housing its first foreign exchange student.

He was preceded in death by his father; and a son, Brian. Survivors include his mother; wife, Christine; sons, Andrew (Sujana) and Jonathan (Kaylyn); daughter, Amy (Ryan); brother, Steve; sister, Cynthia (Chris); nine grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

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# H A P P E N I N G S

## FEBRUARY

### THROUGH MARCH 20, SUNDAY

#### 40 Days for Life

7 a.m. to 7 p.m., sidewalk in front of Founder's Women's Health Care Center, 1243 E. Broad St., Columbus. 40 Days for Life campaign of daily vigils at clinic. Individuals may sign up for one- or two-hour shifts. Churches, schools, and other organizations may select one day in which their representatives will cover all shifts.  
614-445-8508

### 18, 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.

#### Scripture, Encyclical Study at Marion St. Mary

6 to 7:30 p.m., St. Mary Church, 251 N. Main St., Marion. Study of the Letter of James and the encyclical "Laudato Si" with Deacon Todd Tucky, continuing on Thursdays through March 17.  
740-382-2118

#### 'Rediscover Jesus' at Plain City St. Joseph

7 to 8 p.m., St. Joseph Church, 140 West Ave., Plain City. First in five-week series of talks based on "Rediscover Jesus" by Matthew Kelly.  
614-873-8850

#### ASK Faith Formation Program at St. John Neumann

7 p.m., Faith and Family Center, St. John Neumann Church, 9633 E. State Route 37, Sunbury. ASK (Adults Seeking Knowledge) adult faith formation question-and-answer program. Food, drinks available.  
740-965-1358

#### 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 Repa-

ration prayer format, concluding with Benediction and social period.  
614-372-5249

#### Abortion Recovery Network Group

7 to 8 p.m., Gateway Center, 2670 N. Columbus St., Lancaster. Pregnancy Decision Health Center abortion recovery network group meeting.  
614-721-2100

#### Sung Vespers at St. Margaret of Cortona

7:30 p.m., St. Margaret of Cortona Church, 1600 N. Hague Ave., Columbus. Sung Vespers, following Stations of the Cross during weekly Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, continuing every Thursday through March 17.  
614-279-1690

### 19, FRIDAY

#### Discussion of 'Rediscover Jesus' at St. John Neumann

St. John Neumann Church, 9633 E. State Route 37, Sunbury. Second of six Friday-night discussion programs on "Rediscover Jesus" by Matthew Kelly.  
740-965-1358

### 19-21, FRIDAY-SUNDAY

#### Bishop Ready Presents 'And Then There Were None'

7 p.m. Friday and Sunday, 2 p.m. Saturday, Bishop Ready High School, 707 Salisbury Road, Columbus. School's drama department presents Agatha Christie's mystery "And Then There Were None." Tickets \$10 adults, \$9 seniors, \$8 students.  
614-276-5263

### 20, SATURDAY

#### Columbus Catholic Women's Conference

8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Voinovich Building, State Fairgrounds, Columbus. Ninth annual Columbus Catholic Women's conference, with talks by Jennifer Fulwiler, Father Nathan Cromly, CSJ, Sonja Corbitt, and Sarah Kroger. Details at www.columbuscatholicwomen.com.

#### 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.

#### Contemplative Prayer and Silence at Corpus Christi

9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Corpus Christi Center of Peace, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus. Day of contemplative prayer and silence, featuring three periods alternating prayer, meditative practices, and quiet time. Includes midday lunch and concluding wine and cheese. Cost \$20.  
614-512-3731

#### Human Trafficking Education at De Porres Center

9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Martin dePorres Center, 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus. Save Our Adolescents from Prostitution (SOAP) educates hotel employees about human trafficking in preparation for the annual Arnold Classic. Register at www.soapuparnoldclassic.eventbrite.com.

#### Rest and Renewal Program at Shepherd's Corner

4 to 5:30 p.m., Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Blacklick road, Columbus. Rest and renewal program led by musician Barbara Hamilton. Suggested donation \$5. Registration deadline Feb. 18.  
614-866-4302

### 21, SUNDAY

#### Exposition at Our Lady of Mount Carmel

9:15 to 10:15 a.m., Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 5133 Walnut St. S.E., Buckeye Lake. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, continuing every Sunday during Lent.  
740-928-3266

#### Blessing of St. Gerard Majella at Holy Family

After 9 and 11 a.m. Masses, Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St., Columbus. Blessing of St. Gerard Majella, pa-

tron of expectant mothers, for all women who are pregnant or wish to become pregnant.  
614-221-1890

#### St. Christopher Adult Religious Education

10 to 11:20 a.m., Library, Trinity Catholic School, 1440 Grandview Ave., Columbus. "The Bible and the Mass, Part 2" with Deacon Gregg Eiden.

#### 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

#### Adoration, Vespers, Benediction at Lancaster St. Mary

4 p.m., St. Mary Church, 132 S. High St., Lancaster. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, sung Vespers, and Benediction. continuing every Sunday during Lent.  
740-653-0997

#### 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

### 21-23, SUNDAY-TUESDAY

#### Parish Mission at Delaware St. Mary

7 p.m., St. Mary Church, 82 E. William St., Delaware. Parish mission with Father Thomas Blau, OP, parochial vicar of Columbus St. Patrick Church.  
740-363-4641

#### Parish Mission at St. John Neumann

7 p.m., St. John Neumann Church, 9633 E. State Route 37, Sunbury. Parish mission with Father Victor Galier of St. Anthony of Padua Church, Atlanta.  
740-965-1358

### 22, MONDAY

#### Lenten Quiet Morning at Corpus Christi

10 a.m. to noon, Corpus Christi Center of Peace, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus. Second of six Lenten quiet mornings of reflection on the Lenten readings through the prism of mercy.  
614-512-3731

#### Adoration, Evening Prayer at New Philadelphia

5 p.m., Sacred Heart Church, 139 3rd St. N.E., New Philadelphia. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and confessions, followed by Evening Prayer, continuing every Monday during Lent.  
330-343-6976

#### 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.

### 22-24, MONDAY-WEDNESDAY

#### Parish Mission at Columbus Immaculate Conception

7 p.m., Immaculate Conception Church, 414 E. North Broadway, Columbus. Parish mission with Father Joshua Wagner, pastor of Columbus St. Dominic and Holy Rosary-St. John churches. Theme: "WORD to Your Mother."  
614-267-9241

### 23, 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

#### Adoration, Mass, Speaker at Dover St. Joseph

5 p.m., St. Joseph Church, 613 N. Tuscarawas Ave., Dover. Eucharistic Adoration, followed by Mass at 6 and talk from 7 to 8 with Professor Amy Roberts of Franciscan University of Steubenville. Topic: "Knowing and Following Christ in Prayer."  
330-364-6661

#### Lenten Soup Supper at Plain City St. Joseph

Parish activity center, St. Joseph Church, 670 W. Main St., Plain City. Lenten soup supper following 5:30 p.m. Mass.  
614-873-8850

#### Lenten Soup Supper at St. Edward

6 p.m., St. Edward Church, 785 Newark-Granville Road, Granville. Lenten soup supper with parish music director Paul Radkowski speaking on "We Are Not God."  
740-587-3254

#### 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

### 24, WEDNESDAY

#### Lenten Soup Supper at St. Agatha

6 p.m., St. Agatha Church, 1860 Northam Road, Columbus. Lenten soup supper benefiting Hands Together program in Haiti.  
614-488-6149

#### Wil Haygood Talk at Ohio Dominican

7 p.m., Alumni Hall, Ohio Dominican University, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Talk with author and Columbus native Wil Haygood on his book "Showdown: Tuhrgood Marshal and the Supreme Court Nomination That changed America." Register at www.ohiodominican.edu, then click on "News & Events" and "Current News."

#### Westerville Theology on Tap Meeting

7:30 to 9:30 p.m., Old Bag of Nails, 24 N. State St., Westerville. Meeting of Westerville St. Paul Church Theology on Tap discussion and social group for young Catholics. Topic: "Catholic Social Justice" with Father Charles Klinger, pastor, Westerville St. Paul Church.  
614-882-2537

### 25, THURSDAY

#### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Paul

Following 8:30 a.m. Mass to 7 p.m., St. Paul Church, 313 N. State St., Westerville. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, continuing every Thursday through March 17.  
614-882-2109

#### Adoration at Lancaster St. Mary

From end of 9 a.m. Mass to Benediction at 1:45 p.m., St. Mary Church, 132 S. High St., Lancaster. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.  
740-653-0997

#### Pregnancy Decision Health Center Open House

5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Pregnancy Decision Health Center, 5900 Cleveland Ave., Columbus. Open house and tour for prospective volunteers.  
614-888-8774, extension 6115

#### 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.

#### Scripture, Encyclical Study at Marion St. Mary

6 to 7:30 p.m., St. Mary Church, 251 N. Main St., Marion. Study of the Letter of James and the encyclical "Laudato Si" with Deacon Todd Tucky.  
740-382-2118

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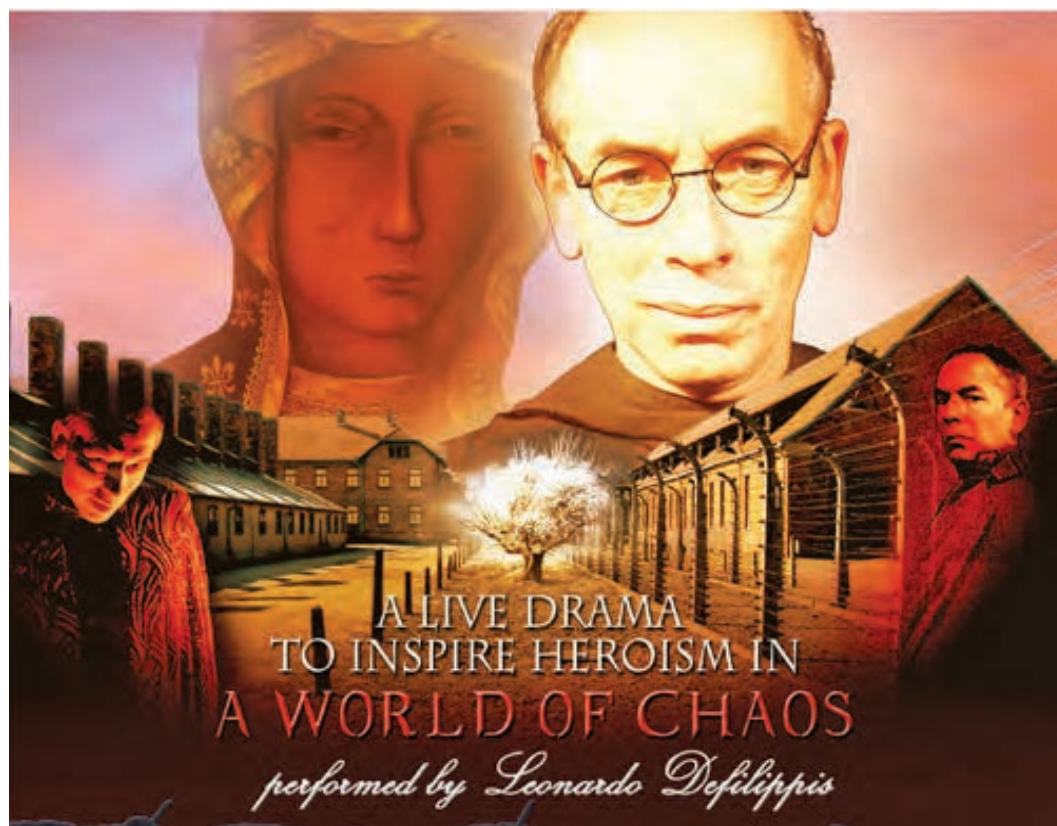




## MAXIMILIAN: Saint of Auschwitz

The moving, live production “Maximilian: Saint of Auschwitz,” performed by Leonardo Defilippis of St. Luke Productions, will be presented at Columbus St. Catharine Church, 500 S. Gould Road, at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 1.

Experience firsthand the story of Father Maximilian Kolbe, the heroic priest who courageously fought the forces of evil and offered his life in exchange for the life of a family man in the Auschwitz concentration camp during World War II. The program is filled with all the elements of professional theater, runs 90 minutes, and is suitable for anyone aged 10 and older. Admission is \$10 each, or \$30 for families. For tickets, visit [www.stcatharine.com](http://www.stcatharine.com).



## MOVIE REVIEW

By Junno Arocho Esteves

Catholic News Service

Hollywood is no stranger to movies depicting the life and death of Christ, trying to present Jesus from the perspective of the Gospels, which are the written accounts of Jesus’ life and ministry from those closest to him.

Joseph Fiennes, the actor starring in *Risen*, said his new project seeks to illustrate the story of Christ’s death and resurrection from a unique perspective.

“We’re seeing this narrative, which is dear to millions of us and means so much, playing out through the eyes of a skeptic, through the eyes of a non-believer,” Fiennes told Catholic News Service. The film will be released Friday, Feb. 19.

Fiennes plays Clavius, a Roman tribune charged by Pontius Pilate to investigate the events following Christ’s death. His character, he said, begins as an enemy “who is there to put down any zealot insurrections; so from his point of view, Yeshua (Jesus) is just another terrorist.”

Fiennes said the film departs from other depictions by picking up where

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most movies leave off: the crucifixion. Additionally, Clavius sees Jesus’ execution as acceptable punishment for threatening the established order. “For (Clavius), the crucifixion is just another day at the office, so he’s deeply conditioned to think in one way,” he said.

The 45-year-old British actor told CNS that a pivotal scene in which Clavius meets Jesus was akin to his brief encounter with Pope Francis at the pope’s general audience on Wednesday, Feb. 3 (pictured).

“To tell you the truth, I had so many questions, and when he looked me in the eye, the conversation seemed pointless,” Fiennes recalled. “It was a connection beyond conversation. He’s deeply connected as a spiritual being and so talking seems like a waste of time, it seemed shallow. And it’s the same with the character meeting Christ, as if to say, ‘This is enough.’”

Fiennes said Clavius’ initial doubts speak to the nature of faith “whether you are an absolute, ardent believer or an atheist.” The main character’s knowledge and intellect can’t grasp what he has witnessed.



“He can’t reduce the noise and tune into the greater consciousness, and a lot of us suffer from that,” Fiennes said. “I think if there is any takeaway from this movie, that might be a big one.”

To prepare for the scene in which Jesus, played by Cliff Curtis, and Clavius meet, Curtis took a 30-day vow of silence, Fiennes said. Saving their first moment of speaking to each other for that scene, he said, allowed them to imbue it “with a sense of respect toward what that moment would mean for those two characters.”

“That’s our little way of trying to prepare for that moment. We’ll never get it right, we’ll never get the huge monumental essence of it, but we try to get a thread of it,” he said.

The story of *Risen*, he added, is not meant to preach or to divide those who believe and those who don’t, but rather to unite them “in the experience.”

“I hope that a believer and a non-believer, an agnostic, and an atheist can all sit in the auditorium together in a wonderful, positive environment and enjoy the narrative,” Fiennes said.



## Pope makes long-awaited visit to Our Lady of Guadalupe

By Junno Arocho Esteves

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Pope Francis fulfilled his much-desired wish to pray in silence before the miraculous image of Our Lady of Guadalupe

After celebrating the first Mass of his papal trip to Mexico on Feb. 13, the pope made his way to the *camarin* (“little room”) behind the main altar of the basilica dedicated to Mary. The miraculous mantle, which normally faces the congregation, can be turned around to allow a closer and more private moment of veneration.

Laying a bouquet of yellow roses in front of the image, the pope sat down in prayerful silence, with eyes closed and head bowed. After roughly 20 minutes, the pope stood up, laid his hand on the image, and departed from the small room.

About 12,000 people packed the basilica for the papal Mass and another 30,000 were watching on screens set up in the outer courtyard. Built in 1976, the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe is located near Tepeyac hill, the site of Mary’s apparitions to St. Juan Diego in 1531. With 12 million people visiting each year, it is Catholicism’s most popular Marian shrine.

In his homily, the pope reflected on the Gospel reading, which recalled Mary’s visit to her cousin Elizabeth. Mary’s



humility in saying “Yes” to God’s will, he said, is a response “which prompted her to give the best of herself, going forth to meet others.”

That very humility also led her to appear to a poor indigenous man, he said. “Just as she made herself present to lit-

tle Juan, so too she continues to reveal herself to all of us, especially to those who feel – like him – ‘worthless,’” the pope said.

Recalling the miraculous appearance of Mary’s image, Pope Francis noted that through such a miracle, “Juan experienced in his own life what hope is, what the mercy of God is.”

The pope said that despite the indigenous saint’s feelings of inadequacy, Mary chose him to “oversee, care for, protect, and promote the building of this shrine.”

“In this way, she managed to awaken something he did not know how to ex-

press, a veritable banner of love and justice. No one could be left out in the building of that other shrine: the shrine of life, the shrine of our communities, our societies, and our cultures,” he said.

God’s true shrine, he added, is the life of his children, especially young people without a future, the elderly who are often unacknowledged and forgotten, and families lacking even the most basic necessities.

“The shrine of God is the faces of the many people we encounter each day,” the pope said.

Pope Francis said that those who suffer do not weep in vain and their sufferings are a silent prayer that rises to heaven, “always finding a place in Mary’s mantle.”

Like St. Juan Diego, Christians are called to be Mary’s ambassadors and console those who are overwhelmed by trials and sufferings, he said.

“Am I not your mother? Am I not here with you?” Mary says this to us again. Go and build my shrine, help me to lift up the lives of my sons and daughters, your brothers and sisters,” the pope said.



**Pope Francis touches the original image of Our Lady of Guadalupe after celebrating Mass in Mexico City on Feb. 13.**

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